



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Management Council/Presidents Council update.** Shantey Hill provided an update on items addressed during the October Division III Management and Presidents Council meetings, including 1) a review of legislation for the 2019 NCAA Convention, particularly proposals that would affect championships, a proposal that would require Division III institutions to report graduation rates, and the Association-wide vote regarding the proposed revision of the NCAA Board of Governors composition; 2) support for the Championships Committee's recommendation to conduct the Division III Men's and Women's Basketball Championships in conjunction with the Division I Men's and Women's Final Fours, respectively, once each in the next five years; 3) acknowledgement that toolkits developed by the LGBTQ working group that include a nondiscrimination policy guide have been distributed to all Division III institutions; 4) review of the pilot program regarding Eligibility Center registration for Division III prospects and student-athletes in ice hockey; 5) review of issues and initiatives from the Sport Science Institute; and 6) exploration of an online education system similar to the Division II University platform launched in May 2018.

**2. Sport committee reports.**

- a. Men's basketball.** The committee approved that the following 43 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2019 Division III Men's Basketball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Conference; State University of New York

Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- b. Women's golf.** The committee approved that the 2022 Division III Women's Golf Championships be held at Bay Oaks in Houston, hosted by the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the Harris County-Houston Sports Commission.
  - c. Women's rowing.** The committee approved that the following four conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2019 Division III Women's Rowing Championship: The Liberty League; Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference; the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; and the New England Small College Athletic Conference.
  - d. Men's and women's tennis.** Championships Committee members approved the Men's and Women's Tennis Committees' request to survey head coaches, athletics administrators and conference commissioners about potential changes to the current competition format.
- 3. Bench size survey.** The committee reviewed and revised a draft survey to Division III athletics directors measuring interest in expanding the bench size to accommodate the average roster size in given team sports if the institution covers expenses for the additional bench personnel to attend the championship (any round of competition). Staff will incorporate revisions and provide an amended version for the committee's review at its December teleconference, with the goal of sending the survey in January and presenting results for the committee to consider at its February 5-6 meeting in Indianapolis.
- 4. Committee appointments.** The committee approved the following sport and sport rules committee appointments:
- Division III Women's Basketball Committee – Central region: Megan Wilson, head women's basketball coach/senior woman administrator, University of Wisconsin-Platteville.
  - Division III Women's Rowing Committee – Mid-Atlantic region: Andriel Doolittle, head women's rowing coach, Ohio Wesleyan University.
  - Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee – Atlantic region: Mike Howard, director of athletics, Plattsburgh State University of New York.

*Committee Chair:* Bill Stiles, Alvernia University

*Staff Liaison:* Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

<b>Division III Championships Committee November 14, 2018, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Susan Fumagalli Mahoney, Gettysburg College.	
Shantey Hill, St. Joseph's College (Long Island).	
Julie Johnson, Ripon College.	
Bill Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Michael Vienna, Emory University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Tim Fitzpatrick, United States Coast Guard Academy.	
Kiana Verdugo, Hamline University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Laura Klee, Championships and Alliances.	
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Louse McCleary, Division III Governance.	