



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JULY 15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division III Championships Committee Chair Kiki Jacobs welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.
- 2. Equity, diversity, inclusion and the student-athlete voice.** NCAA staff noted that an equity, diversity and inclusion action team has been established as a centralized approach for each championship to monitor issues leading up to and during the events and target opportunities that promote the student-athlete voice within the host communities.
- 3. Recent committee reports.** The committee reviewed and approved reports from its June 22-23 videoconference and June 23 email business as presented.
- 4. Update from the NCAA Chief Medical Officer.** NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline joined the meeting to update guidelines for the Resocialization of Collegiate Sport, noting they will be distributed to the NCAA membership in the near term. (Note: Several members of the Division II Championships Committee attended this portion of the meeting as guests.)
- 5. COVID-19 issues – championships impacts.**
  - a. 2020-21 championships bracket and pool allocation analysis.** The committee continued discussing contingency scenarios for managing championships in the event the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 crisis significantly impact sports sponsorship this fall. Members continued analyzing championship brackets and formats based on varying sponsorship percentages by sport to determine how best to provide a quality championship experience under compromised circumstances. Staff noted methodologies the national office statistics

and research staffs can use to track membership intentions for sponsorship and contest cancellations as they occur.

- b. Predetermined sites for preliminary rounds.** Staff noted that some of the eight sites previously selected to host the 2020 Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country regional events are institutions that have declared they will not sponsor fall sports in 2020 and, as a result, are not in a position to host. As such, alternate sites are being pursued.
- 6. Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee report.** The committee received the report from the subcommittee's June 17 videoconference as information only.
- 7. Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee report.**
  - a. Regional alignment in cross country.** The committee tabled the sport committee's request to increase the regional alignment in cross country from eight to 10 regions and adopt noncontroversial legislation to adjust the sport committee composition accordingly.
  - b. Cross country selection process modification.** The committee supported modifying late-season performance to include regional championship data, effective with the 2020 championships, in order to provide more tools to help the sport committee evaluate teams for selection purposes. The modification was prompted by the unusual circumstances that are likely to affect regular-season competition this year.
  - c. Regional alignment waiver requests.**
    - (1) Salisbury University.** The Championships Committee supported a request from Salisbury University to switch its cross country programs from the Mideast Region to the South/Southeast Region, effective with the 2020 season. (The committee noted that this essentially is a one-year change, as the new 10-region alignment model the sport committee is proposing will likely be adopted and in effect for 2021-22, which will affect the overall alignment.)
    - (2) North Atlantic Conference.** The committee also supported a request from the North Atlantic Conference to move its member schools located in the state of New York to the Atlantic Region for cross country, effective with the 2020 season, and keep the rest of the conference membership in its current New England Region. (Again, the committee noted that this essentially is a one-year change, as the new 10-region alignment model the sport committee is proposing will likely be adopted and in effect for 2021-22, which will affect the overall alignment.)
- 8. Future meetings dates.** The committee agreed to meet at least biweekly for the foreseeable future in addition to the following meetings already scheduled.
  - a.** September 14-15, 2020 (includes time with sport committee chairs).

b. February 2-3, 2021.

c. June 21-22, 2021.

*Committee Chair:* Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances  
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances  
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>Division III Championships Committee July 15, 2020, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.	
Brady Keller, Nebraska Wesleyan University.	
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference (Division II Championships Committee).	
Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania (Division II Championships Committee).	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Steve Card, Western Washington University (Division II Championships Committee).	
Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA Chief Medical Officer.	
Terri Holmes, Northern State University (Division II Championships Committee).	
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College (Division II Championships Committee).	
Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University (Division II Championships Committee).	
Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis (Division II Championships Committee).	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Dan Dutcher, Liza Erwin, Haydyn Gibson, Liz Homrig, Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Roberta Page, Demetria Woodard.	