



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **AQ appeal request.** The Division III Championships Committee reviewed an appeal from the American Collegiate Athletic Association (AACA) to overturn decisions from the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee and the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Committee not to include the AACA among the conferences with automatic qualification privileges for 2019-20. At issue is whether the AACA met the requirements prescribed in NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 (a)-(3) regarding consistency in conference membership during the two-year waiting period for automatic qualification eligibility in those two sports. The AACA argued it met the standard; however, Championships Committee members believe the consistency stated in the bylaw clearly indicates that the minimum seven members that conferences are required to maintain in year 2 of the waiting period must be the same as those in year 1. Because that was not the case with the AACA situation in women's soccer and women's volleyball, the Championships Committee voted to deny the appeal based on the belief that the continuity of membership as prescribed specifically in the bylaw should be upheld. While the Championships Committee is sympathetic to conference's situation, the committee nonetheless maintained that the consistency of membership is among the core components of the two-year waiting period that should not be challenged or altered.

*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 November 5, 2019, Teleconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Susan Fumagalli, Gettysburg College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams College.	
Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
Bill Stiles, Alvernia University.	

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<b>Absentees:</b>
Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.
Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
<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>
Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Ian Rewoldt.