

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
JUNE 5-6, 2017, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Committee composition.**

- (1) Recommendation. That Tim Fitzpatrick, director of athletics at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, be approved as the Division III Men's Basketball Committee chair for the 2017-18 academic year.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2017.
- (3) Rationale. Mr. Fitzpatrick has served on the committee for three years and has provided valuable leadership during his tenure. He will replace Kevin Vande Streek, men's basketball coach at Calvin College, whose term expires September 1.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Approval of 2016 report.** The committee reviewed and accepted the report from its 2016 summer meeting.
- 2. Regional alignment, sponsorship list, pool allocations, bracket and sectional game times.** The committee discussed the pool allocations, regional alignment and bracket size/format for 2017-18. Members discussed staggering sectional game tip times, especially when all sectional sites are located in the Eastern time zone.
- 3. Site selection criteria.** The committee discussed the site selection criteria, as well as the strategy of selecting institutions. The committee will continue with prep work the week of selections to determine the top 16 institutions and mock bracketing.

4. **Team selection criteria.** The committee discussed the team selection criteria, as well as the priority and calculations. The committee reviewed all of the tools available for rankings and selections. Members favor of the strength of victory component and would eventually prefer that RPI also be among the primary criteria. The committee asked the statistics department to adapt the multiplier for its intended impact for the 2017-18 academic year. The committee also asked for research on the sectional teams from the past 10 years that would include SOS numbers and win/loss percentages.
5. **Regional advisory committees.** The committee agreed that the national RAC training call will continue to be held at the beginning of the men's basketball season. In addition, committee members and NCAA staff are working with conference commissioners to fill RAC vacancies for each region. The committee will also stress with each RAC member that they are expected to be available as a site representative during preliminary rounds. As a training opportunity, current committee members will make their initial RAC call available to new members.
6. **2017 championship review.**
 - a. Salem. The committee discussed improvements in Salem, including the need for increased attendance, enhanced seating direction on Saturday, a higher level of hospitality available on Saturday, videoboard headshot templates for all student-athletes and better room assignment/ meal planning at the team hotel. The committee applauded the change of venue for the student-athlete celebration, the addition of the LED scorer's table and the larger training room at the facility.
 - b. Game times; CBS Sports Network. The committee determined that the current time slots for preliminary rounds should remain the same for 2018. The committee also wants to keep the current game times for the semifinals (5 and 7:30 p.m.) and final (6 p.m.). Members support future CBS Sports Network broadcasts, encourage additional promotion of delayed broadcasts and continue to discuss streaming the video live.
 - c. Survey results. The committee reviewed survey results, noting an average response rate. Those hosts with negative feedback will be logged for future hosting opportunities, noting the feedback in order to avoid the same issues at future sites.
7. **Officiating.** The committee discussed officials' selection and advancement. Again this year, nine officials will travel to Salem, and one official within driving distance of Salem will be selected as the alternate. The committee will work to assign regions to certain hosts to increase equity across regions and give the committee more control of assignments. Site representatives will be encouraged to clearly explain media timeouts, instant replay usage and table crew

experience/neutrality in meetings. The committee also was informed that a Division III national coordinator of officials was approved beginning in the 2017-18 academic year.

8. **Ft. Wayne discussion.** Representatives from Ft. Wayne presented initial thoughts and planning for 2019-22. The committee had a healthy planning discussion and looks forward to working with them in the future.

9. **2018 championship planning.**
 - a. Selection Sunday. Committee members determined that RAC calls will be held Sunday morning, February 25. The national call will be at 11 a.m. Eastern time.
 - b. Selection Monday. The committee call will be Monday, February 26, at 8:30 a.m. The final bracket is due Monday at 10 a.m., with the announcement following at 12:30 p.m. First- and second-round priority goes to men's basketball in 2017-18.
 - c. Tournament schedule. The committee discussed the schedule for the preliminary rounds and semifinals/final in Salem.
 - d. Preliminary-round ticket prices. The committee will continue with the preliminary-round ticket prices: minimum of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students/seniors.
 - e. Salem. John Shaner, director of tourism for the City of Salem, joined the committee to discuss the 2018 championship and ticket pricing. The Salem Civic Center will reserve Section C/Rows 1-10 for local ticket holders and VIP guests. They will also reserve only the lower sections of tickets for teams, and all other tickets will be general admission. The ticket pricing for 2018 is as follows:
 - Salem advance all-session - \$25 adult/\$12.50 student
 - Salem single day - \$15 adult/\$7.50 student/\$5 groups
 - f. Postgame interview order. The committee will continue with the order for postgame interviews during the tournament. The advancing team will be interviewed first after the cooling-off period with the non-advancing team second. The only exceptions will be the sectional championship and national championship games as in 2016-17.
 - g. DVSPORT usage. The committee would like to begin discussions with DVSPORT for replay services at the finals site and sectional sites initially. The DVSPORT contract currently expires in 2019.

9. NABC report and all-star games. Pat Cunningham, head men's basketball coach at Trinity University (Texas) and a member of the NABC, joined the committee to discuss NABC meetings, recap the 2017 All-Star Game, and provide details for the 2018 All-Star Game. The NABC will continue to have a dedicated section of seats in Salem at the championship and will begin planning with Ft. Wayne as the future site.

10. 2018 annual meeting. Committee members agreed to meet June 4-5 in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Kevin Vande Streek, Calvin College

Staff Liaison: Elisa Halpin, Coordinator Men's Basketball Championships

NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee June 5-6, 2017, Meeting
Attendees:
Sam Atkinson, Gallaudet University; North Eastern Athletic Conference.
George Barber, Greenville College; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Bob Bjorklund, Bethel University (MN); Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Linda Bruno, Skyline Conference.
Tim Fitzpatrick, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; New England Men's and Women's Athletic Conference
Jarred Samples, University of Dallas; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Ken Tyler, University of Mary Washington; Capital Athletic Conference.
Kevin Vande Streek, Calvin College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Randy Brown, Allen County Memorial Coliseum.
Stephanie Coleman, Visit Fort Wayne.
Pat Cunningham, NABC.
Nathan Dennison, Allen County Memorial Coliseum.
Rick Espeset, Manchester University.
Gerad Good, Manchester University.
Dan O'Connell, Visit Fort Wayne.
John Shaner, City of Salem.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Elisa Halpin, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.