



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Recent committee reports.** The Division III Championships Committee approved the report from its September 9-10 in-person meeting as submitted.
2. **Wrestling regional site selection.** The committee approved that Rhode Island College host the 2020 Northeast regional at its on-campus Recreation Center.
3. **Update from DIII Commissioners teleconference.** Staff updated the committee on the following items discussed during the recent Division III Commissioners Association teleconference:
 - a. **Sport region realignment proposal.** The commissioners noted recent action to incorporate sport committee recommendations regarding competitive equity and that the proposal will be adjusted to align with current sport sponsorship (2019-20 numbers). The commissioners will revisit the proposal during their January meeting (including a potential discussion regarding the percentage/number of teams that would be ranked in each region), and the Division III Championships Committee will review and likely finalize the proposal at its February 2020 in-person meeting and forward to the Division III Management Council for review in April. If approved, the proposal would be implemented for the 2021-22 academic year.
 - b. **Bench size flexibility.** Staff noted the bench size adjustments made on the basis of sport committee recommendations that the Championships Committee approved in September. While various issues need to be clarified, the commissioners were pleased with the adjustments.
 - c. **Conference requirements for AQ eligibility.** Staff recapped the Championships Committee's September conversation and noted the lack of momentum both within the committee and the membership at large to suggest proposals. The commissioners were asked to reconsider the matter and either submit a proposal to the Championships Committee in February or perhaps generate interest within the membership to identify potential sponsors for a legislative proposal in the 2020 cycle.
 - d. **National office staff structure.** Per a request from the commissioners, staff provided an organizational chart regarding how Division III championships and sport committees are

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staffed. Staff noted the challenges particularly during the spring season, as about 40 percent of the NCAA's 90 championships are held in the spring.

4. Other business. None.

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

Division III Championships Committee October 15, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.	
Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Susan Fumagalli, Roger Williams College.	
Kiki Jacobs, Gettysburg College.	
Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.	
Bill Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Absentees:	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Ian Rewoldt.	