

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 15, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division III Championships Committee Chair Leonard Trevino welcomed the group to the videoconference and previewed key agenda items.
- 2. Recent Championships Committee reports.** The committee approved reports from its March 18 videoconference and its March 11 and April 3 electronic votes.
- 3. Championships topics.**
 - a. 2026 Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship site.** The committee approved Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) as the host for the 2026 joint Divisions II and III Women's Lacrosse Championship. RIT also has been approved to host the 2028 joint championships as part of the recent bid cycle. (The Division II Championships Committee previously approved this site as well.)
 - b. History of championships participation.** Staff provided a historical summary of the Division III membership's participation in championships. The NCAA travel department provided data for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years, which indicates that just under 80% of Division III institutions have sent a team or individual student-athlete(s) to compete in NCAA Division III championships annually, which resembles the percentage recorded during the past decade. The committee asked staff to confirm whether Division III's participation percentages are similar to the other two divisions. [See attachment.]
 - c. Regional advisory committees.** The committee noted that with the application of NPI for team selections, the role of the regional advisory committees has changed significantly. Championships Committee members discussed whether to retain the RACs moving forward and agreed that they should continue, as they provide a valuable communication conduit for every sport and would serve as an informative feedback resource for sport committees when they are considering changing their dials to the NPI. Committee members also believe the RACs provide site representatives for championships, and they serve as professional development opportunities for coaches, administrators and staff. While coach communication will be elevated if the Coaches Connect Program initiative is adopted as

proposed, the Championships Committee believes the RACs should remain in place for the immediate future, as many athletics administrators serve as RAC members.

4. Colonial Women’s Golf Conference waiver request. The committee reviewed and approved a single sport conference automatic qualification waiver request from the Colonial Women’s Golf Conference per Bylaw 31.3.3.1.2, effective for the 27-28 academic year, provided there is no material change to its membership. The committee found the conference substantially satisfied the condition set forth in bylaw 31.3.3.1.2(b)(2).

5. Future meeting/videoconference dates.

- a. May 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- b. June 16-17 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- c. July 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference; tentative).
- d. August 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- e. September 8-9 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- f. October 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- g. November 18, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- h. December 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- i. February 2-3, 2026 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis)

Committee Chair: Leonard Trevino, Chatham University
Staff Liaisons: Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division III Championships Committee April 15, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Renee Bostic, State University of New York at New Paltz.	
Tim Demant, Whitworth University.	
Jason Doviak, Alfred State University.	
Maureen Harty, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.	
Shannon Howley, Montclair State University.	
Duey Naatz, University of Wisconsin-Stout.	
Russ Rogers, Stevens Institute of Technology.	
Sara Shoffner, Huntingdon College.	
Leonard Trevino, Chatham University.	
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.	
Ashley Wagner, Notre Dame of Maryland University.	
Absentees:	
Arturo Casas, Manchester University.	
Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.	

Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Margaret Gaines, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.



**Division III Championships Participation
2022-23 and 2023-24**

NCAA staff was asked to review the Division III membership’s historical championships participation to assess the percentage of its members that participates in championships annually. The NCAA travel department provided data for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years and the participation rates are presented below.

	2022-23	2023-24
Total Division III Institutions:	436	433
Team Championships		
Men’s team access:	191	201
	43.8%	46.2%
Women’s team access:	192	173
	44.0%	40.0%
Combined team access:	270	259
	61.9%	59.2%
Individual/Team Championships		
Men’s ind/team access:	235	239
	53.9%	55.2%
Women’s ind/team access:	213	210
	48.9%	48.5%
Combined ind/team access:	287	289
	66.1%	66.7%
Overall Access to Division III Championships		
Unique institutions	342	335
	78.4%	77.4%