



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 8, 2021, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Minimum contest requirement waivers – men’s volleyball.** In accordance with the Division III Championships Committee’s previous agreement to consider waiving minimum contest requirements for institutions that were unable to meet the prescribed standards (50 percent of the previous requirement in all spring sports; nine for men’s volleyball) due to cancellations caused by COVID-19 issues, the committee approved granting waivers to Springfield College, St. Joseph’s College (Long Island) and Wentworth Institute of Technology for selection purposes for the 2021 NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Championship.
- 2. Regional ranking adjustment for men’s volleyball.** During its March 31 videoconference, the Championships Committee agreed to continue encouraging spring sport committees to stay within the prescribed 15-21 percent parameter for regional rankings but to allow the flexibility to adjust to a percentage that is applicable to the given sport or circumstance given the reduced sponsorship during this unusual year (e.g., in cases when a number of potential AOs opt out, a sport committee could have few to no teams left in the rankings). In those cases, however, the committee asked that sport committees submit whatever adjustment they have in mind to the Championships Committee for formal approval. Accordingly, the Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee requested – and the Championships Committee approved – ranking six teams instead of four in the East region despite only 20 teams in that region participating this year.
- 3. Individual selections adjustment for men’s and women’s tennis.** The committee approved a request from the NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees to select singles participants and doubles teams based on a percentage model rather than its usual set number. In a standard year, the tennis committees select 32 individuals and 16 doubles teams per gender (seven individuals and three doubles teams from each of the four regions, with the remaining four bids for each competition selected at-large). However, this traditional selection method is not conducive this year due to varying participation levels across the country. Accordingly, the tennis committees developed a percentage model based on actual sponsorship in each region to compile the field of 32 individuals and 16 doubles teams.

Division III Championships Committee

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Committee Chair: Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University

Staff Liaisons: Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances

Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division III Championships Committee April 8, 2021, Electronic Vote
Attendees:
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
Jason Fein, Bates College.
Bridgett Finn, Lebanon Valley College.
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.
Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.