REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 21, 2012 TELECONFERENCE

***ACTION ITEM*.**

- **Men's Basketball – 2013 Preliminary Round Dates of Competition.**

1. Recommendation. To approve the following schedule for the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship preliminary rounds: first round – March 2, 2013; second round – March 9, 2013; sectional round – March 16, 2013; quarterfinals/semifinals – March 22-23, 2013 in Salem, Virginia. The schedule change is necessary to accommodate the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship 75th anniversary celebration and the related date change for the final game (April 7).

2. Effective Date. 2013 championship (single year only).

3. Rationale. When considering the possible options for the schedule change, the committee placed primary importance on minimizing change for the greatest number of participating teams. With single game rounds leading up to the quarterfinals and semifinals, half of the championship field will be finished with competition by March 2. The committee preferred this approach over the recommendation provided by the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee which called for first and second round competition to take place at the same site the weekend of March 7-9, 2013, which results in a 10- or 11-day wait following the championship selections announcement.

   The committee acknowledged several concerns for the single game model raised by the men's basketball committee, including limitations in creating a tournament-like setting, the rest time afforded to the two teams receiving first-round byes, and the increased potential for conference match-ups in the first round of competition. However, extension of the season for 30 of the 62 participating teams and potential facility constraints that may arise for those same teams outweighed these concerns.

4. Estimated Budget Impact. There may be a minimal increase in total operating expense due to the increased number of sites hosting in the first round of competition; at the same time, any expense will be mitigated by the single game format (vs. two games being contested over two days).

5. Student-Athlete Impact. The proposed model will allow the greatest number of student-athletes to conclude their season within the typical timeframe of the men's basketball season, yielding obvious benefits for academic reasons. Furthermore, dual-sport athletes will have the opportunity to move on more quickly to their spring sport.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Opening Remarks.** The chair, Mr. Robinson, welcomed the NCAA Division III Championships Committee and opened the meeting.

2. **Sport Committee Recommendations – Men's Basketball.**

   a. Committee Chair. The committee approved that Mike DeWitt, men's basketball coach at Ohio Wesleyan University, serve as the committee chair for the 2012-13 academic year, effective September 1, 2012.

   b. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) rankings. The committee denied the request to allow national committee members the ability to change and finalize RAC rankings before they are published and affirmed that voting still be conducted through an online ballot after the call has concluded (versus during the call). In discussion, the committee expressed concern about breaking down the process that has been established over the course of the last year and preferred to engage in discussion on the topic if requested by the sport committee chairs at the September in-person meeting.

3. **Meeting and Teleconference Schedule for 2012-13.** The committee reviewed the schedule for upcoming teleconferences and agreed on the dates of the September in-person meeting, noting that the timing and structure of subsequent in-person meetings will be determined after further discussion with NCAA staff.

4. **Report from Conference Commissioners Association Meeting.** NCAA staff provided a recap of the discussion that took place with members of the Division III Conference Commissioners Association earlier in the month. Specific topics addressed with the commissioners included NCAA staff assignments and training, consistency in training for national and regional advisory committee members, and the process for automatic notification once the conference representative is identified for a championship.

5. **Feedback on Draft Misconduct Protocol.** The committee committed to reviewing and providing feedback on the draft of the revisions made to the NCAA championships misconduct protocol during its upcoming August teleconference.

6. **Adjournment.** Mr. Robinson reminded the committee of the date and time for the August teleconference and adjourned the call.

Committee Chair: *Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz*
Staff Liaisons: *Jan Gentry, Championships and Alliances*
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

Teleconference, June 21, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Tim Downes, Emory University	Kelli Hamilton, University of Minnesota, Morris
Holly Gera, Montclair State University	
Sue Lauder, Fitchburg State University	
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands	
Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior	
Joe Onderko, Presidents' Athletic Conference	
Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz	
Monica Severson, Wartburg College	
Other Participants	
Jan Gentry, NCAA	
Linda Godby, NCAA	
Elisa Halpin, NCAA	
Louise McCleary, NCAA	
Jeff Myers, NCAA	
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA	