REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 20, 2017, TELECONFERENCE  

ACTION ITEMS  

1. Legislative items.  

- Convention Legislation – Promotional Activities – NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.1.  
  (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council sponsor convention legislation replacing the requirement that an authorized representative of a charitable, educational, or nonprofit agency sign a release statement with a requirement that the institution provides educational material to the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency notifying the entity of its obligation to ensure that a student-athlete’s name, likeness, appearance or image is used in a manner consistent with the promotional activities legislation.  
  (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2018.  
  (3) Rationale. The current legislation requires an institution to have an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement insuring the student-athlete’s name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of the promotional activities legislation. The committee agreed that this type of legislative change is necessary and by eliminating the signature requirement for an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency, while still requiring education on the requirements of the promotional activities, legislation will maintain the intent of the legislation and reduce the administrative burden.  
  (4) Budget Impact. None.  
  (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.  

2. Nonlegislative items.  

- Approval of Official Interpretation – Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment.  
  (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:
Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment (III). The
Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a
player agreement to compete with an amateur team, where no payment
is provided, is not competition pursuant to the signing of a contract that
would constitute participation in organized competition before initial
collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual shall not be charged with
a season of participation nor be required to serve an academic year of
residence.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.2.4.4 (participation in
organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) and
14.2.4.4.2 (activities constituting use of a season).]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. During its February 2017 in-person meeting, the Interpretations
and Legislation Committee reviewed the issue of whether a player
agreement between an athlete and an amateur team is an activity
constituting the use of a season for purposes of the organized competition
legislation prior to initial collegiate enrollment. The committee agreed that
an agreement to compete with an amateur team, where no payment is
provided, is not considered a contract for purposes of the legislation and
thus, the student-athlete should not be charged with a season of participation
nor be required to serve an academic year of residence. This interpretation
clarifies the intended application of the legislation.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review March Report. The committee reviewed and approved the report from its
March 16 teleconference.

2. Review of Out-of-Season Leadership Programming. The committee reexamined the
official interpretation [Reference: 11/19/15, Item No. 1] to decide if the interpretation
should be amended to provide the opportunity for coaches to work with student-athlete
leaders from their sport (outside the playing season) without requiring participation from
student-athletes from other teams, provided the programming is limited to leadership
content that does not include activities identified in NCAA Bylaw 17.02.1.1 - (a)(1)
through (6). The committee decided that no changes are necessary at this time. The
committee further recognized that the requested amendment was beyond their interpretative authority and would require a legislative change.

3. **Review Entertainment Restrictions on an Official Visit.** The committee reviewed the issue of whether it was permissible for an institution to use entertainment money to purchase a prospective student-athlete’s admission ticket on an official visit to attend an away-from-home contest that is taking place within 30 miles from the campus. The committee did not come to a consensus decision and requested that the staff review the legislative history and make a formal staff decision. The committee requested a review of this issue at its September 2017 in-person meeting.

4. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.

5. **Other Business.** The committee received an update regarding the Division III governance scorecard.

6. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 1:06 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Committee Chair:** Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College, Northwest Conference  
**Staff Liaisons:** Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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**NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee**  
**April 20, 2017, Teleconference**

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<td>Michael Rubayo, Swarthmore College, (Student-Athlete); Centennial Conference.</td>
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**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**  
Chris Brown, Jeff Myers and Joni Williamson.