REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
July 19, 2018, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Approval of Official Interpretation – Student-Athlete Participation in an Institutionally Sponsored Recreation League.

   (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

   Student-Athlete Participation in an Institutionally Sponsored Recreation League. The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that student-athletes may participate in a recreation league specific to their sport that is sponsored by their institution provided the institution conducts the league wholly outside of the athletics department and the league does not benefit the athletics department.

   [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.11.3.2 (sports camps and clinics and other athletics events), 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities), 17.02.1.1.1.2 (fundraising activities as follows), 17.1.5 (out-of-season athletically related activities), 17.1.5.2.1 (involvement of coaching staff), 17.1.5.3 (sports camps and clinics and other athletics events), official interpretations (03/27/14, Item No. 2-d), (02/25/13, Item No. 2-b), (04/22/16, Item No. 2-a) and educational columns (01/14/16, Item No. 6) and (06/17/11, Item No. 3)]

   (2) Effective date. Immediate.

   (3) Rationale. The interpretive issue stemmed from the question of whether soccer student-athletes could participate in a recreation soccer league that was administered by the institution's athletics department facilities manager. The committee applied the current analysis regarding fundraising events and whether student-athletes may participate. Specifically, student-athletes may not compete as part of a team in their sport if the fundraising event is organized, administered by or benefits the athletics department. The committee viewed this situation as no different and issued this interpretation clarifying that determination.

   (4) Budget impact. None.

   (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of May report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its May 17 teleconference.

2. **Review of prospective student-athlete seating arrangement on official/unofficial visits.** The committee discussed whether to recommend a legislative amendment to allow prospective student-athletes to sit on the team's bench during an intercollegiate contest. Currently, while on an official or unofficial visit, institutions may provide student-athletes complimentary admission to an athletics event but may only provide seating in the general seating area. The committee agreed that the rationale underlying that legislation (which was to provide the prospective student-athlete the same experience as a general student) remains relevant. Therefore, the committee decided not to recommend a legislative change.

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

4. **Other business.** The committee received an update from the Management Council representative on the committee regarding the Management Council's July 16-17 meeting, including its discussion of the legislative recommendation coming from this committee in its May 17, 2018, teleconference report.

5. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 1:46 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Chuck Brown, Pennsylvania State University Erie*

*Staff Liaisons: Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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**NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee**

**July 19, 2018, Teleconference**

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**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**

*Jeff Myers, Kaitlyn Purcell.*

**Other NCAA Staff Member in Attendance:**

*Shannon Blevins.*