

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
JUNE 20-21, 2017, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative item.

- **Automatic qualification.**

- a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Championships Committee award the following four conferences automatic qualification privileges for the 2017 championships: The Liberty League, Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference, the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference and the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

Tentative Pool Allocations:

Pool A – 4
Pool B – 1
Pool C – 3

- b. Effective date. September 1, 2017.
- c. Rationale. Each conference meets the requirements of Bylaw 31.3.2 and has completed the automatic-qualification declaration form.
- d. Estimate budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of committee's 2016 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its report from the 2016 annual meeting.
- 2. Review Division III championship committee actions.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Division III Championships Committee reports from the past year, noting items applicable to women's rowing and sport committees in general.
- 3. Review joint meeting agenda.** The committee reviewed the joint agenda and made notes to address during the joint portion. The joint meeting report is attached. [Attachment]

4. Ranking and selection process. The committee reviewed the ranking and selection criteria and overall process.

- a. Results reporting. The committee reviewed the results reporting function and instructed staff to work with Row2k (results reporting system) to add comments to the output of the committee filter search function. In addition, language should be added to the results reporting memo that instructs institutions to include their boat designation in the comments section of race results (to better track if a boat is racing in a different category, e.g., II Eight boat is competing against I Eight boats).
- b. Regional ranking procedures. With the movement to selecting full teams only, the committee will rank and publish the top three II Eight boats in each region, in addition to current practice of ranking the top three I Eight boats as well as ranking the designated number of teams in each region.

The committee discussed the number of published rankings and the ongoing difficulty of having enough teams with the minimum number of results to rank for the first published ranking. The committee agreed that only three rankings be published and what was the first published ranking will become a mock ranking. The committee has not conducted a mock ranking previously.

- c. Review of selection procedures. The committee reviewed the selection procedures. No changes were suggested.
- d. Regional representation. The committee continues to support the regional representation concept where at least one team is selected for the championships from each region.
- e. Selecting eight full teams. The committee discussed the selection of eight full teams with the discontinuation of selecting an at-large team. The tentative Pool calculations will be Pool A – 4; Pool B – 1; Pool C – 3. The four automatic qualifying teams will be the first into the championship; next the Pool B team will be selected; lastly, the remaining teams will be considered for Pool C selection. Prior to the first Pool C selection, the committee must confirm representation from each region. If a region(s) is/are not represented once Pools A and B are determined, then the Pool C selection must begin with the top team from the region(s) that is/are not represented. Once each region is represented, the remaining Pool C selection(s) will be the next best ranked team nationally.
- f. Review of forms. The forms were reviewed, no changes were made.
- g. Selection show. The selection show was the best one to date.

5. 2017 championships review. The committee reviewed the championships site, including the banquets, evaluations, hotels, head official's report, webcast data and other pertinent

policies and procedures related to the championships. The committee discussed best practices learned through the championship to implement for future sites. In particular, the committee:

- a. Instructed staff to work with the banquet video provider to make the video longer.
 - b. Format and progressions for the II Eight boats should be updated to match the progressions for the I Eight boats (due to the increase to eight II Eights participating).
 - c. Instructed staff to format an Excel spreadsheet (similar to Division I) for calculating team points as a cross check with the timing system.
 - c. Directed staff update awards scripts.
 - e. Directed staff to initiate discussion about increasing boat transportation reimbursement. Currently, there is no incentive for institutions to transport boats from multiple teams, which has caused transportation challenges for some institutions, particularly in Divisions II and III.
6. **Review of sport sponsorship list.** The committee reviewed the current list of institutions sponsoring the sport and made note of a few potential changes.
 7. **Championships administration.** The committee reviewed the various committee rosters, manuals, timelines and agendas and made the appropriate updates.
 8. **2018 Annual Meeting Dates.** The committee agreed to meet June 12-13 in Indianapolis.
 9. **Committee chair.** The committee discussed the chair appointment. However, due to changes to the committee composition, the committee will return to the discussion of chair once all of the committee members are in place.

Committee Chair: Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University (Oregon), Northwest Conference.
Staff Liaison: Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.

Division III Women's Rowing Committee June 20-21, 2017, Meeting
Attendees:
Lauren Brownrigg, Pacific University (Oregon); Northwest Conference.
John Gaskin, University of Rochester; Liberty League Conference.
Karen Klinger, Smith College; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
Kristin Maile, Sarah Lawrence College; Skyline Conference.
Carolyn Miles, Williams College; New England Small College Athletic Conference
Absentees:
Kendall Mulligan, Franklin & Marshall College; Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference.

Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Kelly S. Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.