

NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BULLETIN JULY 2020

The NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee is providing this information to outline key actions taken by the committee during the past year, as well as topics for future consideration. In addition, if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a member of the committee or Kelly Whitaker, assistant director, championships and alliances, at the NCAA (Phone: 317/917-6511; Email: kwhitaker@ncaa.org).

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Karin Harvey, chair Atlantic
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DePauw University September 2019

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Gettysburg College September 2023

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Nichols College September 2022

Polly Thomason South
University of Texas at Dallas September 2021

Michelle Ferez West
Whitman College September 2023

NCAA Championship Manager

Kelly Whitaker, assistant director, championships and alliances

Championship Recap

- **By the Numbers:**
 - 438 Institutions sponsoring women's basketball
 - 430 Eligible for NCAA championship
 - 416 Eligible teams in AQ conferences
 - 14 Pool B teams
 - Access ratio 1:9.674

- **64-Team tournament:**
 - 43 Automatic-qualifying conferences (Pool A)
 - 1 Independent (Pool B)
 - 20 At large (Any teams not selected as Pool A or B)

Annual Meeting

The Division III Women's Basketball Committee met April 20-21. They implemented a subcommittee researching officials video review during the regular season and conference tournaments. The chair-elect is Polly Thomason, head women's basketball coach, University of Texas at Dallas. Her chair term begins September 1.

Division III Championships Committee Actions

- Championship cost savings measures for 2020-21 due to COVID-19:
 - No championship banquets (all sports, all divisions).
 - Year two of the two-year pilot program for avoiding first-round conference matchups regardless of geographic proximity has been suspended.
 - No in-person committee meetings.
- New sport regional alignment implementation in 2021-22, which changes women's basketball to a 10-region model. Teams to rank per region will be 20% of sponsorship of that region.

FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

2021 Championship Dates.

Selections: Monday, March 1
First-/Second-Rounds: Friday & Saturday, March 5-6
Sectionals: Friday & Saturday, March 12-13
Finals: Friday & Saturday, March 19-20

Co-hosts: Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the City of Salem hosting at Roanoke College.

Championship Date Formula.

First-/Second-Rounds: First weekend in March (Fri-Sat)
Sectionals: Second weekend in March (Fri-Sat)
Finals: Third weekend in March (Fri-Sat)

