



## A G E N D A

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championships Committee

NCAA National Office  
Indianapolis, Indiana

December 12, 2023  
11 a.m. Eastern time

1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. (Chuck Mitrano)
2. Approval of recent reports. [Supplement No. 1] (Mitrano)
3. Budget enhancements overview. [Supplements Nos. 2 a-c]
4. Championships topics.
  - Selection criteria database. [Supplement No. 3] (J.P. Williams)
5. Sports committee reports.
  - a. Men's ice hockey. [Supplement No. 4] (Ashley Jenkins)
  - b. Wrestling. [Supplement No. 5] (J.P. Williams)
6. Future meeting dates. (Mitrano)
  - a. February 5-6, 2024, meeting; Indianapolis.
  - b. March 19, 2024, 11 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
  - c. April 23, 2024, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - d. May, 14, 2024, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - e. June 17-18, 2024, meeting; virtual.
  - f. September 8-10, 2024, meeting; Indianapolis (will include sport committee chairs).
7. Other business.
8. Adjournment.



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division III Championships Committee chair Chuck Mitrano welcomed the group and previewed the agenda.
- 2. Recent Championships Committee reports.** The committee approved the report from its September 11-12 in-person meeting as amended and approved reports from its October 24 videoconference and November 1 electronic vote.
- 3. Championship enhancements update.** Staff updated the committee on a membership survey distributed in early November designed to obtain additional input regarding how to prioritize the potential enhancements previously identified (increasing access to championships through increased brackets in select sports, including football; increasing per diem to mitigate costs for participating institutions; and providing sport committees the flexibility to add flights to avoid paring top ranked teams within a region). The survey also asked about championships principles (e.g., length, size and composition of brackets). The Championships Committee, which will review the survey results in detail during its December videoconference, will use this feedback to help inform final budget recommendations during its February meeting that will be submitted to the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee for consideration in March. Staff also presented the committee with a list of additional budget requests from sport committees that the Championships Committee will consider more formally in February.
- 4. Selection criteria database update.** Staff updated the committee on the outreach to date with sport committees and regional advisory committees regarding the potential selection criteria database and the efforts internally to develop accompanying software for sport committees to use during future selections if the database is adopted (the database is among the budget items the Championships Committee will consider in February). Staff noted that education regarding the database will continue during the coaches association conventions held in December and January. Fall sport committees will be provided sample brackets from the database at their annual meetings in January and February based on the most recent season for the sport committees to compare with the committee's selected brackets. The committee also reviewed and provided feedback on questions that have been asked most frequently through the educational sessions held with sport committee members.
- 5. Waiver requests.**
  - a. Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's ice hockey – AQ.** The Championships Committee reviewed and ultimately did not support the request from the

MASCAC to grant an exception to NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3.1(d) that precludes a member institution to be eligible for automatic qualification in multiple conferences. At issue is a MASCAC core member that also is an affiliate member of a single-sport conference and is being obligated by that conference to continue its affiliation through 2024-25. The MASCAC asked that it be allowed to count the institution toward the conference's AQ waiting period while still serving its commitment to the single-sport conference. The Championships Committee based its denial of the request on its belief that the legislation surrounding automatic qualification should be strictly adhered to, which the committee has done consistently over the years when considering similar requests. While the committee is sympathetic regarding the MASCAC institution in question not being released from its affiliation with the single-sport conference, the committee nonetheless believes allowing any institution to be eligible for AQ in multiple conferences would be inappropriate and run counter to the current legislation.

- b. New England Volleyball Conference men's volleyball – AQ.** The Championships committee reviewed and approved the request from the recently created NEVC to be granted automatic qualification for the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship. NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3.1.2 requires the Division III Championships Committee to formally approve automatic qualification for new single-sport conferences through the waiver process provided certain conditions are satisfied. The NEVC members satisfied the condition set forth in 31.3.3.1.2(b)(2) and as well as the two-year participation requirement (they competed together in 2022-23 and will again for 2023-24). Consequently, the Division III Championships Committee approved the waiver.

**California Lutheran University – in-region requirements for men's volleyball.** The Championships Committee considered but ultimately did not support granting the institution's request to waive the 70% in-region requirement for men's volleyball for the 2023-24 season. The committee acknowledged that requests to waive the in-region requirement in past years have in many cases been approved; however, the committee this past summer developed more stringent parameters surrounding in-region waiver requests that include needed documentation to demonstrate that the institution has exhausted its opportunities to meet the legislation. The committee denied based on the low percentage of in-region contests.

- c. Colorado College – in-region requirements for men's and women's lacrosse.** The Championships Committee tabled the request from Colorado College to waive the 70% in-region requirement for men's and women's lacrosse for the 2023-24 season and asked staff to acquire additional information from the institution regarding its inability to meet the requirement. The committee noted that the institution is relatively close to meeting the percentage and is questioning whether any additional effort could be made to comply with the requirement. The committee will reconsider the request at a future videoconference.
- 6. Softball committee reports.** The Championships Committee received two reports from the Division III Softball Committee as information, one from a joint meeting with the Division III

Baseball Committee (the two committees meet periodically to discuss common issues and ensure gender equity), and the other from the softball committee's September 27 videoconference during which the committee agreed not to allow the rule changes recently approved for the regular season regarding the double first base and the action clock to be used during the Division III Softball Championship.

**7. Future meeting/videoconference dates.**

- a. December 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- b. February 5-6, 2024 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- c. March 19, 2024, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- d. April 23, 2024, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- e. May 14, 2024, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
- f. June 17-18, 2024 (meeting via videoconference).
- g. September 8-10, 2024, (in-person meeting; Indianapolis; will include meeting with sport committee chairs)

*Committee Chair:* Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8  
*Staff Liaisons:* Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances  
 J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances

<b>NCAA Division III Championships Committee November 21, 2023, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Renee Bostic, State University of New York at New Paltz.
Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.
Maureen Harty, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.
Shannon Howley, Montclair State University.
Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College.
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.
Sara Shoffner, Huntingdon College.
Karen Tessmer, Worcester State University.
Leonard Trevino, Chatham University.
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.

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J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.
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<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
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Margaret Gaines, Caleb Kolby, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.
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**Division III Championships Budget Priorities Survey – Directors of Athletics  
December 2023**

**Introduction**

The survey sought the input of Division III Directors of Athletics regarding championship budget enhancements for fiscal years 2025 and 2026, along with identifying what principles should guide future enhancements. The feedback is intended to inform the Division III Championships Committee’s budget recommendations.

The web-based survey was sent to all Division III Directors of Athletics (432) and 166 responses were received.

**Background Information**

- Responses were received from members of 41 of the 42 Division III multi-sport conferences.
- A representative number of responses were received across the ten championships sports regions.
- 58 percent of respondents indicated sponsoring football.
- 84 percent of respondents indicated their institution had an individual or team compete in any round of a Division III National Championship in the past two years.

**Potential Budget Enhancements (FY25 and FY26)**

1. The Championships Committee should support expanding the football bracket to allow for additional at large bids (currently 28 of 32 bids are AQ).

*Overall*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	38
Agree	21
Somewhat Agree	18
Somewhat Disagree	12
Disagree	8
Strongly Disagree	3

*Sponsors Football (Yes/No)*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Sponsors Football Percent</b>	<b>Does Not Sponsor Football Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	59	9
Agree	17	28
Somewhat Agree	12	28
Somewhat Disagree	7	17
Disagree	4	13
Strongly Disagree	1	5

2. Championship access (for teams sports other than football) should be increased beyond the current access ratio of 1:6.5 [i.e., bracket expansion].

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	23
Agree	28
Somewhat Agree	21
Somewhat Disagree	15
Disagree	10
Strongly Disagree	3

3. The per diem for championships (currently \$125 and \$55 (hosts)) should be evaluated and increased at regular intervals, if warranted.

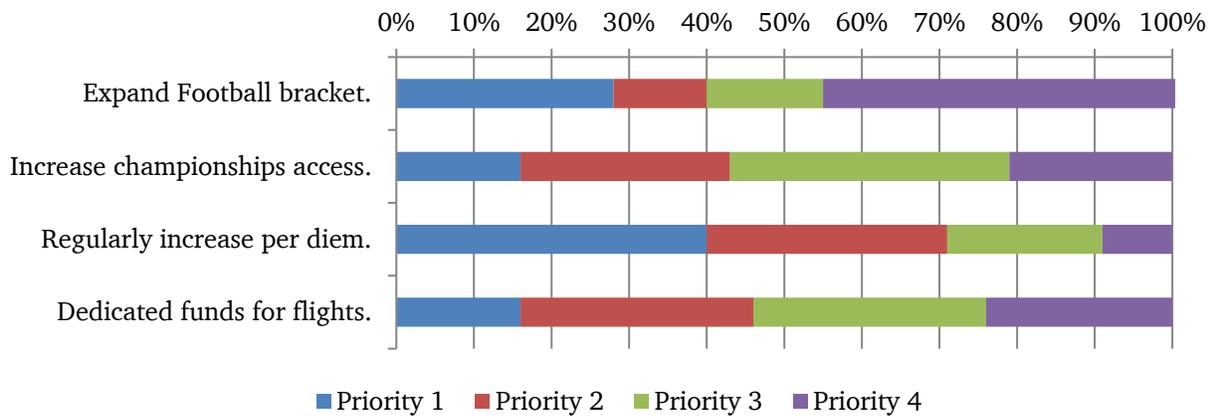
<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	55
Agree	36
Somewhat Agree	7
Somewhat Disagree	1
Disagree	1
Strongly Disagree	0

- There should be funds dedicated to allow, in limited circumstances, additional flights when determining bracket pairings (e.g., separate higher ranked regional teams).

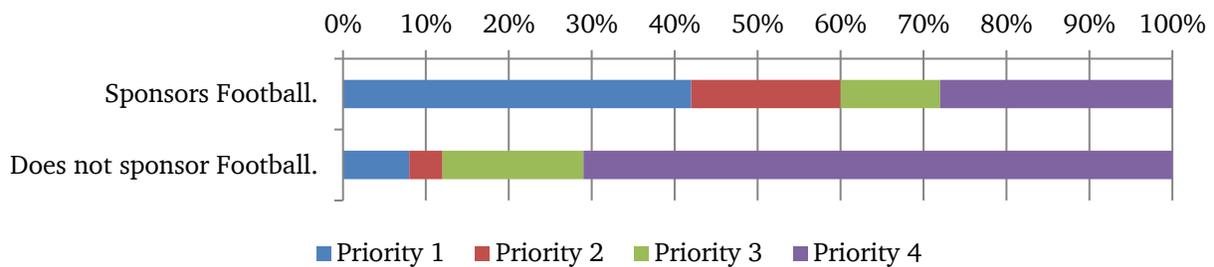
Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	45
Agree	24
Somewhat Agree	20
Somewhat Disagree	7
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	2

**Priorities of Potential Budget Enhancements (FY25 and FY26)**

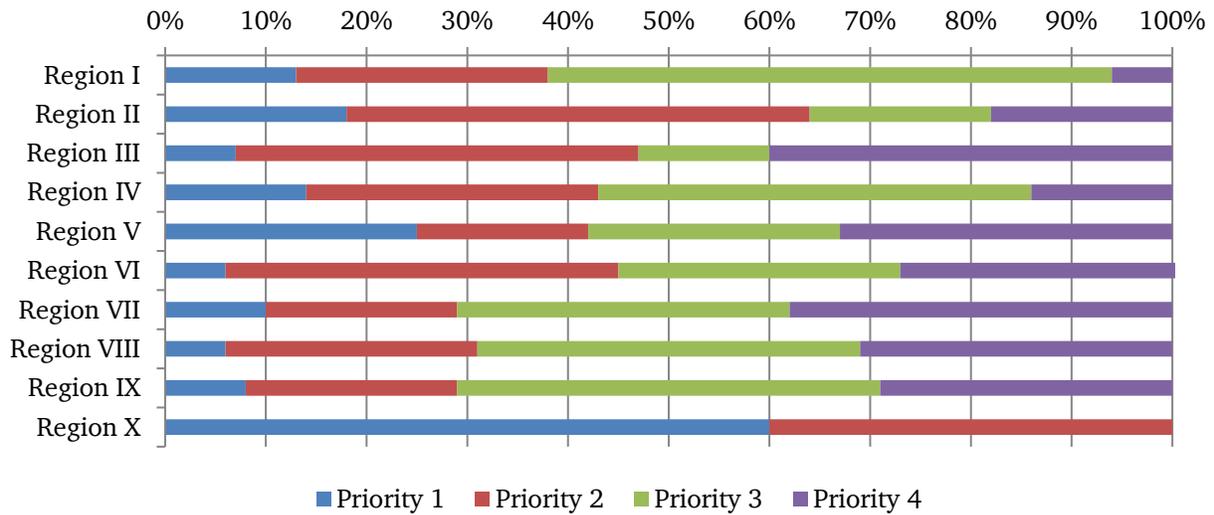
- Overall.



- Expand Football bracket – Sponsors Football (Yes/No).



3. Dedicated funds for flights – Sport Regions.



**Guiding Principles for Future Enhancements to Length and Size of Championship**

- Alternative approaches to establishing bracket size should be considered.

Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	28
Agree	36
Somewhat Agree	23
Somewhat Disagree	5
Disagree	6
Strongly Disagree	2

- NCAA championships (other than football) should remain limited to three weeks.

Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	19
Agree	36
Somewhat Agree	24
Somewhat Disagree	10
Disagree	6
Strongly Disagree	5

3. NCAA championships (other than football) should remain limited to 64 teams.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	19
Agree	34
Somewhat Agree	20
Somewhat Disagree	12
Disagree	11
Strongly Disagree	4

### **Composition of the Bracket**

The Championships Committee is considering whether to maintain Pool B or to only maintain Pool A and Pool C bids. (Pool B teams would have access via Pool C).

- 81 percent of respondents support eliminating Pool B and adding those bids to Pool C.

**Division III Championships Budget Priorities Survey – Conference Commissioners  
December 2023**

**Introduction**

The survey sought the input of Division III Conference Commissioners regarding championship budget enhancements for fiscal years 2025 and 2026, along with identifying what principles should guide future enhancements. The feedback is intended to inform the Division III Championships Committee’s budget recommendations.

The web-based survey was sent to all Division III Conference Commissioners (42) seeking a conference office response and 43 responses were received.

**Potential Budget Enhancements (FY25 and FY26)**

1. The Championships Committee should support expanding the football bracket to allow for additional at large bids (currently 28 of 32 bids are AQ).

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	51
Agree	16
Somewhat Agree	14
Somewhat Disagree	9
Disagree	7
Strongly Disagree	3

2. Championship access (for teams sports other than football) should be increased beyond the current access ratio of 1:6.5 [i.e., bracket expansion].

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	30
Agree	9
Somewhat Agree	33
Somewhat Disagree	14
Disagree	14
Strongly Disagree	0

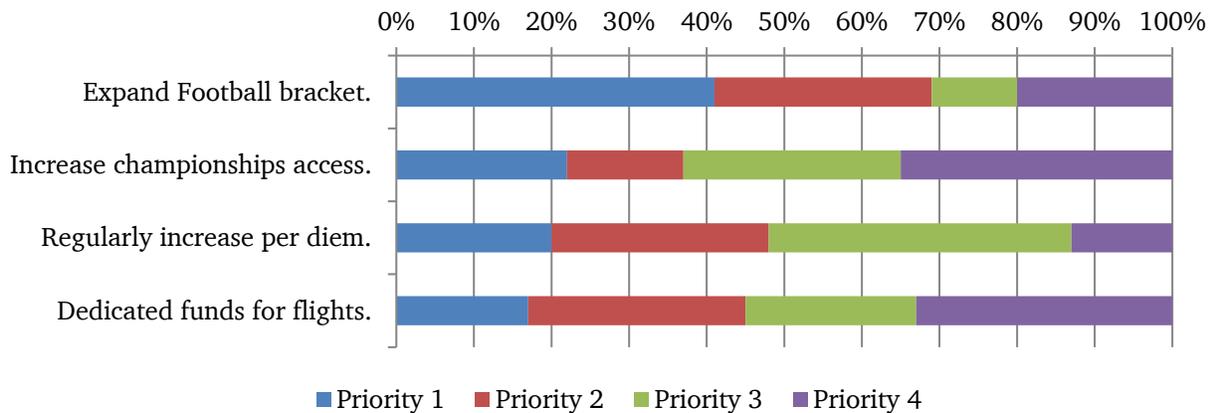
- The per diem for championships (currently \$125 and \$55 (hosts)) should be evaluated and increased at regular intervals, if warranted.

Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	33
Agree	42
Somewhat Agree	23
Somewhat Disagree	0
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	0

- There should be funds dedicated to allow, in limited circumstances, additional flights when determining bracket pairings (e.g., separate higher ranked regional teams).

Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	31
Agree	36
Somewhat Agree	24
Somewhat Disagree	7
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	0

**Priorities of Potential Budget Enhancements (FY25 and FY26)**



**Guiding Principles for Future Enhancements to Length and Size of Championship**

1. Alternative approaches to establishing bracket size should be considered.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	26
Agree	35
Somewhat Agree	23
Somewhat Disagree	12
Disagree	2
Strongly Disagree	2

2. NCAA championships (other than football) should remain limited to three weeks.

<b>Response</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Strongly Agree	12
Agree	30
Somewhat Agree	21
Somewhat Disagree	19
Disagree	12
Strongly Disagree	6

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Strongly Agree	12
Agree	35
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**Composition of the Bracket**

The Championships Committee is considering whether to maintain Pool B or to only maintain Pool A and Pool C bids. (Pool B teams would have access via Pool C).

- 76 percent of respondents support eliminating Pool B and adding those bids to Pool C.

**Division III Championships Budget Priorities Survey – Comparison  
December 2023**

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Strongly Disagree	3	3

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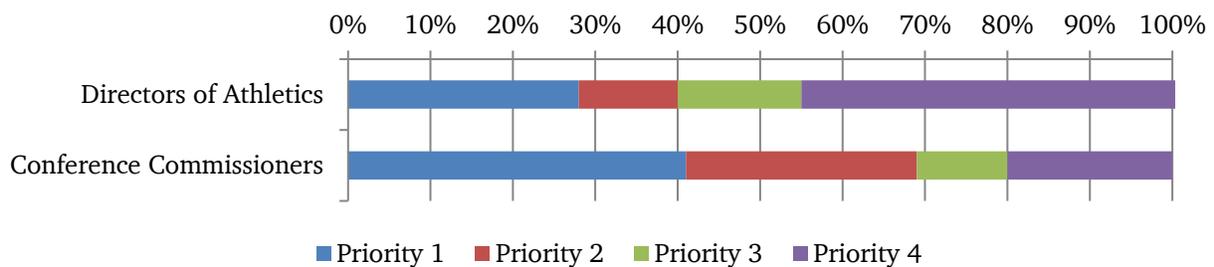
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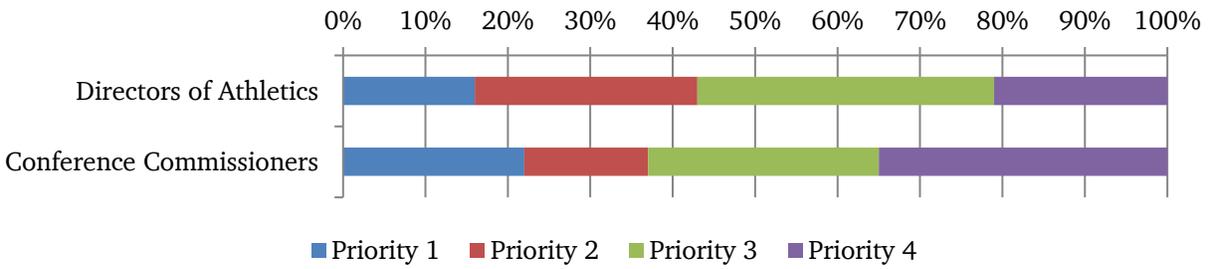
Response	Directors of Athletics Percent	Conference Commissioners Percent
Strongly Agree	45	31
Agree	24	36
Somewhat Agree	20	24
Somewhat Disagree	7	7
Disagree	2	2
Strongly Disagree	2	0

**Priorities of Potential Budget Enhancements (FY25 and FY26)**

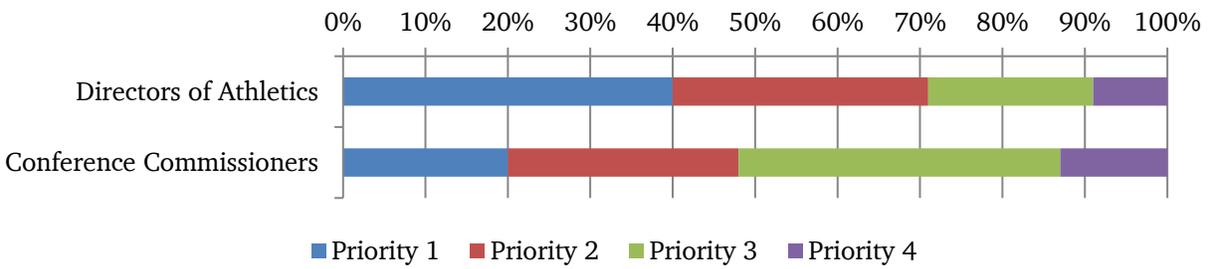
- Expand Football bracket.



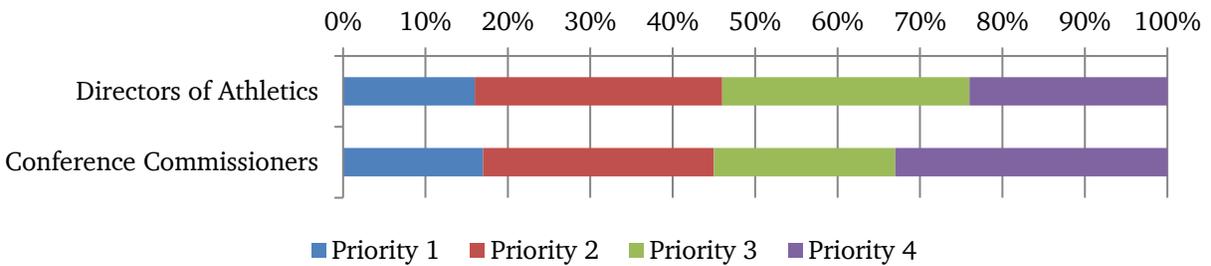
2. Increase championships access.



3. Regularly increase per diem.



4. Dedicated funds for flights.



**Guiding Principles for Future Enhancements to Length and Size of Championship**

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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items

- **Bracket Expansion.**

- a. Recommendation. That the Division III men's ice hockey bracket be expanded from 12 to 13 teams.
- b. Effective date. 2024 championship.
- c. Rationale. In 2022-23, 86 institutions sponsored Division III men's ice hockey which warrants a championship bracket expansion per the legislated 1:6.5 access ratio. As such, the Division III Mens Ice Hockey Committee is requesting that the Division III Championships Committee support expanding the bracket to 13 teams.

Men's ice hockey has seen continued growth over the last decade. Maintaining the legislated bracket size is imperative to maximize participation opportunities for student-athletes and continue to encourage the growth of the sport.

This expansion could occur without changing the format of the current postseason (see attached proposed bracket). Instead of four teams receiving byes into the Quarterfinals, only three teams would receive a bye. There is no consideration for additional missed class time with this proposal.

- d. Estimated budget impact. \$38,000 to \$73,000.
- e. Student-athlete impact. Adding a team to the bracket directly impacts student-athlete participation opportunities. This will have a positive impact across Division III men's ice hockey as programs and the National Coaching body have been tracking this increase for several seasons. Meeting the number of sponsoring institutions to warrant expansion is looked upon as an achievement for the sport.

Our committee feels that not expanding the bracket by the legislated access ratio would be detrimental to the student-athlete experience. In smaller bracketed sports in the NCAA, limiting growth is more directly impactful than in larger brackets. With only 13 opportunities to advance to the NCAA postseason, more high-achieving teams are left home than sports with larger brackets and greater access. By not expanding the bracket accordingly, a top-ranked team in the country could be left at home on Selection Sunday with so few at-large opportunities available. The bracket must expand based on the growth of the sport.

Based on our proposed bracket, the format of the Championship would remain the same. This means that student-athletes would not have to miss additional class time with this expansion. By awarding three byes into the quarterfinals (instead of four) the postseason would continue with First Round and Quarterfinal contests occurring on subsequent Saturdays with the Semifinals/Finals being conducted as scheduled.

*Committee Chair:* Katie Boldvich, New England Hockey Conference (Men).  
*Staff Liaison:* Ashley Jenkins, Championships and Alliances

<b>Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Katie Boldvich, New England Hockey Conference (Men).	
Daniell Harris, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Tyler Hynes, Wilkes University.	
Graham Johnson, Milwaukee School of Engineering.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b>	
Ashley Jenkins.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

LOW-RANGE ESTIMATE										
Division	Cost Center	Project		Input						
DIII Men's Ice Hockey Operations	03	5308	D3MIH00	Formula						
Request: Increase bracket to 13 teams; 5 first-round sites with 3 byes				Totals						
	# Teams Hoisting	# Teams Traveling	Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Total Transportation (Note 1)	Avg. per total travelers (Note 1)	Projected total transportation		
<b>Transportation</b>										
Current First Round Travel Opportunities	4	4								
Current Quarterfinal/Regional Round Travel Opportunities	4	4								
Current Semifinals/Finals Travel Opportunities	1	3								
Current Total Travel Opportunities:	9	11								
Proposed First Round Travel Opportunities	5	5								
Proposed Quarterfinal/Regional Round Travel Opportunities	4	4								
Proposed Semifinals/Finals Travel Opportunities	1	3								
Proposed Total Travel Opportunities:	10	12								
Current Travel Party:			23	5	28					
Proposed Travel Party:			23	5	28					
4-year Average Team Travel FY23, FY22, FY19, FY18 (actual per GL) (Note 1)						\$ 158,937				
Add travel inflation for 2023-24 (Note 5)		2.93%				\$ 4,657				
Add travel inflation for 2024-25 (Note 5)		2.93%				\$ 4,793				
Total actual travel plus inflation			253	55	308	\$ 168,387	\$ 546.71			
Projected Total			276	60	336		\$ 546.71	\$ 183,695		
Projected increase in Transportation								\$ 15,308		
Projected increase in Transportation (rounded)								\$ 16,000		
<b>Per Diem</b>			Student-Athletes	Non-Athletes	Total Travelers	Additional Per Diem Days	Avg. days paid per Traveler (Note 2)	Per Diem Rate (Note 3)	Total Per Diem Amount	
Projected Per Diem - Host Teams			23	5	28	28	1.0	\$ 50	\$ 1,400	
Projected Per Diem - Travel Teams			23	5	28	42	1.5	\$ 125	\$ 5,250	
Projected increase in Per Diem									\$ 6,650	
Total projected increase in Per Diem (rounded)									\$ 7,000	
<b>Game Expenses</b>			Add'l Student-Athletes	Add'l Non-Athletes	Additional Participants	Game Expense per participant	Honorarium (Note 7)	Officials (Note 6)	Game Expense (Note 4)	Total Amount for Game Expense
Projected total			23	5	28	\$ 109	\$ -	5,770	\$ 9,015	\$ 14,785
Total projected increase in Game Expense										\$ 14,785
Total projected increase in Game Expense (rounded)										\$ 15,000
<b>Total projected increase</b>									<b>\$ 38,000</b>	

MID-RANGE ESTIMATE		
<b>Transportation</b>		
4-year Total Flight Cost Weighted Average:	\$ 38,308	
Add travel inflation for 2022-23 (Note 5)	\$ 1,122	
Add travel inflation for 2023-24 (Note 5)	\$ 1,155	
Total actual travel plus inflation	\$ 40,586	
# Additional Flights:	1	
Projected increase in Transportation	\$ 40,586	
Projected increase in Transportation (rounded)	\$ 41,000	
<b>Per Diem</b>		
Projected Per Diem - Host Teams	1.0	
Projected Per Diem - Travel Teams	1.5	
Total projected Per Diem increase (rounded)	\$ 7,000	
<b>Game Expenses</b>		
Add 2 years inflation at 2.93%:	\$ 879	
Total projected increase in Game Expense (rounded)	\$ 16,000	
<b>Total projected increase</b>	<b>\$ 64,000</b>	

HIGH-RANGE ESTIMATE		
<b>Transportation</b>		
4-year Average Charter Expense:	\$ 47,013	
Add travel inflation for 2022-23 (Note 5)	\$ 1,377	
Add travel inflation for 2023-24 (Note 5)	\$ 1,418	
Total actual travel plus inflation	\$ 49,808	
# Additional Flights:	1	
Projected increase in Transportation	\$ 49,808	
Projected increase in Transportation (rounded)	\$ 50,000	
<b>Per Diem</b>		
Projected Per Diem - Host Teams	1.0	
Projected Per Diem - Travel Teams	1.5	
Total projected Per Diem increase (rounded)	\$ 7,000	
<b>Game Expenses</b>		
Add 2 years inflation at 2.93%:	\$ 879	
Total projected increase in Game Expense (rounded)	\$ 16,000	
<b>Total projected increase</b>	<b>\$ 73,000</b>	

**Background:**  
 - This analysis assumes adding one additional team to the current 12-team bracket for DIII Men's Ice Hockey. This bracket increase adds one additional first round match with 3 byes in the Quarterfinal round.

**Assumptions and risks:**  
 Note 1: Team Travel expense estimate is based on average expense incurred in FY23, FY22, FY19, and FY18. FY21 and FY20 were excluded due to COVID cancellation or reduced brackets. Team Travel estimates are based on average actual costs incurred and will fluctuate based on the mode transportation (e.g., commercial air, charter air, ground). The more teams traveling, the greater the potential for adverse travel cost volatility.  
 Note 2: Per diem information based on championships information from TES. Estimates for average per diem days are based on average actuals incurred in prior years and will fluctuate based on mode of transportation and distance from event.  
 Note 3: Projected per diem cost is based on current FY23 per diem rate of \$115 per person per day. Cost may increase if per diem rate is raised between now and implementation.  
 Note 4: Game expense costs are based on the following: Per participant game expense calculated at \$109/participant which is used to project cost for additional athlete participation.

Per Participant Game Expenses:		FY23
Awards/Mementos	\$	32,235
Apparel	\$	4,147
Credentials	\$	341
<b>Total per participant game expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,724</b>
<b>Total current participants:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>Current Per Participant Game Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109</b>
Per Host Site Game Expenses:		FY23
FY23 First round host site game expenses:	\$	5,073
Additional games		1
Additional host site game expense:	\$	5,073
Add'l host game expense for additional sites	\$	5,073
		100% Assume additional game expense of 100% with the addition of 1 first round game

Committee/site rep travel estimates by site:	
Committee/Site reps per Game:	1
# Additional Sites	1
# Days	2
Rate Per First Round	
Committee/Site Rep - Travel/Mileage	\$300.00
Committee/Site Rep - Hotel	\$220.00
Committee/Site Rep - Per Diem	\$75.00
Projected additional Committee/Site Rep Expense:	<b>\$890.00</b>

Note 5: Travel inflation assumption agrees to current divisional inflation guidance from administrative services  
 Division 3, 2.93%

Note 6: Assumptions for Officials fees and travel estimates by site:  
 Scenario assumes 1 additional first round game played at non-predetermined host site.

Officials	First Round	Game Fee:
Referee:	2	\$245.00
Lineman:	2	\$190.00
Supervisor of Officials:	1	\$250.00
Number of Officials per Site:	5	
# Additional Games	1	
# Days	2	
Rate Per First Round		
Officials - Game Fees	varies	\$1,120.00
Officials - Travel/Mileage	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
Officials - Hotel	\$220.00	\$2,200.00
Officials - Per Diem	\$45.00	\$450.00
Projected additional Officials Expense:		\$5,770.00

Note 7: Honorariums not paid at first round host sites.

Average First round honorarium per host site:	\$ -	
Additional games	1	
Additional honorarium expense:	\$ -	0%
Add'l honorarium expense for additional sites:	\$ -	



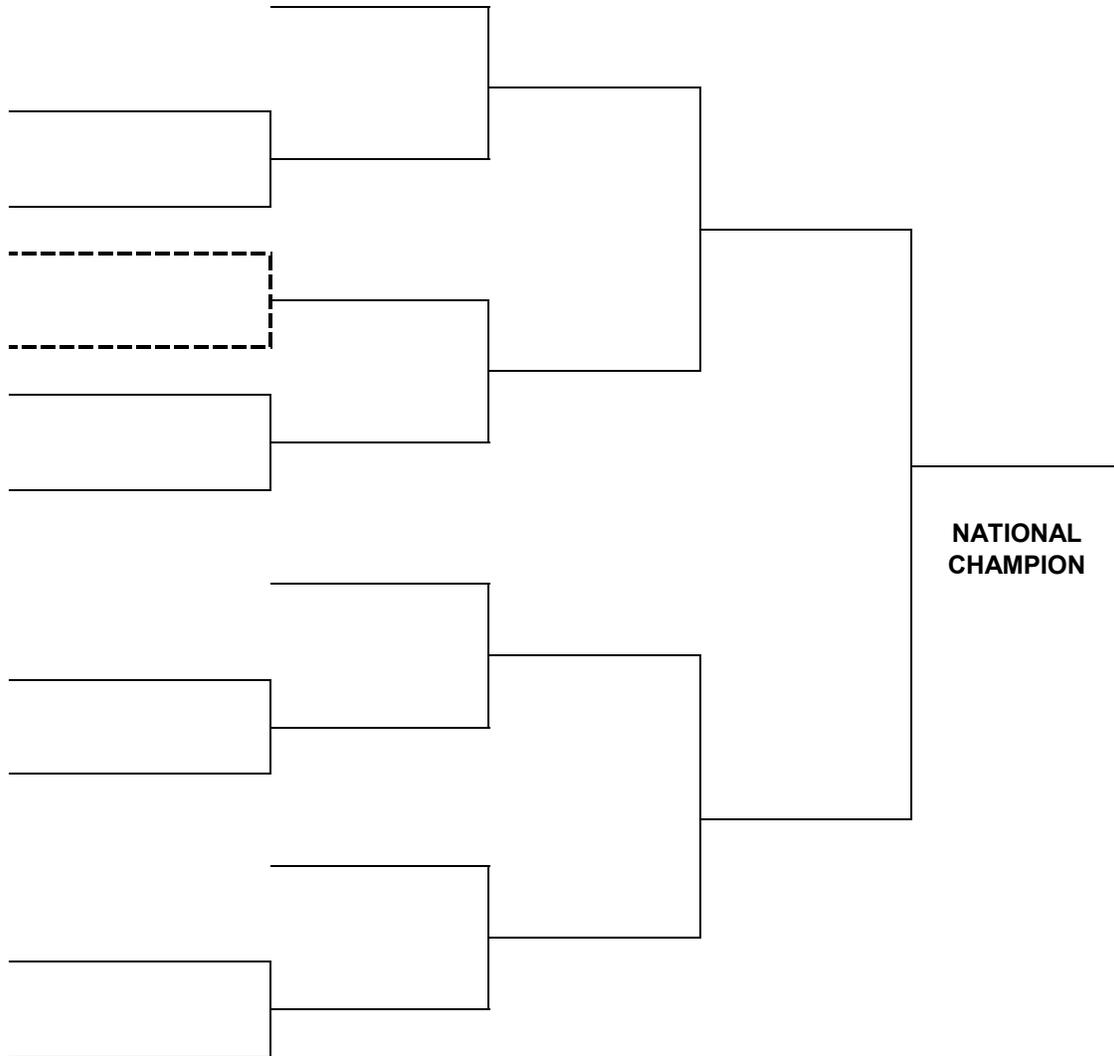
# 2024 Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship

**First Round**  
March 9

**Quarterfinals**  
March 16

**Semifinals**  
March 21

**Final**  
March 23



\*Indicates host institution; all games are Eastern time



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III WRESTLING COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2024 regional site selection.**
  - a. Recommendation. That Lycoming College host the Southeast regional, Ohio Northern University host the Central regional, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point host the Upper Midwest regional, Worcester Polytechnic Institute host the Northeast regional and the American Rivers Conference host the Lower Midwest regional.
  - b. Effective date. Immediately.
  - c. Rationale. The Division III Wrestling Committee recommended and voted unanimously to support the proposed regional hosts. The sites were reviewed to ensure adherence to equipment requirements and bid specifications.
  - d. Estimated budget impact. Lycoming College has proposed \$19,000 in expenses and \$3,500 in receipts, Ohio Northern University has proposed \$20,000 in expenses and \$17,000 in receipts, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point has proposed \$13,750 in expenses and \$4,500 in receipts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute has proposed \$14,000 in expenses and \$4,500 in receipts and the American Rivers Conference has proposed \$24,250 in expenses and \$9,100 in receipts.
  - e. Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will know where their regional will be hosted. They will be able to prepare better knowing the location of their regional in advance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Championship bracket expansion.** The committee discussed championship bracket expansion over the summer and through the fall and how to improve the Division III Wrestling Championships. The committee intends to submit a recommendation through the governance process to increase the championship field from 180 to 210 for winter 2025. Significant growth in programs and participants since the inception of the regional qualifying format has increased from 91 to 122 institutions in the six regions and is expected to increase significantly in the near future, resulting in larger regional brackets and making hosting and logistics increasingly more difficult. With that, the committee will recommend an additional

regional site to evenly distribute qualifying allocations and the top three qualifiers per weight class among regions. The committee will work with NCAA staff to gather financial information. With the increased championship field, the NCAA tournament would continue with a two-day format, resulting in a majority of wrestlers competing in only one additional match during the preliminary round of Session 1 at the NCAA tournament.

*Committee Chair:*        *Kim Blum, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.*

*Staff Liaison:*         *J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.*

<b>Division III Wrestling Committee November 20, 2023, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Ron Beaschler, Ohio Northern University.
	Kim Blum, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.
	Anthony Bonaventura, Stevens Institute of Technology.
	Bryan Marshall, Millikin University.
	Jason McLean, Muhlenberg College.
	Scott Legacy, Vermont State University - Castleton.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
	J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.
	Jonathan Youngblood, Championships and Alliances.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	None.