



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE
MAY & JUNE 2020, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Conference automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2019 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Atlantic East 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 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; 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; State University of New York Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

Projected pool allocations

Pool A – 34

Pool B – 0

Pool C – 10

- (2) Effective date. October 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. The 34 conferences meet the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 31.3.2 and have completed the automatic-qualification declaration form. Pool allocations may adjust pending 2019-20 sponsorship numbers.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Committee chair appointment.

- (1) Recommendation. That Susan Hoffman, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator at College at Brockport, State University of New York, serve a second year as chair of the committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Ms. Hoffman served as chair in 2018-19 and 2019-20 and is a veteran of not only the women's lacrosse committee but other national sport committees as well. She is a valuable member of the committee and was unanimously approved to chair this committee again in 2020-21.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Meeting overview.** Starting in 2019, the annual meeting was divided into two parts. The in-person meeting took place on the Monday following the championship final at the site of the championships. The second part of the meeting was done over a conference call a couple weeks following the championships, in line with previous in-person annual meeting dates. With no championship in 2019, the meeting will take place throughout the spring/summer over video conference.
2. **Review of 2019 report.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from 2018-19 as submitted.
3. **Governance updates.** Governance submitted a talking points document for the committee to review on its conference call. The committee worked through the document and needed no further information or discussion.
4. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee noted that in 2019-20, the bracket included an expansion of teams and a new regional alignment. That will come into play for the first time in 2020-21.
5. **Review of the 2020 championship.** The committee reviewed all aspects related to the 2019 cancelled championship.
 - a. **Committee overview/feedback.** Despite the championship being cancelled, the committee recognized the host for working hard and being prepared to put on a great championship and noted again that the facility is a premier location with a tremendous staff. The committee was disappointed in not having the combined championship with Division I and is hopeful that it can occur again in the future.
6. **2021 Championship.**

- a. **Schedule of events.** The committee will work with Division II on schedule of events in the summer/fall as the 2021 championship is a combined championship with DII and DIII. The committee made note of no banquet in 2021.
 - b. **Selection Criteria and Regional Rankings.** The committee continued the discussion and push for a change to the selection criteria options, which make selections difficult. They also discussed the percentage of teams in each region that would be ranked. The percentage was increased to 17% for 2020 and will remain in place for 2021.
7. **National committee and regional advisory committee.** The committee selected Susan Hoffman to serve as chair of the committee for the third year in a row in 2020-21 as a result of the entire spring season being cancelled and the possibility that COVID could effect the 2021 season.
 8. **Review of NCAA manuals.** The committee will be reviewing the championship manuals and timelines to make the recommended changes.

Committee Chair: Susan Hoffman, College at Brockport, State University of New York.
Staff Liaison: Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.

Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee May and June 2020, Conference Calls	
Attendees:	
Kim Masimore, Dickinson College.	
Kim Wenger, Northwest Conference.	
Emily Fisher, University of Mount Union.	
Jennifer Fox, Roger Williams University.	
MK Geratowski, Randolph-Macon College.	
Susan Hoffman, College at Brockport, State University of New York.	
Patty Kloidt, Hamilton College. (via teleconference)	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.	
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.	