



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division III Championships Committee Chair Kiki Jacobs welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.
- 2. Recent committee reports.** The committee approved the report from its November 2 videoconference as presented.
- 3. Monitoring sports sponsorship for the purpose of determining bracket/field size.** The committee reviewed winter and spring sport sponsorship declarations going into the 2020-21 academic year as they are known to date and agreed to continue monitoring these numbers in order to base future bracket/field size decisions on the most accurate data possible. The committee discussed but did not finalize potential deadlines per sport for conferences and institutions to declare their intention to participate in a manner that would qualify them to be considered for selection to an NCAA championship.

The committee also reaffirmed its previous decision that for winter sports sponsored by more than 200 institutions, at least 60 percent of those schools must participate in order for the NCAA to offer a national championship in that sport [70 percent for sports with 200 or fewer sponsoring institutions (i.e., men's and women's ice hockey)]. While the committee discussed whether to modify its stance on that issue in the spirit of flexibility, members affirmed that the 60 percent threshold protects the integrity of the championship.

- 4. Championships questions for consideration.** The committee continued its discussion from the previous meeting regarding the various thresholds required for automatic qualification and affirmed that as long as conferences declare their intent to conduct winter sports with at least four core members and demonstrate a schedule that allows the automatic qualifier to meet minimum contest requirements, no waiver will be required if COVID-related issues either cause the conference to fall below the four-core-member threshold or prevent the automatic qualifier from meeting the minimum contest requirements. The committee did not have adequate time during this meeting to discuss whether similar requirements should apply for at-large selections but will revisit that issue during its December videoconference.
- 5. Future meeting dates.**

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- a. December 8, 2020 (videoconference).
- b. February 2, 2021 (quarterly meeting via videoconference).
- c. June 22, 2021 (quarterly meeting via videoconference).

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

Division III Championships Committee November 17, 2020, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.	
Braly Keller, Nebraska Wesleyan University.	
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Absentees:	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Laura Mlynski Peterson, Championships and Alliances.	
Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Dan Dutcher, Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and J.P. Williams.	