



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
MAY 26, 2020, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Nonlegislative items.

a. Committee chair.

- (1) Recommendation. That Mike Zapolski, athletics director at Augustana College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee.
- (1) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (2) Rationale. Mr. Zapolski has served on the committee for two years and as chair for two other sport committees and will continue to be an excellent leader and spokesperson.
- (3) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (4) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 11 conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, City University of New York Athletic Conference; Continental Volleyball Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conferences; Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League; New England Collegiate Conference (year 2 grace period); North Eastern Athletics Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Skyline Conference; United Volleyball Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.2 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.

Anticipated Pool Allocations

Pool A – 11

Pool B – 1

Pool C – 4

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Realignment.

- (1) Recommendation. That Division III men's volleyball be expanded from two to three regions.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, more than 100 schools are in the two regions, with each being at or above 50 teams. To be in line with what the commissioners recommended for most other team sports and with the expanding landscape of Division III men's volleyball, the committee believes that three regions is a more appropriate way to accommodate sponsorship. The committee followed the four principles that the commissioners used in their recommendations: geography, relative strength, equal numbers in each region and conference affiliation.
 - The attached map indicates how the proper geographical balance among regions is maintained.
 - Strength was a factor when discussing where conferences should be placed, while maintaining geographical balance.
 - Based on 2019-20 sponsorship, the three regions will have 32, 39 and 35 teams, respectively, which is in line with the target number the commissioners used of 40 per region. Please see Appendix A for the updated regions.
 - Every conference member was placed into the same region. As conference affiliations change, schools must be made aware that their region will change to maintain this principal.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Legislative items.

- **Noncontroversial legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.9.6.2 and Figure 21.1 – Committee Membership.**
 - (1) Recommendation. That noncontroversial legislation be adopted to amend Figure 21.1 as incorporated by Bylaw 21.9.6.2 to adjust the representation of the men's volleyball roster, while remaining at four members to coincide with the new regional alignment that is being proposed. Each region would be represented by one member, instead of the two that currently represent each region, and the additional member would come from any of the three regions.

Committee	Current Number of Members	New Number of Members
Volleyball, Men's	4, including two members from each region.	4, including one member from each region, plus an at-large member from any of the three regions.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2021.

(3) Rationale. The committee noted that with only three members, and the potential for any given year to have one or multiple committee members involved in the championship, completing the bracketing portion of the championship would be difficult. Additionally, as men's volleyball continues to grow, a four-region model is inevitable in the future and would not require having an additional member brought back onto the committee.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda.
- 2. Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed the recent memorandum from the Championships Committee to sport committees and discussed the topics for which feedback was requested.
- 3. 2019 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2019 annual meeting report as presented.
- 4. 2020 championship review.**
 - Krossover film exchange.** While the committee noted that Hudl recently bought Krossover, members continue to support the relationship and film exchange process through Hudl for future championships.
- 5. Governance update.** The Division III governance and academic and membership affairs staffs updated the committee on the following: 1) COVID-19 impacts; 2) issues related to student-athlete name, image and likeness; 3) the Arrington concussion settlement; 4) virtual recruiting; and 5) transfer portal.

- 6. Preview of 2021 championship.** The committee discussed the 2021 championship to be hosted at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. The committee noted its previous approval for the championship to be hosted in the newly opened fieldhouse on campus instead of the gym where there were concerns from past championships with the height of the ceiling. The committee also noted the Division III Administrative Committee's decision to not conduct championship banquets in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 crisis and discussed alternative ways of recognizing Elite 90 award winners and AVCA All-Americans, which previously had been done at the championship banquet.
- 7. Future dates and sites.**
- a. Nazareth College and the Monroe County Sports Commission, April 23-24, 2021.
 - b. Ohio Valley Conference and the Canton Stark Convention and Visitors Bureau, April 22-23, 2022.
- 8. Bid process.** The committee reviewed the current bid process and timeline and discussed items that would make for a good championship experience, including adequate facility accommodations. These recommendations will be sent to the Championships Committee later this summer to be considered for the 2023-2026 championships.
- 9. 2020-21 committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the committee schedule, noting key dates occurring in 2020-21.
- 10. National and regional advisory committee.** The committee reviewed the current regional advisory committee and noted the vacancies that need to be filled for the coming year. NCAA staff will work with conference commissioners to fill the vacancies.
- 11. Strategic plan.** The committee created a strategic plan with goals that include growing attendance at the championship. The committee wants to encourage hosts to raise awareness of the championship in their communities. Additionally, the committee wants to enhance its relationship with the AVCA for the good of the sport.

Committee Chair: John Garrett, Hunter College.

Staff Liaison: Nick Strah, Championships and Alliances

Division III Men's Volleyball Committee May 26, 2020, Meeting	
Attendees:	
John Garrett, Hunter College.	
Evin Giglio, Wentworth Institute of Technology.	
Rob Wingert, Misericordia University.	
Mike Zapolski, Augustana College (Illinois).	
Absentees:	

None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
None.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Louise McCleary, Governance. Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs.

2021-22 Regional Alignment

Region 1	# of Teams	Region 2	# of Teams	Region 3	# of Teams
GNAC	8	UVC	9	AMCC	8
NECC	7	Skyline	8	CCIW	7
NEAC	7	CVC	10	Midwest	6
CCNYAC	8	MAC	10	NACC	11
Springfield	1	Cairn	1	Cal Lu	1
Pine Manor	1	Rosemont	1	Santa Cruz	1
				Saint Vincent	1
	32		39		35
					106

*Numbers based on 2019-20 sponsoring institutions.

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