



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Alcohol sales at the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That a waiver of Bylaw 31.1.13 (availability of alcoholic beverages) be approved to permit alcohol sales at the Division III Men's Basketball Championship game in Atlanta as part of the joint championship with Divisions I and II.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. Division III recently adopted legislation to permit alcohol sales when a Division III championship is held in conjunction with the Division I championship in the same sport and conducted at the same venue as that championship (e.g., Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship) . Consistent with that approach a waiver is requested to permit the sale of alcohol during the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship because it is being held in conjunction with Divisions I and II. The Divisions II and III championship games will be played in State Farm Arena (home of the Atlanta Hawks) and will have all the necessary security and provisions in place as for a home Hawks game. The 2020 Division I Men's Final Four will be played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium but a waiver of the current legislation will ensure a consistent fan experience across the weekend with alcohol sales now being permitted at the Division I championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Dates for 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship preliminary rounds.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following schedule for the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship preliminary rounds be approved:

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First/second rounds remain unchanged and follow the traditional date formula. Sixty-four teams travel to 16 non-predetermined sites. The 32 first-round games will be on Friday, March 6. The 16 second-round games will be at the same sites on Saturday, March 7. Third-round games will be on the second weekend of the championship played at eight non-predetermined sites, with four on Friday, March 13, and four on Saturday, March 14. The eight winners will travel to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to play the quarterfinals and semifinals at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21. The schedule change is necessary to accommodate the championship game (April 7) being held in conjunction with the Men's Final Four.

- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. This format maintains the traditional championship dates to eliminate the impact the joint championship would have on the regular season and conference tournaments. Similar to the combined championship in 2013, the quarterfinals will be staged at the same site as the semifinals.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Approximately \$48,000.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Having eight host sites host one third-round game each will create great playing atmospheres for participating teams and, as was the case in 2013, having the quarterfinals and semifinals at one site will be a unique and exciting experience.

c. Exception to bracketing policies for the Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees be allowed to pair teams outside of the 500-mile travel radius (i.e., create a flight) in the quarterfinal round when the bracketing principles would otherwise require two teams to face one another for a third consecutive year (and the quarterfinal round is the bracket entry point for the teams).
- (2) Effective date. 2020-21 championship year.
- (3) Rationale. Due to the small size of the men's and women's ice hockey championship fields, existing bracketing principles can negatively affect institutions that are geographically isolated. Current policies require championship brackets to be developed based on geography, with the goal to minimize flights. This exception would allow the committees to use no more than one flight in the quarterfinal round to create a matchup of different opponents. While this exception would be applied narrowly to men's and women's ice hockey, it could be helpful for new championships and those with fewer than 16 teams (for example, men's volleyball).

- (4) Estimated budget impact. \$56,400.00, which is the total required for one instance occurring in either the men's or women's ice hockey brackets in a given year. Current bracketing trends show this impact could potentially be applied once every three years for the women and it is not likely to be applied for the men at this time. The policy exception would be reviewed annually to determine the frequency of application and actual expense incurred.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The exception will address what in the past has been a compromised student-athlete experience at the championships

d. Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee.

- (1) Recommendation. That an eight-member Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee (from within the existing Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees) be appointed to oversee the playing rules modifications for all three divisions. The NCAA would continue to follow the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) playing rules; however, the subcommittee would be charged with collaborating with the ITA on potential rules changes and/or recommending rules modifications to the ITA rules. The subcommittee composition would be four representatives from Division I (50 percent), two from Division II (25 percent) and two from Division III (25 percent), which is consistent with other Association-wide playing rules committees/subcommittees.
- (2) Effective date. January 1, 2020 (to coincide with the ITA rules-making process).
- (3) Rationale. In response to a request from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, the Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees discussed whether the sport would benefit from having an NCAA playing rules book and/or NCAA playing rules committee/subcommittee to be more involved in the rules-making process. Currently, the NCAA adheres to the ITA rules. In recent years, several division-specific playing rules have been implemented by the ITA even though NCAA Bylaws 21 and 31 require playing rules and playing rules modifications be the same for all three divisions. The subcommittee would work alongside the ITA Rules Committee to improve the communication and collaboration during the rules-making process and ensure playing rules are common for all divisions moving forward. After two years, the Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees would evaluate the effectiveness of the subcommittee to determine if it should continue or if a stand-alone playing rules committee would be more beneficial.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None during the two-year evaluation period, as business would be conducted via teleconference.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. 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 reports from its August 1 teleconference and August 21 email correspondence as submitted.
3. **Governance update.** NCAA governance staff reviewed the following key items with the committee: 1) NCAA Board of Governors items, including an update on potential legislation in California that could affect the name, image and likeness space; 2) Sport Science Institute initiatives; 3) New procedures for the recently implemented attestation of compliance policy; 4) Transfer portal usage issues and potential recommendations; 5) Division III University modules, including a new training module for Gameday the DIII Way; 6) Research and resources regarding the senior woman administrator designation; 7) Ongoing discussion regarding the International Ice Hockey Pilot Program; 8) Working group updates; and 9) Division III identity initiatives.
4. **NCAA Division III Management Council/Presidents Council updates.** Stevie Baker-Watson provided additional updates from the recent Management Council and Presidents Council meetings.
5. **NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee update.** SAAC liaison Jake Santellano provided an update on behalf of the Division III SAAC from its July meeting.
6. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed the panel's most recent reports as information only.
7. **Academic and membership affairs update.**
 - a. **2020 Convention proposals.** The committee was asked to provide input on the following proposals that were properly submitted from the Division III membership and could have an effect on championships operations:
 - **Two proposals related to the membership process – one to reduce the reclassifying process from four to two years, and one to modify the provisional process as specified.** Championships Committee input: Opposed. The proposed modifications potentially compromise an institution's readiness to fully comply with Division III policies and abide by Division III values, and they potentially increase the pressure on the Division III Membership Committee to make decisions based on a shorter timeline (the Championships Committee believes four years is the appropriate timeline to earn active membership). In addition, the current process includes a waiver provision to expedite the process for exemplary institutions.

- **One proposal to add equestrian as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.** Championships Committee input: No position. While the committee is not opposed to supporting equestrian as an emerging sport it acknowledged that there may be unanswered questions to resolve before membership consideration.

b. Single-sport conference transition to multisport conference. The committee reviewed whether there should be an avenue for a single-sport conference to transition to a multisport conference without losing its AQ privilege. The committee discussed situations in which the membership of a single-sport conference changes in a manner that it would be eligible for an automatic qualification in a multisport conference; however, to do so would require those members to dissolve the single-sport conference and the AQ that goes with it, and then serve a two-year waiting period with the multisport conference before regaining the AQ. In such an instance, the incentive could be to continue operating the single-sport conference so as not to lose the AQ rather than consolidate under a multisport conference and enjoy the benefits that come with doing so. Championships Committee members are sympathetic to single-sport conferences forming to grow a particular sport, but they are wary of inadvertently creating a landscape in which single-sport conferences form for the *sole purpose* of obtaining the AQ. Accordingly, rather than amend current legislation to ease the conditions for transitioning that could introduce such unintended outcomes, the committee asked staff to create guidelines for the current waiver process to help single-sport conferences navigate the transition while retaining specified conditions that protect the integrity of the AQ.

8. Conference requirements for AQ eligibility. The committee continued discussing whether to establish regular-season-competition requirements for a conference to be eligible to earn automatic qualification to Division III championships. In response to feedback from the 2018 membership survey on this topic a working group the committee appointed previously to review the matter agreed that conferences should be required to play a portion of regular-season competition against conference opponents in order to earn the AQ but did not reach a consensus on the appropriate amount. While the Championships Committee believes this continues to be an area of concern, it acknowledges that there is no momentum currently within the committee or the membership to recommend an alternative approach. As such, the committee took no formal action but agreed to ask the commissioners whether they were interested in formulating a proposal in the future.

9. Championships 2018-19 budget recap. Staff updated the committee on the budget-to-actuals from the 2018-19 championship seasons.

10. Sport region realignment project. The committee continued discussing the 10-region alignment model from the Division III Commissioners Association that it supported during its February meeting and sent to Division III sport committees for feedback. The latest request for sport committee input focused on the proposal's effect on competitive equity, which several sport committees cited as a significant concern. Accordingly, the Championships Committee sought feedback on two models – one that incorporates eight regions and one with 10 – that retain the three original guiding principles but also account for competitive equity as each sport

committee sees fit. After reviewing sport committee feedback, the Championships Committee endorsed the 10-region model as amended by sport committees and will forward on to the Commissioners Group for feedback.

- 11. Bench size policies.** The committee reviewed feedback from team sport committees regarding bench size and noted a consistent desire to increase the bench size but varied reasons for doing so (e.g., enhancing the experience for non-competing student-athletes, accommodating more administrative personnel, etc.). Offering bench size flexibility does not mean that some of the issues attempting to be addressed will disappear, however, the committee recognizes the desire to provide the best championships experience possible. The committee reviewed the suggested bench size increases by sport and the level to which sport committees would like to see the additional student-athletes involved while on-site for the championships. The bench size adjustments to be implemented for the 2020-21 championships are as follows:

Sport	Squad Size	New Bench Size
Baseball	25	35
Field Hockey	24	40
Football	58	78
Men's Ice Hockey	22	30
Women's Ice Hockey	22	30
Men's Lacrosse	32	50
Women's Lacrosse	28	42
Men's Soccer	24	40
Women's Soccer	24	40
Softball	20	32
Men's and Women's Tennis	9	15
Men's Volleyball	17	25
Women's Volleyball	17	25

The committee discussed practice limitations and determined that practice will be open to all student-athletes who are at the competition site at any round of the championship provided it still fits within a given sport's playing rules.

- 12. State of the sport teleconferences with sport committee chairs.** Committee members reviewed recent teleconferences with sport committee chairs, noting that the next in-person meeting with sport committee chairs is in September 2020.

13. Sport committee recommendations.

a. Men's basketball.

- **Alcohol sales at the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship.** The committee supported a waiver to allow for alcohol sales at the 2020 Division III Men's Basketball Championship, given that the championship game is being conducted in conjunction with the Men's Final Four (see Action Item 2-a).

- **2020 championship format.** The committee approved a format change for the 2020 championship preliminary rounds to accommodate the combined championship with Divisions I and II (see Action Item 2-b).
- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 43 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA 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. Men's golf.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 32 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Rivers Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial 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; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College 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; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

c. Women's golf.

- (1) **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 22 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 Division III Women's Golf Championships: American Rivers Conference; American Southwest Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- (2) **Committee chair.** The committee approved that Jodie Burton, women's golf coach at Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges, serve as chair of the Division III Women's Golf Committee.

d. Men's ice hockey.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following eight conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship: Commonwealth Coast Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Hockey Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; Northern Collegiate Hockey Association; State University of New York Athletic Conference; and United Collegiate Hockey Conference.
- **Committee chair.** The committee approved that Tom Di Camillo, commissioner of the State University of New York Athletic Conference, serve as chair of the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee.

e. Women's ice hockey.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following seven conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship: Colonial Hockey Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Hockey Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; Northeast Women's Hockey League; Women's Northern Collegiate Hockey Association; and United Collegiate Hockey Conference.

f. Men's and women's ice hockey joint report.

- **Exception to current bracketing policies.** The committee supported a recommendation to allow the Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees beginning with the 2021 championships to pair teams outside of the 500-mile travel radius (i.e., create a flight) in the quarterfinal round when the bracketing principles would otherwise require two teams to face one another for a third consecutive year (and the quarterfinal round is the bracket entry point for the teams). (See Action Item 2-c.)

g. Men's lacrosse.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 27 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Men's Lacrosse Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Lacrosse Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; State University of New York Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.
- **Committee chair.** The committee approved that Tom Emberley, assistant commissioner of the Skyline Conference, serve as chair of the Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee.

h. Women's lacrosse.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 32 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Women's Lacrosse 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; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic

Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

- **Selection announcement – date and time.** The committee approved a recommendation to move the selection announcement to Monday at 10 a.m. Eastern time the week before the first/second rounds in order to accommodate delays in championship games and in the selection process, which could be exacerbated by adding two teams to the bracket and expanding to seven regions in the coming years.

i. Rowing.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following four conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Rowing Championships: Liberty League; Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; and New England Small College Athletic Conference.
- **Committee chair.** The committee approved that Carolyn Miles, associate director of student-services, serve as chair of the Division III Rowing Committee.

j. Softball.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 42 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Softball 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 Association; 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 Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- **Championship format – best-of-three game championship series.** The committee supported a recommendation to change the format for the best-of-three-game championship series from Game 1 and Game 2 on Monday and the "if necessary" Game

3 on Tuesday to Game 1 on Monday and Game 2 and the “if necessary” game on Tuesday, effective with the 2020 championship. The committee noted that the proposal does not have a budget impact. Softball currently is budgeted for the “worst case scenario” in which the if-necessary game is played on Tuesday and the teams travel home on Wednesday. Under the current format, the championship comes in either at budget or below. As such, the recommended format change would simply mean that more often than not softball would use its entire allotment and not see a savings.

k. Men’s and women’s tennis.

- **Bench size.** The committee reviewed the Division III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees bench size proposal and included it in the larger bench size policy discussion (see Informational Item 11).
- **Men’s tennis automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 34 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men’s Tennis Championships: 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 & Wisconsin; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Men’s and Women’s Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Inter. Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Upper Midwest Conference; University Athletic Association; and USA South Athletic Conference.
- **Women’s tennis automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 37 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Women’s Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; American Rivers Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletics Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic

Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Inter. Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- **Men's and women's tennis rules subcommittee.** The committee supported a recommendation to appoint an eight-member Men's and Women's Tennis Rules Subcommittee (from within the existing Divisions I, II and III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees) to oversee the playing rules modifications for all three divisions (see Action Item 2-d). *[NOTE: The proposed subcommittee requires approval from all three divisions; the Division I Competition Oversight Committee and the Division II Championships Committee have already indicated their support.]*

l. Men's and women's cross country and track and field.

- **Additional mini-trophies at cross country championships.** The committee considered a recommendation to award mini-trophies to the top 40 finishers at the Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships in order to bring the percentage of awards given to the cross country field closer to the percentage of awards of indoor and outdoor track and field. The committee is not opposed to the idea if it is the right thing to do for the sport, but members also believe that trophies should not be added solely to appease the coaches association. Accordingly, the Championships Committee referred the matter back to the sport committee, noting it is open to a recommendation with an appropriate number of awards based on what is best for cross country.

m. Men's volleyball.

- **Automatic qualification.** The committee approved the following 10 conferences for automatic qualification to the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship: City University of New York Athletic Conference; Continental Volleyball Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conferences; Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (year 1 grace period); New England Collegiate Conference (year 1 grace period); North Eastern Athletics Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Skyline Conference; and United Volleyball Conference.
- **Committee chair.** The committee approved that John Garrett, associate athletics director at Hunter college, serve as chair of the Division III Men's Volleyball Committee.

14. Championships and alliances updates. Joni Comstock, NCAA senior vice president of championships, updated the group on relevant issues that affect NCAA championships operations.

- **2022-26 host site selection.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the timeline and process for selecting hosts for championships from the fall of 2022 through the spring of 2026.

15. 2018-19 broadcast figures. The committee reviewed broadcast figures for the 2018-19 championship seasons.

16. 2019 spring championship reports. The committee reviewed reports from the 2019 spring championships.

17. In-region competition requirement waiver request.

- **California Lutheran University – men’s volleyball.** The committee approved California Lutheran’s request for an in-region waiver in men’s volleyball, noting the scheduling difficulty due to the lack of proximity to in-region opponents, the costs associated with traveling to in-region opponents and the missed class time resulting from that travel. While the committee was sympathetic to the request, it noted that failing to meet the in-region minimum needs to be addressed and that future waivers may not be approved.
- **Emory University – women’s tennis.** The committee approved Emory’s request for an in-region waiver in women’s tennis, noting Emory’s scheduling difficulty due to the lack of proximity to in-region opponents. The committee stressed the need to explore further scheduling options in order to meet the in-region percentage as future waivers may not be approved.
- **Reclassifying institution.** The committee approved a waiver to allow schools in the CUNY Athletic Conference, who were informed in July that The College of Staten Island is reclassifying its athletics program from Division III to Division II, to count contests against Staten Island toward their NCAA membership requirements and championship selection criteria for the 2019-20 academic year.

18. Future meeting dates and sites.

- February 4-5, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- June 22-23, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- September 2020 meeting (dates to be determined; will include sport committee chairs).

19. Other business. None.

20. Adjournment. Before adjournment, the committee thanked Steve Baker-Watson, Brad Bankston, Susan Fumagalli-Mahoney and Bill Stiles for their committee service.

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 September 9-10, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Robin Baker, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.	
Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.	
Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Jason Fein, Bates College.	
Susan Fumagalli, Gettysburg College (via teleconference).	
Kiki Jacobs, Roger Williams University.	
Jake Santellano, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.	
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).	
Bill Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
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:	
Mark Aiken, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Jan Gentry, Aaron King, Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Alex Mortillaro, Jeff Myers, Melissa Piening, Ian Rewoldt, Micki Spears, Allison Spungen, Caryl West.	