



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE
JUNE 6-7, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Committee chair.

- (1) Recommendation. That John Garrett, associate athletics director at Hunter College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2018.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Garrett will replace Russ Rogers, whose term on the committee ends in August. Mr. Garrett has served on the committee for two years and will be an excellent leader and spokesperson.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Automatic qualification.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 10 conferences be approved for automatic qualification to the 2019 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; New England Collegiate Conference; North Eastern Athletics Conference (year 1 grace period); Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Skyline Conference (year 2 grace period); United Volleyball Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2017.
- (3) Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.2 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.

Anticipated Pool Allocations
Pool A – 10
Pool B – 2
Pool C – 2

Note: The Division III Management Council and Presidents Council approved the increase to a 14-team bracket during their respective summer meetings.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Agenda and meeting schedule.** The committee chair welcomed the committee members and reviewed the meeting schedule and agenda.
2. **Division III Championships Committee actions.** The committee reviewed actions taken by the Championships Committee in 2017-18 relevant to the work of the men's volleyball committee.
3. **2017 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting report as presented.
4. **2018 championship review.**
 - a. **Championship surveys.** Committee members commended the host organizing committee on a successful championship. The committee specifically emphasized Carthage College's outstanding work and the hours devoted to making the championship a success. The committee also discussed a few incidents relating to sportsmanship that occurred throughout the championship and took no further action.
 - b. **Krossover film exchange.** The committee reviewed the Krossover film exchange process after year two of the arrangement. A few slight changes were made to allow coaches to receive a secondary format (i.e., jump drive, DVD, etc.) of the game film after each match in the championship to cut down on the time it would potentially take a host to upload the match to the Krossover platform and for the coach to subsequently download the film for use. This change was received well and brought on by feedback after the 2017 championship where hotel wi-fi speeds created an unnecessary hurdle for coaches.
 - c. **Preliminary-round officials' assignments.** The committee made it a point to be more forward thinking in securing officials for the four preliminary-round sites for the 2018 championship. The timing of first-round competition conflicts with several other major men's volleyball events – including National Collegiate men's volleyball conference play – which limits the number of available officials. NCAA staff worked with Division III conference assignors to proactively secure teams of potential officials and line judges in key regions after the first practice ranking call. The committee will continue to identify

potential first-round sites in this manner to ensure the most quality officials are secured for the championship.

5. **Playing rules and officiating.** NCAA playing rules staff met with the committee and reviewed the current status of the rules modification document and noted that it is not currently a rules change year. NCAA playing rules staff also provided background on how men's volleyball came to using a rules modification document rather than its own rule book.

The committee discussed the possibility of men's volleyball moving toward using its own rules book as opposed to the current rules modification document format. The committee ultimately feels that the current system is not broken and that moving to a formal rules book may cause more headache than ultimately intended.

6. **Governance update.** NCAA Division III governance staff updated the committee on the following: 1) alcohol sales at championships; 2) membership dues increase to be implemented for 2018-19; 3) international student-athlete amateurism certification pilot program for men's ice hockey being implemented in 2018-19; 4) basketball commission update; 5) sportsmanship and game environment working group update; and 6) an update on the LGBTQ working group.
7. **Sport sponsorship and conference alignment.** The committee reviewed a tentative chart with forecasted sport sponsorship and conference alignment numbers for the 2018-19 season. The committee also reviewed the projected sport sponsorship for the 2019 championship and anticipates requesting a bracket increase to 16 teams for the 2020 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship.
8. **Preview of 2019 championship.** The committee discussed the format of the first-round sites, noting that there will be two sites with four teams and two sites with three teams with the increase to a 14-team bracket. The committee set game times for first-round matches to mirror those of the finals site. Sites with four teams will play matches at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. local time Friday, with the quarterfinal match being played at 6 p.m. local time Saturday. Sites with three teams will play matches at 6 p.m. local time both Friday and Saturday. The committee also briefly discussed the 2019 championship to be hosted at Kean University in Union, New Jersey, and noted any items to be discussed with the host leading up to the championship.

9. **Future dates and sites.**

- a. Kean University, April 26-27, 2019.
- b. Loras College, April 24-25, 2020.
- c. Nazareth College and the Monroe County Sports Commission, April 23-24, 2021.
- d. Ohio Valley Conference and the Canton Stark Convention and Visitors Bureau, April 22-23, 2022.

- 10. 2018-19 committee calendar.** The committee reviewed the committee schedule, noting key dates occurring in 2018-19.
- 11. National and regional advisory committee.** The committee reviewed the current regional advisory committee and noted the vacancies that need to be filled for the coming year. NCAA staff will work with conference commissioners to fill the vacancies.
- 12. Other business.** The committee discussed the concept of a day of rest at the finals site. The committee would like a day of rest to be added between the semifinals and the finals at the championship site, primarily to provide proper recovery time leading up to the biggest match of the year and allow for the championship match to be as competitive as possible. The committee realizes that an added day would come with a significant cost increase but ultimately feels that it is the right time to begin the conversation. Having a day of rest between the first round and the quarterfinals in addition to the semifinals and finals would be the ultimate goal in the future.

Committee Chair: Russ Rogers, Stevens Institute of Technology.

Staff Liaison: Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

Division III Men's Volleyball Committee June 6-7, 2018, Meeting	
Attendees:	
	John Garrett, Hunter College.
	Evin Giglio, Wentworth Institute of Technology.
	Dan Liberto, State University of New York Polytechnic Institute.
	Russ Rogers, Stevens Institute of Technology.
Absentees:	
	None.
Guests in Attendance:	
	None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.