



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Recent committee reports. The Division III Championships Committee approved the report from its June 17-18 in-person meeting as submitted.

2. Sport committee reports.

a. Men's and women's soccer.

- **Membership survey.** In response to recent concerns within the Division III soccer community, the Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Committees requested to survey coaches and directors of athletics this fall about the length of the playing and practice season, as well as issues related to the upcoming bid cycle for hosting the championships (i.e., the preferred type of playing surface). Staff will submit a final version of the survey to the Championships Committee for formal approval before it is distributed.

b. Men's and women's swimming and diving.

- **Membership survey.** In response to recent concerns within the Division III swimming and diving community, the Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee requested to survey coaches and directors of athletics this fall about the timing of the championship for each gender, the timing and format for daily competition, and the timing and format for the regional diving meets. Staff will submit a final version of the survey to the Championships Committee for formal approval before it is distributed.
- **2022 championship site/host.** The committee approved Franklin College and the Indiana Sports Corporation to host the 2022 Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis.

c. Men's and women's golf. At its June meeting the committee deferred action on a request to modify the men's and women's golf date formula so that the championships would begin the second and third Tuesday of May, effective with the 2023 championships (the goal is to not have the championships overlap; genders would rotate their start dates based on odd-

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or even-numbered years). While the committee was not necessarily opposed to the idea at the time, members asked the Men's and Women's Golf Committees to obtain more data from the golf membership regarding how many programs have one head coach for both genders and whether the proposal would have any unintended consequences on those programs or otherwise (particularly since the championships have to be conducted at different sites). Feedback from the golf committees indicated that the proposal would not negatively impact the golf membership. Accordingly, the Championships Committee voted to support the request to modify the date formula as specified.

- 3. Northeast Women's Golf Conference waiver request.** The committee revisited a waiver request it had considered initially at its June meeting from the Northeast Women's Golf Conference (NWGC) for AQ access to the 2021 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships. Specifically, the committee deferred action on the request in order to obtain additional information regarding the circumstances that led to the NWGC missing the deadline to apply for single-sport membership in 2018 and for input from the Division III Women's Golf Committee. Upon further review, the Championships Committee was not satisfied that the circumstances prompting the request merited support. The committee also noted that the Women's Golf Committee reviewed the matter and felt there was no strong reason to circumvent the two-year waiting period and that the waiting period is necessary to establish stability for the new single-sport conference. Accordingly, the Championships Committee voted to deny the waiver request.
- 4. Sport and sport rules committee appointments.** The committee approved the following sport and sport rules committee appointments/reappointments:

 - a. NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules (immediate vacancy replacing Mark Bolding)** – Mykul Haun, head women's ice hockey coach, Plymouth State University, New England Hockey Conference.
 - b. NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee** – Region I: Brendan McWilliams, director of athletics, Emmanuel College (Massachusetts), Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Region V: David Zazzaro, head men's lacrosse coach, Rhodes College, Southern Athletic Association.
 - c. NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee** – Region 2: Jennifer Fox, head women's lacrosse coach, Roger Williams University, Commonwealth Coast Conference. Region 5: Mary-Katherine (MK) Geratowski, senior woman administrator/head women's lacrosse coach, Randolph-Macon College, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
 - d. NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Committee** – West region: Matthew Edwards, head men's soccer coach, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- e. **NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee** – West region: Frank Marino, head women's soccer coach, California Lutheran University, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- f. **NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee** – Mark Fino, head men's and women's swimming and diving coach, John Carroll University, Ohio Athletic Conference.
- g. **NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee** – Tammy Swearingen, assistant director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Westminster College (Pennsylvania), President's Athletic Conference.
- h. **NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Committee** – Atlantic South region: Jeffrey Benito, head men's and women's tennis coach, Marymount University (Virginia), Atlantic East Conference.
- i. **NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee** – West region: Kyle Mars, director of athletics/head men's and women's volleyball coach, Hiram College, North Coast Athletic Conference.

Committee Chair: Bill Stiles, Alvernia University

Staff Liaisons: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division III Championships Committee August 1, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.	
Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
Bill Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Absentees:	
Susan Fumagalli, Gettysburg College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs.	

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Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
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Kevin Alcox, Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Nancy O'Hara, Ian Rewoldt.
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