ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   a. Referral to Baseball Committee, Championships Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
      (1) **Recommendation.** That Management Council refer, for feedback, the concept of allowing member institutions the option of establishing a two-period model in the sport of baseball. Under this concept, institutions would have the option of continuing to conduct the existing traditional and non-traditional segment model in the sport of baseball or choosing to establish a two-period model.
      
      (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate, with feedback provided to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee no later than July 1, 2016.
      
      (3) **Rationale.** The subcommittee agreed that a number of Division III institutions are forced to play the majority of baseball contests in the last four to six weeks of the baseball season. As a result, baseball student-athletes self-report missing more class and being away from campus more, on average, than student-athletes in any other sport. The subcommittee agreed that allowing institutions the option of establishing a two-period model in the sport of baseball would create additional flexibility in scheduling without requiring institutions in warmer climates to deviate from the status quo. The subcommittee requests feedback on the concept generally, as well as the following:
      
      - Reasonable start and end dates to the fall segment;
      - Number of contests that should be permitted during the fall segment;
      - Whether there should be a limit on the number of mid-week contests permitted during the fall segment;
      - Impact on institutional budgets, facilities and personnel;
      - Impact on student-athlete missed class and campus time; and
      - The amount of practice time necessary prior to the first contest in the fall.

      (4) **Budget Impact.** No budget impact for the request to refer; however, the concept for consideration carries a potential budget impact depending on whether an institution elects to utilize the optional two-period model.
(5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** No student-athlete impact for the request for refer; however, the concept for consideration carries a potential reduction of missed campus time, depending on whether an institution elects to utilize the optional two-period model.

b. **Referral to all sport committees, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

(1) **Recommendation.** That Management Council refer the concept of maintaining the conference championship exemption and the NCAA championship exemption, while eliminating all other exemptions (both standard and sport-specific) and permitting each sport two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices against any opponent.

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate, with feedback provided to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee no later than July 1, 2016.

(3) **Rationale.** The subcommittee reviewed feedback from the 2016 Issues Forum and noted that 63% of Issues Forum participants indicated support for standardization of contest exemptions by maintaining the conference championship and NCAA championship exemptions, while eliminating all other exemptions and permitting each sport two scrimmages, exhibitions and joint practices against any opponent. Additionally, the subcommittee noted that establishing standard exemptions across all sports creates equity amongst sports.

(4) **Budget Impact.** No budget impact for the request to refer; however, the concept for consideration carries a potential budget impact depending on whether an institution elects to conduct additional scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices.

(5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** No student-athlete impact for the request to refer; however, the concept for consideration carries a potential student-athlete impact depending on whether an institution elects to conduct additional scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices. Additional scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices would allow additional competitive opportunities but could increase missed class and/or campus time.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The chair, Chris Ragsdale, welcomed the subcommittee members.
2. **Review NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee March 8, 2016, Report.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved the report from its March 8, 2016, teleconference.

3. **Other Business.** None.

4. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee reviewed future meeting dates and times and agreed to cancel teleconferences scheduled for May and June. The subcommittee also agreed that it would meet in-person on the morning of July 17, 2016.

5. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 5:10 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Subcommittee Chair:** Chris Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference  
**Staff Support:** Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs; Liz Suscha, Championships and Corporate Alliances; Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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**NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee**  
**April 17, 2016, Meeting**

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**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**  
Sarah Otey and Joni Williamson.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**  
Dan Dutcher, Eric Hartung, Louise McCleary and Jeff Myers.