



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. Division III Championships Committee Chair Kiki Jacobs welcomed the group and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.

2. Recent committee reports. The committee reviewed and approved the report from its August 25 videoconference as presented.

3. Winter sport championships.

a. Division III Conference Commissioners Association winter sports survey results. The committee reviewed initial results from a Division III Conference Commissioners Association survey soliciting comments from institutions about winter sports playing season and championship issues. Staff noted that final results are forthcoming and are likely to include accompanying recommendations from the commissioners.

b. Predetermined sites – tentative bid process timeline. All winter championship competition will be conducted at predetermined sites given the additional and unique requirements related to COVID-19 testing, quarantine procedures, sanitization standards, etc. Staff noted that the current strategy is to wait to open the bid portal until after the October 14 announcement on sites for the 2022-26 cycle, which will allow campuses more time to experience executing the safety and sanitization protocols required for hosting competition to determine their own capacity for bidding on the winter sports championships. Staff also noted that an October-November bid timeline still provides adequate time to prep the selected sites.

c. Championship budget management. Committee members continued reviewing potential measures to reduce costs given that the current projections for conducting winter and spring

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sport championships (if current bracket/field sizes and formats are retained) exceed the division’s entire championship budget for 2020-21. The committee will review various models showing the effects of modifying certain components of the championship during its September 14-15 meeting. Committee members also acknowledged those discussions may impact whether the current winter championship selection and competition dates remain relevant or if they need to be adjusted.

4. **Division III Membership Committee report.** The committee noted a recommendation from the Membership Committee to approve a one-year waiver to eliminate the minimum number of contests and participants required for sports sponsorship for fall championship sports and winter championship sports to provide institutions as much flexibility as possible to manage the disruptions and uncertainty caused by the pandemic. The minimum number of contests required for championship selection was previously reduced by 33 percent. While members agreed to review whether minimum contests for championships eligibility should be reduced further, they affirmed that a minimum standard must be in place for winter championship sports.
5. **September 14-15 meeting agendas.** The committee reviewed and approved agendas for its September 14-15 meeting, including the session with sport committee chairs.

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 8, 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.
Penny Siqueiros, Wesleyan College (Georgia).
Absentees:
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Dan Dutcher, Laura Klee, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Demetria Woodard.