1. Welcome and announcements. (Lori Runksmeier)

2. Rosters, future meeting schedule and monthly updates. (Runksmeier)

3. Review of summary and minutes. (Runksmeier)
   a. Summary of summer 2015 quarterly meetings.
   b. July 28, August 8, August 18, August 31, September 24 and October 1, 2015, Administrative Committee Reports.

4. Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform. [Supplement Nos. 1a and 1b]

5. Committee/subcommittee reports.
   a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council committees or subcommittees.
      (1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 2] (Brit Katz)
      (2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee. (Runksmeier)
         (a) 2014-15 final budget. [Supplement No. 3a]
         (b) 2015-16 budget-to-actual. [Supplement No. 3b]
         (c) Future projections. [Supplement No. 3c]
      (3) Joint Legislative Steering Committee. [Supplement No. 4] (Runksmeier)
   b. Management Council subcommittees.
      (1) Academic Issues Subcommittee. [Supplement No. 5] (Dennis Leighton)
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(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. [Supplement No. 6] (Nnenna Akotaobi)

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. [Supplement Nos. 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d (will be distributed at the meeting)] (Chris Ragsdale)

c. Division III committees.

(1) Championships Committee. [Supplement Nos. 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d and 8e] (Gerald Young)

(2) Committee on Infractions. (Young)

(3) Financial Aid Committee. (Terry Wansart)

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

(5) Interpretations and Legislation Committee. [Supplement Nos. 9a and 9b (will be distributed at the meeting)] (Shantey Hill)

• Fantasy Games. (Oliver Luck)

(6) Membership Committee. [Supplement Nos. 10a and 10b] (Ragsdale)

(a) Appeal from Iowa Wesleyan College. [Supplement No. 10c]

(b) Appeal from Rochester Institute of Technology. [Supplement No. 10d]

(7) Nominating Committee. [Supplement No. 11] (Terry Small)

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. [Supplement Nos. 12a and 12b] (Jaime Salcedo/Taryn Stromback)

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. (Frank Millerick)

d. Association-wide committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 13] (Runksmeier)

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. [Supplement No. 14] (Karen Tompson-Wolfe)

(3) Committee on Women’s Athletics. [Supplement No. 15] (Julie Soriero)
(4) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 16] (Akotaobi)

(5) Joint Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee and Committee on Women’s Athletics. [Supplement No. 17] (Akotaobi/Soriero)

(6) Honors Committee. (Millerick)

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. [Supplement No. 37] (Soriero)

(8) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [Supplement Nos. 18a and 18b] (Dan Calandro)

(9) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 19] (Gail Cummings-Danson)

(10) Research Committee. (Chris Kimball)

(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. (Dennis Leighton)


a. Convention registration, logistics and schedules. [Supplement Nos. 20a and 20b] (Louise McCleary)

b. Review of 2016 NCAA Convention legislation, speaker assignments and recommended positions. [Supplement No. 21] (Jeff Myers/Sarah Otey)

c. NCAA Convention – proposal groupings. [See Addendum A to Supplement No. 9a] (Myers/Otey)

d. Review administrative regulations approved by Management Council. [Supplement No. 22]

e. Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council. [Supplement No. 23]

f. Review of modifications of wording approved by the Management Council. [Supplement No. 24]
7. Division III Initiatives and updates.
   b. Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group. [Supplement Nos. 26a and 26b] (Tompson-Wolfe)
   c. Athletics Direct Report Institute. [Supplement Nos. 27a and 27b] (Katz)
   d. 360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative. [Supplement No. 28] (Eric Hartung)
   e. Division III Identity Initiative. [Supplement No. 29] (Kate Broshears)
   f. Technology Users Group. [Supplement No. 30] (McCleary)
   g. Committee Member Training Videos. (McCleary)
   h. Graduation Rates report. [Supplement No. 31] (Hartung)
   i. Governance Scorecards. [Supplement No. 32] (Dutcher)
   j. Feedback from Conference meetings. [Supplement No. 33 to be posted at a later date] (McCleary)

8. Association-wide updates and issues.
   a. Board of Governors update. [Supplement Nos. 34a and 34b] (Mark Emmert/Donald Remy/Terri Jackson)
   b. Litigation update. (Scott Bearby/Naima Stevenson)
   c. Governmental Relations report. [Supplement No. 35] (Information)

9. 2016 Committee/Subcommittee assignments. [Supplement No. 36] (McCleary)

10. Other business and open forum. (all)

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HOT TOPICS

Sport Sponsorship and Demographic Form
The Sport Sponsorship and Demographic Form is due August 15, and completing the form is a membership requirement. If you have additional questions please contact Maria DeJulio, 913/397-7668.

Updating Your Contact Information
Is your institution’s contact information up to date? For all personnel changes, go to the NCAA website and hover over the “Division III” link on the top right of the page. Select “NCAA On-line Directory”, click on the active membership link and then go to your institution’s page. In the upper right corner of the page is the submit change link.

Special Olympics Partnership
Coming out of its July in-person meeting, the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is re-focusing its efforts on promoting Division III’s partnership with Special Olympics. Two specific efforts include updating the Special Olympics web page and making it easier for users to report campus and conference activities. The second effort is the creation of a quarterly reporting chart that lists Special Olympics activities by conference. Our partnership with Special Olympics remains a key Division III initiative; so please continue the great work and remember to report your activity.

NCAA Championships Digital Library with New Championships Iconography
You can access all NCAA logos and style guides, including the new championships student-athlete iconography at www.ncaalogos.com. You will need to register as a new user. Please note your code will be “membership”. After you register as a new user, a notification will be sent to your email address granting you access to the site, which will allow users to search for style guides and logos by several categories including gender, division, sport and year. Please contact Durenka Robie with questions.

Financial Aid Reporting Program
The deadline for the 2015 Division III Financial Aid Reporting Program is Monday, September 14. Please contact Eric Hartung with any questions.
2015 Woman of the Year

A record 147 NCAA female student-athletes have been named 2015 Woman of the Year honorees by conferences and independent schools. These honorees, selected from a record 480 school nominees, represent college student-athletes from 18 different sports spanning all three NCAA divisions. Of those recognized, 57 honorees competed in Division I, 39 in Division II and 51 in Division III. The Woman of the Year selection committee will next select the top 10 honorees in each division. These top 30 honorees will be announced in early September. The selection committee will then choose and announce the nine finalists (three from each division) at the end of September. The NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics will cast votes among the nine finalists to determine the 2015 Woman of the Year. The top 30 will be honored and the 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year will be named at the annual ceremony in Indianapolis on October 18.

Purchasing Website

Division III again will offer a $500 credit during 2015-16 for the purchase of materials like co-branded banners, backdrops, unique signage, T-shirts, Special Olympics signage and other products, for use by member institutions and conferences to promote their membership in Division III. The site will offer new items beginning in September. Meanwhile, schools and conferences that have until August 29 to use their 2014-15 credit. Access the site by entering the email address of your institution’s director of athletics (or for conferences, the commissioner's email address) as the username, and then enter the password you created the first time you logged into the site (those logging in for the first time can create any password). Assistance with logging in to the site, updating records to reflect a new director of athletics’ email address, delegating log-in access to another staff member, resetting passwords and placing orders is available from Nicole Eisenlohr at Source One Digital.

DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) is the recipient of the July Division III Diversity Spotlight Initiative for its Mentoring Program for Aspiring Administrators. The MIAC’s mentoring program for female administrators and coaches began in 2014 with a mentor-mentee based interaction focused on facilitating conversations between seasoned athletics administrators and their less experienced colleagues with the intent to foster a supportive space for their career in athletics administration. Throughout the academic year, each pairing (e.g. mentor and mentee) connected in-person or over the phone to discuss predetermined topics such as effective communication strategies, fundraising, and challenges female athletic administrators face. Participants have raved about the program. Click here for the full story.

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July winner
After 797 total votes, SUNY Canton – the story of Trudy Davis won the July Special Olympics Spotlight poll with 64% (510) of the votes! Albion basketball works with Special Olympians came in second with 24% of the votes. SUNY Canton will receive $500 to use for its next Special Olympics event!

August Nominees
- Mount Mary University’s Unified Red Carpet Ball
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- University of Northwestern Men’s Basketball Player Creates Lifelong Friendship

Click here to vote starting Monday, August 3. The winner will be selected August 25, 2015.

ACADEMIC & MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS UPDATES

Rule of the Month
Contact Restrictions at Practice or Competition Sites (Bylaw 13.1.4.2).

An institution may have recruiting contact with a prospective student-athlete on any day of competition after the prospective student-athlete has completed competition for the day and been released by the appropriate authorities. Contact on the day of competition prior to or in between contests is not permitted.

Scenario: Coach Jones, the volleyball coach from Discover-Develop-Dedicate University (DDDU) plans to attend a three-day AAU volleyball tournament this weekend to evaluate and contact Kayla, a high school senior.

Question No. 1: When may Coach Jones contact Kayla during the tournament?
Answer: Coach Jones may contact Kayla at the conclusion of any day of the AAU volleyball tournament, as long as Kayla has completed competition and been released by her AAU coach.

Question No. 2: If Kayla has an end-of-day meeting, would contact have to occur after the meeting?
Answer: The rule is specific to competition. Therefore, as long as Kayla has been released and all competition is completed, Coach Jones could contact Kayla, even if there is an end-of-day meeting.

Question No. 3: May Coach Jones have on-campus contact with Kayla on the same day that Kayla competes? 
Answer: Coach Jones may only have on-campus contact with Kayla after she has completed competition for the day, and has been released by her AAU volleyball coach.

Question No. 4: If Kayla makes an unannounced visit to DDDU to introduce herself to Coach Jones a few hours before her first volleyball match, is it permissible for Coach Jones to meet with Kayla? 
Answer: If it is an unannounced visit – meaning the coach and Kayla did not have a previous conversation about her being on campus, and the coach did not otherwise know she would be on campus - then it would be permissible for Coach Jones to have contact with Kayla (per Official Interpretation published March 25, 2010). In every other situation, the contact on the day of competition before her volleyball match would not be allowed.
Note: There will likely be proposed legislation to be voted on at the 2016 national convention that would permit an institutional athletics staff member to have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided the contact occurs on the institution's campus, and the institution's campus is not the competition site.

Division III Management Council Approves Blanket Waiver of Bylaw 16.02.3
The NCAA Division III Management Council approved a pilot program for team sports during the 2015-16 academic year that would allow institutions to sell unused seats on NCAA charter flights to/from NCAA championships for a fixed cost of $350 per one way ticket (note: although institutions are permitted to determine who has the opportunity to purchase unused seats, institutions are not permitted to pay any travel costs that would not otherwise be permitted under existing Division III legislation). The intent of this pilot program is to allow institutions discretion in determining who would be granted the opportunity to purchase these unused seats. As such, Management Council granted this blanket waiver of the extra benefits legislation in order to ensure that institutions maintain appropriate discretion in selling the unused seats on championships charter flights. This waiver remains effective only for the duration of the pilot program.

Getting In the Game
It's time to get back in the game. The 2015-16 Division III: Getting in the Game educational tool will be released August 1. Getting in the Game is a video experience designed to provide institutions with general compliance education for athletics administrators. Many Division III administrators have found the site helpful as they guide student-athletes through the process of completing annual NCAA compliance forms. The site also provides links to the Division III homepage and other helpful resources. While the main Getting in the Game page will have downloadable video packages, individual videos from each section are now viewable on YouTube.

2015-16 NCAA Division III Rules Test
The 2015-16 NCAA Division III Rules Test will be activated August 1, 2015, and simultaneously, the 2014-15 test will no longer be available. The 2015-16 test should be administered online and may be accessed on August 1 by clicking on the following link: 2015-16 NCAA Division III Rules Test. Administering the test online allows users and the NCAA national office the ability to view incorrect answers and use these results to gauge membership educational needs. The 2015-16 NCAA Division III Rules Test PowerPoint also will be available on August 1 and may be accessed using the same link as the rules test. The PowerPoint may be used as a resource to supplement educational needs. As a reminder, all head coaches and athletics administrators with compliance responsibilities must take the rules test annually. Institutions must file a secondary violation for failure to adhere to this annual requirement. Questions relating to the rules test should be directed to Susan Roseman.

Division III Compliance Forms
The 2015 Division III compliance forms can be found here. The forms are available in both regular PDF format and a fillable PDF format that enables users to type into the form. Institutions should make sure to save the document to a folder or to your desktop before completing the form, or the work will not be saved.

NCAA Division III Manuals
Institutions will be receiving the 2015-16 NCAA Division III Manuals shortly after August 1. A full version of the Manual can still be obtained online via the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) and a PDF may be downloaded at http://www.ncaapublications.com/ on August 15, 2015.

NCAA Convention Division III IPOPL
The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (IPOPL) will be available through the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org) August 15, 2015. The IPOPL presents all proposed amendments to NCAA legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the July 15 deadline in the NCAA legislative calendar. The IPOPL may contain proposals that are sponsored by only one member conference or 10 member institutions. If a proposal is not properly co-sponsored by September 1, 2015, the proposal will be automatically withdrawn. Sponsors of the proposals are permitted to refine and change amendments in any manner germane to the proposal as presented until September 15. Such changes may either increase or decrease the modification set forth in the original proposal. Click here for additional information. No new proposals may be submitted by the Division III membership for the 2016 Convention after the July 15 deadline has passed. Member institutions and conferences that wish to offer and suggest revisions to an amendment are encouraged to contact the designated primary contact person as listed with each proposal. Such contacts should be made as early as possible and prior to the September 15 deadline to ensure time for appropriate consideration by the sponsors.

The IPOPL is not mailed to Division III institutions. The online version of the IPOPL continues to contain all the information of the former hard-copy version and can be printed from your computer in the traditional format. The IPOPL is produced directly from LSDBi each time it is downloaded. Therefore, the content of the publication may change each time it is accessed from the NCAA webpage. As modifications or corrections are made to proposals during the sponsor modification period, updates will be made to LSDBi and those changes will be reflected in this document.

The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) will only be made available online to the membership September 23.

The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice, which will include final versions of proposed legislation, will continue to be made available to Convention attendees in both printed and online formats. The Official Notice will be made available November 15.

Please contact Sarah Otey if you have any questions regarding the online versions of either the IPOPL or SPOPL.

Brand New ISSG

Big changes are coming to the ISSG this fall. After conducting a year-long review, the Division III Membership Committee has created an all-new Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) that will debut September 1, 2015. In addition to new questions with a sharper focus, updates will also include additional opportunities to upload documents.

The self-study is designed to provide institutions a periodic assessment of their application of the Division III philosophy, and to identify successes and challenges in the operations of the department of athletics based on the institution's needs. This instrument is also a tool to review past initiatives that the institution has carried out in order to make informed choices in future decisions. Institutions may preview the questions once they are logged into the ISSG system.

The ISSG system itself will not change and will continue to be accessed via the Single-Source Sign-On My Application link on NCAA.org. Signatures will still be required from the institution’s President or Athletics Direct Report (ADR), Director of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrator, and Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR).

SAR Update

As we approach the start of the 2015-16 academic year, the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff is reminding institutions to submit all reinstatement and waiver requests through the RSRO system as soon as possible. If the request is urgent (pending competition within the next 10 calendar days), the institution should request expedited review in RSRO. Reinstatement requests will be prioritized based on the next date of competition, the order in which the case was received and the timing of when the violation was discovered. After necessary information is received and a case is complete, the reinstatement staff generally requires 48 hours to complete a
thorough review of the information presented before rendering a decision. Thus, if a case file is not complete until less than 48 hours prior to competition, the reinstatement staff may not be able to render a decision prior to the competition. All requests should be submitted to the staff in a timely fashion once the violation is discovered to ensure a complete review can be conducted prior to the student-athlete's next competition.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program
The NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program annually provides on-the-job learning experiences at the national office in Indianapolis to college graduates who are passionate in their pursuit of a career in college sports administration. The 2016-17 internship application deadline is Friday, September 25, 2015. To apply or access more information about the program and eligibility, go to www.NCAA.org/internship. This year-long program gives insight to the inner workings of college sports from the national perspective. Interns over the past 25 years have taken their experience and institutional knowledge onto campuses and into the conference offices as full-time administrators. NCAA postgraduate interns are salaried with benefits and they receive comprehensive training, mentor assignments and networking opportunities throughout the internship. Additionally, postgraduate interns plan and execute professional development site visits to conference offices, member campuses and affiliate organizations to further their knowledge of the industry and network with today’s leaders. Six former Division III student-athletes were selected for the NCAA internship program in the past two classes. The start date for the 2016-17 NCAA intern class will be June 13, 2016. Please email internship@ncaa.org with any questions.

NACWAA Division III Advancement Forum
Offered at the beginning of the NACWAA National Convention and sponsored by the NCAA Division III governance staff, this half-day workshop is specifically designed for women who are interested in becoming Division III athletics directors. This year’s forum will occur Sunday, October 11, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Tampa, Florida. Topics discussed include preparing your resume and cover letter for the AD search as well as positioning yourself to become an athletics director and better engagement with the conference office. This year will again feature a "town hall" session with the presenters so participants can ask an array of questions. Space is limited to the first 30 qualified Division III NACWAA convention registrants who have not previously attended the NCAA Division III Advancement Forum. On the NACWAA registration site select Division III Advancement Forum to secure a spot. Attendees will also receive a registration fee waiver from the NCAA to attend the 2016 NCAA Convention. Attendees MUST register for the NACWAA National Convention in order to attend the Division III Advancement Forum.

Champions of Diversity
The Minority Opportunities Interest Committee (MOIC) is introducing a new initiative, the Champions of Diversity, to spotlight individuals who are working to support the interests of ethnic minorities and other underrepresented populations. Click here to read more about the initiative.

Award for Diversity and Inclusion
Nominations for the 2016 Award for Diversity and Inclusion are now available, and the nomination deadline is September 18. The award represents a partnership formed by the NCAA and the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA) to recognize and celebrate the initiatives, policies and practices of institutions, athletics departments, and/or conference offices that embrace diversity and inclusion across the intercollegiate athletics community. This can be through community service, professional development, hiring practices and/or programming activities that enhance opportunities for people of diverse cultures, backgrounds and experiences. The winner will be recognized at the 2016 NCAA Convention and participate at the MOAA Symposium to be held in conjunction with the NACDA Convention in June 2016. Please contact Julie Work at 440/788-7468, or Chris Ruckdaschel at 317/917-6975.
COMMITTEE UPDATES

Several committees conducted in-person meetings in July.

- **National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**, July 17-19
- **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee**, July 19
- **Management Council**, July 19-21

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This update is a tool to enhance communication between the NCAA national office and the Division III membership, with distribution to athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, presidents, national SAAC, conference commissioners and the NADIIAA list serve. We encourage athletic directors to share this communication with their athletics department members. Please contact Louise McCleary at lmccleary@ncaa.org to include an item or share comments, and remember to check out the Division III governance homepage for the latest news and information.

HOT TOPICS

2015-16 Purchasing Website

Directors of athletics and conference commissioners (as well as athletics administrators who have been designated as institutional representatives) soon will receive from Source One Digital an email invitation to use a new $500 credit for the Division III purchasing website during 2015-16. The email will be sent in early September, after the site is stocked with several new items chosen from a spring 2015 membership-wide survey. New items include more game day giveaways, apparel and signage. The link for the purchasing website is http://ncaadiii.sourceoneordering.com, (no "www" or "http" needed), and it will open and be available Tuesday, September 8. Access the site by entering the email address of your institution's director of athletics (or for conferences, the commissioner's email address) as the username, and then enter the password you created the first time you logged into the site (those logging in for the first time can create any password). Assistance with logging in to the site, updating records to reflect a new director of athletics' email address, delegating log-in access to another staff member, resetting passwords and placing orders is available from Nicole Eisenlohr at Source One Digital.

Strategic Plan

Each year the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) updates and approves the Division III strategic plan. The strategic plan serves many purposes. It begins with the Division III Philosophy Statement to establish the framework from which the division’s programs, resource allocations, and regulatory decisions are made. It highlights the Division III Strategic Positioning Platform to clarify the practical impact of the Division III philosophy. It also summarizes the division’s strategic priorities by outlining what must be accomplished in the current year of the budget triennium for the division to be successful.

The plan also highlights all of the programs and services offered for the division. This list of offerings is arranged in a way that demonstrates the connection of each Division III program to the NCAA Strategic Plan, and explains when a program or initiative is funded from Division III dollars or a different Association budget. To bring further transparency to the division’s operations, the plan justifies every line of the Division III budget against the philosophy statement or NCAA Constitution. Finally, the plan includes a note on its history, which tracks the evolution of the division’s entire strategic initiatives program.

The strategic plan is a living and breathing document that the committee reviews and
updates prior to the start of each new budget cycle. Please click here to access the 2015-17 strategic plan.

**Playing and Practice Seasons Survey**

On August 31 the playing and practice seasons survey was sent directly to commissioners, campus and athletics administrators, as well as to national coaches associations with a request for them to forward it to their members. Please forward the survey to relevant colleagues (e.g. Athletic Trainers, Sports Information Directors) to ensure they've received it, and to your student-athletes who we encourage to participate in the survey. The survey provides a platform to compile institutional perspectives on current playing and practice seasons legislation and potential concepts for future consideration. We estimate it will take 15 minutes to complete. The survey response deadline is **Monday, September 21**. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Hartung.

**New Student-Athlete Video -- "Your Voice Matters"**

The Division III national SAAC recently produced a video to highlight the power of the student-athlete voice; how the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee works within the Division III governance structure; and the value that conference and campus-based SAACs can have within Division III. Please share the video with your student-athletes during your campus compliance meetings.

**2015-16 Championship Managers**

Click here to view the most current list of Division III specific sport managers.

**Concussion Safety Protocols**

In January 2015, the five Division I conferences with autonomy around student-athlete well-being matters passed Concussion Safety Protocol Legislation that builds upon previous NCAA concussion legislation. Importantly, the legislation states that those schools must have in place concussion safety protocols that are consistent with the Inter-Association Consensus: Diagnosis and Management of Sport-Related Concussion Guidelines, which was released in July 2014.

A checklist was created to help the 65 schools in the autonomy conferences navigate the essential elements of a concussion safety protocol, ensuring consistency with the inter-association guidelines. Although Division III schools are not directly impacted by this legislation, it is important to note that the inter-association guidelines have been endorsed by 11 prominent medical organizations, and therefore NCAA member schools in all divisions should consider the guidelines as “best practices” when considering their concussion protocols. With this in mind, the Sport Science Institute has developed a concussion webpage that provides the Checklist and examples of protocols. This information can help guide Division III schools in the development of their own concussion safety protocols, thereby helping to assure greater consistency with concussion best practices.

**Recruiting Guide for High School Counselors**

A brand new Guide for High School Counselors is available for download. This Guide has been designed to help high school administrators understand the NCAA initial-eligibility process in all three divisions and to prepare them to help college-bound student-athletes to transition from high school to becoming an NCAA student-athlete.

**2016 March Madness**

Share The Experience™ of NCAA® March Madness® with your family and friends! NCAA membership has the opportunity to purchase 2016 Division I Men’s Basketball Championship preliminary round tickets before tickets go on sale to the general public October 17 at 10 a.m. local venue time. In order to receive this presale ticket purchase opportunity via email, you must sign up by October 9, 2015. The presale offer begins October 13 at noon Eastern time and ends October 15 at 11:59 p.m. local venue time. For more information about the 2016 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship dates and sites, please visit NCAA.com/MBBTickets.
ATHLETICS DIRECT REPORT (ADR) UPDATES

Athletics Direct Report Institute
Division III is pleased to offer the inaugural Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the 2016 NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of the Institute is to engage Division III ADRs in best practices to oversee and manage athletics departments and to improve the relationships between ADRs and their presidents, athletics directors and conference commissioners. Program content will focus on enhancing effectiveness of the ADR at the campus, conference and national levels. Institute session topics will include athletics budgeting; managing athletics personnel; student-athlete well-being; relationship building; conference office engagement; NCAA governance and philosophy; and NCAA committee service and resources.

The ADR Institute will accept up to 43 participants each year and nominations are accepted from conference commissioners, institutional presidents or chancellors, athletics directors, and athletics direct reports (self-nominations). Nominations are now open and the deadline for the one guaranteed spot per multi-sport conference is September 15. A second deadline of October 15 will consider all individuals not selected by the conference commissioner for the guaranteed conference spot.

Additional information and the nomination form are available here.

360 PROOF UPDATES
As we begin 2015-16, there are 186 Division III and NASPA Small Colleges and Universities Division institutions enrolled in 360 Proof. Click here to view a list of Division III institutions, sorted by conference, that have registered for 360 Proof. Additionally, if you are interested in seeing actual program materials, there is now a portal tour video available on 360proof.org. Please direct any questions to Leah Kareti, 360 Proof Program Director.

Coaches Modules
Did you know you can access the 360 Proof coaches modules without registering for 360 Proof? These modules serve to inform coaching staffs about the impact of alcohol use on athletic and academic performance, and provide coaches with tips on how to communicate with student-athletes about alcohol.

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE (FAR) UPDATES
Registration for the 2015 FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium (FAMS), November 5-7, in Denver is now open. Please visit the FARA website for additional details. The September issue of the FARA Voice will include a preview of the meeting which include keynote speeches by NCAA President Mark Emmert and NASA astronaut (and former NCAA student-athlete) Major Nicole Mann. FAMS also features over eight hours of division-specific programming to allow you to engage with your colleagues and NCAA staff. Questions regarding the meeting can be directed to Michael Miranda at mmiranda@ncaa.org.

DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE
The Southern Athletic Association (SAA) is the recipient of the August Division III Diversity Spotlight Initiative. In late May, the SAA hosted 21 minority and female student-athletes in a career summit titled Career Challenge. The day-long program exposed the participants to careers in the field of college athletics and addressed their interests. The five-part agenda included discussions on mentoring, networking, interview and resume strategies and also a dialogue about the current landscape of intercollegiate and professional athletic careers. Click here for the full story.

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ACADEMIC & MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS UPDATES

Fall Educational Video
The Fall Coaches Update educational video can be viewed here. This fall, the video focuses on recruiting publicity.

Rule of the Month -- Certifying Eligibility
Click here to find the answers to key questions to ask when certifying eligibility for student-athletes. You will find answers to the following questions: 1) what forms are necessary to certify eligibility; 2) what academic requirements are necessary to be eligible for intercollegiate competition; and 3) has the student-athlete affected his/her amateur status? (Note: This is not an exhaustive list on certifying eligibility, but rather a guide and some question; ns to consider during the eligibility process).
Recently Released Interpretations -- Football Protective Equipment --
Padded Undergarments (III)

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The NCAA academic and membership affairs staff confirmed that in football, any items
with padding (e.g., padded undergarments) are considered protective equipment and
may only be worn for activities during which the use of protective equipment is
permitted. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.9.2.2 (five-day acclimatization
period), 17.9.2.3 (preseason activities after five-day acclimatization period) and 17.9.6
(out-of-season athletically related activities)]

Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Guide

The Membership Committee liaisons created a new guide for Division III schools to
use if they feel that they may need to file a sports-sponsorship waiver. The new guide
will assist in preparing and properly filing a waiver for review by the Membership
Committee.

2016 Convention -- Division III Proposed Legislation

The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation
(IPOPL) is now available to the membership. The initial publication includes proposals
that are sponsored by the Division III membership.

The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation
(SPOPL) which will contain proposals sponsored by the Division III governance
structure in addition to the membership-sponsored proposals, will be made available
online to the membership September 23.

The 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice, which will include final versions
of proposed legislation, will continue to be made available to Convention attendees in
both printed and online formats. The Official Notice will be made available November
15. Please contact the academic and membership affairs staff at the NCAA national
office (317/917-6222) if you have any questions.

Amendment-to-Amendment Procedures

For consideration at the 2016 NCAA Convention, amendments-to-amendments must
be received in the NCAA national office (via submission on LSDBi) not later than 5
p.m. Eastern time November 1. In addition, the following procedures should be
observed:

1. Amendments to proposals contained in the 2016 NCAA Convention Division III
   Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) may be submitted by
   active members in accordance with the division-specific provisions of NCAA
   Constitution 5.3.4.

2. Institutional Submissions: Any 20 or more Division III institutions may submit
   amendments-to-amendments, provided all sponsoring institutions are active
   members. An amendment-to-amendment must be submitted in the name of
   the institution by the chancellor or president or the chancellor or president's
   designated representative. [Note: The chancellor or president must provide
   written notification (prior to the November 1 deadline) to the NCAA national
   office of any individual designated to assert sponsorship of a legislative
   proposal on behalf of the institution.]

3. Conference Submissions: The chancellor or president of two or more member
   conferences with voting privileges may submit amendments-to-amendments
   on behalf of their active conference members. Conference-submitted
   amendments-to-amendments must be signed by the chair of the conference's
   presidential administrative group or at least two chancellors or presidents of
   the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential
   administrative group.

4. An amendment-to-amendment may not increase the modification of the
   original proposal.

Brand New ISSG
Big changes are coming to the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) this fall. After conducting a year-long review, the Division III Membership Committee has created an all-new ISSG that will debut October 1, 2015. In addition to new questions with a sharper focus, updates will also include additional opportunities to upload documents.

The self-study is designed to provide institutions a periodic assessment of their application of the Division III philosophy, and to identify successes and challenges in the operations of the department of athletics based on the institution's needs. This instrument is also a tool to review past initiatives that the institution has carried out in order to make informed choices in future decisions. Institutions may preview the questions once they are logged into the ISSG system.

The ISSG system itself will not change and will continue to be accessed via the Single-Source Sign-On My Application link on NCAA.org. Signatures will be required from the institution's president or ADR, director of athletics, senior woman administrator, and FAR.

*Please note that the ISSG will open October 1 due to maintenance updates to the NCAA Membership Database.

Student-Athlete Reinstatement Update

The student-athlete reinstatement staff reminds institutions that all student-athletes are required to sign a case-specific Buckley statement for each reinstatement or waiver request submitted on their behalf. The case-specific Buckley statement is generated in the “Signatures” tab for each reinstatement or waiver request in the Requests and Self-Reports Online (RSRO) system and includes the student-athlete’s name, case type and case number. It is distinct and separate from the standard Buckley statement student-athletes sign prior to athletics participation at the beginning of each academic year.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Apple Conference

Registration for the NCAA funded 2016 APPLE Conferences is now open! The APPLE Conferences, developed and coordinated by the Gordie Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the University of Virginia, are the leading national training symposiums dedicated to substance abuse prevention and health promotion for student-athletes and athletics department administrators. The goal of the APPLE conference is to assist colleges in promoting student-athlete health and wellness by empowering teams of student-athletes and administrators to create an institution-specific action plan. Click here for more information.

NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program

The NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program annually provides on-the-job learning experiences at the national office in Indianapolis to college graduates who are passionate in their pursuit of a career in college sports administration. The 2016-17 internship application deadline is Friday, September 25. To apply or for more information about the program and eligibility, click here. This year-long program gives insight to the inner workings of college sports from the national perspective. Interns over the past 25 years have taken their experience and institutional knowledge onto campuses and into the conference offices as full-time administrators (VIDEO). Six former Division III student-athletes were selected for the NCAA internship program in the past two classes. Start date for the 2016-17 NCAA intern class will be June 13, 2016.

Pathway Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Pathway Program, designed to elevate those currently in senior-level positions within athletics administration into the Directors of Athletics role. Selected participants represent each of the three NCAA Divisions, including four representatives from Division III. Formerly the Fellows
Program, the Pathway Program has more than 100 alumni who have completed the program since its inception in 1997. Nearly 25 percent of participants have gone on to become Directors of Athletics, and more than 60 percent have received promotions since completing the Pathway Program. For more details visit the program page, or to apply, visit NCAA Program Hub. The deadline is Thursday, October 1; the first meeting of the year-long program will be January 11-13, 2016, at NCAA Convention in San Antonio.

**Emerging Leaders Seminar**

The Emerging Leaders Seminar (ELS) is a professional development and networking opportunity for interns and graduate assistants currently employed at NCAA member athletics departments, conference offices and affiliate organizations – applications for the 2016 program are now being accepted. During the three-day program, participants learn the valuable skill sets necessary for evaluating careers within intercollegiate athletics (VIDEO). The program will take place in Indianapolis January 27-29, 2016. Please share this exciting opportunity with talented graduate assistants and interns in your athletics departments. For more details visit the program page, or to apply visit the NCAA Program Hub. The application will be available starting Thursday, September 4, and the deadline to submit an application is Thursday, October 8.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Two committees conducted in-person meetings in August.

- Presidents Advisory Group (PAG), August 5
- Presidents Council, August 6

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This update is a tool to enhance communication between the NCAA national office and the Division III membership, with distribution to athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, presidents, national SAAC, conference commissioners and the NADIIAA list serve. We encourage athletic directors to share this communication with their athletics department members. Please contact Louise McCleary at lmccleary@ncaa.org to include an item or share comments, and remember to check out the Division III governance homepage for the latest news and information.

HOT TOPICS

Facts and Figures
Click here to access the latest Division III statistics and facts, including the 2015-16 budget.

Annual Report
Division III recently released its 2014-15 Annual Report. This report highlights the major events, award recipients, team champions, and other notable achievements from the past academic year. A copy of the report can be found here.

New Assistant Director for Division III Governance Communications
The governance staff is pleased to announce the addition of Kate Broshears as the Assistant Director of Division III Governance Communications. Kate will oversee daily Division III communications, focusing on our social media platforms, NCAA.org webpages, and communications kits. She will also assist with CoSIDA initiatives, and lead the planning efforts for Division III Day at the 2016 CoSIDA national convention. As the primary liaison for the division's identity initiative, she will promote our identity with key internal and external constituencies, including our Special Olympics partnership. As a former Division III student-athlete and Division III Governance intern, we are excited to have Kate join our governance team.

Division III Brand Enhancement
The governance staff requests that each school and conference place the Division III specific NCAA logo (vertical or horizontal) on its athletics website and link it to the Division III homepage by October 15. We believe if all 450 members make this logo and hyperlink change, it will enhance the brand of Division III. Both PrestoSports and Side Arm have the logos and will make the change if a client member school requests it. If you or any conference members have questions, please contact Kate Broshears.

Telling the Division III Story
The recently redesigned NCAA.org provides Division III with additional opportunities to use its home page to share more stories portraying our unique student-athlete experience. The site regularly is updated to include links in a new “Around Division III” area featuring online stories produced by the membership and by media outlets that tell the Division III story. The page also highlights Division III feature stories from such sources as Champion magazine, and videos produced by the NCAA and by member...
schools and conferences. Please let us know via our d3identity@ncaa.org email address about stories that portray the Division III identity and the attributes of proportion, comprehensive learning, passion, responsibility, sportsmanship and citizenship as practiced at our member schools.

Purchasing Website

The 2015-16 purchasing website is now open, and the site is stocked with several new items. Institutions and conference offices received a $500 credit to purchase signage, apparel, game day items and Special Olympics promotional materials. The link for the purchasing website is http://ncaadiii.sourceoneordering.com, (no "www" or "http" needed). Access the site by entering the email address of your institution's director of athletics (or for conferences, the commissioner's email address) as the username, and the password you created. Those logging in for the first time can create any password. If assistance is needed, contact Nicole Eisenlohr at Source One Digital.

Convention Registration

Registration for the 2016 NCAA Convention is now open! NCAA members should register by Tuesday, October 13 to get the lowest registration rate. To register or for any questions regarding the NCAA Convention, click here. Convention attendees may choose to attend the pre-conference workshops offered Wednesday, January 13. All attendees should plan to arrive Wednesday evening, as formal Convention programming begins Thursday, January 14.

Division III Student Attendees at 2016 NCAA Convention

Do you have a student from your institution that is planning to attend the 2016 NCAA Convention? This memo will be helpful in determining what Convention programming they should attend. Please note that the student registration fee is $25 and students (except those on the national SAAC) must register for Convention and lodging in the same manner as all other delegates.

Division III SAAC

Do you know who your national SAAC representative is? Click here to see the 2015-16 Division III national SAAC roster and here to see the pairings of conference and partner conferences for the committee.

The Voice of Former NCAA Student-Athletes

The NCAA research staff conducts national research on a wide variety of topics from audiences that include former student-athletes. Your voice is important and the NCAA is asking for your input. For example, former college players have shared their perspectives on workforce preparation and health and wellness. To register and provide input for these research initiatives, click here.

Division III Committees

The Division III Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for September 2016 vacancies on Division III sports committees and Division III positions on Association-wide governance committees, National Collegiate sports committees and sports rules committees. Vacancies will be posted online in mid-October and the nomination deadline is December 4, 2015. Contact Sharon Tufano with questions.

Conference Woman of the Year

On Sunday, October 18, the NCAA will select its 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year Honoree. Ten women from each of the three divisions make up the top 30, spanning various NCAA sports. The top 30 honorees reflect the pillars of the Woman of the Year award: outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, community service and leadership. Click here to see each Division III committee’s woman of the year recipient and visit the Woman of the Year homepage to meet the nine finalists.

Brand-New ISSG

The new Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) has arrived. After conducting a year-long review, the Division III Membership Committee created an all-new ISSG. In
addition to new questions with a sharper focus, updates to the self-study include additional opportunities to upload documents. Click here to see which institutions are required to complete the ISSG for the 2015-16 year. These institutions and their conference offices will also be sent a specific notification via e-mail. Click here to preview the ISSG questions and access important documents to assist you as you complete the self-study. Institutions may preview the questions once they are logged into the ISSG system.

NCAA Constitution 6.3.1 requires all NCAA Division III institutions to conduct a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of their athletics programs at least once every five years. The self-study is designed to provide institutions a periodic assessment of their application of the Division III philosophy, and to identify successes and challenges in the operations of the department of athletics based on the institution's needs. This instrument is also a tool to review past initiatives that the institution has carried out in order to make informed choices in future decisions.

The ISSG is due not later than June 1, 2016 and will be available on October 1, 2015. The ISSG system will continue to be accessed via the Single-Source Sign-On My Apps link on NCAA.org. Fax, hard copy, or email submissions of the ISSG will not be accepted. Institutions that need technical assistance are asked to send questions via email to Susan Roseman.

FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE (FAR) UPDATES

FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium
The 2015 FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium (FAMS) will be held November 5-7 in Denver. Your colleagues in FARA have designed a professional development opportunity that can help to ensure you are equipped to address any issues that may arise on campus. A majority of the programming is division-specific, so you'll be able to work with your peers and network with colleagues at similar institutions. The NCAA makes grant funds available through your athletic conference to support professional development opportunities. We hope you'll consider joining us at the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium. Additional information and registration materials can be found on the FARA website at www.faraweb.org. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact Michael Miranda, NCAA FARA liaison or any of the FARA Executive Committee members. We hope to see you in November.

FARA Elections Underway
The Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) Executive Committee elections are now underway. The slate of candidates has been established and brief introductions to the candidates are available here. The results of the election will be announced during the Business Session at the FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium in November. For additional information and to vote, click here. All FARs at active Division III institutions are eligible to vote. In 2014, the FARA Constitution was amended to provide additional representation on the FARA Executive Committee for Division III. Four candidates (Jeb Gorham, Southern Vermont College; Jo Hopp, Wisconsin at Stout; Marybeth Lennox, Castleton University; and Brian Roberts, Principia College) are running for the two open representatives positions in Division III. The two candidates earning the greatest number of votes will be elected to the positions.

DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT INITIATIVE

Wittenberg University is the recipient of the September Division III Diversity Spotlight Initiative. In an effort to encourage and continue to grow an inclusive environment across all facets of the university, the athletics department, in conjunction with the University, has created a program entitled Minority Men Striving to Succeed (M2S2).
The M2S2 program, created in the fall of 2014, consists of a group of Wittenberg University minority male students. For nine weeks, members meet weekly in small groups to discuss issues of great importance to them. The program’s success has sparked the emergence of a sister program called Shades of Pearls, an inclusive group for women on campus. Click here for the full story.

The Diversity Spotlight Initiative recognizes and promotes outstanding diversity related projects, programming and initiatives that are occurring on Division III campuses and in conference offices. Each month, the program recognizes an institution or conference in regard to a diversity related event, program or initiative. All recipients receive $500 towards their next diversity initiative. To submit for consideration for the September Diversity Spotlight Initiative, please email Jessica Duff or Jaime Dicks, with a brief statement (no more than 500 words) as to why your institution or conference office deserves to be the spotlight recipient. Attach a photo if applicable. The nomination deadline is October 21.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2014-15 Contributions
Fifty-eight (58) institutions and conference offices reported Division III Special Olympics activities during the 2014-15 year involving approximately 4,600 Division III student-athletes and 9,100 Special Olympic athletes. The division dedicated just over 22,000 volunteer hours and raised a total of $18,650 as a result of these activities. The division also donated an additional $18,200 to Special Olympics, consisting of championship and enforcement fines. The total amount donated to Special Olympics from fiscal year 2014-15 was $36,850.

Spotlight poll
The NCAA Division III Special Olympics Spotlight Poll is a story-telling initiative located on ncaa.org/D3SpecialOlympics. It features two to three new stories per month – each highlighting a Division III and Special Olympics joint activity or event. The story with the highest number of votes on the 25th day of each month is the winner. That institution or conference receives $500 to use for its next Special Olympics event. Both written and digital (video, photo book, etc.) submissions are accepted. Featured stories are selected based on inclusion of the student-athlete perspective and Division III messaging. To submit a story for consideration, please email d3specialolympics@ncaa.org.

September Winner
After 1,099 total votes, Brockport Pairs with Special Olympics won the September Special Olympics Spotlight poll with 52 percent (574) of the votes! Earlham Partners with Wayne County Special Olympics came in second with 34 percent of the votes, and Lyndon State Holds “Spread the Word to End the Word” Activity claimed 13 percent. Brockport will receive $500 to use for its next Special Olympics event!

October Nominees
• Lebanon Valley Men’s Soccer Hosts Clinic for Special Olympians
• Haverford Women's Soccer Welcomes Delaware County Special Olympics

Click here to vote starting Thursday, October 1. The winner will be selected October 25, 2015.

ACADEMIC & MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS UPDATES

Rule of the Month
Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition. As student-athletes return to campus and the fall season gets underway, it is important to review what practice and competition expenses your institution may provide to student-athletes per NCAA Division III Bylaw 16.8 (expenses provided by the institution for
practice and competition). Click here for general rules and sample scenarios. This is not an exhaustive overview, so be sure to review Bylaw 16.8 in detail and if you have any questions, please submit the questions to AMA staff via Requests/Self-Reports Online.

Meet the AMA Division III Team
Have you met a member of the Academic and Membership Affairs Division III Team? You may have interacted with them over the phone, in person, or through RSRO. The AMA Division III team helps draft Division III legislation, answers interpretive questions, processes waivers, and educates the membership through the Regional Rules and Conference Rules Seminars and other educational initiatives. Click here to get to know the national office AMA staff that supports Division III.

2016 Legislation Chart
For a chart detailing the 2016 legislative proposals, including sponsor(s), intent and effective date, click here.

Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL)
Information related to the 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) is now available on the NCAA website.

Legislative Timeline
The legislative timeline for the remainder of the 2015-16 legislative cycle is summarized below.

November 1: Deadline for amendments-to-amendments and all resolutions. All amendments-to-amendments (which do not increase the modification of the original amendment/proposal) and all resolutions must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council is authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if it deems such action necessary, provided it is approved by two-thirds of the Council and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

November 15: The Official Notice will be available for distribution to the entire membership through a hard-copy mailing. The Official Notice includes all membership-sponsored legislation (as modified by a sponsor modification submitted by the September 15 deadline), all Presidents-Council sponsored legislation, all properly submitted amendments-to-amendments and resolutions (submitted by the November 1 deadline) and all position statements issued by Division III Councils.

January 14-16, 2016: NCAA Convention: All delegates receive the NCAA Convention Program when they register at the Convention. The Convention Program contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information. Changes of an editorial nature to the proposed legislation (as it appears in the Official Notice) will be noted for the membership on the Convention floor at the beginning of the Convention business session and will be distributed in a handout.

Legislative Relief Waiver
NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (SLR) Approves Blanket Waiver of NCAA Bylaw 17.27.3 (first date of competition) for Competition in National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division III All-Star Classic. September 24, 2015. SLR approved a blanket waiver to allow Division III wrestling student-athletes to compete in the NWCA Division III All-Star Classic October 31, 2015, which is one day prior to the first permissible date of competition. The blanket waiver was granted for the 2015 fall, but the Division III membership is encouraged to work with the event sponsors to ensure that, in future years, the event will occur after the first permissible date of competition.

New! Guide to Filing a Sports-Sponsorship Waiver
The staff has created a new guide for Division III schools to use if they need to file a sports-sponsorship waiver. Your institution may feel you want to request a waiver if you did not properly sponsor the minimum number of sports required for DIII membership and the reasons were outside of your institution’s control. The new guide will assist in preparing and properly filing a waiver for review by the Membership Committee. The guide can be found here.

**SAR Update**

For student-athlete reinstatement decisions that involve withholding from competition as a condition, the student-athlete must fulfill the reinstatement condition when he or she is otherwise eligible and during one of his or her four seasons of participation. Further, a student-athlete must fulfill a reinstatement condition when he or she is medically cleared to compete by the institution. The withholding must be applied to the next regularly-scheduled contest(s). Scrimmage, exhibition or nontraditional segment contests may not be used to fulfill a reinstatement condition.

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Recent Changes to the Campus and Conference Workshops Program**

Prior to the current academic year, the NCAA Campus and Conference Workshop (CCW) resource consisted of two options for member institutions to utilize:

1. DiSC behavioral style assessments and,
2. Funding to support a topic specific speaker (up to $2,000).

Changes to this resource were considered over the past year based on the rate of utilization of each CCW option and the feasibility to continue providing the resource. Budgetary and staff reductions in the past year significantly impacted the management of CCW. As a result of the review, the decision was made to continue providing DiSC assessments as a resource, yet funds will no longer be offered to assist in bringing speakers to campus.

Use of the DiSC is strongly encouraged on member campuses. Participants gain personalized feedback on their specific leadership style, and student-athletes, coaches and administrators gain valuable understanding of each individual’s unique behavioral style. Applying this knowledge can develop effective team dynamics, leadership, and communication among the group as a whole.

In 2015-16, each Division III school interested in utilizing the DiSC resource will be provided assessments for up to 50 student-athletes, as well as 30 coaches or administrators at no cost. Funding is limited and requests will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about the DiSC resource, visit [www.NCAA.org/leadershipdevelopment](http://www.NCAA.org/leadershipdevelopment) or click here.

**Athletics Direct Report Institute**

Division III is pleased to offer the inaugural Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute Thursday, January 14, at the 2016 NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of the Institute is to engage Division III ADRs in best practices to oversee and manage athletics departments and to improve the relationships between ADRs and their presidents, athletics directors and conference commissioners. Program content will focus on enhancing effectiveness of the ADR at the campus, conference and national levels. Institute session topics will include athletics budgeting; managing athletics personnel; student-athlete well-being; relationship building; conference office engagement; NCAA governance and philosophy; and NCAA committee service and resources.

The final deadline for nominations is October 15, and the 2016 ADR Institute class will be announced on Monday, October 19. Please note that the process for conference commissioners to name their guaranteed conference selection concluded on September 21, and 5-7 additional spots will be awarded based on responses to the
questions on the nomination form. Additional information and the nomination form are available here.

2016 NCAA CHOICES Alcohol Education Grants

The NCAA CHOICES program provides funding for NCAA member institutions and conferences to integrate athletics into campus-wide efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. NCAA CHOICES projects must partner athletics with other campus departments in the development and implementation of effective alcohol-education projects. More information about CHOICES, including a tutorial on writing a proposal, click here. Proposals must be submitted through the Program Hub.

NCAA Research Grants

The NCAA will award $100,000 in grants for the 2016 calendar year to support research and data-driven pilot programs designed to enhance student-athlete psychosocial well-being and mental health. Topics funded by the NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program may include, but are not limited to, managing transitions, identity development, stress management, substance use, bystander intervention, cultivating healthy relationships, career exploration and sport exit strategies. Grant recipients will present their work to hundreds of key stakeholders in intercollegiate athletics in January 2017 at the NCAA Convention in Nashville, TN. Proposals will be judged in part on their potential to result in campus-level programming that can positively impact the well-being of NCAA student-athletes. Please click here to view the full CFP, an FAQ for applicants, examples of previously funded proposals, and the proposal evaluation rubric. Proposal submission deadline is December 1, 2015.

Division III Diversity Grants

Proposals are now being accepted for the Ethnic Minority and Women’s Internship Grant and the Strategic Alliance Matching Grant. The internship grant provides grant funding for the salary and professional development of entry-level, administratively-focused positions. The Strategic Alliance Matching Grant like-wise provides grant funding for the salary and benefits of mid-to senior-level, administratively-focused positions in addition to funding for both professional development and technology expenses. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 p.m. Eastern time on February 1, 2016. Visit either the websites above or email scholarshipsandgrants@ncaa.org for more information.

Student-Athlete Leadership Forum

The NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum will take place April 7-10, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona. This year, the Leadership Forum is open to student-athletes from active Division III institutions in Region 4 (click here for list). Each eligible institution can send up to two student-athletes (one male and one female) and one administrator. Attendance at the Leadership Forum is at no cost to the participants or institutions. Student-athletes selected to attend the Leadership Forum return to campus with invaluable leadership skill, the experience of exploring the relationship between personal values, core beliefs and behavioral styles, and a thorough understanding of the NCAA as a whole, including the different divisional perspectives and the valuable role of Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC). For more information about the Leadership Forum, including the nomination and registration process, eligibility criteria and to watch scenes from the 2015 Leadership Forum, click here.

Emerging Leaders Seminar

The Emerging Leaders Seminar (ELS) is a professional development and networking opportunity for interns and graduate assistants currently employed at NCAA member athletics departments, conference offices and affiliate organizations. Applications for the 2016 program are now being accepted. During the three-day program, participants learn the valuable skill sets necessary for evaluating careers within college athletics (VIDEO). The program will take place in Indianapolis January 27-29, 2016. Please share this exciting opportunity with talented graduate assistants and interns in your athletics departments. For more details, visit the program page, or to apply visit the NCAA Program Hub. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, October 9.
Chancellors and Presidents Engagement Program at 2016 NCAA Convention

The Chancellors and Presidents Engagement Program will offer an engagement opportunity for all presidents and chancellors at the NCAA Convention Thursday, January 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Central time. Those who attend the session and are in their first 12 months of office will receive a $200 honorarium to help offset the registration fee. Email Sarah Sadowski with any questions.

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROP UPDATES

Championships Nullification

Based on last year's membership vote at the 2015 Convention, nullification is being used in 2015-16 and beyond. For more information and a nullification chart, click here.

Championships Managers

For a list of the 2015-16, championships sport managers, click here.

Future Playing Rules Changes with Financial Impact

Click here to view a chart listing approved playing rules with a financial impact that have an effective date during the 2015-16 academic year or in the near future. This information is provided to help remind you of playing rules changes approved previously by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP). If you have any questions, please contact Dan Calandro.

ArbiterSports Website Changes

The following changes have recently been added to the ArbiterSports Website.

1. Access for all head coaches. Please be advised that all head coaches may now access the ArbiterSports central hub for their sport at no charge. This access will enable coaches to view the information (e.g., announcements, educational videos, rules interpretations, etc.) posted on the site by the NCAA national coordinators of officials and secretary-rules editors. Coaches may access this information as follows:

   • Access the ArbiterSports website at arbitersports.com
   • Click on the “Register” tab
   • Click on the “NCAA” tab
   • Click on the sport
   • Click on the “Registration” tab
   • Click on the “Coaches” tab to access and register if the 2015-16 site is open

2. ArbiterSports 101. In mid-August, the ArbiterSports staff conducted a one-hour webinar for interested Division III commissioners to explain the various programs and services provided by ArbiterSports. For more details regarding this webinar, contact your conference commissioner.

3. Central hubs. Click here for an updated chart listing the NCAA sports (and registration fees for officials) that have central hubs on the ArbiterSports website. Please note that the only increase in fees for this year was in the sport of volleyball (from $100 to $150), the first increase in that sport since the site opened in 2011. Also, soccer officials also are registering this year as NCAA officials directly with ArbiterSports (rather than via NISOA as in the past). In addition, tentative plans are to open central hubs for men's lacrosse (in November) and women's lacrosse (in January). Please note that registration fees for both soccer and lacrosse will increase over the next couple of years to a level comparable to other sports like softball, baseball and hockey.

Contact Dan Calandro with questions.
COMMITTEE UPDATES

Several committees conducted in-person meetings in September.

- NADIII and DI3CA Leadership, September 9-10
- Championships Committee, September 13-15
- Honors Committee, September 14
- Committee on Women’s Athletics, September 14-16
- Minority Opportunities Interest Committee, September 14-16
- Interpretations and Legislation Committee, September 17-18
- Nominating Committee, September 22

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DIII: Follow your passions and discover your potential

Proportion
Appropriate relation of academics with opportunities to pursue athletics and other passions.

Comprehensive Learning
Opportunity for broad-based education and success.

Passion
Playing for the love of the game, competition, fun and self-improvement.

Responsibility
Development of accountability through personal commitment and choices.

Sportsmanship
Fair and respectful conduct toward all participants and supporters.

Citizenship
Dedication to developing responsible leaders and citizens in our communities.
## SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2015 QUARTERLY MEETINGS
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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

July 20 and 21 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. July 20 and 8:05 a.m. July 21, by the chair, Lori Runksmeier. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

August 6 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by the chair, President Alan Cureton. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

2. **REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

a. **Management Council Meetings – April 13 and 14, 2015.**

   Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its April 13 and 14, 2015, meetings.

   Presidents Council. No action necessary.

b. **Presidents Council Meeting – April 29 and 30, 2015.**

   Management Council. No action necessary.

   Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 29 and 30, 2015, meetings.

c. **Administrative Committee Actions.**

   Management Council. The Management Council ratified all the actions of the May 8, 2015, Administrative Committee except for the Division III Financial Aid Committee appointment, which was not approved due to an on-going administrative issue.

   Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified all the actions of the May 8, 2015, Administrative Committee except for the Division III Financial Aid Committee appointment, which was not approved due to an on-going administrative issue.

3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

a. **Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

   (1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.
(a) 2016 NCAA Convention – Educational Session Topics.

Management Council. The Council reviewed and approved the following Division III Educational Session ideas for the 2016 NCAA Convention:

- Student-Athlete Well-Being (i.e., mental health and prescription drug abuse).
- Academics and Athletics Integration – Building the FAR Role and Relationship.
- Title IX and Sexual Assault Prevention, sponsored by NADIII AA.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) 2016 Convention Schedule.

Management Council. The Council reviewed and approved the draft schedule noting that several Association-wide full-day and half-day workshops will take place on Wednesday, January 13. The subcommittee discussed and supported the following Association-wide programming ideas:

- Health and safety (e.g., medical staff hiring, concussion management, nutrition and mental health).
- Inclusion (e.g., LGBTQ student-athletes, Hispanic student-athletes, nontraditional student-athletes).
- Professional development and leadership for athletics administrators.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Issues Forum.

Management Council. The Council noted three hundred (300) Division III members responded to a survey seeking feedback for suggested Issues Forum topics.

The subcommittee recommended the following roundtable discussion topics:

- Update on Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee review; and
- Current Division III compliance topics.

The subcommittee recommended the following town hall presentation topics:

- Update from the Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.
• Update from the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.
• Update on Financial Aid Best Practices.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Presidential and ADR Luncheons.

Management Council. The Council noted that the Board of Governors chair, Kirk Schultz, requested an opportunity to engage with Division III presidents. The meeting is tentatively slated for Friday, January 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Topics will include the August Division I Presidential Summit, the NCAA’s Strategic Plan, the implementation of the new governance structure in Division I and its impact on Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Proposed updates to the Division III Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council approved the proposed updates to the 2015-17 Budget Biennium Strategic Plan and Initiatives. Highlighted initiatives included continued growth with the Special Olympics partnership; hiring a new part-time employee to oversee and enhance the division’s communication efforts, including social media platforms and website management; updating the Sports Information Director resource and best practices guide; create and implement an orientation program for new athletic directors and commissioners; enhance communication with athletic direct reports (ADR), including the implementation of an ADR Institute; work with Division III Commissioners Association (D3CA) to develop and distribute best practices to enhance presidential leadership at the conference level; partner with the High School Federation to create a system to track the diversity of high school student-athletes; continue to partner with the Sport Science Institute regarding health and safety issues; endorse the Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group; implement a two-year review of the division’s playing and practice seasons; implement two educational videos to assist with committee service; develop legislation to increase divisional membership dues; develop models to address the long-term use of the budget’s surplus; and continue to monitor championships policies such as per diem; travel party sizes; and bracket size expansion. The Council noted the updates to the Strategic Plan further support the division’s future strategic priorities and budget initiatives.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(b) Division III Conference Grant Program.

Management Council. The Council approved the proposed updates to the 2015-16 Conference Grant Policies and Procedures.
Grant updates include the adding athletic trainers to the list of designated constituents to whom conferences can provide funding to attend specific professional development events, effective with the 2015-16 funding cycle.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Proposed Membership Dues Increase.

Management Council. The Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor membership legislation for the 2016 Convention, effective August 1, 2017, to increase membership dues by $1,100 for member institutions and $550 for conference offices, which would establish total annual membership dues of $2,000 and $1,000, respectively.

The committee was charged by the Division III Presidents Council to review and discuss a membership dues increase, including potential models and to bring back a proposal for the Council to review during its August meeting. The Council noted that the membership indicated significant support for an increase at the 2015 NCAA Convention if the division maintained all of the additional generated revenue. Staff discussed the concept with the current chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, as well as relevant national office leadership. To date, there have been no significant concerns and all have indicated support for the division to retain all additional revenue. The Board of Governors will receive a report of the status of this proposal during its August meeting and take a formal vote at its October meeting. The budget impact will increase the annual Division III revenue by approximately $519,000.

The Council noted the importance of clear communication with the membership as to how the additional money will be used.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

The Presidents Council debated whether the $2,000 that institutions would be asked to pay was appropriate, given that Division I schools pay $1,800 in annual dues, and whether Division III dues also should be capped at $1,800.

Eventually, the group decided that $2,000 was appropriate as budget forecasts indicate the division will need the dollars to fund a trio of championships enhancements. In the end, the Council endorsed the additional funding to provide the best possible championships experience for Division III student-athletes.

(d) Future Budget Models.

Management Council. The committee reviewed six proposed budget models that projected expenses and revenues through the end of the NCAA’s broadcast agreements with CBS/Turner in 2023-24.
The Council endorsed a budget model that, in addition to a membership dues increase and increasing the non-championships budget every two years, can address the following additional priority initiatives:

- Increase per diem from $90 to $95 in 2017-18 ($354,000).
- Increase women’s swimming and diving budget to achieve equity with the men’s access ratio in 2017-18 ($95,000).
- Re-introduce host per diem at $30 in 2017-18 ($321,000).
- Increase per diem to $100 in 2020-21 (tentative - $354,000).
- Increase host per diem to $35 in 2020-21 (tentative - $53,000).

The committee will monitor actual and forecasted expenses annually and recommend necessary adjustments to the projected budget model to maintain a balanced budget. The recommended dues increase and budget initiatives maintain a balanced Division III budget through 2020-21. The annual revenue would be increased by approximately $519,000 (dues increase) and expenses by approximately $770,000 in 2017-18. The Council noted that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee is recommending an intentional, minimal annual spend down of the Division III reserve above and beyond the mandated reserve.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

### (e) Charter Flight Travel – Pilot Program for Team Sports.

**Management Council.** The Council endorsed the Championships Committee’s recommendation that the cost for charter flight transportation be fixed at a maximum of $350 per one-way ticket for all team sports during a one-year pilot program (2015-16).

The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approved the Championships Committee’s recommendation, in response to feedback from the Division III Football Committee and other membership constituents, regarding a one-year charter flight pilot program. Currently, institutions are able to purchase available seats on charter flights at a cost that equals the total cost of the charter divided by the total number of seats on the plane, which can exceed $1,000/person for a one-way flight. This proposal provides a fixed ticket cost for student-athletes, staff or others affiliated with the participating team who do not fit within the reimbursable travel party. Although the pilot program has potential negative budget ramifications, depending on how many available seats are purchased at a fixed ticket cost, the committee believes that participating institutions will purchase more seats at the fixed rate than they otherwise would, thereby limiting the estimated negative budget impact. The committee supports a pilot across all team sports and will evaluate the program after one year to determine its viability for subsequent years.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.
(f) **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee reviewed the report of the Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group’s May 27-28 in-person meeting and approved its recommendation to cease funding of the Division III Conduct Foul Program. The Conduct Foul Program began in 2005 as a means to collect data on negative player conduct during the course of sporting contests (e.g., ejections, technical fouls, official warnings). The working group recognized the effectiveness of the program at the time it was implemented; however, it noted that some of the data being collected is now available through other means. In addition, the working group felt the division needed to begin focusing its attention and resources on the conduct of fans and parents.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(g) **Division III Budget Discussion.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the 2014-15 budget-to-actual as of June 30, 2015, noting that several spring championships still had outstanding championship expenses.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

(a) **Membership-Sponsored Proposals.**

**Presidents Council.** The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed ten membership-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation from the Joint Subcommittee for the following membership-sponsored proposals to be included in the presidential grouping:

- Recruiting – Definitions and Applications and Publicity – De-regulation of Electronic Transmissions. This proposal would specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messages, text messages or facsimiles), including public or private communication through a social networking site, may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians).

- Recruiting – Definitions and Applications and Contacts – Establishing Dead Periods. This proposal would create recruiting dead periods in Division III. The dead periods would restrict coaches from interacting with prospective student-athletes during specific times of the year. The proposed dead periods surround major U.S. holidays and the national Convention dates for each sport.
• **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Nontraditional Segment.** This proposal would establish a 14 day nontraditional segment for football, which shall include the following: (1) An Instruction Period consisting of four days of limited activity such as classroom sessions, film study, fitness testing, and strength and conditioning sessions; (2) An Acclimatization Period consisting of three days of helmet only on-field practice; and (3) A General Practice Period consisting of seven days of full equipment, three of which may include live tackling.

(b) **Governance-Sponsored Legislation.**

*Presidents Council.* The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed three governance-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation from the Joint Subcommittee for the following governance-sponsored proposal to be included in the presidential grouping:

- NCAA Membership – Dues of Members – Current Annual Dues – Membership Dues Increase. [See Page No. 5 for additional information.]

b. **Management Council Subcommittees.**

(1) **Academic Issues Subcommittee.**

*Management Council.* The subcommittee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(2) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

*Management Council.* The subcommittee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(3) **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

- **2015 Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Survey.**

*Management Council.* The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s draft Playing and Practice Seasons Survey, noting that a final draft of the survey will be reviewed during the subcommittee’s August 12, 2015, teleconference with the intent to distribute the survey to the Division III membership in early September.
The survey has been designed to capture what is important to the membership in terms of Playing and Practice Seasons regulations. During the 2015 NCAA Convention, the Division III membership reviewed Proposal No. 2015-6, which would have decreased traditional segment contest and date of competition limits in selected sports by up to ten percent. The proposal was prompted by fiscal concerns facing Division III athletics programs, as well as the impact of current playing season limits on the time demands affecting our student-athletes. The survey is intended to help the subcommittee determine the areas of focus during the second step of membership engagement – a round table discussion of this topic during the 2016 Convention Division III Issues Forum.

During the Council’s discussion, including a joint session with the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the following observations were made:

- Concern with the membership’s understanding what events are considered exempt events.
- Review the word “eliminate” in context used through the survey.
- Lengthening the season by one week would allow more flexibility and ease time balance.
- Play closer proximity games during mid-week; play those with further distance on the weekends.
- SAAC members didn’t feel that they are currently playing too many games.
- Spring non-traditional seasons viewed differently than the fall non-traditional season. Discuss expanding non-traditional seasons by three weeks (i.e., eight weeks total), but limiting to two practices per week.
- Expand the comment section and provide status quo as a response.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council, along with the Presidents Advisory Group, engaged in detailed discussion regarding the comprehensive review of all playing and practice rules. Several presidents expressed concern that any reductions to playing seasons might dissuade some recruits from attending Division III institutions, which could harm enrollment figures. Drastic changes to playing seasons, the presidents argued, could have a negative effect on enrollment. Others countered, noting that lengthy playing seasons can be financially burdensome for some schools, and mentioned SAAC’s input that playing season length had a negligible effect on their college selection.

The group reached near consensus, however, that the subcommittee should explore potential options for splitting some spring sports’ regular seasons across two semesters. Snow in the Northeast and rain in the South often negatively affect baseball, softball and lacrosse schedules. Several presidents noted that playing contests in the fall could help alleviate weather-related difficulties.
Throughout the discussion regarding the length of playing seasons, costs and expenditures, the presidents noted the ideal experience for the student-athlete when it comes to retention, life on campus, connecting with the team and access to the coach. All of these are critical components that will need to be discussed further at the upcoming Convention.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Charter Flight Travel – Pilot Program for Team Sports.

Management Council. The Council reviewed this issue during the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Report. [See Page No. 6, item (e)]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(b) Conference Automatic Qualification Requirements.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor 2016 Convention legislation specifying that institutions in years three and four of the NCAA Division III provisional or reclassifying membership process may count toward the requisite number (seven) of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period before a multi-sport or single-sport conference is eligible for automatic qualification (AQ) to NCAA championships. Further, that the allowance is applicable to either core or affiliate conference members.

Currently, a conference must have seven active Division III members to begin the two-year waiting period for the AQ. This recommendation would allow a conference to consider its year three or four provisional or reclassifying members as part of the seven, thereby allowing the conference to begin the two-year waiting period earlier than is currently permissible. Once the provisional or reclassifying member is established as an active member, the conference would be awarded the AQ (assuming the institution had been a conference member for at least two years).

Student-athletes who attend a provisional or reclassifying institution could be afforded an opportunity to earn an AQ to an NCAA championship earlier in his or her career. Under the current legislation, it is possible that a provisional or reclassifying institution would not have access to an AQ for six years: four years of provisional or reclassifying membership followed by a two-year waiting period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(c) Charter Flight Travel – Pilot Program for Team Sports and Blanket Waiver.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that a blanket waiver apply to institutions electing to purchase charter flight seats on behalf of parents of participating student-athletes in conjunction with the 2015-16 pilot program for championships [See Page No. 6, item (e)]. This waiver would only be effective for the 2015-16 championship year.

NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3 does not permit institutions to purchase seats on behalf of parents of student-athletes as part of the charter flight travel pilot program due to the arranged nature of the transportation. Through a blanket waiver, institutions could elect to fully participate in the pilot program by including parents of student-athletes in addition to institutional personnel and boosters outside of the reimbursable travel party. If the pilot program proves successful, the committee anticipates proposing a legislative change to allow the purchase of seats on behalf of parents.

The Council noted waiver language needs to include the following: (1) Covers bus travel from airport; (2) Institutions need to purchase tickets for parents to reimburse; and (3) Not intended for institution to purchase tickets and not receive reimbursement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Championships and Alliances Logo Project.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting that the new logo system is complete and will be rolled out for all championships over the course of the next three years, beginning this fall. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Rankings Policies – Feedback from Sport Committees.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the committee continued its review of feedback from various sport committees on rankings policies and affirmed the benefits of a standard protocol that offers consistency across all sports. At the same time, the committee acknowledged that some flexibility could improve the protocol and agreed to allow sport committees to present a plan beginning in 2015-16 and lasting for at least two years to rank teams within a range of 15 to 21 percent of the number of teams per sport region (no minimum). The committee will ask sport committees interested in adopting the flexibility to present proposals for the Championships Committee’s review during its September 2015 in-person meeting. Sport committees
have the option to continue with the current protocol of ranking 15 percent or a minimum of six teams per sport region. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

- Sponsor Convention Legislation amending NCAA Bylaw 32.7.1.4.3 regarding the mode of expedited penalty hearings in summary disposition cases.

Management Council. The Council chose not to sponsor 2016 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 32 regarding the mode of expedited penalty hearings in summary disposition cases. Instead the Council approved the revision as an administrative regulation.

Expedited penalty hearings in summary disposition cases are usually very limited and can last an hour or less. Nonetheless, when they are held in person, committee members and the association must expend the resources to travel to a hearing site and conduct a hearing. Due to advances in technology, these hearings can easily be conducted electronically. While this amendment will still allow institutions to request an in-person hearing, it clarifies that the committee makes the final decision.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Financial Aid Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Modification of Wording NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.9.1 – Recruiting – Nonbinding Athletics Celebratory Signing Forum – Attendees and Location of Signing.

Management Council. The Council noted this was previously ratified in the May 8 Administrative Committee report [See Page No. 2].
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council previously ratified in the May 8 Administrative Committee report [See Page No. 2].

(b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Publicity of Celebratory Standardized Signing Form.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Publicity of Celebratory Standardized Signing Forum (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that although a prospective student-athlete may sign the celebratory standardized signing form after he or she has been accepted to a member institution, the member institution may not publicize the prospective student-athlete’s commitment to attend the institution until after the paid acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.9.1 (letter-of-intent prohibition); 13.9.1.1 (exception-nonbinding athletics celebratory form); and 13.10.7 (announcement of acceptance)]

The interpretation was developed from the 2015 Question and Answer document addressing Question No. 7 for Proposal No. 2015-8. The interpretation clarifies that a member institution is not permitted to publicize a commitment to attend the institution until after the prospective student-athlete submits paid acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission or financial aid.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Lodging Provided by Representative of Athletics Interests.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation.

Lodging Provided by Representative of Athletics Interests (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a representative of an institution’s athletics interests may donate lodging to an institution, which the institution may, in turn, provide to a student-athlete or team in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.02.9 (representative of athletics interests) and 16.8.1.2 (competition while representing institution)]

During its February 2015 in-person meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the issue of whether a representative of an
institution’s athletics interests is permitted to provide lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with away from home competition. This official interpretation confirms that student-athletes are not permitted to receive lodging from a representative of athletics interests unless the lodging is donated to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the lodging to the student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Approval of Official Interpretation – Financial Aid from Outside Sources: Athletics Consideration.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Financial Aid from Outside Sources: Athletics Consideration (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a financial aid award from a source outside the institution that is based, in any degree, upon the recipient’s athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance shall conform to Bylaw 15.2.3.5 (Athletics Leadership, Ability, Participation or Performance as a Major Criterion). An award that may only be used at institutions within a given state would not conform to this bylaw as it restricts the recipient’s choice of institutions.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 15.2.3.5 (athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance as a major criterion)]

During its March 2015 teleconference, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the issue of whether a student-athlete may accept a scholarship that considers athletics participation as a secondary criterion and limits the recipient’s choice of institution to only those institutions within a designated state. The committee agreed that a financial aid award that requires the recipient to attend an institution within a given state would conflict with the prohibition on restricting the recipient’s choice of institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Review Staff Interpretation – Participation in Intercollegiate Competition by Student-Athletes who Identify as Transgender.

Management Council. The Council noted in the committee’s report that during its December 2014 in-person meeting, the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) revised its policy to address surgical intervention in the same manner as hormonal intervention for transgender female student-athletes. The revised policy is reflected in an updated staff interpretation. The committee reviewed and approved the following staff determination:
Participation in Intercollegiate Competition by Student-Athletes who Identify as Transgender (III). The academic and membership affairs staff determined that, consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors’ policy and medical treatment options:

i. A transgender male (female to male) student-athlete who has received a medical exception for treatment with testosterone for diagnosed gender dysmorphia may compete on a men’s team but is no longer eligible to compete on a women’s team without changing that team’s status to a mixed team;

ii. A transgender female (male to female) student-athlete who is being treated with testosterone suppression medication, or who has undergone surgical intervention to suppress testosterone production, for gender transition, may continue to compete on a men’s team but may not compete on a women’s team without changing that team’s status to a mixed team until the student-athlete has completed one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment or one year post surgical intervention;

iii. It is the responsibility of the institution to submit a request for a medical exception for testosterone treatment prior to allowing the student-athlete to compete while undergoing treatment. In the case of testosterone suppression, the institution will be responsible for documenting hormonal or surgical suppression to meet the one year requirement and ongoing monitoring, prior to a transgender female participating on a women’s team without changing it to a mixed team; and

iv. For the purposes of NCAA competition, cases involving interruptions of GID treatment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 18.02.2 (mixed team), 18.2.8.3 (mixed team), 20.02.7 (mixed team) and 31.2.3.3 (medical exceptions); a staff interpretation (11/1/89, Item c) and a staff interpretation (11/15/2011, Item No. c), which has been archived.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Review Interpretive Issue – Student-Athlete Weight Room Outside of the Playing Season.

Management Council. The Council instructed the committee to engage in additional review of a proposed interpretation clarifying the permissible use of weight room facilities reserved exclusively for student-athletes. Specifically, the Council questioned whether it is reasonable for student-athletes to use the same facilities as the general
student body given the increasing distinction between equipment used for the general student body and equipment used for student-athletes. Additionally, the Council suggested that requiring student-athletes to use the same facilities as the general student body may be intimidating to the student body and may discourage those students from using the facility. The Council also cited growing health and safety concerns with overcrowded facilities and improper use of equipment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Membership Committee.

(a) Active and Provisional/Reclassifying Membership.

Management Council. The Council approved the advancement of the following provisional and reclassifying institutions currently in the provisional/reclassifying process as follows, effective September 1, 2015:

Active Membership:
- Sarah Lawrence College; and
- State University of New York at Canton.

Year One to Year Two:
- Alfred State College;
- Berea College;
- Bryn Athyn College;
- Illinois Institute of Technology;
- McMurry University (reclassifying); and
- Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Repeat Year Two:
- Iowa Wesleyan College.

Year Three to Year Four:
- Houghton College;
- Southern Virginia University; and
- University of Valley Forge.

The Membership Committee rejected the annual program assessment from Green Mountain College, and barring a successful waiver appeal, will place the institution on restrictive status effective September 1, 2015. Conversely, two institutions, Sul Ross University and Wheelock College, will both come off restrictive status effective September 1, 2015.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) **Sports Sponsorship Waiver Request – Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants) – Gallaudet University.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved the request from Gallaudet for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants) for the 2014-15 academic year in the sport of men’s outdoor track and field. In its decision to approve the waiver, the committee noted case precedent involving severe inclement weather. Specifically, the committee noted the institution had one competition cancelled due to weather. The committee strongly urged the institution to schedule more than the minimum number of contests to meet minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the future and to establish a contingency plan in the event of circumstances beyond the institution’s control. Lastly, the committee noted that similar future waiver may be denied.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Waiver Request – Bylaw 20.7.1.1 (Division III Application) - Rochester Institute of Technology.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee denied the request from Rochester Institute of Technology for a waiver of Bylaw 20.7.1.1 (Division III application) to permit the institution to offer athletically related financial aid to its Division I men’s and women’s ice hockey student-athletes. In its decision to deny the waiver, the committee noted there was not compelling mitigation. Specifically, the committee noted no Division III institution sponsoring a Division I sport has an opportunity to receive a waiver if the institution did not sponsor a Division I sport and receive a waiver to offer athletically related financial aid prior to January 1, 2004. Additionally, the institution had the opportunity to conduct its men’s and women’s ice hockey programs in Division I prior to January 1, 2004, and chose not to do so until 2005. Lastly, the committee noted that a decision involving athletically related financial aid, a core tenet of the Division III philosophy, is an issue for the Division III membership to vote on and arguably extends beyond the committee’s purview; thus, the proper venue to challenge this restriction is via the legislative process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Athletics Program Assessment Review – 2014-15 Probation Institutions.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed, and took action on, the following athletics program assessments from institutions that are in year one of their probationary period:
Accepted:
• Franciscan University of Steubenville; and
• North Central University.

Accepted with Opportunities for Enhancement:
• Concordia University (Texas);
• University of Maine at Presque Isle;
• University of the Ozarks (Arkansas); and
• Pine Manor College.

Accepted with Opportunities for Enhancement, Pending Submission of Additional Documents. The committee accepted the program assessment from Summit University of Pennsylvania (formerly Baptist Bible College) and provided feedback in areas where the institutions could enhance its current practices. In addition, the committee directed the institution to investigate two potential secondary-rules violations noted within its report and to provide information related to those finding back to the NCAA staff.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Review of Athletics Program Assessment Form and Usage.

Management Council. The Council noted NCAA staff requested feedback from the committee regarding the administration of the athletics program assessment for institutions on probation for membership issues. The committee agreed that in year one of the probationary period, an institution should continue to complete the entirety of the athletics program assessment, as well as complete a sports-sponsorship audit using a form similar to that used for the provisional/reclassifying membership annual report. The program assessment and the sports-sponsorship audit should be completed at the conclusion of year one of the probationary period, not later than May 15.

In addition, the committee agreed that an institution placed on restricted status must complete the sports-sponsorship audit form thrice annually:

• Within ten days of concluding all competition for an institution’s fall sports team;
• Within ten days of concluding all competition for an institution’s winter sports teams; and
• By May 15.

The committee also agreed that an institution placed on restricted status would potentially be asked to report on sections of the athletics program assessment for which areas of enhancement have been identified.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council noted that several changes made to the ISSG were based specifically on constructing a self-reflective document, and the current CSSG document provides little of this value. Committee members noted that they had heard comments from the membership that the CSSG serves little value and wondered whether it was necessary. Staff noted the history of the CSSG stemmed from the creation of the original ISSG, in that there was a legislative requirement for member institutions to complete a self-study. That requirement led to a parallel requirement for conference members. The committee noted that eliminating the CSSG completely is not the best option in that many conferences would likely not conduct a periodic self-reflective review on their own; however, portions of the current instrument are unnecessary and bring no value to Division III conferences. Committee members also noted the existence of conferences that have no unifying philosophy and which were created solely for championships access. Staff noted that Division III has a model Division II conference document, similar to the Division III model institution document. The committee strongly advised that revisions to the CSSG should not contain “busy work” that brings no value to the membership. Staff was directed to conduct an initial review of the current CSSG document and return initial findings to the committee on a future teleconference. The committee also noted that with the next CSSG cycle set for completion in 2016-17, there was potential that the committee might defer the due date to 2017-18, depending on the timing of the update of the assessment instrument.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

(a) Special Olympics Update and Engagement.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the Special Olympics activity report. While it does not appear that Special Olympics activities are declining, the number of activities that are being reported to the NCAA national office via the Special Olympics pages on the Division III website are well below what they have been in prior years. The committee brainstormed ideas on the best way for Division III to capture the activities that are occurring on campuses and at the conference level, including providing detailed activity reports listing conferences who have reported and posting periodic reports listing conference
participation. Some other suggestions from the committee related to improving reporting were to move the reporting link to a more prominent place on the Special Olympics webpage and also consider including it on the Division III homepage.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Student-Athlete Attendance at Convention.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee evaluated the activities it organized for Division III student-athletes who attended the 2015 NCAA Convention, including seeking feedback from new committee members. The committee discussed the purpose and goal of various types of programming for Division III student-athletes at Convention and how it can better accomplish those goals in 2016.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Voice of Student-Athlete Video Concept.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed creating a “Student-Athlete Voice” video that could be used to communicate the role of Division III campus, conference and national SAACs. The committee decided to go forward with the concept and created a working group to further explore the project.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Discuss Committee Goals/Partnerships/Communications for 2015-16.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed its 2014-15 communication and partnership goals and brainstormed ideas for the 2015-16 year. Included in the discussion were promoting the NCAA’s partnership with the “It’s On Us” campaign and working to focus some committee efforts toward bystander intervention; identifying ways to better communicate available NCAA and SAAC resources with campuses and conferences; and refocusing on the reporting of Special Olympics activities at the campus and conference level. The committee also discussed the possibility of a quarterly Division III SAAC meeting recap that could be distributed to Division III student-athletes, administrators and conferences.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(9) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.**

- **Noncontroversial – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs.**

  **Management Council.** The Council did not support a noncontroversial legislative recommendation from the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (SAR) to amend Division III Bylaws 18.4.1.4.1 and 18.4.1.5.2 to specify that the student-athlete’s eligibility be restored by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), instead of the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (SAR), related to an initial positive drug test.

  Rather, the Council agreed to sponsor 2016 Convention legislation to discontinue the need for the SAR Committee to restore a student-athlete’s eligibility. Currently, the Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement processes requests for these student-athletes to be reinstated, only after the student-athlete has served the legislated penalty and retested negative on a drug test administered by Drug Free Sport. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is simply verifying the negative drug test and has no discretionary authority on this type of reinstatement request. By eliminating this process, the proposal will reduce the burden on member institutions. Division I and Division II, will forward this action as noncontroversial legislation.

  **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

d. **Association-Wide Committees.**

(1) **Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).**

(a) **Nurse Practitioners.**

  **Management Council.** The Council approved a recommendation to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5 (mandatory medical examination), to permit nurse practitioners, whose state regulations allow for health care practice independent of physician supervision to complete the mandatory pre-participation evaluations required for incoming student-athletes.

  Approximately 17 states license nurse practitioners to provide medical care as independent primary health care providers, with no requirement for physician supervision. With the expanding need for primary health care providers, and in keeping with the established scope of practice in these states, it is appropriate and necessary to amend current NCAA legislation to include nurse practitioners as permissible providers in accordance with the provisions of state regulation. This is a common provision requiring approval by all three divisions.

  **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(b) Legislative Review of Health and Safety Regulations, including Drug Testing Legislation.

Management Council. The Council noted CSMAS, in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute (SSI), supports a review of existing health and safety legislation currently contained in the NCAA divisional manuals. The purpose of this exploratory review is to identify areas of existing legislation that may be deferrable to health and safety policies established and maintained by CSMAS and the SSI staff. The potential benefit of this approach is that it would allow more nimble modification of health and safety policy in response to emerging best practices in sports medicine/student-athlete health care. Allowing the committee charged with student-athlete health and safety (working in conjunction with SSI), oversight of health and safety policy would facilitate more efficient adoption and maintenance of current standards of practice and increase the level of oversight by those with expertise and experience to assess medical best practices.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Best Practices Guidelines.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the Cardiac and Mental Health Best Practices Guidelines, and approved the following two statements:

CSMAS supports current SSI initiatives to develop, in consultation with entities that have expertise in the area of cardiac care, and disseminate consensus guidelines on the cardiac care of NCAA student-athletes.

CSMAS supports current SSI initiatives to develop, in consultation with entities that have expertise in the area of mental health, and disseminate consensus best practice guidelines on the provision of mental health services for NCAA student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Institutional Drug Education and Testing Survey.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee recommends working with NCAA research staff to draft the 2015 institutional drug education and testing survey, which queries athletic directors about institutional practices related to substance abuse efforts. Focus should be on policies and practices related to marijuana, supplements, and perhaps other illicit substances, and include questions about education of staff and coaches.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).

(a) Emerging Sports for Women – Process Review.

Management Council. The Council noted that staff provided the committee with a historical overview of the emerging sports for women program. The committee reviewed both the legislative and policy criteria designed to identify and grow additional varsity athletics opportunities for women. The committee discussed whether the emerging sports for women program’s parameters, designed to move a varsity sport to which to increase participation opportunities for female student-athletes. Specifically, the committee discussed potential modifications to the current emerging sports for women program that might address gender equity concerns without adversely affecting the qualitative experience inherent to NCAA championship sports. The committee highlighted the value of being designated a NCAA sport, regardless of the sport’s NCAA championship status.

The committee established a subcommittee to address the emerging sports process via a teleconference in the summer and will continue its discussion of this issue during its September meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Gender Equity Task Force (GETF).

Management Council. The Council noted that Judith Sweet, former director of athletics and senior vice president at the NCAA, and Jeff Orleans, of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, provided the committee with an update following the GETF’s first in-person meeting. Sweet noted the intended advisory role of the GETF in supporting and supplementing the committee’s broader efforts. The GETF intends to identify and concentrate on a few major issues impacting gender equity in intercollegiate athletics. The GETF hopes to align its September meeting with that of the committee to promote better communication and collaboration between the two groups.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(4) **Honors Committee**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).**

(a) **Committee’s Mission and Duties.**

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 21.2.4.2 to expand the duties of the committee to include advocacy and review of issues related to the interests of ethnic minority student-athletes, coaches, administrators, NCAA minority programs and NCAA policies that affect, but are not limited to ethnic minorities, those with disabilities and LGBTQ.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Mission of the Committee.**

Management Council. The Council noted in addition to the recommended changes in the language describing its legislative duties, the committee revised its mission statement as follows:

“The NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC) was formed by the Association in January to focus on the education and welfare of minority student-athletes, as well as the enhancement of opportunities for ethnic minorities and women in coaching, athletics administration, officiating and the NCAA governance structure.

“The MOIC will champion the causes of ethnic minorities by fostering an inclusive environment, thereby creating a culture that promotes fair and equitable access to opportunities and resources”

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Women of Color Barriers Study Update.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee was provided an update on the survey, which was disseminated in October 2014. Due to a poor response rate, the survey response date was extended to February 2015. The final survey response rate was between three to five percent (526 participants). Survey results indicated a need for education and training in the following areas: the value of networking, creating and sustaining mentoring relationships and career development and career coaching. The committee discussed the possibility of creating a task force to address issues of attrition, retention and career advancement
in collegiate athletics administration. The committee will explore opportunities to work with (1) the NCAA Sports Science Institute to discuss factors that impact the success of minority coaches and administrators; (2) organizations like NACWAA and others to increase opportunities for women of color and (3) established mentoring programs to discuss other issues identified by the survey. The committee agreed that the data should be disseminated in order to raise awareness and will work with NCAA Public Media and Relations Office. At the committee’s request, staff will draft an executive summary to accompany the survey, with an online link to access the data.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.


Management Council. The Council noted the panel approved each of the rules committee’s proposals. Proposals of note include reducing the 35-second shot clock to 30-seconds; extending the restricted area arc from three feet to four effective for Division I in the 2015-16 season (and for Divisions II and III with the 2016-17 season); reducing the number of timeouts from five to four; eliminating the ability for coaches to call timeouts when the ball is live and modifying rules related to the number and placement of institution and conference logos on uniforms.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Women’s Basketball Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report.

Management Council. The Council noted the panel approved each of the rules committee’s proposals, with the exception of one that was pulled from consideration regarding the media timeout format. A revised media timeout proposal was approved by the rules committee via teleconference following the two-week comment period and will be presented to the panel on its June 24, 2015, teleconference. Proposals of note that were approved included going to four-10 minute quarters instead of two-20 minute halves; the option to advance the ball to the 28’ hash mark in the frontcourt if a timeout is charge to the offensive team during the last 59.9 seconds of the fourth period and/or any overtime period; awarding a
team two free throws for each common foul committed by a team, beginning with that team’s fifth foul during each period; allowing musical instruments and/or amplified music to be played during any dead ball; revising post play guidelines to allow only one point of contact (arm bar or hand) on an offensive player with the ball who has her back to the basket and modifying rules related to the number and placement of institution and conference logos on uniforms. The comment period feedback showed strong support for nearly all proposals.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(c) **Update regarding work with CoSIDA.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee’s working with CoSIDA and commissioners to help emphasize that when institutions order new uniforms all numbers must be clearly visible.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(8) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

- **Review of Nominations.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee reviewed 117 spring sports nominations (50 men and 67 women); 29 postgraduate scholarships for men’s sports and 29 postgraduate scholarships for women’s sports.

The Council asked the committee for information regarding Division III institutions:

1) Are we seeing an increase in those nominations?
2) What is the trend of Division III nominations?

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(9) **Research Committee.**

**Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(10) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

**Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2016 CONVENTION.**

a. Review Modifications of Wording Approved by Management Council.

   - Modification of Wording NCAA Division III Bylaw 13.9.1 – Recruiting – Nonbinding Athletics Celebratory Signing Form – Attendees and Location of Signing.

   **Management Council.** This was previously approved by the Administrative Committee and ratified by the Council [See Page No. 2].

   **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

b. Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council.

   (1) NC-2016-11 – Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Permissible – Travel to NCAA Championship and National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports during Vacation Periods.

   **Management Council.** The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to specify that an institution may provide actual transportation costs for a student-athlete to travel from campus or the student-athlete’s home to the site of an NCAA championship, or national governing body championship in an emerging sport, and back to campus or the student-athlete’s home.

   **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

   (2) NC-2016-12 – Membership – Provisional Membership – Standards for Exploratory Year – Eliminating the Sports Sponsorship Requirement.

   **Management Council.** The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to clarify that during the exploratory year of the provisional membership process, an institution is not required to satisfy compliance with sports-sponsorship requirements.

   **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

   (3) NC-2016-13 – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports – Composition.

   **Management Council.** The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to revise the composition of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, as specified, with the addition of designated pediatrician.

   **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(4) NC-2016-14 – Awards and Benefits – Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution – Lodging Provided by Relative of Student-Athlete.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to specify that a relative of a student-athlete to pay for or provide lodging to eligible student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) NC-2016-15 – Membership – Division III Membership – Authority of Division III Membership Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to establish the Membership Committee as the primary authority to oversee any membership issues. During its discussions, the Council noted the Membership Committee has the expertise to make informative decisions; while the Management Council can either ratify or not approve their recommendation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Review of Membership-Sponsored Legislation. [NOTE: The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed on its July 30 teleconference all membership-sponsored legislation properly submitted by the July 15 deadline; however, not all proposals had been properly sponsored for Convention vote.]

(1) Division Membership – Division III Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Golf. [NOTE: This proposal has been properly sponsored for Convention vote.] This proposal would reduce the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship in the sport of golf.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Membership Committee, Championships Committee and Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing Seasons – Football – Five Day Acclimatization Period – One on Field Conditioning Session for Each Day of the Acclimatization Period. This proposal would allow, in the sport of football, the scheduling option that is currently permissible for the first day of the acclimatization period to apply to all five days. Specifically, that a member institution may have the option, in addition to the walk through session, of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice not to exceed two hours in length.
Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS), Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), SAAC, Football Committee and Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action is necessary.

(3) Recruiting – Definitions and Applications and Publicity – Deregulation of Electronic Transmissions. [NOTE: This proposal has been properly sponsored for Convention vote.] This proposal would specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messages, text messages or facsimiles) including public or private communication through a social networking site may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Recruiting – Definitions and Applications and Contacts – Establishing Dead Periods. This proposal would create recruiting dead periods in Division III. The dead periods would restrict coaches from interacting with prospective student-athletes during specific times of the year. Dead periods surround major US Holidays and the specific sports national convention dates.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, SAAC and all sport committees through the Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Athletically Related Activities – Exceptions – Reservation of Facility by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach. This proposal would permit certified strength and conditioning personnel to reserve an institution’s athletic facilities, including a student-athlete weight room, during the institution’s regular academic year to conduct voluntary workouts for all student-athletes.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, ILC and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(6) Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site – Exception for on-Campus Contact. This proposal would permit institutional coaching staff members to have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided that contact occurs on the institution’s campus and the institution’s campus is not the competition site.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, SAAC and coaches group through the Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey – Off Ice Training. [NOTE: This proposal has been properly sponsored for Convention vote.] This proposal would allow for off ice/dry land training prior to the current on ice start date while still keeping the 19 week length for the total ice hockey season.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to CSMAS, PPSS, SAAC and the Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Committees to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Four-Year College Transfers – Student-Athlete did not Practice or Compete at Previous Institution. This proposal would establish a transfer exception for student-athletes who transfer from an institution where they did not participate in athletics.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, ILC and the Academic Issues Subcommittee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Nontraditional Segment. [NOTE: This proposal has been properly sponsored for Convention vote.] This proposal would provide football student-athletes with skill instruction and development opportunities equivalent to student-athletes participating in other sports, while maintaining the health and safety of the student-athletes as a top priority.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, CSMAS, SAAC, Championships Committee and the Football Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(10) Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Athletically Related Activities – Exception for Institutional Fundraisers Involving Athletics Ability. This proposal would permit student-athletes to participate in out-of-season institutional fundraising activities involving athletics ability, provided the student-athlete’s participation in the activity is voluntary.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, PPSS and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS.


Management Council. The Management Council elected Tracey Ranieri, director of athletics, State University College at Oneonta as chair for 2016 and Dennis Leighton, faculty athletic representative, University of New England as vice chair.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Leadership.

Presidents Council. All potential leadership candidates were encouraged to forward their interest to staff. The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee will discuss recommendations during September and forward a report to the Council at its October meeting.

6. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.


Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group’s March and May teleconference reports noting its charge to evaluate the current diversity and inclusion landscape in Division III (athletically and academically); evaluate current initiatives, and propose next steps. The working group will have an in-person meeting in November to outline its goals and objectives as it prepares for a presentation at the 2016 Convention Issues Forum.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed this topic during the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee report. [See Page No. 7]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
c. **360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.**

*Management Council.* The Council received an update on the status of the 360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative, noting more than 175 schools had registered to participate as of July 6. The outreach update included:

- 360 Proof had a presence at the following 2015 events: the NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Conference, the NCAA Convention and the Indianapolis Regional Rules Seminar.
- A NASPA blog announcement was released in mid-January.
- The Division III National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) was provided with content to initiate a student-athlete communication on conclusion of the NCAA Convention.
- A link to the portal appears on the Division III web page and naspa.org.

The following issues remain to be resolved:

- Integration of NIAAAA Matrix when it is published, and the related endorsement letter.
- Breadth of content covered by coaches’ modules. Should the original series be expanded or amended?
- Re-examine original program design and conceptual model. The environmental model is based on three levels yet NIAAA recommended strategies have historically been categorized by two levels.
- Impact evaluation, including an examination of the eight-step process and its utility for small colleges.
- Expansion to substances beyond alcohol.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

d. **Division III Identity Initiative.**

*Management Council.* The Council reviewed the status report on the Division III Identity Initiative noting the following:

1. **Division III Week.** Member institutions and conferences celebrated the fourth annual Division III Week, April 6-12, 2015. Division III raised $4,359 for Special Olympics North America by encouraging new “likes” on our Facebook page and new followers on Twitter. In addition to social media engagement, NCAA staff donated to the campaign during a celebratory event at the NCAA national office at which Franklin College director of athletics and head men’s basketball coach Kerry Prather shared what life is like at a Division III institution. The fifth annual Division III Week will occur April 4-10, 2016.

2. **“Know the Facts.”** The Division III “Know the Facts” campaign is continuing to target high schools and prospective student-athletes and their families, and seeks to better inform those audiences about the unique Division III philosophy and student-athlete experience. Division III also continues to collaborate with the NCAA Eligibility Center.
3. **Division III Purchasing Website.** Approximately one month remains to use the 2014-15 $500 credit provided to current active and provision member schools and conferences. As of the beginning of June, approximately half of member institutions and nearly three-quarter of conferences had used their credit and ordered items. Staff conducted a membership survey regarding Purchasing Website items and will look to enhance the inventory with the 2015-16 credit. Schools and conferences can use the credit before the end of August to buy anything on the purchasing website.

4. **Championships.** Division III signage and banners were used at all the spring championship final sites. Each championship also was provided with a $1,000 allocation for the planning and promotion of Special Olympics-related programming. The championships staff will roll out a new logo system with the 2015-16 championships.

5. **Social Media.** The NCAA Division III Facebook page now has more than 19,000 likes, while the @NCAADIII Twitter feed has over 22,500 followers.

6. **Monthly Update Video.** Staff has started producing a short, monthly video highlighting the content of the monthly update. The goal is to reach an audience (e.g., coaches and student-athletes) who aren’t directly receiving the monthly update. Analytics are currently being collected to determine if this new initiative should continue each month.

7. **Website Content.** NCAA.org continues to provide Division III with additional opportunities to use its home page to share more stories portraying its unique student-athlete experience. The site now is regularly updated to include links in a “Around Division III” area featuring online articles produced by the membership and by media outlets that tell the Division III story. The page also is regularly highlighting new Division III feature stories from such sources as Champion Magazine, and videos produced by the NCAA and by member schools and conferences.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Technology Users Group.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Technology Users Group report from its June 5 teleconference, noting its objective is to identify areas for improvement within existing NCAA technology. The role of the group is to offer suggestions for consideration to NCAA staff and help NCAA staff understand the impact of current technology on daily operations within an athletics department and/or conference office.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. **Committee Member Training Videos.**

Management Council. The Council heard an update regarding the Committee Member Training Videos that all committee members will be required to watch for 2015-16. There will be six segments, not including a segment for committee chairs. Each segment
is approximately five to 15 minutes long. Committee members will have until October 1 to complete. The Council noted that after this initial year, only new committee members will be required to watch the video.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute.

Management Council. The Council received a report from the Division III Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute planning team noting the inaugural ADR Institute is slated for the 2016 NCAA Convention. Calls for nominations will go to commissioners, presidents, directors of athletics and athletics direct reports in early August, with selections made by late October. The institute will fund approximately 40 ADRs to attend a day and half of professional development in addition to attendance at the Issues Forum, conference meetings and the Division III Business Session.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Litigation Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.

b. Governmental Relations Report.

Management Council and Presidents Councils. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

c. Board of Governors.

Management Council. The Council received an update on various Association-wide issues considered by the Board of Governors during its August meeting; as well as a review from the Division I Summit.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council discussed some of the outcomes from the August Board of Governors meeting and Division I Summit. It noted the following:

- Consists of voting body of presidents from all divisions that deal with association-wide issues.
• Affirmation around the constitutional principle.
• Noted having a fiduciary responsibility to the Association.
• Need to be driven by the mission and the purpose of the Association.
• Concerned with the high turnover on the Board of Governors and how to provide more continuity at the national office.
• Noted that Mark Emmert will receive his first formal evaluation since he became president of the Association five years ago.
• Each division is under the umbrella of the NCAA value.
• Noted that the Board of Governors is starting to see the value that both Division II and Division III can offer.
• Instituted a Board of Governors vice chair position, noting the vice chair must represent a division different from the chair.

Following their discussion, the Presidents Council felt it necessary to vote on the affirmation of the principles constituted in Article 4.01.1. The vote was unanimous.

d. **President’s Advisory Group Meeting Debrief.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council discussed the meeting with the President’s Advisory Group the evening before noting the following:

• Noted the presidents were very engaged.
• Format of the evening worked very well and gave everyone ample time to discuss the roundtable topics.
• Great opportunity for presidents to discuss and learn how each conference works with their presidential leadership. In particular, the Council endorsed the compilation and distribution of best practices regarding the relationship between conference presidents, conference commissioners and divisional governance staff.
• Discussed the opportunity for a more NCAA-focused orientation for presidents; possibly with a higher education group.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM.**

a. **Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.**

Management Council. The Council received an update from Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA Chief Medical Officer, on the SSI initiatives. Dr. Hainline identified six areas of particular ongoing focus: concussion, mental health, cardiac health, overuse injuries and early specialization, recreational drug use, and obtaining more data analytics. The SSI’s goal is to provide education on these six areas to improve the health and safety of student-athletes. SSI has developed inter-association guidelines for independent medical care; football practices and concussions; with inter-association guidelines for mental health and cardiac health to be developed within the year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. **Sand Volleyball Committee Report.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report of the NCAA Beach Volleyball Committee from its June 23 teleconference. It noted the championships name change from sand to beach volleyball was made to make it consistent with high school club and the Olympics. Council voiced its concern with the name change.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. Monday, July 20 and 11:14 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Wednesday, August 5 and 11:42 a.m. on Thursday, August 6.
ACTION ITEM.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

• Division III Ethnic Minority and Women’s Internship and Strategic Alliance Matching Grant. The Administrative Committee approved the request that with the 2015-16 distribution of grant funds, the NCAA provide an administrative change for the distribution of professional development and technology funding. This new distribution process will mirror the distribution of funds currently used for the Division III Conference Grant Program (i.e., funds are distributed in September and recipients submit documentation and receipts by the following August detailing the use of funds during the prior year). Below is more specific information:

1. Professional development and technology funding will be provided in early September when the salary/benefit dollars are dispersed.
2. This process change will allow recipients to follow their individual professional development, technology funding and reimbursement policies more closely.
3. Recipients would have to return any unused funding in excess of $300.
4. Staff has developed PDF forms that will assist in both submitting information accurately and providing the necessary accountability regarding use of distributed funds.

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ACTION ITEM.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- Committee on Infractions Replacement for Keith Jacques (public member). The Administrative Committee approved the committee’s recommendation, effective immediately, to appoint Gerald Houlihan to the Division III Committee on Infractions replacing Keith Jacques as the committee’s public member. Mr. Houlihan is an attorney for the firm Matteoni, O’Laughlin & Hechtman.

NCAA Bylaw 19.1.1. Composition of Committee, requires that one member of this five-person committee be from the public. Public members historically have been attorneys. Mr. Houlihan is an attorney and has the necessary skill set and experience to be an asset to the Division III Committee on Infractions. Further, his legal experience includes a multitude of arbitrations, trials and appeals. As a lawyer who litigates land use disputes, he has participated in numerous administrative proceedings and appeals related to code violations, special use permits and development denials. Accordingly, he is very familiar with the administrative hearing and appeal process and the related rules of evidence.

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**ACTION ITEM.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Division III Championships Committee.** The Administrative Committee approved the following immediate appointment (replacing Tom Hart) to the Division III Championships Committee:
  
  - Corey Borchardt, commissioner, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2016 NCAA Convention Legislation.** The Administrative Committee reviewed and approved, as written or amended, the following 2016 NCAA Convention legislative drafts sponsored by the NCAA Division III Presidents and Management Councils, consistent with the September 1 deadline.

   a. **NCAA Membership – Dues of Members – Current Annual Dues – Membership Dues Increase.** This proposal would increase membership dues by $1,100 for an active institution ($2,000 annual dues) and $550 for member conference offices ($1,000 annual dues).

   b. **Executive Regulations – Conference Automatic Qualification Requirements – Provisional and Reclassifying Member Institutions.** This proposal would specify that institutions in years three and four of the NCAA Division III provisional and reclassifying membership process may count toward the requisite number of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period for a multisport or single-sport conference to be eligible for automatic qualification for NCAA championships.

   c. **Championships and Postseason Football Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Elimination of Reinstatement Requirement.** This proposal would eliminate the requirement that the eligibility of a student-athlete must be restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement after he or she has fulfilled a drug-testing penalty and has tested negative in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors.

In addition, the committee noted there were 10 membership-sponsored proposals submitted by the July 15 deadline; however only seven had been properly co-sponsored as of August 31, 2015. The deadline for proposals to be properly sponsored is 5 p.m. September 1.

2. **Update on Membership Dues Increase.** The Administrative Committee received an update regarding the Division III membership dues increase and specifically, the division maintaining the full dollar amount generated by the increase. A formal recommendation will be made to the NCAA Board of Governors during its October meeting.

3. **Board of Governors Leadership.** The Administrative Committee noted that the Board of Governors will designate a president from either Division II or Division III as vice chair during its upcoming meeting in October.
4. **Other Business.** The Administrative Committee was asked to think about where they would like to conduct its annual Administrative Committee meeting in March 2016.

5. **Adjournment.** The teleconference commenced at 2:57 Eastern time.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Division III Nominating Committee. The Administrative Committee approved the following committee appointments:


   c. Division III Financial Aid Committee (immediate vacancy). Ronald Noborikawa, senior associate director of financial aid, Pacific Lutheran University, Northwest Conference.

2. Interpretations and Legislation Committee – Blanket Waiver. The Administrative Committee approved a recommendation to provide blanket relief from the application of Bylaw 17.02.1.1-(i) and an Official Interpretation dated February 4, 2005, (Item 15b). Specifically, to allow student-athletes that are outside of their playing and practice season to use facilities reserved only for student-athletes. This blanket waiver remains effective pending membership action on Proposal No. (1-5) Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Athletically Related Activities – Exceptions – Reservation of Facility by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Proposal No. (1-5) would allow, in part, student-athletes to use student-athlete only facilities outside the playing and practice season. Currently, Bylaw 17.02.1.1-(i) and an official interpretation dated February 4, 2005, (Item 15b) prohibit student-athletes from accessing student-athlete only athletics facilities outside of the playing and practice season. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee recently reviewed this issue and agreed that legislative change was the only means of allowing this type of access outside of the playing season. Because this appears to be an area of the legislation that is misunderstood and misapplied on campuses, ILC recommends that institutions should not have to alter their facility access policies and then potentially change them again when the matter is voted on at Convention. Consequently, ILC recommends that the Administrative Committee grant a waiver of the legislation until the membership has an opportunity to vote on this issue at the 2016 Convention.
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ACTION ITEM.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- New Grant – Ethnic Minority Students to NCAA Convention (Pilot Program). The Administrative Committee approved for the 2015-16 academic year up to $1,860 each for 43 Division III ethnic-minority students to attend the 2016 NCAA Convention and related Division III programming.

Division III governance and the Office of Inclusion are partnering on this pilot program. Funding is available from either the existing diversity budget line or a reallocation from the leadership development budget. The concept is to solicit nominations from commissioners, athletics directors, senior woman administrators and faculty athletics representatives for current ethnic-minority students, preferable juniors and seniors with a strong interest in Division III athletics administration, to attend the NCAA Convention from Thursday to Saturday. At the Convention, the students will be exposed to Division III, its members and the governance process. In addition to the scheduled Division III programming, there will be welcome and debrief meetings. Further, the selected participants will be paired with a Division III administrator to shadow during the Convention. The goal is to build the Division III pipeline in an effort to ultimately diversify the division.

Committee Chair: Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern
Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance
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Debbie Kresge, Division III Governance
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DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Colleges and universities in Division III place the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students’ academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete’s athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete’s educational experience, and an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.

(a) Expect that institutional presidents and chancellors have the ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program at the institutional, conference and national governance levels;

(b) Place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators and place greater emphasis on the internal constituency (e.g., students, alumni, institutional personnel) than on the general public and its entertainment needs;

(c) Shall not award financial aid to any student on the basis of athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance;

(d) Primarily focus on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year, undergraduate experience;

(e) Encourage the development of sportsmanship and positive societal attitudes in all constituents, including student-athletes, coaches, administrative personnel and spectators;

(f) Encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through based-based athletics programs;

(g) Assure that the actions of coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes;

(h) Assure that athletics participants are not treated differently from other members of the student body;

(i) Assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in nonathletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience;

(j) Assure that athletics programs support the institution’s educational mission by financing, staffing and controlling the programs through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution. Further, the administration of an institution’s athletics program (e.g., hiring, compensation, professional development, certification of coaches) should be integrated into the campus culture and educational mission;
(k) Assure that athletics recruitment complies with established institutional policies and procedures applicable to the admission process;

(l) Exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes;

(m) Assure that academic performance of student-athletes is, at a minimum, consistent with that of the general student body;

(n) Assure that admission policies for student-athletes comply with policies and procedures applicable to the general student body.

(o) Provide equitable athletics opportunities for males and females and give equal emphasis to men’s and women’s sports;

(p) Support ethnic and gender diversity for all constituents;

(q) Give primary emphasis to regional in-season competition and conference championships; and

(r) Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach high levels of athletics performance, which may include opportunities for participation in national championships, by providing all teams with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities.

The purpose of the NCAA is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual institutions to determine their own special objectives and programs. The above statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.
**Follow your passions and discover your potential.** The college experience is a time of learning and growth – a chance to follow passions and develop potential. For student-athletes in Division III, this happens most importantly in the classroom and through earning an academic degree. The Division III experience provides for passionate participation in a competitive athletics environment, where student-athletes push themselves to excellence and build upon their academic success with new challenges and life skills. And student-athletes are encouraged to pursue the full spectrum of opportunities available during their time in college. In this way, Division III provides an integrated environment for student-athletes to take responsibility for their own paths, follow their passions and find their potential through a comprehensive educational experience.

**Audiences**

**Who we are addressing**

**Student-Athletes / Parents**

- Continue to compete in a highly competitive athletics program and retain the full spectrum of college life.
- Focus on academic achievement while graduating with a comprehensive education that builds skills beyond the classroom.
- Access financial aid for college without the obligations of an athletics scholarship.
- Opportunities to play more than one sport.
- Be responsible for your own path, discover potential through opportunities to pursue many interests.

**DIII Internal Constituencies**

- Athletics are the primary focus for student-athletes. Shorter practice and playing seasons, no red-shirting and regional competition minimize time away from their academic studies and keep student-athletes on a path to graduation.
- Student-athletes are integrated on campus and treated like all other members of the general student-body, keeping them focused on being a student first.
- Participation in athletics provides valuable "life lessons" for student-athletes (teamwork, discipline, perseverance, leadership, etc.), which often translate into them becoming better students and more responsible citizens.

**General Public / Media**

- Division III institutions develop student-athlete potential through a comprehensive educational approach.
- Division III institutions offer athletics for the educational value and benefit to the student-athlete, not for the purposes of revenue generation or entertainment.
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- Student-athletes compete in a highly competitive athletics program and retain the full spectrum of college life.
- Student-athletes do not receive monetary incentive to play sports but rather participate for the love of the game.

**Reasons to Believe**

**Supporting features of DIII**

1. **Comprehensive educational experience.** Division III institutions develop student-athlete potential through a holistic educational approach that includes rigorous academics, competitive athletics and opportunity to pursue other interests and passions.

2. **Integrated campus environment.** About one-quarter of all students at Division III institutions participate in athletics. Those participating in athletics are integrated into the campus culture and educational missions of their colleges or universities:

   - Student-athletes are subject to admission and academic performance standards consistent with the general student body;
   - Student-athletes are not provided any special housing, services or support from their institution different from other students or student groups;
   - Athletics departments are regulated and managed through the same general procedures and practices as other departments of the institution.

   This integration of athletics allows the student-athletes to take full advantage of the many opportunities of campus life and their entire collegiate experience.

3. **Academic focus.** Student-athletes most often attend a college or university in Division III because of the many excellent academic programs, creating a primary focus on learning and achievement of their degree. The division minimizes the conflicts between athletics and academics through shorter playing and practice seasons, the number of contests, no red-shirting or out-of-season organized activities, and a focus on regional in-season and conference play.

4. **Available financial aid.** Three-quarters of all student-athletes in Division III receive some form of grant or non-athletics scholarship. Student-athletes have equal opportunity and access to financial aid as the general student body – but are not awarded aid based on athletics leadership, ability, performance or participation.

5. **Competitive athletics programs.** Student-athletes do not receive any monetary incentive (athletics scholarship) to play sports in college. They play for the love and passion of the game and to push themselves to be their best, creating an intense, competitive athletics environment for all who participate.

6. **National championship opportunities.** Division III has more than 170,000 student-athletes competing annually, with access to 38 different national championships. These competitions provide an opportunity for student-athletes to compete at the highest level and fulfill their athletics potential.

7. **Commitment to athletics participation.** Division III institutions are committed to a broad-based program of athletics because of the educational value of participation for the student-athlete. The division has a higher number and wider variety of athletics opportunities on average than any other division in the NCAA, emphasizing both competitive men’s and women’s sports.
REPORT OF THE
DIVISION III CONVENTION PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS:

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Welcome. The chair, Brit Katz, commenced the teleconference at 1 p.m. Eastern time, and welcomed the subcommittee.

2. Minutes of the June 25, 2015, teleconference. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the minutes.

3. Educational Session topics. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the following Division III Educational session topics for the 2016 Convention:
   a. Student-athlete mental well-being.
   b. Integrating athletics throughout your campus: The benefit of strengthening the FAR’s role and relationships.
   c. Addressing sexual misconduct in ways that make a difference: prevention, providing support and ensuring accountability.

4. Association-Wide Educational Sessions. The subcommittee reviewed the schedule of Association-Wide educational sessions.

5. Division III Governance Related Sessions.
   a. Chancellors/Presidents Programming.
      (1) There will be a joint session with Division II on Thursday, January 14, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. President Jeff Docking, Adrian College, will be the Division III moderator during this session. There will be two roundtable topics: Telling your school’s story and the business model of athletics.
      (2) Presidents and Chancellors Engagement Programming. This session is open to all chancellors and presidents in Divisions I, II and III. The session will take place Thursday, January 14, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. All presidents and chancellors within their first 12 months will receive a $200 honorarium.
(3) Presidents and Chancellors Summit and Luncheon. This session is open to all Division III presidents and chancellors and will take place Friday, January 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. President Kirk Schultz, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors, will participate in roundtable discussions related to the Board of Governors; Division I governance structure and impacts on Division III.

Currently 93 chancellors and presidents have registered for Convention.

b. Athletics Direct Report Institute. This session is closed (by nomination only). Currently there are 60 nominations to fill the 43 open slots. This session will take place Thursday, January 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

c. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Programming.

(1) Special Olympics Unified Experience. This session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. It is open to all Convention attendees, not just Division III.

(2) Programming for Student-Athletes. SAAC has identified several sessions that will be most beneficial to Division III student-athletes at Convention. [Attachment] To date there are 60 students, beyond National SAAC, that are registered for Convention.

d. Issues Forum. Friday, January 15:

(1) Roundtable topics: The subcommittee reviewed the draft roundtable topics and provided feedback.

(a) Playing and Practice Seasons review.

(b) Current Division III compliance issues: The subcommittee discussed and made the following recommendations:

i. Camps and clinics.

ii. Leadership Programming - what is allowed for out of season student-athletes?


iv. Social Media.

v. Role of strength & conditioning coach and student-athlete only weight rooms.

(2) Town Hall. The subcommittee reviewed and decided on the following Town Hall topics:
(a) Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.

(b) Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

(c) Financial Aid Best Practices.

e. Business Session: Saturday, January 16. The subcommittee discussed the following format:

8 to 8:15 a.m. Welcome.
8:15 to 8:30 a.m. National SAAC It’s On Us update.
8:30 to 11 a.m. Voting on 2016 legislative proposals.

(1) National SAAC It’s On Us Update - SAAC would like to take 10 minutes at the beginning of the Business Session to show a new video that outlines SAAC’s call to action with the It’s On Us campaign, prior to the legislative voting.

(2) Voting -- 2016 legislative proposals – there are 10 proposals, three from governance and seven from the membership. While there are few proposals, staff anticipates a lot of discussion and debate, and advised delegates to book their return flight no earlier than 2 p.m.

6. 2016 NCAA Division III Convention schedule. The subcommittee reviewed the draft schedule noting the Division III specific programming that will take place during Convention.

7. 2016 Convention-Planning Timeline. The subcommittee reviewed the timeline and noted the November and December teleconference dates.

8. Teleconferences. The next teleconferences are scheduled for:

a. 11 a.m. Eastern time Thursday, November 5.

b. 11 a.m. Eastern time Thursday, December 17.

9. Other business: The subcommittee noted that registration has opened. Early registration ends October 14 at which time the registration fees increase from $200 to $325.

10. Adjournment. The teleconference was adjourned at 2 p.m. Eastern time.
Committee Chair:  Brit Katz, Millsaps College, Southern Athletic Association
Staff Liaisons:  Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
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Teleconference date:  September 23, 2015

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2016 Convention Activities for Division III Student Attendees

We continue to receive positive feedback from schools and conferences that have supported the attendance of students at the NCAA Convention. Like last year, the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has worked to develop specific programming targeted for its student colleagues. Listed below is a tentative schedule:

**Wednesday, January 13**

- 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Special Olympics Unified Sports Activity, sponsored by Division III. Students are invited to wear casual apparel and participate in the unified activity with national SAAC members and Special Olympic athletes.

**Thursday, January 14**

General Convention programming and educational sessions throughout day.

- 4:30 to 6 p.m. – Opening Business Session.
- 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. – Delegates Reception.
- 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. – Evening educational session exclusively for Division III student attendees. National SAAC members will discuss their role and campus best practices and assist in preparing student attendees for the Friday Issues Forum and Saturday Business Session.

**Friday, January 15**

- 8 to 11 a.m. – Division III Issues Forum.
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Luncheon with national SAAC. This casual luncheon opportunity will allow all Division III student and student-athlete attendees to engage in open dialogue and Q&A with the National SAAC representatives.
- 1 to 5 p.m. – Conference meetings (at the discretion of each conference commissioner).
- 6 to 7 p.m. – Honors Celebration (paid admission required).

**Saturday, January 16**

- 8 to 11 a.m. – Business Session (student attendees will be assigned to sit with their member conference, if space allows).
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**Division III 3.18% Revenue Allocation**

- **Overhead**: 372,950
- **Division III Other Revenue**: 322,290
- **Total Revenue**: 25,364,000

**Division III Other Revenue**

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#### Strategic Initiative Conference Grants
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- 2012-13: 220,000
- 2013-14: 220,000
- 2014-15: 220,000

#### Division III Event Cancellation Insurance
- 2012-13: 200,000
- 2013-14: 150,000
- 2014-15: 150,000

#### FAR Institute
- 2012-13: 85,000
- 2013-14: 83,744
- 2014-15: 83,744

#### Campus-based Student-Athlete Leadership Programs
- 2012-13: 80,000
- 2013-14: 48,258
- 2014-15: 48,258

#### NAD3AA Partnership
- 2012-13: 51,000
- 2013-14: 51,881
- 2014-15: 51,881

#### Special Olympics Partnership
- 2012-13: 50,000
- 2013-14: 39,500
- 2014-15: 39,500

#### DIII-MOAA and DII-NCC Partnerships
- 2012-13: 50,000
- 2013-14: 50,000
- 2014-15: 50,000

#### Co-SIDA Partnership
- 2012-13: 44,000
- 2013-14: 43,061
- 2014-15: 43,061

#### Annual Convention
- 2012-13: 35,000
- 2013-14: 34,000
- 2014-15: 34,000

#### Additional Spring In-Person SAAC Meeting
- 2012-13: -
- 2013-14: -
- 2014-15: -

#### SWA Enhancement Grant Program (NACWAASERS)
- 2012-13: 26,000
- 2013-14: 27,522
- 2014-15: 27,522

#### Miscellaneous Division III Initiatives
- 2012-13: 25,000
- 2013-14: 25,000
- 2014-15: 25,000

#### Academic Reporting Honorarium
- 2012-13: 25,000
- 2013-14: 25,000
- 2014-15: 25,000

#### Other Working Groups
- 2012-13: 50,000
- 2013-14: 50,000
- 2014-15: 50,000

#### Conference Commissioners Meeting
- 2012-13: 15,000
- 2013-14: 15,000
- 2014-15: 15,000

#### Division-wide Sportsmanship Initiative
- 2012-13: 15,000
- 2013-14: 15,000
- 2014-15: 15,000

#### Regional Rules Seminar
- 2012-13: 15,000
- 2013-14: 15,000
- 2014-15: 15,000

#### Exploratory/Provisional Membership
- 2012-13: -
- 2013-14: -
- 2014-15: -

#### Overhead Allocation
- 2012-13: 1,116,000
- 2013-14: 1,116,000
- 2014-15: 1,116,000

#### Total Program Expenses
- 2012-13: 7,317,800
- 2013-14: 6,792,240
- 2014-15: 6,434,124

#### Total Division III Expenses
- 2012-13: 27,190,680
- 2013-14: 26,653,603
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| Expenses: | | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Championship Expenses | | |
| Men's Championships | | |
| Baseball | 1,825,000 | 1,824,027 | 973 | 5,372 | 284,643 | 1,891,000 | (4,550) | 1,895,550 | - |
| Basketball | 959,900 | 945,217 | 14,683 | 10 | 130,336 | 997,900 | 42 | 996,952 | - |
| Cross Country | 519,000 | 526,112 | (7,112) | 3,428 | 3,428 | 541,000 | 355 | 540,645 | - |
| Football | 1,747,000 | 1,505,741 | -1,491,259 | 4,497 | 587,151 | 1,820,000 | - | 1,820,000 | - |
| Golf | 523,000 | 547,738 | (24,738) | 6,000 | - | 541,000 | - | 541,000 | - |
| Ice Hockey | 303,000 | 320,834 | (17,834) | - | 103,360 | 316,000 | - | 316,000 | - |
| Lacrosse | 431,000 | 504,354 | (73,354) | - | 57,894 | 446,000 | - | 446,000 | - |
| Soccer | 1,008,000 | 1,020,050 | (2,050) | 1,513 | 44,956 | 1,046,000 | 128 | 1,054,872 | - |
| Swimming & Diving | 496,000 | 547,533 | (51,533) | 495 | - | 513,000 | (1,167) | 514,167 | - |
| Tennis | 592,000 | 563,700 | 28,300 | (586) | - | 615,000 | (507) | 615,507 | - |
| Track, Indoor | 546,000 | 600,076 | (54,076) | - | - | 569,000 | 484 | 568,516 | - |
| Track, Outdoor | 744,000 | 915,144 | (171,144) | 51,222 | - | 771,000 | - | 771,000 | - |
| Volleyball | 164,200 | 141,273 | 22,927 | 19,516 | - | 167,000 | 426 | 166,574 | - |
| Wrestling | 367,500 | 340,176 | 27,324 | 2 | - | 381,000 | - | 381,000 | - |
| Championship Other | - | 3,388 | (3,388) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Men's Championships | 10,225,600 | 10,305,367 | (79,767) | 20,791 | 1,259,561 | 10,614,000 | (4,788) | 10,618,788 | - |
| Women's Championships | | |
| Baseball | 1,250,900 | 946,472 | 304,428 | 667 | - | 1,304,000 | - | 1,304,000 | - |
| Basketball Anniversary | - | - | - | - | - | 200,000 | - | 200,000 | - |
| Cross Country | 538,000 | 530,543 | 7,457 | 3,395 | - | 561,000 | - | 561,000 | - |
| Field Hockey | 416,500 | 430,173 | (13,673) | 785 | - | 431,000 | - | 431,000 | - |
| Golf | 311,000 | 312,607 | (1,607) | 4,569 | - | 321,000 | - | 321,000 | - |
| Ice Hockey | 273,000 | 194,987 | 78,013 | - | - | 286,000 | - | 286,000 | - |
| Lacrosse | 686,000 | 624,848 | 61,152 | 1,130 | 45,280 | 727,000 | - | 727,000 | - |
| Rowing | 294,000 | 344,622 | (50,622) | (15,144) | - | 305,000 | - | 305,000 | - |
| Soccer | 1,182,000 | 1,076,645 | 105,355 | - | 105,775 | 1,227,000 | 602 | 1,226,398 | - |
| Softball | 1,369,000 | 1,345,770 | 23,230 | - | 191,254 | 1,418,000 | - | 1,418,000 | - |
| Swimming & Diving | 508,000 | 531,712 | (23,712) | 479 | - | 525,000 | 83 | 524,917 | - |
| Tennis | 624,000 | 604,484 | 19,516 | - | - | 647,000 | 533 | 646,467 | - |
| Track, Indoor | 592,000 | 594,041 | (2,041) | - | - | 617,000 | - | 617,000 | - |
| Track, Outdoor | 778,000 | 866,324 | (88,324) | (963) | 37,596 | 807,000 | (1,325) | 805,675 | - |
| Volleyball | 963,000 | 965,808 | (2,808) | - | 30,256 | 999,000 | - | 999,000 | - |
| Championship Other | - | 3,388 | (3,388) | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Women's Championships | 9,785,400 | 9,372,425 | 412,975 | -5,082 | 410,160 | 10,375,000 | -106 | 10,375,106 | - |

| Championships Expense | 20,011,000 | 19,677,792 | 333,208 | 15,709 | 1,669,721 | 20,899,000 | -8,894 | 20,993,894 | - |
| Overhead | 325,000 | 325,000 | - | 27,083 | - | 333,000 | 27,750 | 305,250 | - |
| Total Championships Expense | 20,336,000 | 20,002,792 | 333,208 | 42,793 | 1,669,721 | 21,322,000 | 22,856 | 21,299,144 | - |

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### Total Division III Expenses

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## Notes

1. Mandated Reserve Funds Needed
2. Encumbered for future year programs
3. Championships contingency
### Natural Representation

#### Scenario #5

**Assumptions:**
A thru G assumptions same as baseline scenario.

**II) $1,100 membership dues increase for institutions and $550 increase for conferences in 2017-18.**

**I) Beginning in FY2017-18, only increase non-championships budget every two years.**

#### Potential Add-backs:

- **X1** Maximum amount needed to fund charter pilot, if there are no buy backs, but only for 2015-16
- **X2** Increase per diem to $95 per person in 2017-18
- **X3** Increase women's swim and dive budget to equate to male access ratio in 2017-18
- **X4** Re-introduce host per diem at $30 per person in 2017-18
- **X5** Increase per diem to $100 per person in 2020-21
- **X6** Increase host per diem to $35 per person in 2020-21

#### The National Collegiate Athletic Association

#### Division III Budget Projections

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#### Expenses:

- **C) Championships Game Operations**
- **D) Championships Committee**
- **E) Championships Team Transportation**
- **G) Championships Per Diem**

#### Total Division III Expenses:

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#### Notes:

- Based on new championships policies (10% reduction in travel party, $5 reduction in per diem) will right-size per diem allocations by sport.
- Championship spend was over budget by $369,803 for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Non-championships spend was under budget by $369,803 for fiscal year 2013-14.
- Expenses reflect actual balances as of 9/1/15, Revenues are still projected.
KEY ITEM.

- **Review of 2016 NCAA Convention Proposals.** The NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed 13 potential 2016 Convention proposals. Ten of the proposals are membership sponsored proposals (these proposals need to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1). The remaining three proposals have been sponsored by the NCAA Division III Management Council.

The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee identified three of the membership sponsored proposals requiring the NCAA Division III Presidents Council review. The Presidents Council may co-sponsor any of these three proposals. If the Presidents Council chooses not to co-sponsor the proposals, it will then at its October meeting, review feedback from committees and either support the proposal, oppose the proposal or take no position on the proposal (See Addendum A).

The subcommittee identified one Management Council proposal for the Presidents Council review. Consequently, the Presidents Council shall do one of the following: (1) Sponsor the proposal. The Presidents Council would do this if it agrees the issues are presidential, approves of the proposal and is willing to advocate for it at the Convention. (2) Oppose the proposal. The Presidents Council would do this if it did not want the proposal to go to the membership for a vote. The Presidents Council’s opposition would rescind the Management Council’s sponsorship. (3) Take no action on the proposal. The Presidents Council does not have to sponsor or oppose the proposals if it determines that the issues are not presidential. With this option, the Presidents Council would be deferring to the Management Council and the proposal would go forward for a Convention vote as sponsored by the Management Council (See Addendum B).

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Review of Guiding Principles.** The subcommittee reviewed the guiding principles for evaluating proposals.
Committee Chair: Troy VanAken, Thiel College, Presidents’ Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Governance
Louise McCleary, Governance
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs

July 30, 2015

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Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
- Dan Dutcher
- Audrey Hester
- Jay Jones
- Jeff Myers
- Sarah Otey
The NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee identified the following three membership sponsored proposals for the NCAA Division III Presidents Council review. The Presidents Council may co-sponsor any of these proposals. If the Presidents Council chooses not to co-sponsor the proposals, it will then at its October meeting, review feedback from committees and either support the proposal, oppose the proposal or take no position on the proposal.

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<td><strong>RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY -- DEREGULATION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS</strong></td>
<td>This proposal seeks to deregulate the existing restrictions on electronic transmissions. There is a growing concern that current legislation regarding electronic transmissions is outdated and lagging behind prospective student-athletes' and coaches' use of technology. Current limitations are inhibiting the exchange of information in the most efficient, cost effective and least intrusive way. Developments in technology have made it easier and less expensive to communicate through the expanded availability and prevalence of mobile communication devices that are multifunctional and often provide options for the user to define his or her communication preferences. Institutions have been permitted to send an unlimited number of emails to prospective student-athletes for several years and no concerns have been raised regarding frequency or intrusion. The proposed deregulation brings athletics in line with campus admissions staff, decreasing burden on coaches and compliance administrators, without increasing burden on prospective student-athletes. Allowing the exchange of public electronic transmissions necessitates simultaneous deregulation of the publicity legislation, based on the reality that public discourse through social media has largely replaced traditional forms of publicity and news media.</td>
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<td><strong>Intent</strong>: To specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messages, text messages or facsimiles), including public or private communication through a social networking site, may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians).</td>
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<td><strong>Source</strong>: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference.</td>
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<td>RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS AND CONTACTS -- ESTABLISHING DEAD PERIODS</td>
<td>This proposal will improve the work/life balance of Division III coaches. The goal of the dead periods is to provide coaches a much needed break from the recruiting process and allow them the freedom to attend their national Convention. This defined period is also designed to provide a break for prospective student-athletes from the intense recruiting process. The membership requested the division examine recruiting dead periods to help our coaches with work/life balance. The recruiting working group did not bring forward a model for dead periods, so this proposal is intended to provide an opportunity for the division's membership to discuss a small form of recruiting dead periods. The proposal allows that if a sport is in their defined playing and practice season, the dead period restriction does not apply. High School League state championships/playoffs are also exempt from the dead period restriction. These allowances provide in-season coaches the flexibility to recruit and also provide coaches the opportunity to attend high school state championships, regardless of when they occur. The membership requested the division examine recruiting dead periods to help our coaches with work/life balance.</td>
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<td>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- NONTRADITIONAL SEGMENT</td>
<td>Football student-athletes are not currently provided similar opportunities to those afforded other student-athletes with fall/spring championships to develop sport-specific skills during a nontraditional season. The existing provision for strength and conditioning sessions and limited skill instruction does not allow for comprehensive skill development for all players involved in the sport of football. Coaches interpret the current rule in various ways, potentially resulting in widely diverging experiences from campus to campus. As safety concerns related to the sport of football have increased, so has the need for instruction and practice on proper blocking and tackling, the effectiveness of which is minimized without equipment. Further, with the limitations placed on preseason practices during the traditional season, time for skill development and technique work is often marginalized in favor of scheme installation and game preparation. Finally, engaging in football-specific activities without the benefit of protective equipment, as permitted under current legislation, raises concerns about student-athlete safety. This proposal will provide football student-athletes with skill instruction and development opportunities equivalent to student-athletes participating in other sports, while maintaining the health and safety of the student-athletes as a top priority.</td>
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**Intent:** To create recruiting dead periods in Division III. The dead periods would restrict coaches from interacting with prospective student-athletes during specific times of the year. Dead periods surround major U.S. holidays and the national Convention dates for each sport.

**Source:** Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2016.

**Intent:** To establish a 14 day nontraditional segment for football, which shall include the following: (1) An Instruction Period consisting of four days of limited activity such as classroom sessions, film study, fitness testing, and strength and conditioning sessions; (2) An Acclimatization Period consisting of three days of helmet only on-field practice; and (3) A General Practice Period consisting of seven days of full equipment, three of which may include live tackling.

**Source:** Twelve member institutions.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.
The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee determined that the following proposals are operational and recommends that they do not need reviewed by the Presidents Council.

| Title and Intent                                                                 | Rationale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|———-|
| DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR GOLF | Golf, particularly on the women's side, has seen growth in Division III due in part to the Championships Committee waiver permitting institutions to be eligible for championships selection based on contests completed with four participants rather than five. The sport of golf requires four players to complete an 18-hole round to compile a team score. The fifth score is discarded. Golf is the only sport under Bylaw 20.11.3.8 that requires more participants than those needed to complete team scoring. Cross Country requires five participants but scores with seven runners; tennis requires six participants but can play six singles and six different doubles players; and wrestling only requires six participants in the 10 weight classes. This proposal will enable current sponsors to keep the sport viable on their campuses while encouraging possible sponsors to add the sport. |

**Intent**: To reduce the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship in the sport of golf from five to four.

**Source**: Centennial Conference and Landmark Conference.

**Effective Date**: Immediate.
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<td>PLAYING SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIVE DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD- ONE ON FIELD CONDITIONING SESSION FOR EACH DAY OF THE ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD</td>
<td>In 2013, Proposal No. 2013-5 was passed, which allowed coaches, in the sport of football, on the first day of the 5 day acclimatization period, the option of conducting one on-field practice session not to exceed three hours; or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility test), not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. Student-athletes would be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between the end of the first session and the start of the next session. Amending the legislation to allow this option for all five days of the acclimatization period would give coaches greater flexibility in practice planning during the pre-season period without compromising the health and well-being of the student-athletes. This proposal will also serve to prevent encroachment on academic and student orientation activities during this time period prior to the beginning of the school year.</td>
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**Intent:** To allow, in the sport of football, the scheduling option that is currently permissible for the first day of the acclimatization period to apply to all five days. Specifically, that a member institution may have the discretion, in addition to the walk through session, of conducting one of the following options: (1) One on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length; or (2) One on field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice not to exceed two hours in length.

**Source:** Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2016.
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<td>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTIONS -- RESERVATION OF FACILITY BY CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH</td>
<td>As strength and conditioning techniques evolve, there is an increasing distinction between equipment used for the general student body/faculty/staff and equipment used for student-athletes. This has led to the creation of student-athlete weight rooms on many campuses that are separate from general fitness centers. Current legislation prohibits institutions from reserving athletic facilities for the exclusive use of student-athletes outside the declared playing and practice season. Existing legislation further restricts certified strength and conditioning coaches from reserving any institutional athletic facilities to conduct voluntary workouts. Proposal No. 2011-7-1, an amendment to Proposal No. 2011-7, permitted certified strength and conditioning personnel to conduct voluntary workouts during the regular academic year for student-athletes based in part on the rationale that &quot;the weeks outside of the competitive season are the time to increase cardiovascular endurance, build strength and explosiveness, train for purposes of injury prevention, and become a better athlete so that students are prepared for the sport season.&quot; For this same reason, student-athletes should be permitted to access a designated student-athlete weight room and certified strength and conditioning coaches should be permitted to reserve an athletic facility during the regular academic year to conduct voluntary workouts.</td>
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| Intent: To permit student-athletes to access a student-athlete only weight room outside of the declared playing and practice season. Additionally, to permit certified strength and conditioning personnel to reserve an institution's athletic facilities, including a student-athlete weight room, during the institution's regular academic year to conduct voluntary workouts for all student-athletes. | |

| Source: State University of New York Athletic Conference. | |

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<td>RECRUITING - CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT SPECIFIED SITES -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE -- EXCEPTION FOR ON-CAMPUS CONTACT</td>
<td>Allowing contact on an institution's campus on the day of competition prior to competition allows prospective student-athletes more flexibility when arranging campus visits in locations to which they may already be traveling for competition. Currently, prospective student-athletes are prohibited from making contact with institutional athletics staff members on a day of competition, prior to competition, even if they are visiting an institution's campus on an official or unofficial visit on a day of competition. This restriction often requires prospective student-athletes to remain in the locale of the institution additional days following competition to visit the campus and meet with athletics staff members, resulting in additional cost and additional missed class time. This proposal would not only offer greater flexibility to prospective student-athletes who wish to meet with athletics staff members while visiting a campus in a locale of a site of competition or en route to a site of competition, but may also improve recruiting efficiency and potentially result in fewer days away from campus for coaches.</td>
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| **Intent**: To permit institutional coaching staff members to have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided that contact occurs on the institution's campus and the institution's campus is not the competition site. | **Source**: Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.  
**Effective Date**: Immediate. |
| PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ICE HOCKEY -- OFF ICE TRAINING | Allowing institutions to conduct dry-land (off-ice) training beginning after the first Monday in October and within the 19-week season will allow teams to use their entire 19-week season under the supervision of their coaching staff. This proposal will help ensure the safety of the student-athletes during pre-season, dry-land (off-ice) training sessions. |
| **Intent**: To allow for off-ice/dry land training prior to the current first permissible practice date while still keeping the 19 week length for the total ice hockey season. | **Source**: Twenty plus member institutions.  
**Effective Date**: August 1, 2016. |
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<td><strong>ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- STUDENT-ATHLETE DID NOT PRACTICE OR COMPETE AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION</strong></td>
<td>Current legislation negatively impacts a student-athlete transferring from an institution with an unfulfilled year in residence to a Division III institution. A student-athlete who participates in athletics at institution A and then transfers to institution B and does not participate in athletics may be subject to a year-in-residence at Institution B based on more restrictive transfer legislation for non-Division III institutions. If this student-athlete then elects to transfer to institution C prior to the completion of the year in residence at Institution B, the student-athlete would not be eligible to use a Division III transfer exception despite never having intended to participate at Institution B. The residency requirement is appropriate but unfairly penalizes a transfer in this situation. Student-athletes, who would have been academically and athletically eligible at Institution A, did not participate at Institution B and are only ineligible at Institution C due to an unfulfilled academic year in residence at Institution B should be permitted to compete immediately at Institution C. With this proposal, a student-athlete will not be penalized for time spent at a non-Division III institution where he or she does not practice or compete.</td>
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<td>The intent of the out-of-season athletically related activities legislation is to prevent coaches from engaging in practice activities with their own student-athletes outside of the playing season. Permitting student-athletes to participate voluntarily in athletically related fundraising activities while out of season does not undermine the purpose of that rule, because there is no intent to assess or monitor the athletics ability of the out-of-season student-athlete. Often, an institution's team will conduct fundraisers that involve athletically related activity that is closely associated with its particular sport. In these cases, student-athletes are precluded from participating in their own institution's fundraiser. Furthermore, out-of-season student-athletes are denied opportunities to network with influential alumni and friends of the college who take part in these fundraising events, as well as to support their fellow classmates, simply because their sport season does not coincide with the scheduled institutional fundraiser.</td>
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<td>Intent: To permit student-athletes to participate in out-of-season institutional fundraising activities involving athletics ability provided the participation in the activity is voluntary. Source: Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Effective Date: Immediate.</td>
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The NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee identified the following proposal for the NCAA Division III Presidents Council review. Consequently, the Presidents Council shall do one of the following:

1. Sponsor the proposal. The Presidents Council would do this if it agrees the issues are presidential, approves of the proposal and is willing to advocate for it at the NCAA Convention.

2. Oppose the proposal. The Presidents Council would do this if it did not want the proposal to go to the membership for a vote. The Presidents Council's opposition would rescind the NCAA Division III Management Council's sponsorship.

3. Take no action on the proposal. The Presidents Council does not have to sponsor or oppose the proposals if it determines that the issues are not presidential. With this option, the Presidents Council would be deferring to the Management Council and the proposal would go forward for a Convention vote as sponsored by the Management Council.

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<td>At the 2015 NCAA Convention Issues Forum, the Division III membership indicated significant support for a membership dues increase, provided Division III would retain all additional generated revenue. The current chair of the NCAA Board of Governors as well as relevant national office staff have indicated support for allowing Division III to retain all additional revenue generated. Membership dues have not increased since 1985. The proposed membership dues increase would be used to offset rising championships travel cost, which are anticipated to result in a budget deficit for the division in coming years.</td>
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<td>Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Strategic Planning and Finance Committee).</td>
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The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee determined that the following proposals are operational and do not need to be reviewed by the Presidents Council.

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<td>Currently, a conference must have seven members that are active Division III institutions to begin the two-year waiting period for automatic qualification. This recommendation would allow a conference to consider its year three or four provisional or reclassifying members as part of the seven, thereby allowing the conference to begin the two-year waiting period earlier than is currently permissible. At the conclusion of the two-year waiting period, the conference would be awarded automatic qualification provided the provisional or reclassifying members that were a part of the conference's requisite seven members are established as active member institutions. In recent years, provisional and reclassifying institutions in years three and four of the membership process were given greater consideration in championships selection policies such that they now count in primary selection criteria. The change was made to encourage active Division III institutions to schedule contests with provisional and reclassifying institutions without being negatively impacted at the time of selections. In the same way, allowing these institutions to count toward the requisite number of conference members is a benefit to both the provisional or reclassifying and the established members.</td>
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Intent: To specify that institutions in years three and four of the NCAA Division III provisional and reclassifying membership process may count toward the requisite number of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period before a multisport or single-sport conference is eligible for automatic qualification for NCAA championships. Further, to specify that this allowance is applicable to either core or affiliate conference members.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).

Effective Date: September 1, 2016.
### Title and Intent

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**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete who has tested positive for a banned substance, served the requisite penalty following the positive drug test and retested negative in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors, not be required to seek eligibility restoration through the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** Effective for all drug tests administered after August 1, 2016.

### Rationale

Currently, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is required to consider reinstatement of a student-athlete's eligibility after the student-athlete has fulfilled the penalty for a positive test and has subsequently tested negative for any banned substance. The reinstatement of student-athletes in such situations has become perfunctory as the committee does not exercise any degree of discretion in the reinstatement request; rather, the committee simply confirms the negative test. Requiring the committee to confirm a negative test administered by Drug Free Sport is unnecessary. This proposal will reduce bureaucracies and increase efficiencies to better streamline the drug testing and eligibility restoration processes.
ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.


2. Review of 2015 NCAA Convention Division III Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (IPOPL) Proposal No. 4 -- Four-Year Transfers Without Participation at Previous Institution. The subcommittee reviewed IPOPL Proposal No. 4 decided to take no action on the proposal. Subcommittee members noted that while they are sympathetic to the concept in principle, they believe that adopting legislation is not the proper method for providing relief. Specifically, the subcommittee noted the small number of instances in which this scenario arises, and agreed that legislation should not be adopted to address an issue that the Division III membership does not encounter on a significant basis. The subcommittee also noted that eligibility issues involving multiple-institution transfer student-athletes are circumstances that should be reviewed with additional care. Last, the subcommittee felt that a more appropriate direction is to continue reviewing such instances on a case-by-case basis through the legislative relief waiver process, with guidance from the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

3. Review History and Utility of the Academic Issues Subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed a comprehensive report on the history of the Academic Issues Subcommittee and discussed the concept of merging the subcommittee with the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. The Academic Issues Subcommittee agreed that in light of the low volume of academic waivers processed by the Academic Issues Subcommittee and NCAA staff, it would be appropriate for the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief to assume the duties of the Academic Issues Subcommittee, so long as NCAA staff and members of the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief will not be overly burdened by the addition of academic waiver requests. NCAA staff informed the Academic Issues Subcommittee that the feedback would be provided to the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief for that body's review. [See Supplement No. 6]
4. **Other Business.** None.

5. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 4:32 p.m. Eastern time.

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Subcommittee Chair: Dennis Leighton, University of New England, The Commonwealth Coast Conference

Staff Support: Kristin DiBiase, Academic and Membership Affairs

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
SEPTEMBER 25, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • Approve Combining the NCAA Division III Management Council Academic Issues Subcommittee and the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council approves combining the Academic Issues Subcommittee and the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. Specifically, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief would absorb the responsibilities of the Academic Issues Subcommittee.

(2) Effective Date. January 16, 2016.

(3) Rationale. During its September 2015 teleconference, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief reviewed the history of the Academic Issues Subcommittee. The same NCAA staff team is responsible for processing both academic waivers and legislative relief waivers: The Academic Issues Subcommittee only processes approximately 20 waivers per year; and the composition of the Academic Issues Subcommittee does not emphasize nor require experience certifying academic eligibility. As a result, the subcommittee recommended absorbing the responsibilities of the Academic Issues Subcommittee in an effort to streamline and simplify the waiver process for Division III institutions. [Supplement No. 5]

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Introductions. The subcommittee chair, Nnenna Akotaobi, welcomed subcommittee members and requested that subcommittee members review the roster for accuracy.

2. Approval of March 2015 Report. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the report from its March 9, 2015, teleconference.

3. Review Cases Decided from February 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015, by the NCAA Staff and Subcommittee. From February 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015, the subcommittee and/or staff received a total of 34 Division III waiver requests, of which 26 were decided. The following is a summary of the decisions made by the staff and subcommittee:

   - Staff approved 16 cases and denied 10 cases. Of the 16 cases that were approved, eight were approved with conditions and eight were approved based on the totality of the circumstances and/or student-athlete well-being. The subcommittee reviewed the eight cases approved based on totality and/or student-athlete well-being and requested that staff archive two of those cases (see Attachment).

4. Review of Division III Previously Approved Waivers List. The subcommittee reviewed the Division III Previously Approved Waivers Checklist [Reference: January 12, 2015, Educational Column], which provides flexibility for an institution to grant relief of NCAA legislation and submit a report to its conference office rather than filing a formal legislative relief waiver request. The subcommittee requested the removal of one item pertaining to payment of car repairs from the previously approved waivers checklist.

5. Review of Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures. The subcommittee reviewed the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures.

6. Composition of the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. The subcommittee discussed the subcommittee composition if the Academic Issues Subcommittee responsibilities were absorbed. The subcommittee expressed interest in adding a sixth member; however, it requested that staff research other committee structures and develop some potential six-member models for the subcommittee to review. Specifically, the subcommittee expressed concern over the implications of a tie vote on a six-person subcommittee.
7. **Guideline Recommendation from the Academic Issues Subcommittee.** The subcommittee reviewed 2016 Convention IPOPL No. 4, which was not fully sponsored. The proposal addressed the eligibility of a 4-4-4 transfer who is not eligible upon transfer to the certifying institution due to an unfulfilled year in residence at a Division I or II institution. The subcommittee agreed that the application of this proposal should be incorporated into the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Guidelines document. Specifically, the subcommittee granted staff the authority to approve 4-4-4 transfer waivers provided the student: 1) neither practiced nor competed in intercollegiate athletics at the most recent four-year institution; 2) would have been both academically and athletically eligible at the most recent four-year institution but for an unfulfilled residence requirement; and 3) would have been both academically and athletically eligible had he or she remained at the original four-year institution. The subcommittee requested staff draft a guideline to reflect this position for the subcommittee to review.

8. **Review of Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Guidelines.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved the following guidelines and directives:

a. **Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Student Transfers [NCAA Division III Bylaw 14.1.9].** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this directive.

b. **Use of a Semester/Quarter [Bylaw 14.2.2.1] Information Standards and Guidelines.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this guideline.

c. **Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment [Bylaw 14.2.4.4] Guideline.** The subcommittee reviewed and approved the application of this guideline. The subcommittee requested the bylaw references be updated to reflect the current participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.

d. **Transfer Year-in-Residence [14.5] Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives.**

   (1) **Assertions of Misinformation.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this directive and the information standards for assertions of misinformation.

   (2) **Assertions of Injury/Illness.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this guideline.
(3) **Assertions of Academic and Athletics Reasons.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this guideline.

(4) **Assertions Involving Diagnosed Education-Impacting Disabilities.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this guideline.

e. **Outside Competition Legislation [Bylaw 14.7.1] Directive.** The subcommittee reviewed and affirmed the application of this directive.

9. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee chair reminded the subcommittee of the upcoming March/September 2016 meetings.

10. **Other business.** None.

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**Committee Chair:** Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College, Centennial Conference

**Staff Liaisons:** Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**

Jeff Myers, Sarah Otey (via teleconference) and Joni Williamson.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS SUBCOMMITTEE
AUGUST 12, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The chair, Chris Ragsdale, welcomed the subcommittee members.


3. Review 2015 Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Survey. The subcommittee reviewed and revised the playing and practice seasons survey. The subcommittee agreed to continue revisions to the survey using feedback from subcommittee members and targeted representatives from the membership until the projected launch date to the NCAA Division III membership on August 31, 2015. In order to allow proper time to analyze the survey results and begin to prepare for the 2016 NCAA Convention Division III Issues Forum, the survey will be available through September 21, 2015. In addition to recommending that student-athletes be added as survey recipients, the subcommittee proposed the following revisions to the survey (an updated version of the survey is included in the attachment):
   a. Add assistant coaches and student-athletes to the demographic section and survey recipient list;
   b. Carbon copy conference commissioners on the memorandum; and
   c. Encourage institutions to forward the survey to other colleagues.

4. Review 2015 Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Survey. The subcommittee reviewed and revised the final draft of the playing and practice seasons survey.

5. Other Business. None.
6. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee reviewed the date and time for the upcoming September teleconference.

7. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 4:12 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Committee Chair:** Chris Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

**Staff Liaisons:** Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Liz Suscha, Championships and Corporate Alliances  
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

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2015 Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Survey

This survey has been designed to capture what’s important to Division III institutions in terms of Playing and Practice Seasons regulations. It will provide a platform to compile your opinions on current playing and practice seasons legislation and potential concepts for future consideration. What will be done with the information received? The Playing and Practice Seasons subcommittee will use the survey results to inform and focus on continued discussion within the division concerning our regulations. Specifically, this information will narrow the scope of discussion during the Issues Forum at the 2016 Convention. The findings do not represent a binding referendum related to these regulations. Merely, the survey seeks guidance from the membership on the most pressing areas for discussion.

How is the survey organized and how long will it take? The survey is divided into three parts and you can expect approximately 20 minutes to complete it: 1. Demographic (school and individual) information: Your individual responses will be held confidential and only reported in aggregate. 2. Competitive Opportunities: The survey seeks feedback on concepts impacting competition limits. 3. Nontraditional Segment and Out of Season Activities: This section seeks feedback on concepts addressing the playing and practice activities occurring outside the championship segment.

Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions, please contact: Eric Hartung, Associate Director of Research for Division III at: ehartung@ncaa.org

PART I RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
Q1 What is your primary position at your school?
   ☐ Athletics Direct Report
   ☐ Coach
   ☐ Director of Athletics
   ☐ Faculty Athletics Representative
   ☐ President/Chancellor
   ☐ Senior Woman Administrator
   ☐ Student-Athlete
   ☐ Other Athletics Administrator ____________________
   ☐ Other, please explain: ____________________

Q2 Do you serve as a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee? (Check all that apply)
   ☐ National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
   ☐ Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
   ☐ Campus Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
   ☐ I'm not a member

Q3 How many years have you served in athletic administration?

Q4 How many years have you served in your current position?
Q5 Do you also serve as a head coach of a sport?
- Yes
- No

Q6 Which sport?
- Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Men's Golf
- Women's Golf
- Men's Ice Hockey
- Women's Ice Hockey
- Men's Lacrosse
- Women's Lacrosse
- Women's Rowing
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Men's Swimming
- Women's Swimming
- Men's Tennis
- Women's Tennis
- Men's Indoor Track
- Women's Indoor Track
- Men's Outdoor Track
- Women's Outdoor Track
- Men's Volleyball
- Women's Volleyball
- Wrestling

Q7 How you schedule your sports may vary. After conference commitments, please prioritize up to five factors you generally consider when compiling schedules (1=most important and 5=least important). Click, drag and drop up to five factors you consider from the left column to the right. Once you've done that you can rearrange the list by clicking and dragging the factor up or down. You may also move any factor back to the left and select another if desired. If there are factors you don’t consider, simply leave them in the left column.

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Q8 Which sport(s) do you play? (Check all that apply)

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- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Men's Cross Country
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- Field Hockey
- Football
- Men's Golf
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- Wrestling
Q9 Which sport(s) do you coach? (Check all that apply)
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- Field Hockey
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Q10 What title do you hold?
- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach

Q11 How many years have you served as a coach in this sport?

Q12 How many years have you served in your current position?
Q13 Please prioritize up to five factors you consider when compiling your schedule for the traditional season (1=most important and 5=least important). Click, drag and drop up to five factors you consider from the left column to the right. Once you’ve done that you can rearrange the list by clicking and dragging the factor up or down. You may also move any factor back to the left and select another if desired. If there are factors you don’t consider, simply leave them in the left column.

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PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

Q14 How many NCAA championship sports does your school sponsor?

Q15 How would you best describe the competitiveness of your athletics program?

- We field multiple NCAA championship tournament teams every year.
- We consistently compete for conference championships or post-season berths.
- We occasionally compete for conference championships or post-season berths.

Q16 How would you best describe the current competitive expectations of your sport program?

- We field multiple NCAA championship tournament teams every year.
- We consistently compete for conference championships or post-season berths.
- We occasionally compete for conference championships or post-season berths.

PART II COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES  The 2015 Convention referral stated that a review of Bylaw 17 should include an assessment of the current competitive opportunities available to Division III institutions as well as a conversation as to whether the current model appropriately addresses the existing priorities and philosophy of the Division III membership. Consistent with this direction, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee has identified a variety of competitive opportunities available to Division III institutions, many of which are exempted from the maximum limits. Several of these competitive opportunities are reflected in the questions
below. Your feedback in this section of the survey will help the subcommittee assess the importance of each of these competitive opportunities to the Division III membership as well as provide the subcommittee insight into the factors that Division III institutions consider when developing their respective playing and practice seasons. Your responses will not create a binding referendum on future legislation; rather, the subcommittee aims to identify topics for continued conversation. As you respond to the questions below, please consider whether you would like the Division III membership to engage in a larger-scale discussion related to the review of these traditional segment competitive opportunities.
Q17 Would you like Division III to consider the following related to the traditional segment?

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<td>Designate all contests currently defined as standard exemptions (e.g. alumni game, foreign team in the U.S.) as countable contests. Conference tournaments and NCAA championships would remain as exemptions.</td>
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<td>Count all participation in conference championship tournaments as one contest/date of competition.</td>
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<td>Standardize contest exemptions across all sports.</td>
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<td>Mandate that fall preseason practices can’t start before the third week of August.</td>
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<td>Reduce all components: overall season length, contest maximums and exemptions for all sports.</td>
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Q18 Which sport or sports should reduce the maximum allowable contests/dates by 5 to 10 percent in selected sports? (Please select all that apply)

- Baseball (Max:40 / Avg:38)
- Men's Basketball (Max:25 / Avg:26)
- Women's Basketball (Max:25 / Avg:26)
- Men's Cross Country (Max:9 / Avg:8)
- Women's Cross Country (Max:9 / Avg:8)
- Field Hockey (Max:20 / Avg:19)
- Football (Max:10 / Avg:10)
- Men's Golf (Max:20 / Avg:12)
- Women's Golf (Max:20 / Avg:11)
- Men's Ice Hockey (Max:25 / Avg:26)
- Women's Ice Hockey (Max:25 / Avg:27)
- Men's Lacrosse (Max:17 / Avg:16)
- Women's Lacrosse (Max:17 / Avg:16)
- Men's Soccer (Max:20 / Avg:19)
- Women's Soccer (Max:20 / Avg:19)
- Softball (Max:40 / Avg:37)
- Men's Swimming (Max:16 / Avg:12)
- Women's Swimming (Max:16 / Avg:13)
- Men's Tennis (Max:20 / Avg:18)
- Women's Tennis (Max:20 / Avg:17)
- Men's Indoor Track (Max:18 / Avg:8)
- Women's Indoor Track (Max:18 / Avg:8)
- Men's Outdoor Track (Max:18 / Avg:9)
- Women's Outdoor Track (Max:18 / Avg:9)
- Men's Volleyball (Max:22 / Avg:26)
- Women's Volleyball (Max:22 / Avg:28)
- Women's Rowing (Max:20 / Avg:10)
- Wrestling (Max:16 / Avg:16)

Q19 You marked “yes” to at least one item in the previous list indicating you’d like Division III to engage in broader conversation and development of a concept or concepts. Indicate your reason(s) why from the list below. (Please select all that apply)

- May positively impact a student-athlete’s ability to participate in non-athletic pursuits.
- May positively impact the academic performance of student-athletes.
- May reduce missed-class time.
- May allow for a more regional focus on competition.
- May result in cost savings for our athletics department.
- May reduce demand on institutional resources (e.g. facilities, personnel).
- May help us to emphasize the value of participation over competition.
- There are simply too many competitive opportunities.
- May allow the Division to establish consistent playing season regulations across all sports.
Q20 You marked “no” to at least one item in the previous list indicating you don’t want Division III to engage in broader conversation and development of this concept or concepts. Indicate your reason(s) why from the list below. (Please select all that apply)

- Can negatively impact a student-athlete’s ability to reach high levels of athletics performance.
- Can negatively impact a student-athlete’s ability to participate in athletics.
- Can negatively impact our athletics recruiting efforts.
- Can negatively impact our ability to retain student-athletes to our school.
- Not necessary. I like the current model.

Q21 Are there other alternatives to the current model that you would like considered?

PART III THE NON-TRADITIONAL SEGMENT AND OUT-OF-SEASON ACTIVITIES

In addition to assessing existing competitive opportunities, the 2015 Convention referral specifically directed the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee to review current nontraditional segment legislation and existing limitations on out-of-season athletically related activities. Existing Nontraditional segment structure Currently, fall and spring team sports are permitted to engage in athletically related activities during the nontraditional segment (note: football has a strength training and limited skill instruction period rather than a nontraditional segment). While the restrictions on the nontraditional segment are not identical for all sports, most sports are limited to 16 days of athletically related activity (no more than four days per week), including a single date of competition, over a five week period. Nontraditional segment participation must be counted in the total number of weeks permitted for a given sport’s playing and practice season. Rationale underpinning the current Nontraditional segment structure. The current nontraditional segment legislation has existed in much the same form since 2004. At that Convention practice and competition in the nontraditional segment were reduced to the existing standards by Proposal No. 2004-63, based on the Division III philosophical tenet that places highest priority on the overall educational experience of the student-athlete and the successful completion of the student’s academic programs. The rationale for Proposal No. 2004-63 suggested that the reduction was consistent with the Division III philosophy by setting reasonable limits on missed class time, segment length and number of contests during the nontraditional segment. Out of season activities prohibition Other than participation in the traditional and nontraditional segments, Division III student-athletes are not permitted to engage in “athletically related activities” out of season. In short, any activity that occurs at the direction of or is supervised by any member or members of the institution’s coaching staff is considered to be an athletically related activity. Your responses will not create a binding referendum on future legislation; rather, the subcommittee aims to identify topics for continued conversation. As you respond to the questions below, please consider whether you would like the Division III membership to engage in a larger-scale discussion related to the review of these issues.
Q21 Does your sport program engage in a non-traditional segment?
- Yes
- No

Q22 Please provide the following information:

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<td>How many of your sport programs have non-traditional segments that fully align with the national regulations (i.e. 16 days which includes one date of competition, no more than four days per week, no more than five weeks in length)?</td>
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Q23 Would you like Division III to engage in broader conversation and development of the following concepts?

| Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports. | Yes | No |
| Retain the non-traditional segment for all sports but eliminate the allowable date of competition. | Yes | No |
| Reduce the non-traditional practice opportunities from 16 to 12. | Yes | No |
| Eliminate the non-traditional segment for Fall sports, but maintain for Spring sports. | Yes | No |
| Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports, but allow individual or small group skill instruction during that time. | Yes | No |
| Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports and replace it with a strength and conditioning segment. | Yes | No |
| Eliminate the current non-traditional segments, but allow for strength and conditioning activities throughout the academic year. | Yes | No |
| Eliminate the current non-traditional segments, but allow for small group instruction throughout the academic year. | Yes | No |
| Replace the existing non-traditional segment for baseball and softball with a two-period model (e.g. tennis, golf, rowing) | Yes | No |
| Establish a non-traditional segment for winter sports while maintaining the current 19-week season. | Yes | No |
| Reduce non-traditional segment opportunities and maintain the status quo in the | Yes | No |
Q24 You marked “yes” to at least one item in the previous list indicating you’d like Division III to engage in broader conversation and development of a concept or concepts. Indicate your reason(s) why from the list below. (Please select all that apply)
- May positively impact a student-athlete’s ability to participate in non-athletic pursuits.
- May positively impact the academic performance of student-athletes.
- May reduce missed-class time.
- May result in cost savings for our athletics department (e.g. staffing, facilities).
- Provides the opportunity to engage in team-building.
- Provides the opportunity to further develop skills.
- Helps in the recruitment of student-athletes to the school.
- Helps in the retention of student-athletes to the school.
- Would help to establish equity across all Division III institutions related to the number of participation opportunities impacted by weather.
- Would help to establish equitable participation opportunities across all sports.

Q25 You marked “no” to at least one item in the previous list indicating you don’t want Division III to engage in broader conversation and development of this concept or concepts. Indicate your reason(s) why from the list below. (Please select all that apply)
- May negatively impact a student-athlete’s ability to reach high levels of athletics performance.
- May negatively impact a student-athlete’s ability to participate in athletics.
- May negatively impact our athletics recruiting efforts.
- May negatively impact our ability to retain student-athletes to our school.
- Provides the opportunity for our student-athletes to engage in activities outside of sports.
- Our coaches can’t appropriately support these activities.
- Our athletics staff can’t appropriately support these activities (e.g. athletic training staff coverage).
- We cannot provide and maintain the necessary facilities.
- Not necessary. I like the current model.

Q26 Are there other alternatives to the current model that you would like considered?
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

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 August 12, 2015 Report. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the report from its August 12, 2015, teleconference.

3. Review Playing and Practice Seasons Waiver Request. The subcommittee reviewed whether the USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championship should be exempted from an institution’s declared 19 week playing and practice season. The subcommittee noted the applicant institution is the only current Division III gymnastics program that is not a member of the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) and is not permitted to exempt a non-NCAA postseason championship from its declared playing and practice season. The applicant institution pursued and was denied membership into the NCGA, which is outside the institution’s control. Therefore, the subcommittee approved a permanent waiver to allow the institution to exempt a maximum of three weeks of practice for and participation in the USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championship from its declared playing and practice season. The waiver remains valid as long as the applicant institution is not a member of the NCGA. [Attachment]


a. NCAA Division III Proposal No. 1-5 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Definitions and Applications - Athletically Related Activities - Exception for Institutional Fundraisers Involving Athletics Ability. The subcommittee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal. The subcommittee raised concerns that allowing institutions the flexibility to exempt institutional fundraisers involving athletics ability could be abused and result in student-athletes feeling pressured to participate in such events.
b. Proposal No. 1-6 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Definitions and Applications - Athletically Related Activities - Exceptions - Reservation of Facility by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach. The subcommittee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The subcommittee stated that this proposal would allow student-athletes better access to athletic facilities and provide a healthier and safer environment for student-athletes to utilize appropriate equipment. Additionally, allowing student-athletes to use a student-athlete only weight room would decrease facility crowding in general-use fitness centers.

c. Proposal No. 1-7 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Football - Nontraditional Segment. The subcommittee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal. The subcommittee stated that it is necessary to move forward with the playing and practice seasons review before amending nontraditional segment legislation.

d. Proposal No. 1-9 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Ice Hockey - Off-Ice Training. The subcommittee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The subcommittee stated that this proposal would allow institutions to begin the ice hockey season earlier while extending winter break, which would allow student-athletes additional time away from the sport during the winter holidays.

5. **Review Joint Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Executive Summary.** The subcommittee reviewed the executive summary of the joint Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee round table discussions regarding the playing and practice seasons review.

6. **Other Business.** The subcommittee received a brief update on the playing and practice seasons survey.

7. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee reviewed the date and time for the upcoming October in-person meeting.

8. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Eastern time.
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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Participation in the USA Gymnastics National Collegiate Championship

**Issue.**

Under the current NCAA Division III legislation, a student-athlete’s practice for and participation in the USA Gymnastics (USAG) National Collegiate Championship shall be considered part of the institution’s declared playing and practice season. College has requested a Playing and Practice Seasons Waiver to allow them to exempt practice for and participation in the USAG National Collegiate Championship. The institution has also requested that if the subcommittee is unwilling to grant a waiver request, that the subcommittee consider proposing noncontroversial legislation that would allow an institution to exempt practice for and participation in either the USAG National Collegiate Championship or the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) National Championship.

**Background.**

The USAG National Collegiate Championships is for NCAA Divisions I, II and III schools with less than seven-and-a-half full scholarships. Under NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.12.5.3.1-(c), a Division III institution may exempt participation in the USAG National Collegiate Championship from its institutional and individual contest limits; however, participation in the event must be included within the team’s declared playing and practice season. As a result, institutions that qualify for this championship must delay the start of their playing and practice season to ensure they have weeks available.

Currently, Bylaw 17.1.3-(g)-(2) allows an institution to exempt practice for and competition in the NCGA National Championship from its declared playing and practice season in addition to exempting this event from its institutional and individual contest limits. The membership adopted this exemption under NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2005-2. The rationale for Proposal No. 2005-2 focused on the limited participation in the Association-wide NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Championship. For most Division III gymnastics programs, the NCGA National Championship was recognized as the season-culminating event. The adoption of the proposal allowed Division III institutions to structure their playing seasons with the NCGA National Championship like they would the NCAA championship, which does not have to be included in the 19–week gymnastics season.

In contrast to Division III, Divisions I and II allow for the USAG National Collegiate Championship to be exempted from the institutional and individual date of competition limits, as well as, from the institution’s declared playing and practice season.

**Waiver Request.**

During its October 2012 meeting, the NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee reviewed whether the USAG National Collegiate Championship
should be exempted from an institution’s declared 19-week playing and practice season. The subcommittee noted concerns that allowing this event to be exempted would result in an extension of the playing and practice season and recognized that an institution may participate and exempt the event from its institutional and individual dates of competition, provided it is included in the institution’s declared playing and practice season. Consequently, the subcommittee did not recommend changing the legislation at that time.

Since the October 2012 meeting, Centenary College has submitted three legislative relief waivers to exempt practice for and competition in the USAG National Collegiate Championship from the practice and playing season. In its waiver argument, the institution noted that it was the only Division III gymnastics program that did not have access to the NCGA National Championship; as such, Centenary reasoned that its only realistic postseason championship opportunity was the USAG National Collegiate Championship.

On July 29, 2013 applicant institution was granted a one-time waiver for the 2013-14 academic year allowing the institution to exempt practice for and competition in the USAG National Collegiate Championship (See Attachment A for waiver case details). On July 2, 2014 applicant institution was granted a second one-time waiver for the 2014-15 academic year allowing the institution to exempt practice for and competition in the USAG National Collegiate Championship (See Attachment B for case waiver details). In July 2015, the institution submitted a third legislative relief waiver to exempt practice for and competition in the USAG National Collegiate Championship. NCAA staff denied applicant institutions legislative relief waiver on August 3, 2015 and the decision was upheld by the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief on August 21, 2015 (See Attachment C for case waiver details). Applicant institution has now submitted a waiver requesting the subcommittee to revisit this issue and to consider granting the institution a waiver so that it may exempt practice for and participation in the USAG National Collegiate Championship from its 19-week playing season. (See Attachment D for appeal information) The institution argues that a waiver is the most appropriate route based on the reality that only one Division III gymnastics program is excluded from the NCGA national championship; however, the institution requests that, if the subcommittee is unwilling to grant a waiver for this scenario, a legislative proposal be considered.

**Options for Consideration.**

1. Grant the institution's waiver request, allowing Centenary College to exempt practice for and participation in the USAG National Collegiate Championship. The subcommittee could consider an indefinite time frame or a specified time frame. Alternatively, the subcommittee could consider granting a waiver that would expire should the institution gain access to the NCGA National Championship.
2. Deny the institution's waiver request, but recommend a legislative proposal that would allow an institution to exempt practice for and participation in either the NCGA National Championship or the USAG National Collegiate Championship.

3. Deny the institution's waiver request and take no legislative action.

Relevant Legislation and Proposals.

Division III Legislation.

Bylaw 17.1.3 - Postseason Activities.

(a) Makeup Contests. An institution is not permitted to extend the playing season to make up suspended or canceled games except for contests that determine a conference champion or the automatic qualifier to the NCAA championships, provided such contests are concluded not later than 6 p.m. local time of the competition on the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship; (Revised: 4/11/11 effective 8/1/11)

(b) Conference Championships. Conference championships must be included within the institution's playing season;

(c) NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event is considered part of the institution's declared playing season;

(d) Under Consideration for Selection to a NCAA Team Championship. A member institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may do the following:

(1) Continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its declared playing season, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation as long as such practice begins not earlier than three weeks before the start of the NCAA championship in that sport.

(2) An institution's spring championship sport team that earns its conference's automatic qualification in the fall segment/period may not continue to practice after the fall segment/period and before the spring segment/period based on its belief that it is under consideration for selection to the spring NCAA championship.
(3) An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season.

(e) NCAA Championships Participation in Individual Sports. Only appropriate squad members considered necessary for effective practice with the individual(s) preparing for the NCAA championships may continue to practice without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation;

(f) Post-NCAA Championships Participation. After the conclusion of an NCAA (or NAIA or NCCAA) championship in a sport, an institution may resume practice and/or competition in the sport, provided it is continuing its permissible playing season in the sport and provided the activity occurs during the academic year. An institution in the joint-declaration program may participate in the championship for which the institution declared, even when the championship occurs outside the permissible NCAA playing season. Institutions in the joint-declaration program must abide by all other NCAA regulations for all sports, including the length of the playing season (see Bylaw 31.2.1.2);

(g) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships and Qualifying Competition. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation. For emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.02.6) or a non-NCAA championship sport used for sport sponsorship purposes (see Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1), practice and competition for one postseason championship may be excluded under the following circumstances:

(1) An institution may exclude a maximum of three weeks of competition from its declared playing season for qualifying competition for the championship event; and

(2) The qualifying competition shall be the only event from which teams or individuals are selected to participate in the championship event.

In women's gymnastics, practice for and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and

(h) Foreign Tours. Participation by a member institution on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30) need not be included within the institution's declared playing-season limitation in the sport.
Bylaw 17.12.5.3.1 - Sport-Specific Exemptions.

The maximum number of gymnastics contests or competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1): (Adopted: 4/11/11 effective 8/1/11)

(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics; and

(b) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question.

(c) USA Gymnastics and NCGA Championships. Competition in the USA Gymnastics and National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships. (Revised: 1/16/93)

Division III Proposal.

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Convention Year: 2005
Date Submitted: August 4, 2004
Status: Adopted
Effective Date: August 1, 2005
IPOPL Number: na
SPOPL Number: 5
Official Notice Number: 2005-2
Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee)].

Proposal Category: Presidents Council
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent:

In women's gymnastics, to exempt the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship from the institutions declared playing-season limitation.
Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, pages 128-129, as follows:

[Division III, roll call]

17.1.7 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.7-(a) through 17.1.7-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA or non-NCCAA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.11.3.2.1. In **women's gymnastics**, practice and competition in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitation; and"

[17.1.7-(h) unchanged.]

**Rationale:**

Historically, Division III institutions have had very limited participation in the Association-wide NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championship. For most Division III women's gymnastics programs, the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NGCA) national championship is recognized as the season-culminating event. This proposal allows the Division III women's gymnastics programs to structure their playing seasons with the NGCA national championship like they would with the NCAA championship, which does not have to be included in the 19-week gymnastics season.

Budget Impact:

Co-sponsorship - Conference: None
Co-sponsorship - Institution: None

Position Statement(s): None

Review History:

*August 26, 2004:* Administrative Committee  Approved in legislative format.
Additional Information:


Convention Vote:
*Date of Vote:* January 10, 2005  
*Vote Type:* Electronic Machine  
For: 291  Against: 8  Abstain: 71

**Division I Proposal.**

NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2003-120 -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- GYMNASTICS

Status: Adopted - Final

Intent: In gymnastics, to exempt the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships from the gymnastics playing and practice season regulations.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

17.1.6 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports

[17.1.6-(a) through 17.1.6-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.3.2.1, and, practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship in softball, practice and competition for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women’s Lightweight Rowing Championship in women’s rowing, and practice and competition for the National Invitational Volleyball Championship in volleyball and practice and competition for the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship in gymnastics are exempt from the institution’s declared playing-season limitation in the sport. Competition in the American Women’s College Hockey Alliance National Championship tournament is exempt from the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; and”

[Remainder of 17.1.6 unchanged.]
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Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors [Management Council (Mountain West Conference)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2004
Proposal Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:**
The USA Collegiate National Championship in gymnastics is held three weeks after the end of the regular season (the weekend between NCAA regionals and nationals). This event is already exempt from the maximum contest regulations. It, however, is not exempt from the playing and practice seasons restrictions. As a result, institutions that qualify for this championship must start their official practice season three weeks later than other institutions to ensure eligibility for participation. This clearly results in a competitive disadvantage for such institutions. Finally, this proposal is consistent with deregulation efforts taking place in Division I.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

**Division II Proposal.**
NCAA Division II Proposal No. NC-2005-14 -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- GYMNASTICS

Convention Year: 2005
Date Submitted: August 12, 2004
Status: Adopted
Effective Date: September 1, 2004
Official Notice Number: NC-2005-14
Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].
Proposal Category: Noncontroversial
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Intent:
In gymnastics, to exempt the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships from the gymnastics playing and practice season regulations.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, pages 178-179, as follows:

[Division II]

Bylaw 17.1.6 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports

[17.1.6-(a) through 17.1.6-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes in accordance with Bylaw 20.10.3.4.1etz, practice for and competition in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship and competition in the American Women’s College Hockey Alliance National Championship tournament is exempt from the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; and”

[Remainder of 17.1.6 unchanged.]

Co-sponsorship - Conference: None
Co-sponsorship - Institution: None
Position Statement(s): None

Review History:

*August 5, 2004:* Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

*October 29, 2004:* Approved in Legislative Format - Presidents Council

**Additional Information:**

The USA Collegiate Championship in gymnastics is held three weeks after the end of the regular season (the weekend between the NCAA regionals and nationals). This event is already exempt from the maximum number of contest regulations. It, however, is not exempt from the practice and playing seasons restrictions. As a result, institutions that qualify for this championship must start their official practice season three weeks earlier than other institutions to ensure eligibility for participation. This clearly results in a competitive disadvantage for such institutions.

Convention Vote:

*Date of Vote:* January 10, 2005
*Vote Type:* Paddle Vote
Division III
Playing and Practice Seasons Survey Findings

October, 2015

Survey Responses

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Projected Coach Response Rate by Sport
PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

Competitiveness of Your Athletics Program or Sport

- NCAA Championship Teams Each Year
- Consistently Compete for Post-Season Berths
- Occasionally Compete for Post-Season Berths

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Projected Percent of Programs with Non-Traditional Segments or Strength and Conditioning Periods

- Football
- Field Hockey
- Women's Volleyball
- Women's Lacrosse
- Softball
- Men's Lacrosse
- Women's Soccer
- Men's Soccer
- Baseball
- Men's Volleyball

Projected Percentages: 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
TRADITIONAL SEGMENT OPTIONS

Guide for the Following Slides

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Reductions

Reduce all components: overall season length, contest maximums and exemptions for all sports.

Reduce maximum allowable contest/dates by 5 to 10 percent across all sports (e.g. 1 to 3 games).

Reduce maximum allowable contests/dates by 5 to 10 percent in selected sports.

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Limits

Retain current contest minimums/maximaums and exemptions but place limits on the number of weekday (i.e. Monday through Friday) contests and lengthen seasons.

Mandate that fall preseason practices can’t start before the third week of August.

Percent Agreeable to Discussion

Position
- Coach
- SA
- AD
- Other
- CEO/ADR
- FAR

Limits on Weekday Contests while Lengthening Season
- 28%
- 34%
- 29%
- 28%
- 37%
- 48%

No Fall Preseason Before 3rd Week in August
- 21%
- 30%
- 46%
- 46%
- 45%
- 53%
Reasons for Discussion

1. Limits on Weekday Contests while Lengthening Season
   - May reduce missed class time.
   - May positively impact the academic performance of student-athletes.

2. No Fall Preseason Before 3rd Week in August
   - May result in cost savings for our athletics department.
   - May reduce demand on institutional resources (e.g., facilities, personnel).
Exemptions

Standardize contest exemptions across all sports.

Designate all scrimmages/exhibitions as countable contests (i.e. eliminate standard exemptions).

Designate all contests currently defined as standard exemptions (e.g. alumni game, foreign team in the U.S.) as countable contests. Conference tournaments and NCAA championships would remain as exemptions.

Count all participation in conference championship tournaments as one contest/date of competition.

Percent Agreeable to Discussion

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Reason for Discussing

Standardize Contest Exemptions All Sports

May allow the Division to establish consistent playing season regulations across all sports.

NON-TRADITIONAL SEGMENT OPTIONS
Eliminate

Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports.

Eliminate the non-traditional segment for Fall sports (e.g. Soccer, Field Hockey) but maintain for Spring sports (e.g. Baseball, Softball).

Percent Agreeable to Discussion

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Reasons for Not Discussing

Eliminate for All Sports or Eliminate for Fall Sports Only

1. May negatively impact a student-athlete's ability to reach high levels of athletics performance.
2. May negatively impact our athletics recruiting efforts.
3. Not necessary, I like the current model.
4. May negatively impact our ability to retain student-athletes to our school.
5. May negatively impact a student-athlete's ability to participate in athletics.
Reduce non-traditional segment opportunities and maintain the status quo in the traditional segment.

Retain the non-traditional segment for all sports but eliminate the allowable date of competition.

Reduce the non-traditional practice opportunities from 16 to 12.

Percent Agreeable to Discussion

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Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports, but allow individual or small group skill instruction during that time.

Eliminate the current non-traditional segments, but allow for small group instruction throughout the academic year.

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Eliminate the non-traditional segment for all sports and replace it with a strength and conditioning segment.

Eliminate the current non-traditional segments, but allow for strength and conditioning activities throughout the academic year.

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Replace the existing non-traditional segment for baseball and softball with a two-period model (e.g. tennis, golf, rowing).

Establish a non-traditional segment for winter sports while maintaining the current 19-week season.

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS SUBCOMMITTEE
OCTOBER 18, 2015, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The chair, Chris Ragsdale, welcomed the subcommittee members.


3. Review 2015 Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Survey Results. The subcommittee reviewed data from the Division III Playing and Practice Seasons survey. (Management Council, Supplement No. 7c) Based on survey responses, the subcommittee agreed to include the following items, as topics of discussion, during the 2016 Convention Issues Forum (for survey results associated with each of these items, see Attachment):
   a. Standardization of contest exemptions across all sports.
   b. Establishing limitations in the traditional segment, which may include the following:
      (1) Limitations on weekday contests.
      (2) Setting a standard date prior to which no fall preseason activities may occur.
      (3) Reducing contests or establishing a two-period model in baseball and softball.
   c. Reducing or modifying the nontraditional segment, which may include:
      (1) Reducing nontraditional segment practice opportunities.
      (2) Replacing the existing nontraditional segment with skill instruction and/or strength and conditioning opportunities.
4. **Review Presidents Advisory Group Executive Summary.** The subcommittee reviewed the Presidents Advisory Group executive summary related to the playing and practice seasons review.

5. **Other Business.** None.

6. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee reviewed the date and time for the upcoming November teleconference meeting.

7. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 4:53 p.m. Eastern time.

Subcommittee Chair: Chris Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Staff Support: Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs
Suscha, Championships and Corporate Alliances
Joni Williamson, Academic and Membership Affairs

| NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee  |
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| **October 18, 2015, Meeting**     | Liz                               |

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ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

1. Sport Committee Reports.
   
   a. Football. The Division III Championships Committee approved that Jack McKiernan, associate director of athletics at Kean University, serve as chair of the Division III Football committee.
   
   b. Wrestling. The Championships Committee approved that the following sites serve as hosts for the 2016 NCAA Division III Wrestling Regionals:

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2. Sport and Sports Rules Committee Appointments. The committee approved the following committee appointments effective September 1, 2015 unless otherwise noted:

   a. Division III Baseball Committee – Mid-Atlantic region: Paul Murphy, associate director of athletics, Gwynedd Mercy University. Midwest region: Aaron Rushing, head baseball coach, Carleton College.

   b. Division III Women’s Basketball Committee – East region: James Scheible, head women’s basketball coach, University of Rochester.

   c. Division III Field Hockey Committee – North Atlantic region: Kelly Kingsbury, head field hockey coach, State University of New York at Oneonta.
d. Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Committee – East region: Katie Boldvich, associate vice president, Eastern College Athletic Conference.

e. Men’s and Women’s Rifle Committee – Melissa Mulloy-Mecozzi, head rifle coach, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

f. Division III Men’s Soccer Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Laura Mooney) – East region: Bob Durocher, director of athletics, St. Lawrence University.

Committee Chair: Monica Severson, Wartburg College, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Staff Liaisons: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances
Maureen Harty, Academic and Membership Affairs

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 18, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Recent Reports. The Division III Championships Committee reviewed reports from the May in-person meeting and the July 21 email correspondence and approved them as presented.


3. Committee Roster and Sport Assignments. The committee reviewed its roster and sport assignments for the coming year.

4. Sport Committee Reports.
   a. Baseball. The committee approved that Jim Peeples, associate director of athletics and head baseball coach at Piedmont College, serve as chair of the Division III Baseball Committee.
   b. Men’s Basketball.
      (1) Committee Chair. The committee approved that Brian Van Haaften, men’s basketball coach at Buena Vista University, serve as chair of the Division III Men’s Basketball Committee.
      (2) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Rankings. The committee tabled the recommendation to publish the final regional rankings (i.e., in conjunction with championship selection) and agreed to add the topic to the agenda of its September in-person meeting with all sport committee chairs.
      (3) Combine Single First- and Single Second-Round Games. The committee tabled the recommendation to combine single first- and second-round games into three-team first/second round sites and requested additional
information concerning the estimated budget impact. Specifically, the committee asked to review a summary of 2015 championship game, travel and per diem expenses and additional detail concerning the proposal to reallocate funds from the championship’s game expense.

c. **Women’s Basketball.** The committee approved that Capital University serve as host for the semifinal games of the 2016 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Championship.

d. **Field Hockey.** The committee approved that the following 19 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2015 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; New England Collegiate Conference (first-year grace period); New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletics Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference (first-year grace period); North Coast Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

e. **Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving.** The committee approved the following sites for 2016 Division III diving regionals:


(2) Central Region – Denison University at Trumbull Aquatic Center in Granville, Ohio.

(3) Midwest/South/West – Grinnell College at Charles Benson Bear ’39 Recreation and Athletic Center in Grinnell, Iowa.

f. **Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country.** The committee approved that Bill Ross, associate director of athletics and recreation services at Allegheny College, serve as chair of the Division III Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee.

g. **Wrestling.**
(1) **Regional Sites.** The committee approved the following sites for the 2016 Division III Wrestling Regionals:

(a) East Region – Washington and Lee University at the Waner Center in Lexington, Virginia.

(b) Midwest Region – Wabash College at Knowling Fieldhouse in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

(2) **Committee Chair.** The committee approved that Dick Simmons, associate director of athletics at Cornell College, serve as chair of the Division III Wrestling Committee.

5. **In-Region Competition Waiver.** The Championships Committee approved in-region competition waivers for Mount Mary University in the sports of women’s soccer and women’s volleyball for the 2015-16 season. The committee noted the difficulty that independent institutions have when scheduling contests against Division III opponents.

6. **September Meeting Agendas.** The committee reviewed the proposed agendas for the September in-person meeting with Division III sport committee chairs and Championships Committee meeting. NCAA staff highlighted key agenda items for roundtable discussion and requested feedback from the committee.

Committee Chair: Monica Severson, Wartburg College, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Staff Liaisons: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2015, MEETING WITH SPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Review of Schedule and Agenda. A representative of the Division III Championships Committee facilitated introductions among the committee members, chairs of Division III sport committees and NCAA staff. The chair also reviewed the meeting schedule and highlighted key discussion items.

2. Championships Orientation and Division III Governance Update. A committee representative referred to the Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual, outlined the key areas of responsibility for the committees, and reviewed key actions and issues from the previous year. In addition, NCAA staff reviewed the role of the NCAA governance group as it relates to the Championships Committee and the NCAA championships group as a whole. Staff also described the Championships Committee’s role within the Division III governance structure, particularly in regard to overseeing sport committees and submitting quarterly reports to the Division III Management Council, and outlined the Division III budgeting process.

   NCAA staff also updated the group on current strategic priorities within Division III, including the playing and practice seasons review and several Division III working groups.

3. Budget Planning. NCAA staff reviewed a budget-to-actuals report by sport (committee expense, game expense, team per diem, and team travel); as well as summary of projected revenue and expenses for Division III.

4. NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The group received an update from the most recent Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) meeting.

5. Updates from Chairs. Sport committee chairs talked about key issues in their sport, discussed action items submitted for Championships Committee consideration, and reviewed emerging topics that may be relevant to other committees.

6. 2016 Legislative Proposals. NCAA staff provided an overview of select legislative proposals that the membership will consider during the 2016 Convention.
7. **NCAA Championships Group Update.** NCAA staff reviewed the 2014-15 broadcast figures.

8. **Championships Issues and Discussion.** Championships Committee members and NCAA staff led a series of discussions on the following topics:

   - Sportsmanship and game environment.
   - Nullification.
   - Host site selection.
   - Sport committee and regional advisory committee operations: orientation and training, rankings training and legislative and policy review.
   - Best practices for involvement with coaches associations.
   - Team sports: mock ranking exercise, rankings protocol, selection criteria (nonconference strength of schedule and results vs. ranked opponents), and Pool B allocation.
   - Individual-team sports: identifying alternates Olympic sport sustainability, and championship access ratio.

9. **General Championships Information.** NCAA staff reviewed several items related to championships policy and administration. Staff also updated the group about active institutions and conferences, and provisional/exploratory and reclassifying institutions.

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*Committee Chair:* Monica Severson, Wartburg College, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances  
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September 13-14, 2015

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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Item.
   a. Committee Chair.
      (1) Recommendation. That Gerald Young, director of athletics at Carleton College, serve as chair of the Division III Championships Committee, replacing Monica Severson, associate athletics director/senior woman administrator/head women’s golf coach at Wartburg College, whose term ends after the 2016 NCAA Convention.
      (2) Effective Date. February 1, 2016.
      (3) Rationale. Mr. Young has been a valuable member of the Championships Committee and will provide excellent leadership for the committee.
      (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
      (5) Estimated Student-Athlete Impact. None.
   b. Rowing – Championship Format.
      (1) Recommendation. That the selection of two at-large I Eight boats be expanded to full teams, which would increase the field size to eight full teams for the championships.
      (2) Effective Date. 2017 Championship.
      (3) Rationale. The current format provides for six full teams (one I Eight boat and one II Eight boat) and two at-large I Eight boats, for a total of eight institutions represented at the championships. This change would create a format and progression for the II Eight boat races that is consistent with that of the I Eight boat races.

More notably, an expansion means that all eight institutions have an opportunity to compete for the national championship as a team.
Currently, the student-athlete experience for the at-large teams is not as rich as that of the full teams because they do not accrue points toward the team championships. Further, the student-athletes who compete during the regular season in the team’s II Eight boat could participate in the championships.

With this change, the pool allocations for championships selections would be Pool A – four, Pool B – one, and Pool C – three. The rowing championships would comply with the pool allocations while maintaining the minimum two Pool C bids as dictated by championships policy and still provide the opportunity for the best remaining teams in the country to be selected for the championships.

In addition, the rowing committee maintains regional representation as beneficial for Division III rowing. Regional representation provides institutions that are geographically isolated the opportunity to compete in the championships. The current regional representation policy guarantees each region will be represented, though that representative can be an at-large boat. Having eight full teams better supports regional representation, since each selection is a full team, as opposed to the possibility of a region being represented only by an at-large boat.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** $30,000.

(5) **Estimated Student-Athlete Impact.** The recommendation increases the field size and, in turn, gives more student-athletes the opportunity to participate in the championship. Further, student-athletes competing in the II Eight boat races would experience enhanced competition and be able to accrue team points toward the national championship. This format provides the II Eight boat student-athletes an equal experience to their teammates competing in the I Eight boat.

c. **Allocation of Berths for Team Selection.**

(1) **Recommendation.** That Management Council refer to the Membership Committee for feedback a recommendation to consolidate Pool B and C at-large championship selections berths for team selections.

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** The number of independent institutions for a given sport has decreased over time as the number of conference automatic qualifiers
(AQs) has increased, thus decreasing the number of Pool B berths. The men’s and women’s tennis committees, in particular, have recognized some notable concerns in working to select these limited number of Pool B berths. The women’s tennis committee has struggled to find a viable team to fill the single Pool B bid and the men’s tennis committee would prefer to allocate the Pool B berths to top ranked teams (e.g., a team ranked second in a region was left out of the 2015 championship).

The Championships Committee took no action on the original recommendation from the men’s and women’s tennis committees. However, the recommendation generated a significant amount of discussion on the relevance of Pool B as part of the at-large selection process for championships. The number of Pool B eligible teams by sport has decreased over time as institutions have affiliated with conferences. Feedback from the Membership Committee on the importance of the Pool B allocations and the impact on conference membership will help inform the Championships Committee’s deliberations moving forward.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Estimated Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. Wrestling – Regional Format.

(1) Recommendation. That regions with 16 or more teams host a two-day regional tournament.

(2) Effective Date. 2017 Championship.

(3) Rationale. The Wrestling Committee and the coaches association presented student-athlete well-being concerns for the three regions hosting 16 or more teams. In those regions, student-athletes are expected to wrestle eight to nine matches over a 12-hour period. As a result, teams depart the tournament close to midnight and many arrive home in the early hours of the morning. Conversely, for regions hosting fewer than 16 teams, student-athletes wrestle a maximum of six matches over an eight-hour period and are able to enjoy an earlier finish. Current policy states that regions have the option of conducting one- or two-day tournaments. As such, the recommendation serves the best interest of student-athletes by requiring regions hosting 16 or more teams to conduct a two-day tournament.
(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** Maximum $18,000 ($500-$6,000 per site). For the three regions with 16 teams or more, the budget impact will depend on costs for the additional day (for example, facility rental, staff meals, personnel expense, etc.).

(5) **Estimated Student-Athlete Impact.** The recommendation provides student-athletes competing in 16 or more team regions relief from extensive competition.

e. **Wrestling – Committee Composition.**

(1) **Recommendation.** That the committee increase from four to six members.

(2) **Effective Date.** September 1, 2016.

(3) **Rationale.** In 2011, a regional format was established which created six competitive regions resulting in two regions without representation on the four-member committee. The request to add two committee members aligns wrestling with other Division III sport committees by having one committee member assigned to represent each region.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** NCAA travel and insurance department calculated an estimated annual cost of $6,320 to add two additional committee members. The budget impact accounts for travel, per diem and hotel stays for the championship and committee annual meeting.

(5) **Estimated Student-Athlete Impact.** The recommendation provides student-athletes across regions representation on the national committee, and in turn, more equitable access to the championships.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Opening Remarks and Review of Schedule and Agenda.** The committee chair facilitated introductions, reviewed the meeting schedule and highlighted key discussion items.

2. **August 18 Teleconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the August 18 teleconference report as presented.
3. **Update from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed recent teleconference reports from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).

4. **2016 Legislative Proposals.** NCAA staff reviewed several legislative proposals for the 2016 Convention, including one that would reduce the number of players required to meet minimum sponsorship in the sport of golf. The committee endorsed the proposal, noting that the current participation requirement is higher than the number of players that are counted in the team score. The committee acknowledged that the Division III men’s and women’s golf committee took different positions on the proposal with the men’s committee stating concerns about the impact the change could have on the number of conferences eligible for automatic qualification to the championships, thereby possibly reducing the number of at-large berths for the championship. The committee did not take a position on the remaining proposals, as they had no bearing on championships administration.

5. **Recap of the Meeting with Sport Committee Chairs.** The Championships Committee reviewed the following key items from the meeting with the sport committee chairs:

   a. **Host Site Selection.** The committee reviewed feedback from the sport committee chairs on the next host site selection process. Discussion focused on ways to effectively communicate with the membership on the timing and specifics of the process and making the prospective host symposium accessible to Division III institutions and conferences (e.g., video conference, recorded sessions, etc.). The committee also expressed an interest in flexibility to allow sport committees to seek host interest for two years, rather than four years, in the bid window.

   b. **Selection Criteria.** The committee valued the discussion on nonconference strength of schedule as a possible addition to selection criteria and agreed to explore it further. NCAA staff will compile data to demonstrate the extent to which nonconference strength of schedule as a criterion would impact selections. While the committee believes that additional data points will assist sport committees in making informed selection decisions, it remains concerned about de-emphasizing the significance of conference competition. In another review of selection criteria, the feedback from the sport committee chairs did not prompt the committee to take action on the recommendation from the men’s and women’s soccer committees to include data from the third published ranking and the final, unpublished ranking when viewing results versus ranked opponents, rather than the current criteria, which allows consideration only for the results versus teams ranked at the time of selection. The committee also noted the success of the mock
rankings exercise and continued to support using team sheets as a tool to present data to the sport committees for rankings and championships selections.

c. **Rankings.** The committee reaffirmed that final team rankings will remain unpublished, but recommended that sport committees include a message on the published ranking to indicate that regional rankings are advisory in nature.

d. **Administrator Requirement at Championships.** During the Division III Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group discussion, the committee discussed the idea of requiring institutions to travel with a team administrator (i.e., someone in addition to the coaching staff) to championship competition. NCAA staff agreed to provide a summary of past decisions on the topic for review at a future meeting.

6. **Sports Committee Recommendations.**

a. **Baseball.**

(1) **Bench Size.** The committee did not approve a recommendation to increase the bench size from 33 members to 36. The committee noted concern about facility constraints to handle an expanded bench as well as the potential disadvantage to teams traveling by air, and therefore bringing only the travel party, to the competition site.

(2) **Championship Awards.** The committee tabled the recommendation to award the second-place team a national runner-up team trophy at the final site and requested that NCAA staff compile a summary of current practices for other team sports.

b. **Men’s Basketball.**

- **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following 43 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2015 Division III Men’s Basketball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; The City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty
League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

c. Men’s Golf.

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following 33 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Men’s Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference and the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

(2) **Published Ranking Dates.** The committee approved that a third published ranking be added, and for rankings to be published on Thursdays, effective with the 2015-16 academic year.
(3) **Membership Survey.** The committee approved that a survey be administered by NCAA staff on behalf of the committee to gauge interest in two key topics: adding a second active coach at the championship site for participating teams, and inquiring about the possibility of incorporating match play into the championship structure. The committee suggested that the men’s golf committee work with the women’s golf committee to administer the survey to all institutions that sponsor either men’s or women’s golf.

d. **Women’s Golf.**

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following 17* conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Women’s Golf Championships: American Southwest Conference; Centennial Conference, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; Southern Athletic Association and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

*Confirmation of automatic qualifiers and pool numbers will be determined based on sport sponsorship information available at the time of championship selections.

(2) **Match Play.** The committee approved that match play be an approved format for regular-season events and that the results be used for selections, effective immediately. The only allowable formats will be Team Match Play and Team Medal Match Play. This allows for an additional format to be used during regular-season competition, and match play is a common format for golf.

(3) **Committee Chair.** The committee approved that Deb Steward, director of athletics at William Smith College, serve as chair of the Division III Women’s Golf Committee.

(4) **Minimum Participant Requirement Waiver.** The committee approved that the Division III Women’s Golf Committee continue to waive the normal application of the automatic qualification legislation for the 2015-16
academic year such that an institution shall count as one of the seven institutions sponsoring women’s golf if it satisfies the following: four participants (instead of five) completing six contests or eight rounds of 18 holes. Women's golf has been operating with the waiver for several years and the sport has grown. Legislation has been proposed to reduce the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship from five to four beginning with the 2016-17 academic year. An extension of the waiver for one more year will bridge the possible gap.

e. Men’s Ice Hockey.

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following seven conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Northeast Hockey League, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, New England Hockey Conference, New England Small College Athletic Conference and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

(2) **Committee Chair.** The committee approved that Don Olson, director of athletics at the College of St. Scholastica serve as chair of the Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

(3) **Survey – Nonpredetermined Final Site.** The committee approved that the Men’s Ice Hockey Committee work with the NCAA research staff to survey athletics directors, coaches, and conference commissioners of institutions sponsoring ice hockey to gather feedback on a nonpredetermined finals site selection process. The survey will gauge general interest in the concept along with hosting interest and capabilities.

f. Women’s Ice Hockey.

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following five conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Women’s West Hockey League; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Hockey Conference, New England Small College Athletic Conference; and the Women’s Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

(2) **Committee Chair.** The committee approved that Jodi McKenna, head women’s ice hockey coach at Wesleyan University (Connecticut), serve as
chair of the Division III Women’s Ice Hockey Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

(3) Rankings. The committee reviewed the Women’s Ice Hockey Committee’s concern about ranking 15 percent of teams with a minimum of six because it results in ranking six teams in both regions, which is disproportionate given that approximately two-thirds of the sport sponsorship for women's ice hockey is in the East region and one-third is in the West region. The new option of ranking 15-21 percent would allow a more proportionate ranking. However, ranking the maximum permitted (21 percent) would result in ranking only four teams in the West region. The committee acknowledged the women’s ice committee’s concerns and supported further evaluation of and a possible exception to the rankings protocol if women’s ice hockey is in a unique position.

g. Men’s Lacrosse.


(2) Committee Chair. The committee approved that Sean Quirk, associate director of athletics at Endicott College, serve as chair of the Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

h. Women’s Lacrosse.

(1) Automatic Qualification. The committee approved that the following 26 conferences receive automatic qualification to the 2016 NCAA Division III Women’s Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference;
Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Women’s Lacrosse Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; State University of New York Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

(2) **Committee Chair.** The committee approved that Celine Cunningham, head women’s lacrosse coach and associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator at Stevens Institute of Technology, serve as chair of the Division III Women’s Lacrosse Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

(3) **Primary Criteria for Regional Rankings – Last 25 Percent of Season.** The Championships Committee approved that a team’s won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season be moved to secondary criteria effective for the 2017 championship.

i. **Rowing Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following four conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Rowing Championships: Liberty League; Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference; the New England Women’s and Men’s Athletic Conference and the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

j. **Softball.**

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The committee approved that the following 43 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Softball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, American Southwest Conference, Capital Athletic Conference, Centennial Conference, City University of New York Athletic Conference, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, Colonial States Athletic Conference, Commonwealth Coast Conference, Empire 8, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, Great South Athletic Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Landmark Conference, Liberty League, Little East Conference,

(2) Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Renae Hartl, director of athletics at Luther College, serve as chair of the Division III Softball Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

k. Men’s and Women’s Tennis.

(1) Men’s Tennis Committee Chair. The committee approved that Tracy King, commissioner of the Liberty League, serve as chair of the Division III Men’s Tennis Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

(2) Women’s Tennis Committee Chair. The committee approved that Mike Krizman, assistant commissioner of the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, serve as chair of the Division III Women’s Tennis Committee for the 2015-16 academic year.

(3) Men’s Tennis Automatic Qualification. The committee approved that the following 35 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Men’s Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Empire 8; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (First-Year Grace Period); Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference;
Women’s Tennis Automatic Qualification. The committee approved that the following 39 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Women’s Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom (First-Year Grace Period); Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents’ Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Allocation of Berths for Individual Selection. The committee approved that the Division III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees select seven singles players and three doubles teams from each of the four regions. Additionally, the national committees would then select the remaining
four singles players and four doubles team berths from a national at-large pool, effective with the 2017 championships.

(6) Final Site – Consolation Match. The committee approved that the men’s and women’s tennis third-place matches at the finals site be discontinued.

(7) Allocation of Berths for Team Selection. The committee took no action on a recommendation to consolidate Pools B and C allocations into one pool (Pool B/C) for men’s and women’s tennis team championship selections. However, the recommendation generated at significant amount of discussion on the relevance of Pool B as part of the at-large selection process for championships. The number of Pool B eligible teams by sport has decreased over time as institutions have affiliated with conferences. The committee agreed to examine the issue further and refer the topic to the Division III Membership Committee for feedback (see Nonlegislative Action Item c.).

1. Wrestling.

(1) Regional Alignment. The committee approved the following regional alignment changes be implemented effective for the 2016 Division III Wrestling Championship:

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(2) Ranking Committee. The committee approved that an 18-member regular-season ranking committee be added to wrestling to assist in the championship seeding process. The selection of committee members and general committee administration will follow standard regional advisory committee operating procedures.

(3) Committee Composition. The committee approved that the wrestling committee increase from four members to six members providing national
committee representation from each region. Increasing the committee representation to one per region aligns it with other Division III sports committees.

(4) **Competition Date Waiver.** The committee agreed to forward to the Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief a request to waive Bylaw 17.27.3 to allow student-athletes attending the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) All-Star Classic to compete before the Division III wrestling official start date.

m. **Men’s Volleyball.**

(1) **Automatic Qualification.** The Championships Committee approved that the following six conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2016 Division III Men’s Volleyball Championship: City University of New York Athletic Conference; Continental Volleyball Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; Skyline Conference; and United Volleyball Conference.

(2) **Selection Criteria.**

(a) **Results vs. Ranked Opponents.** The committee took no action on the Men’s Volleyball Committee’s recommendation to include teams ranked in all published rankings in the selection criterion of results against ranked opponents.

(b) **Late Season Play.** The committee approved that a team’s won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season be moved to secondary criteria, effective with the 2017 championship season.

7. **Officiating Updates – Arbiter and Background Checks.** NCAA playing rules staff provided a general update on the Arbiter system, including plans to add additional sport hubs. NCAA staff also reviewed plans to incorporate background checks into the officials’ selection process.

8. **Women’s Basketball Joint Championship.** NCAA staff provided an update on operations and marketing plans for the 2016 Division III Women’s Basketball Championship to be held jointly with Divisions I and II in Indianapolis, Indiana at Banker’s Life Fieldhouse.
9. **2015 Spring Championship Reports.** The committee reviewed reports from the 2016 spring championships.

10. **Future Meeting Dates.** The committee reviewed dates for in-person meetings through September 2016. The committee agreed to examine an alternate format for the annual meeting with the sport committee chairs (e.g., teleconference to cover general updates, every-other-year in-person meeting, etc.).

11. **Other business.**
   
   a. **Championships Staff Update.** Mark Lewis, Executive Vice President of Championships and Alliances updated the committee on the following: 1) details of the next host site selection process; 2) the cost to institutions for purchasing additional seats on charter flights for championships travel; and 3) likely agenda items for the upcoming NCAA Board of Governors meeting that may impact championships policies.

   b. **Sport Committee Ranking.** The committee reviewed the field hockey, women’s basketball, and women’s volleyball new regional rankings that fit within the new allowable guidelines (i.e., 15 to 21 percent of teams ranked per region).

   c. **Division III Governance Score Card.** NCAA staff provided a brief overview of the results summary of the 2014-15 Division III governance scorecard survey process.

   d. **In-Region Competition Waiver Request.** The committee approved the in-region competition waiver request from Emory University women’s tennis for the 2015-16 academic year.

15. **Adjournment.** Prior to adjournment, the committee thanked Joe Onderko, Lori Runksmeier, Terry Rupert and Monica Severson for their service to the Division III Championships Committee.

*Committee Chair: Monica Severson, Wartburg College, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances*

*Maureen Harty, Academic and Membership Affairs*
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**Other Participants:**

Anucha Browne, NCAA; Ben Brownlee, NCAA; John Bugner, NCAA; Katie Burger, NCAA; Brian Burnsed, NCAA; Dan Calandro, NCAA; Joni Comstock, NCAA; Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Maureen Harty, NCAA; Tracie Hitz, NCAA; John Kuzio, NCAA; Mark Lewis, NCAA; Cory McCain, Eureka College; Louise McCleary, NCAA; Jeff Myers, NCAA; Nancy O’Hara, NCAA; Sarah Otey, NCAA; Laura Peterson-Mlynski, NCAA; Lauren Tiernan, NCAA; Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA; Ethan Walker, NCAA; Kelly Whitaker, NCAA; J.P. Williams, NCAA; Joni Williamson, NCAA.
ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Sports and Sports Rules Committee Appointments.** The Division III Championships Committee approved the following sports and rules committee appointments:

  1. **Division III Baseball Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Ben Shipp)** – West region: Dan Ramsay, head baseball coach, Whitworth University.

  2. **Division III Women’s Basketball Committee** – Atlantic region (immediate vacancy replacing David Martin): Karin Harvey, head women’s basketball coach, Monclair State University. West region (immediate vacancy replacing Aaron Nester): Lesley Irvine, director of athletics, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.


  4. **Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Michelle Walsh)** – East region: Tom DiCamillo, commissioner, State University of New York Athletic Conference.

  5. **Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Patrick Hart)** – North region: Brendan Gorman, head men’s lacrosse coach, Babson College.

  6. **Division III Women’s Soccer Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Kathryn Kroupa)** – Mid-Atlantic region: Paul Moyer, director of athletics, McDaniel College.

Committee Chair: **Monica Severson, Wartburg College, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**

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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.


      (1) **Recommendation.** That the Management Council recommend to the Presidents Council that votes for all proposals at the 2016 NCAA Convention to be taken using by roll-call, regardless of grouping (presidential or general) and approve the voting order as set forth in Addendum A.

      (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** While Presidents Council is responsible for establishing the order of proposal voting as well as the method for conducting those votes, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC) conducts an initial review and makes a recommendation on both issues. Since the electronic voting units and technology permit the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner, the committee agreed that votes for all proposals (presidential and general grouping) should be taken by roll-call as it provides transparency for the membership.

      (4) **Budget Impact.** None.

      (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** None.

   b. Blanket Relief from Application of Bylaw 17.02.1.1(i) and Official Interpretation Dated February 4, 2005 (Item No. 15b).

      (1) **Recommendation.** That the Administrative Committee provide blanket relief from the application of Bylaw 17.02.1.1(i) and the official interpretation dated February 4, 2005 (Item No. 15b). Specifically, to
allow student-athletes that are outside of their playing and practice season to use facilities reserved only for student-athletes. [See 9/24/15 AdCom Report]

Proposed blanket waiver language: Institutions may allow student-athletes to access student-athlete only facilities outside of the playing and practice season, until January 23, 2016 (close of the Convention Business session). If the membership does not pass Proposal No. (1-5), student-athletes would no longer be permitted to access facilities reserved exclusively for student-athletes outside of the playing and practice season.

(2) Effective Date. This blanket waiver remains effective pending membership action on Proposal No. (1-5) Playing and Practice Seasons -- Definitions and Applications -- Athletically Related Activities -- Exceptions -- Reservation of Facility by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach.

(3) Rationale. Proposal No. (1-5) would allow, in part, student-athletes to use student-athlete only facilities outside the playing and practice season. Currently, Bylaw 17.02.1.1(i) and an official interpretation dated February 4, 2005 (Item No. 15b) prohibit student-athletes from accessing student-athlete only athletics facilities outside of the playing and practice season. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee recently reviewed this issue and agreed that legislative change was the only means of allowing this type of access outside of the playing season. Because this appears to be an area of the legislation that is misunderstood and misapplied on campuses, ILC recommends that institutions should not have to alter their facility access policies and then potentially change them again when the matter is voted on at the Convention. Consequently, ILC recommends that the Administrative Committee grant a waiver of this legislation until the membership has an opportunity to vote on this issue at the 2016 Convention.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The chair, Jason Fein, noted it was the last in-person meeting for Melissa Cruice, Ashley Fallon and Jason Fein.
2. **Interpretations and Legislation Committee Roster.** The committee reviewed the roster and agreed to submit any corrections to staff.

3. **Review July Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its July 16, 2015, teleconference.

4. **Review NCAA Division III Strategic Positioning Platform.** The committee reviewed the NCAA Division III Strategic Positioning Platform.

5. **Update on Governance Issues.** The Division III governance staff provided the committee an update on the primary topics within the Division III governance structure for the 2015-16 year. The topics included:
   - Division III budget;
   - Blanket waiver of NCAA Bylaw 16.02.3 for championships pilot program;
   - Diversity and Inclusion Working Group;
   - Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group;
   - Technology Users Group;
   - 2016 NCAA women’s basketball joint championship;
   - Division III Health and Safety Summit;
   - Division III week;
   - Committee member training videos; and
   - Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee Review.

6. **Review Divisions I, II and III Staff Interpretations.** The committee reviewed staff interpretations issued in Divisions I, II and III between February and August 2015 and took no further action.
7. **Review Division III Official Interpretations.** The committee reviewed official interpretations issued in Division III between February and August 2015 and recommended that the guidance provided in the official interpretation [Reference: 5/29/15, Item No. 2a] be incorporated into the booster guidelines document.

8. **Review Divisions I and II Official Interpretations.** The committee reviewed official interpretations issued in Divisions I and II between February and August 2015 and took the following action:

   a. Recommended staff review a Division II official interpretation [Reference: 3/26/15, Item No. 4-a] clarifying that promotional activities in which a student-athlete participates independent of his or her status as a student-athlete (e.g., institutional community service requirement) are not subject to the institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions legislation and draft a similar official interpretation in Division III for future review by the committee.

   b. Recommended staff review a Division II official interpretation [Reference: 3/26/15, Item No. 4-b] permitting an institution’s chancellor or president (or his or her designee) to provide a student-athlete with permission to participate in institutional, charitable or educational or nonprofit promotions once per academic year and permit a student-athlete to sign a release at the beginning of the academic year authorizing the use of his or her name, image or appearance in permissible promotional activities for the remainder of the academic year. The committee requested staff draft a similar official interpretation in Division III for future review by the committee.

9. **Review Division III Editorial Revisions.** The committee reviewed editorial revisions issued in Division III between February and August 2015 and took no action.

10. **Review Division III Educational Columns.** The committee reviewed educational columns issued in Division III between February and August 2015 and took no action.

11. **Review Divisions I and II Legislative Actions.** The committee reviewed legislative actions in Divisions I and II between February and August 2015 and took no action.
12. **Review of 2016 Convention Division III Legislation.** The committee reviewed the Division III proposals under consideration for the 2016 Convention and offered suggestions for the question and answer document. The committee also took the following positions on membership sponsored proposals under consideration for the 2016 Convention:

a. **NCAA Division III Proposal No. 1-2 – Recruiting – Definitions and Applications and Publicity – Deregulation of Electronic Transmissions.** The committee recommended a position of opposition for this proposal. The committee agreed that to keep a professional boundary between coaching staff members and prospective student-athletes, communication through social networking sites should remain private. The committee also was concerned that this proposal could have the unintended consequence of negatively impacting the work life balance of coaches by creating a culture where coaches feel compelled to be more active on social media sites. Lastly, the committee expressed concerns over the deregulation of the publicity legislation and the related impact on prospective student-athlete privacy.

b. **NCAA Division III Proposal No. 1-3 – Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations - Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site – Exception for On-Campus Contact.** The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee agreed that this proposal would reduce the amount of institutional monitoring and alleviate financial burden on prospective student-athletes by allowing prospective student-athletes to more easily combine competition with official or unofficial visits.

c. **NCAA Division III Proposal No. 1-5 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Definitions and Applications - Athletically Related Activities - Exception for Institutional Fundraisers Involving Athletics Ability.** The committee recommended a position of opposition for this proposal. The committee recognized the intent behind allowing student-athletes to participate in institutional fundraisers involving athletics ability; however, the committee agreed that the application of the proposal creates an environment wherein student-athletes may feel compelled to participate in additional athletically related activities outside of the playing and practice season.

d. **NCAA Division III Proposal No. 1-6 - Playing and Practice Seasons - Definitions and Applications - Athletically Related Activities - Exceptions - Reservation of Facility by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach.** The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee agreed that this proposal would enhance well-being for both student-athletes and the general student body by decreasing facility crowding and allowing student-athlete specific
facilities to house equipment specific to student-athletes. With respect to whether a strength and conditioning coach should be able to reserve these facilities for specific workouts, the committee understood the practical benefits of allowing this, but cautioned against creating a culture where student-athletes feel compelled to engage in activities outside the playing season.

13. **Division III Interpretative Issues.**

a. **Defining Varsity and Junior Varsity Competition.** The committee reviewed whether it was necessary to define a varsity contest for purposes of Bylaw 17. Specifically, the committee reviewed the official interpretation [Reference: 3/30/89, Item No. 5] defining a varsity contest as, “one in which at least 50 percent of the individuals representing the institution in the contest participate primarily on the varsity level” and a staff interpretation [Reference: 11/2/90, Ref. No. c] defining what “participates primarily” means. The committee recognized the 50 percent rule was not intended to increase burden on institutions or take away an institution’s discretion to define its contests. Rather the rule was established to ensure the integrity of the bylaw 17 maximums. Therefore, the committee recommended that staff archive the official interpretation from March 30, 1989, and the staff interpretation from November 2, 1990. The committee agreed that the individual maximum limitations legislation prevents potential abuse of contest maximums. In lieu of the existing 50 percent rule, the committee requested that staff draft an official interpretation clarifying that a contest may not be reclassified during or after the contest for future review by the committee.

b. **Recruiting or Scouting Service Operating an Event on Institution's Campus.** The committee reviewed the question of whether a recruiting or scouting service may operate an event on an institution’s campus, provided the nature of the event does not conflict with the tryout legislation. Specifically, the committee reviewed the staff interpretation [Reference: 10/1/03, Item No. 1] and staff action [Reference: 03/24/15, Item No. c], which precludes an institution from endorsing a recruiting or scouting service. The committee agreed that the legislation does not preclude a recruiting or scouting service from hosting a permissible event on an institution’s campus as such activity would not inherently be considered an endorsement of that organization. The committee also noted that the recruiting or scouting service must be charged the normal facility rate and the institution may not publicize the event. The committee recommended staff draft an official interpretation clarifying the application of this legislation for future review by the committee.
c. **Prospective Student-Athlete Engaging in an Internship in a Division III Conference Office.** The committee reviewed the question of whether a prospective student-athlete may engage in an internship in a Division III conference office. Specially, the committee reviewed the official interpretation [Reference 4/15/15, Item No. 2-a], which precludes a prospective student-athlete from engaging in an internship, paid or unpaid, in a member institution’s athletic department. The committee agreed that the offers and inducements legislation does not apply to a conference office in these circumstances. The committee requested that staff continue to provide a permissive response and took no further action.

d. **Leadership Programming – Athletically Related Activity.** The committee reviewed the question of whether leadership programming with an athletics purpose is permissible under a Bylaw 17 perspective, if that programming is provided exclusively for student-athletes outside the declared playing season. The committee discussed Division III Proposal No. 2008-5 and MOW 2009-3, which were intended to provide flexibility in programming that is specifically geared towards the needs and interest of student-athletes. However, the committee recognized that the proposal addressed Bylaw 16 benefits and did not amend nor address the definition of athletically related activity found in Bylaw 17. The committee agreed that general leadership programming exclusively for student-athletes would not be considered an athletically related activity provided attendance is not mandatory and the activity is not limited to one team. The committee requested staff draft an official interpretation clarifying this application for future review by the committee.

e. **Student-Athlete Only Weight Room – Management Council Referral.** The committee revisited the issue of whether an out-of-season student-athlete is permitted to use a weight room facility that exists exclusively for student-athletes. The committee maintained its original position that the official interpretation [Reference: 2/4/05, Item No. 15b] that suggests it is not permissible for an institution to reserve a facility for the exclusive use by student-athletes outside of the institution’s declared playing and practice season would prohibit an institution from allowing student-athletes to access a student-athlete only facility outside of the playing and practice season (See nonlegislative action item B for recommended blanket waiver allowing institutions to maintain status quo until Division III Proposal No. 1-6 has been voted on at the 2016 Convention.).

f. **Photos of Prospective Student-Athletes Participating in Institutional Camp.** The committee reviewed the question of whether an institution is permitted to post
photographs of prospective student-athletes participating in an institutional camp (e.g., social media posts) on social media outlets. The committee also reviewed the legislated exception to the publicity of a prospective student-athlete’s visit to campus, which allows an admissions office to publicize a prospective student-athlete's visit in the same manner it publicizes visits for all prospective students. Based on that exception, the committee agreed that if a member institution posts photographs of general prospective students participating in on-campus events, the institution may also post photographs of prospective student-athletes participating in an institutional camp on its social media outlets. The committee requested staff draft an official interpretation clarifying the application of this legislation for future review by the committee.

g. **Athletics Photos Constituting Athletics Information per Bylaw 13.4.2.1.1.** The committee reviewed the question of whether photographs depicting student-athletes engaging in athletics activities constitute athletics information for purposes of the recruiting advertisements legislation. The committee acknowledged that the recruiting advertisements legislation precludes an institution from publishing advertising or promotional material designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student-athlete, unless those advertisements meet the exception outlined in the nonathletics institutional advertisements legislation. The committee agreed that photographs constitute athletics information and, therefore, would not meet the provisions of the nonathletics advertisements exception. However, the committee agreed that photographs of student-athletes engaging in athletics activity may be included in an advertisement that also features photographs of other student activities (e.g., band, academia, Greek life). The committee recommended that staff continue to review potential athletics advertisements on a case by case basis and provide a restrictive response in cases wherein an athletics photograph is the sole visual component of the advertisement.

h. **Club Beach Volleyball Outside Competition.** The committee reviewed the question of whether a student-athlete is permitted to compete on an institution’s club beach volleyball team during the volleyball season without violating the outside competition legislation. The committee reviewed the official interpretation [Reference 12/12/94, Item No. 14] that specifies if an institution sponsors a varsity outdoor track and field team and an indoor track and field club team, the institution must apply playing and practice season regulations to the sports of indoor and outdoor track and field if any student-athletes participating on the varsity outdoor track and field team are also participants on the institution’s indoor track and field club team. The committee also reviewed the legislation specifying that beach volleyball and volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of outside competition legislation. The committee agreed that
if an institution applies beach volleyball playing and practice season legislation to a club beach volleyball team, volleyball student-athletes who participate on behalf of the institution’s club beach volleyball team should not be considered to have engaged in outside competition. The committee requested staff draft a staff interpretation to clarify the application of this legislation for future review by the committee.

14. **Approve Incorporation of Official Interpretation.** The committee reviewed and approved, in final legislative format, Division III Proposal No. I-2016 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Postponed/Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather. Division III Proposal No. I-2016, in final format, is included as Addendum B.

15. **Academic Misconduct Update.** The committee received an update about current legislation and proposed legislative changes to academic misconduct at the Division I level. The committee recognized that academic misconduct for Division III needs further review and will be discussed on a larger scale at the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association convention. The committee took no further action at this time.

16. **Review of Interpretations and Legislation Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved its policies and procedures, as amended. Specifically, the committee recognized that Management Council appealed decisions shall be reported to the Presidents Council, which may ratify, amend or rescind the action of Management Council. The committee also recognized that the Presidents Council is not required to hear or act on any request for additional consideration in which an appellate opportunity has already been provided by the Management Council, but Presidents Council may review any issue at its discretion.

17. **Requests/Self-Reports Online Update.** The committee received an update from staff regarding the Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) Case Management System. The committee reviewed Division III interpretive requests, including response time, bylaw cites and urgency status, that have been submitted to staff using Requests/Self-Reports Online.

18. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule. The committee confirmed February 11-12, 2016, for its future in-person meeting and approved the teleconference meeting time change to 12 p.m. Eastern Time.
19. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 10:33 a.m. Eastern time July 18, 2015.

*Committee Chair: Jason Fein, Drew University, Landmark Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*
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Proposed Voting Grouping and Order.

**Presidents Grouping.**

1. NCAA Membership -- Dues of Members -- Current Annual Dues -- Membership Dues Increase.

2. Recruiting -- Definitions and Applications and Publicity -- Deregulation of Electronic Transmissions.


**General Grouping.**

4. Playing and Practice Seasons -- Ice Hockey -- Off Ice Training.


7. Recruiting - Contacts and Evaluations -- Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites -- Practice or Competition Site -- Exception for On-Campus Contact.


9. Executive Regulations -- Conference Automatic Qualification Requirements Provisional and Reclassifying Member Institutions.

10. Division Membership -- Division III Membership Requirements -- Sports Sponsorship -- Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Golf.
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- POSTPONED/CANCELED CONTEST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Convention Year: 2016
Effective Date: Immediate
Official Notice Number: I-2016-1
Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).
Proposal Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention
Bylaws: Amend 17.02, as follows:
17.02 Definitions and Applications.
[17.02.1 through 17.02.7, unchanged.]
17.02.8 Postponed/Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather. A contest that is postponed or canceled due to inclement weather or a comparable factor only counts against an institution’s or student-athlete's maximum limitations if the results are considered final under the applicable playing rules of the sport in question.

[17.02.8 though 17.02.13 renumbered as 17.02.9 through 17.02.14, unchanged.]


Additional Information: The incorporation of this official interpretation provides clarification in the legislation regarding how an institution should count a contest when the competition or contest is postponed or canceled due to inclement weather or a comparable factor.
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review September Report. The committee reviewed the report from its September 17-18, 2015, in-person meeting.

2. Fantasy Games. The committee reviewed the staff position that for sports wagering violations involving online fantasy sports, the extent of a student-athlete's eligibility should be determined by the NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, rather than being confined by the mandatory penalties set forth in NCAA Bylaw 10.3.2-(b). While the committee supported the staff position, the committee expressed concern over the proliferation of online fantasy sports games and their impact on the integrity of the college athletics model. Specifically, the committee agreed that paying for participation in online fantasy sports games is and should continue to be a violation of the sports wagering activities legislation. The committee also noted the important role of the NCAA and the governance structure in ensuring that such participation is discouraged. While the duration of the penalty may not be the only means of discouraging student-athletes from participating in online fantasy sports games, it should remain an important component of the overall approach to maintaining the prohibition on sports wagering activities.

3. 2016 NCAA Convention Question and Answer Guide. The committee began its review of the 2016 NCAA Convention Proposals Question and Answer guide and offered questions for staff to include therein. Committee members will independently review the Question and Answer guide draft and provide recommendations to staff not later than October 23, 2015.

4. Future Meetings. The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule and confirmed that its next teleconference would take place noon Eastern time Thursday, November 19, 2015.
5. **Other Business.**

6. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 1:01 p.m. Eastern time October 15, 2015.

*Committee Chair: Jason Fein, Drew University, Landmark Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*
  *Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs*
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
AUGUST 13, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The committee commenced business at 1:03 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, August 13, 2015.

2. Review June 23-24, 2015, In-Person Meeting Report. The committee reviewed and approved its June in-person meeting report.

3. Membership Committee Roster and Conflict of Interest. The committee reviewed the committee roster and provided updates as necessary. The committee was reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal in the event that a conflict of interest might arise.

4. Denial of Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Request—NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (Minimum Contests and Participants) – Green Mountain College. The committee reviewed and denied the request from Green Mountain College for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants) for the 2014-15 academic year in the sport of cross country. In its decision, the committee noted insufficient mitigation to warrant a waiver of the legislation. The committee noted that the institution submitted arguments that it might have been in a more favorable position had it requested a waiver of the legislation in the 2014-15 academic year; however, the committee noted that the institution did not exercise that opportunity, and that it was not possible to determine whether the institution would have received a waiver in the previous year. The committee also noted that in its recent review of the institution's athletics program assessment, which was required as a condition of probation, the committee identified several areas of concern regarding the thoroughness of its completion and has requested that the institution resubmit the report. The committee noted that this failure to adequately meet the reporting requirements during the probationary year combined with the second failure to meet the sports-sponsorship minimums were both factors in reaching the decision to deny this waiver request. Further, the committee did not find the potential negative impact on the
institutions's athletics conference a compelling circumstance to warrant a waiver; however, the committee agreed to review the legislated punitive measures of restricted status at an upcoming meeting in order to further explore the impact on conferences. With the denial of this waiver, the institution triggers its second failure to meet minimum sports-sponsorship criteria per Bylaw 20.11.3.9.1.2. This denial places the institution in restricted membership status for 2015-16, rendering it ineligible for NCAA grant and initiative funding, and for NCAA championships participation.

5. **Review of Appeal Material – Membership Process Advancement - Iowa Wesleyan College.** The committee reviewed the appeal materials Iowa Wesleyan College is submitting to the Division III Management Council regarding the committee's June 23, 2015, recommendation to defer the institution's advancement to year three of the provisional membership process. After reviewing additional arguments provided by the institution, the committee upheld its previous recommendation and acknowledged that the materials would be submitted to the Management Council for an appeal review during the Council’s October 19-20 meeting.

6. **Discussion of the Athletics Program Assessment and updated policies for schools in probation period.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an updated draft of the NCAA Division III Athletics Program Assessment that addressed previous direction from the committee. The updated draft encompasses policies for institutions in the membership probation period. The committee reviewed the assessment and approved it for use in the 2015-16 academic year.

7. **Group Application for Division III Membership Process.** NCAA staff notified the committee that Division III governance staff was approached regarding the concept of permitting a group of institutions, affiliated as a conference, to be afforded an expedited provisional membership process to join Division III. The committee discussed the issue and noted that the current length of the membership process is appropriate, particularly in light of legislative changes to provide accelerated opportunities for individual institutions. Committee members noted that there is no desire to grow the membership of the division simply for the purpose of increasing its numbers or geographic footprint, and stressed the importance of monitoring the progress of institutions individually. The committee also noted that prior to establishing limits on the number of institutions in the process, the membership expressed serious concern with a large influx of institutions joining the division simultaneously.
8. **Impact of Restricted Status on Athletic Conference Operations.** The committee briefly discussed the negative conference implications of an institution being placed on restricted status and agreed to discuss the matter in more depth during its February in-person meeting.

9. **Adjusted time for September 10, 2015, teleconference.** The committee agreed to adjust the time of its September teleconference to 3 p.m. Eastern time.

10. **Other Business.** NCAA staff notified the committee that two Division III institutions have expressed interest in joining Division III and intend to begin the exploratory process for the 2016-17 academic year.

11. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Heather Benning, Midwest Conference*

*Staff Liaison: Jay Jones, Division III Governance*

  *Kristin DiBiase, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. The committee commenced business at 3:04 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, September 10, 2015.

2. Review August 13, 2015, In-Person Meeting Report. The committee reviewed its August in-person meeting report and approved it.

3. Membership Committee Roster and Conflict of Interest. The committee reviewed the committee roster and provided updates as necessary. The committee was reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal in the event that a conflict of interest might arise.

4. Approval of Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) Waiver Request—NCAA Bylaw 6.3.1 (Self-Study Report) – Rhodes College. The committee reviewed and approved the request from Rhodes College to waive Bylaw 6.3.1 (self-study report) for the 2014-15 academic year. In its decision to approve the waiver, the committee noted documented extenuating circumstances. Specifically, the committee noted documentation of life-threatening illness of multiple family members of the institution's director of athletics that prevented the institution from completing the ISSG by the legislated June 1 deadline. The committee also noted that the institution was not aware of the ability to request a deadline extension prior to June 1, and that based on the mitigating circumstances provided, had an extension been requested, the committee would have granted the request. The committee additionally cited the institution's long-standing history of compliance within its athletics program. The committee also noted that the institution promptly conducted and submitted a thorough self-study at its first opportunity.

Council support the proposal. In its rationale, the committee noted its full support of any efforts to align the competition participant legislation in Bylaws 17 and 20 for consistency and ease of compliance for member institutions.

6. **Discussion of the NCAA Division III Conference Self-Study Guide.** NCAA staff provided the committee with a draft of the updated NCAA Division III Conference Self-Study Guide and requested the committee's review and comments on the instrument. The committee agreed that once the committee's revisions are provided, the resulting draft should be distributed to the leadership of the Division III Commissioners Association for their review and comment before final distribution to the membership.

7. **Other Business.** None.

8. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Eastern time.

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ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome. The committee welcomed Laura Peterson-Mlynski, NCAA coordinator in Championships and Alliances, who will serve as the secondary staff liaison and Jessica Duff, an NCAA governance postgraduate intern.

2. Administrative Items.

   a. Roster. The committee reviewed and updated its roster.

   b. April 2015 Meeting Report. The committee voted to approve its April 2015 meeting report as amended. It was noted that a few committee members’ institutions were incorrectly listed on the report. In addition, it was requested that a note be added to indicate that the committee would appreciate receiving an update on the Division III budget at each of its meetings.

   c. Policies and Procedures. The committee reviewed its policies and procedures.

   d. SAAC Expectations Document. The committee discussed the SAAC expectations document and made no changes.

3. Filming “Your Voice Matters” Video Project. Several committee members filmed portions of an upcoming video project titled “Your Voice Matters”. The video will be made available to Division III institutions for their fall on-campus compliance meetings and will highlight the privilege of being a Division III student-athlete and how student-athletes nationwide can be a part of the Division III governance process.

4. It’s On Us Campaign. The committee discussed the “It’s On Us” campaign and its plans to further promote this national higher-education initiative. Numerous ideas emerged as starting points such as a video competition, bystander training and using the online “It’s On Us” pledge to raise awareness of sexual assault on campuses. A subcommittee was formed consisting of Domenic Fraboni, Chris O’Rourke, Alli Stevens, Megan Warren and Alaina Woo.
5. **NCAA Division III Management Council Update.** Division III SAAC Management Council representatives Taryn Stromback and Jaime Salcedo provided an overview of the April 2015 Management Council report. Ms. Stromback and Mr. Salcedo provided an update on proposed legislative changes regarding championships drug testing and impermissible financial aid, the soccer summit hosted by the NCAA, and the ongoing discussion of the playing and practice seasons. Ms. Stromback and Mr. Salcedo also reiterated that SAAC would like to continue to be involved in budget discussions regarding the allocation of dollars.

6. **Partnerships and Initiatives.**
   
a. **College Sports Information Directors of America.** Callie Olsen reported on her attendance at the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) convention June 14-17 in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Olsen served on a panel discussing the relationship between institutional SAACs and sports information directors.

b. **Preparing for Fall Conference Meetings.** The committee discussed two primary goals for committee members who attend fall conference SAAC meetings:
   
   (1) Communicating national SAAC initiatives; and
   
   (2) Receiving feedback on proposed legislation.

   The committee shared best practices for effective communication and encouraging timely feedback on legislation from institutions.

c. **Student-Athlete Involvement at 2016 NCAA Convention.** In addition to the Wednesday afternoon Special Olympics unified sports experience at the 2016 Convention (refer to agenda item 10), the committee will also host fellow Division III student-athletes in attendance at Convention at an event on Thursday evening. During this session, the national SAAC members will provide the Division III student-athletes with an overview of the Division III national SAAC, review the proposed Division III legislation, and discuss the Division III issues forum. The committee will also host a separate luncheon on Friday afternoon with a question-and-answer session for the student-athletes in attendance.

d. **Student-Athlete Leadership Forum.** The committee discussed the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum and the proposed schedule of forums for the next three years. The proposed schedule was concerning to the committee due to the inequality it may create in attendance opportunities for student-athletes who participate in a
sport with a spring championship. The committee recommended that the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum dates alternate between the fall and spring to ensure that student-athletes from different sports have an opportunity to attend without conflicting with their sports seasons.

7. **Input for Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.** Marissa Robinson and Justin Toliver discussed the work of the Game Environment Working Group and led the committee through an exercise to determine what types of fan behavior it deemed “in-bounds” or “out-of-bounds” at athletics events. The committee worked through several scenarios and gave feedback to the Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.

8. **Playing and Practice Seasons.** Ms. Stromback led the committee in a discussion regarding playing and practice seasons to gather feedback for the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. After reviewing seven general topic areas, two primary themes developed. First, the committee believes that it is important to limit mid-week travel, or reduce the distance traveled to mid-week contests. Second, many committee members expressed that the preseason lasts too long, especially for sports with a spring championship.

9. **Innovations Grant.** Lydia Bell, NCAA associate director of research, sought the committee’s feedback regarding the Innovations Grant, which is a program that supports research and data-driven pilot programs designed to enhance student-athlete psychosocial well-being and mental health. Ms. Bell gave an overview of grants awarded in previous years and asked the committee whether there were subject areas where they would like to see more grants given. The committee discussed nutritional services (e.g., supplementation and nutrition in- and out-of-season) and career services (e.g., internships, career planning and financial planning) as beneficial and relevant topics for student-athletes.

10. **NCAA Committee Reports.** Committee members provided relevant updates from their service on various Association-wide and Division III committees.

11. **Special Olympics Partnership.**
   
   a. **Overview.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview and history of Division III’s partnership with Special Olympics.
b. **Reporting.** The committee reviewed a report of Special Olympics activities, sorted by conference, as of June 2015. The committee was informed that the Special Olympics landing page on NCAA.org was revamped to be more user friendly for institutions and conferences trying to report their activities.

c. **Special Olympics at the NCAA Convention.** The committee discussed its plan for the unified sports experience that will take place at the 2016 NCAA Convention. The activity will be hosted and led by the Division III National SAAC but will be open to all Convention attendees to participate.

d. **Non-Division III Special Olympics engagement across the NCAA.** The committee received information regarding other Special Olympics activities conducted throughout the Association, including Division I men’s basketball and football unified rivalry games scheduled for fall and winter 2015.

e. **Special Olympics Best Practices.** The committee reviewed an NCAA Division III and Special Olympics Partnership Planning Guide, which is available on the NCAA website. The committee also provided support for the creation of a more detailed Special Olympics event planning tool kit to serve as a resource for institutions that are in the initial stages of planning their first Special Olympics event and/or developing their first local partnership.

f. **Updated Special Olympics Contacts.** The committee received an updated list of Special Olympics contacts by state. It was noted that a similar list was available on the Division III Special Olympics website.

g. **Special Olympics activity with Management Council.** The committee, along with members of Management Council, played disc golf and corn hole with approximately 10 Indianapolis area Special Olympics athletes.

12. **Legislation.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an overview of the legislative process and timeline as well as Division III SAAC’s role and responsibilities in regard to proposed legislation. The committee also initially discussed several membership-sponsored legislative proposals to be voted on at the 2016 Convention.

13. **Division III Updates.** Dan Dutcher, vice president for Division III, and Louise McCleary, director of Division III, reviewed the following key items with the committee:

   a. **Budget review;**
b. Progress of the Playing and Practice Seasons and Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittees;

c. 2016 joint women’s basketball championships;

d. Identity initiatives;

e. Committee member training videos; and

f. 360 Proof.

14. Future Meetings.

a. September/October teleconference, to be determined.


15. Adjournment.

Committee Chair: Amanda Ingersoll, Stevens Institute of Technology, Empire 8
Staff Liaison(s): Jay Jones, Division III Governance
               Brynna Barnhart, Enforcement
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               Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

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**Other Participants:**

- Brynna Barnhart, NCAA
- Lydia Bell, NCAA
- Brian Burnsed, NCAA
- Barrett Calhoon, NCAA
- Jessica Duff, NCAA
- Dan Dutcher, NCAA
- Jay Jones, NCAA
- Louise McCleary, NCAA
- Jean Orr, NCAA
- Laura Peterson-Mlynski, NCAA
- Cameron Schuh, NCAA
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and announcements. Amanda Ingersoll, chair of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), began the teleconference at 9 p.m. Eastern time. During announcements, Ms. Ingersoll thanked the committee for completing the legislation survey and reminded members to distribute letters to their conference and partner conference if they had not already done so. One correction to the roster was noted: Callie Olson is also a women’s golf student-athlete. Also, the committee welcomed the new Division III Management Council representative Nnenna Akotaobi, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Swarthmore College, who replaces Steve Nelson, former director of athletics at University of Wisconsin, Superior.

2. Review July In-person Meeting Report. The committee reviewed and approved its July 2015 meeting report and supplements.

3. Conference and Partner Conference Visits. The committee reviewed the policies and procedures for conference and partner conference visits. Committee members also shared best practices for presenting legislation and obtaining feedback at conference and partner conference meetings.

4. Review of Proposed Legislation. The committee reviewed and discussed all membership and governance-sponsored proposed legislation for the 2016 NCAA Convention. The committee’s unofficial position on each of the proposals is attached as Addendum. The committee discussed the following specific pieces of proposed legislation:


   d. Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site – Exception for On-Campus Contact.
The committee will discuss the proposed legislation in more detail during its November in-person meeting, and take an official vote, but members were encouraged to stay current with the proposals. The committee was reminded to obtain feedback from conferences and partner conferences on the proposed legislation before the November in-person meeting.

5. Announcements and Informational Items. The committee was updated on the status of NCAA grants that were discussed during its July in-person meeting. Finally, the committee was reminded that office elections will take place in November and members should consider which position they would like to consider, if any.

6. Future meetings dates.


   c. April 10-11, 2016; Indianapolis.

7. Adjournment.

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NCAA DIVISION III SAAC VOTING POSITIONS AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2015

Please note: Voting is based largely upon the vote of their conference and partner conference student-athletes. Official vote will be taken at the November in-person meeting.

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KEY ITEMS.
1. None.

ACTION ITEMS.
1. Legislative items.
   • None.
2. Nonlegislative items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
1. Division I Autonomy Proposal Number 2015-15 – Independent Medical Care. The committee supports this proposal; having a medical director overseeing student-athlete healthcare management provides a system of accountability within the athletics department. However, the committee requests the following:
   a. Reference the Inter-association Consensus Statement on Independent Care to define the terms “medical director” and “medical personnel,”
   b. Remove the qualifier “licensed,” as all health care providers who may be overseen by the medical director may not be licensed.

2. Division I Autonomy Proposal Number 2015-28 – Health and Wellness Committee. The committee opposes this proposal because it duplicates the responsibilities of the existing Association-wide Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, which is legislatively charged with providing leadership and expertise on all student-athlete health and safety issues. The CSMAS seeks an opportunity to share information about the scope of its work and how it might better serve the needs of the Big 12 and the other autonomy conferences.

3. Division II IPOPL 1-3 – Skill Instruction in Football. The committee opposes this proposal because it may strain sports medicine resources, particularly in the ability of the
4. sports medicine staff to provide adequate medical coverage for these additional sessions.

5. **Division II IPOPL 1-4 – Basketball First Practice Date.**
   - The committee took no position on this proposal.

6. **Division II IPOPL 1-5 – Baseball, Softball and Women’s Volleyball Conference Challenge Event.**
   - The committee took no position on this proposal.

7. **Division III IPOPL 1-7 – Football Nontraditional Segment.** The committee opposes this proposal. While the committee previously supported this proposal, after additional discussion and review, the committee believes that limiting the number of full-contact practices and drills reduces the risk of student-athletes experiencing serious injuries or concussions.

8. **Division III IPOPL 9 – Ice Hockey Off-Ice Training**
   - The committee took no position on this proposal.

*Committee Chair:* Forrest Karr, Northern Michigan University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* John Parsons, NCAA  
Mary Wilfert, NCAA

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<p>| Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports |
| September 30, 2015 Teleconference |
| Attendees: |
| Larry Bowman, Clemson University; Atlantic Coast Conference.  |
| Robert “Bob” Casmus, Catawba College; South Atlantic Conference.  |
| Jim Crawley, Dominican College; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference  |
| Gregory Frazer, Duquesne University; Atlantic 10 Conference  |
| Forrest Karr, Northern Michigan University; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  |
| Roger Kruse, University of Toledo; Mid-American Conference  |
| Michael Mattia, Johns Hopkins University; Centennial Conference  |
| Abbey Miklitsch, University of Rhode Island; Atlantic 10 Conference  |
| Connor Passalacqua, SUNY Polytechnic; North Eastern Athletic Conference  |
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**Absentees:**
- Bob Colgate, National Federation of State High School Associations; No Conference.
- Laura Farleman, Cedarville University; Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
- Amy Schafer, Thiel College; Presidents’ Athletic Conference

**Guests in Attendance:**
- NONE

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
- Cassie Folck
- Brian Hainline
- John Parsons
- Mary Wilfert

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
- Amanda Conklin
- Jeff Myers
ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Review of the Agenda. The committee chair, Sherard Clinkscales, convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed those on the call. NCAA staff took role and provided background of the selection process and reviewed the agenda.

2. Review of Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Award Nominees. At the request of the chair, the committee provided feedback on specific nominations for the Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Awards for each division and gender. The committee concluded its review of nominations for Division I Women that had not been determined during its July 7, 2015 teleconference. The committee confirmed recipients selected for the Division I and Division III Men’s and Division III Women’s awards and approved the following recipients of the 2014-15 NCAA Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Awards:

   a. Division I Student-Athlete Recipients
      (1) Men - Sebastian Stiefelmeyer, University of Louisville, tennis.
      (2) Women - Kate Bucknam, University of Minnesota, track and field.

   b. Division II Student-Athlete Recipients
      (1) Men - No recipient selected.
      (2) Women - No recipient selected.

   c. Division III Student-Athlete Recipients
      (1) Men - Hunter Hulley, University of Wisconsin – River Falls, track and field.
      (2) Women - Bailey Kent, St. Olaf College, tennis.

3. Review of Bob Frederick Award Nomination. At the request of the chair, the committee provided feedback on specific nominations for consideration for the Bob Frederick Award. The committee thoroughly reviewed four nominations from the 2014-15 submission of nominees. Consistent with the established nomination review process, the committee also reviewed nominations previously submitted during the 2012-13 and
2013-14 submission cycles. The committee approved the following as the 2015 recipient of the Bob Frederick Sportsmanship Award:

- Bill Richard, head men’s tennis coach, Ball State University.

The committee discussed proposed improvements to the nomination form and process. It will finalize those modifications at the annual meeting in October.

4. **Future Meeting.** NCAA staff confirmed the dates of the next in-person committee meeting. The committee will meet October 12-14, 2015 in Indianapolis. NCAA staff will provide information regarding travel and lodging arrangements following the teleconference.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Committee Chair:** Sherard Clinkscales, North Carolina State University  
**Staff Liaison(s):** Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances  
Ken Huber, Enforcement  
Tiese Roxbury, Research

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**Other Participants:** Ben Brownlee, NCAA staff; Ken Huber, NCAA staff; Tiese Roxbury, NCAA staff.
REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S ATHLETICS
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2015 MEETING

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Association-wide.

1. Administrative Items. The committee welcomed new members Karen Baebler, University of Washington; Vincent Baldemor, Hawaii Pacific University; Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Jim Donovan, California State University, Fullerton; and President Marvin Krislov, Oberlin College.

2. Approval of Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA) April 2015 report. The committee approved the April 2015 report.


4. Selection of the 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year award winner. The committee reviewed the current process of the NCAA Woman of the Year award and discussed the challenges of comparing the achievements of Division I, II and III female student-athletes in selecting a winner. The committee will revisit the award process during its February 2016 conference call. NCAA Office of Inclusion staff will work on improving the nominating process by addressing issues with the technology that supports the online application system. In addition, NCAA staff will review the evaluation system for the award. Results of these efforts will be shared with the committee on the February conference call.

The committee selected the winner of the 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year award. The winner will be announced during the October 18 award dinner at the Westin Indianapolis.

5. Financial Aid Issues Working Group update. Staff provided an update on the permissive cost of attendance legislation that was passed by the Division I autonomy conferences during the 2015 NCAA Convention. The COA legislation allows Division I
institutions to provide up to the full grant-in-aid scholarships which cover the cost of attendance at a given institution. The Financial Aid Working Group was developed to evaluate COA implementation issues and challenges. The working group is currently developing concepts to present to the NCAA membership for feedback, and welcomes insight from the committee.

The committee discussed the challenges of implementing COA for equivalency sports versus head count sports and the potential impact on Olympic sports due to the increased costs due to COA.

6. **Gender Equity Task Force (GETF) update.** Judy Sweet, co-chair of the Gender Equity Task Force, provided an update on the recent GETF meeting and discussed the four identified priorities, which include developing diverse hiring practices in intercollegiate athletics; promoting gender equity throughout the Association; engaging with NCAA governance and leadership groups; and communicating equity concerns with the Financial Aid Working Group pertaining to COA. Sweet underlined the importance of the task force working collaboratively with the committee to move forward gender equity initiatives and proposed legislation. CWA members shared insights on challenges to gender equity, which included 1) the discontinuation of the Division I athletics certification process eliminated the requirement for gender equity planning and campus-wide discussions about the issue; and 2) the fact that institutions filling out multiple forms requesting information in different ways for the NCAA and as required by the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act leads to frustration and confusion.

The GETF co-chairs and the CWA chair and vice-chair will have a conference call in mid-October to discuss continued collaboration between the two groups.

7. **Institutional Performance Program (IPP) – Gender Equity Review Pilot Project.** Staff provided an update on the progress of the IPP and its gender equity and inclusion review. Staff commented that the IPP is meant to provide presidents and other decision makers with the tools to perform a quantitative and qualitative review of their campuses. Twelve institutions are currently engaged in an IPP gender equity pilot program, and their feedback will be integral to future conversations about inclusion and gender equity reviews. The IPP will roll-out to Division II in January. Staff underscored the importance of feedback on the IPP from the committee on the degree to which gender equity and inclusion components are helpful.

8. **NCAA Advertising Policy.** The committee will evaluate specific provisions in the NCAA Advertising and Promotion Guidelines during the February 2016 conference call and may provide recommendations to the NCAA broadcasting group. In particular, the committee will consider whether some advertisements (type of product and frequency/time of appearance during broadcast) fit with the NCAA brand and philosophy.
9. **Status of Diversity of Officials.** The committee requested to add optional demographics to the registration of national championship officials. In addition, the committee requested the selection protocol for national championship officials for multiple sports as well as best practices that support a diverse pool of officials. Committee liaisons will work with NCAA championship staff members to collect this information, which the committee will review during the February conference call.

10. **2016 Women’s Basketball Championship.** Staff provided an update on the planning of the joint Division I, II and III 2016 Women’s Basketball Championship in Indianapolis next April. The joint championship will be a culmination of the 35th anniversary of the NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship, 40th anniversary of Women’s Olympic Basketball and 20th anniversary of the Women’s National Basketball Association. The championship will celebrate all three milestones in a collaborative event including a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and gender equity in sport conference.

11. **Emerging Sports.**
   a. **Equestrian status.** Leah Fiorentino, executive director of the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA), provided an equestrian update. NCEA has developed an action plan to grow the sport of equestrian which includes hiring a full-time executive director, increasing media outreach, and developing potential sponsorships with the equine industry. Fiorentino described how the Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee’s decision to table CWA’s recommendation to remove equestrian from the emerging sport list was well-received by the equestrian community but that additional information may be needed to understand next steps.
   
   b. **Rugby status.** Jack McDonald, associate vice president and director of athletics of the University of New England, provided an update on the growth of women’s rugby to 15 teams. The National Collegiate Varsity Women’s Rugby Association will host the first national women’s varsity rugby championship in the fall of 2015.
   
   c. **Triathlon status.** Tim Yount, chief operating officer of USA Triathlon, and Jess Luscinski, NCAA and collegiate triathlon coordinator of USA Triathlon, provided an update on the development of the $2.59 million grant program. Currently, 10 institutions have been awarded funding with four institutions establishing a women’s triathlon program for the 2015-2016 academic year. USA Triathlon will host the first collegiate national triathlon championship on November 7 in Claremont, Florida. Yount emphasized that the growth of intercollegiate triathlon is a high priority of USA Triathlon.
   
   d. **USA Cheer/Stunt proposal.** The committee reviewed a proposal from USA cheer that requested that Stunt be added to the list of emerging sports for women. It was noted
that the proposal did not include the required 10 letters of commitment (signed by the president/chancellor and the athletics director) from institutions that sponsor or intend to sponsor the sport at the varsity level. These letters must be dated within one year of the submitted proposal.

12. **Beach Volleyball Championship update.** Staff provided an update on the planning of the beach volleyball championship. The beach volleyball championship committee has been established and is currently reviewing bids, dates, and the selection process of the spring championship. It was noted that the name of the sport was changed from “sand” to “beach” volleyball despite CWA’s expressed concern about the popular messaging often associated with beach volleyball. The committee noted that the editorial revision, recommended by the former Division I Championships/Sport Management Cabinet and Women’s Sand Volleyball Committee, was adopted in June 2015 without any explanation or response to CWA’s concerns.

For the above items (11a. through 11d.), NCAA staff committee liaisons and the committee’s leadership will communicate with the sport’s leadership regarding the sport’s status and to inquire how NCAA staff and the committee can offer support for its growth and development. For item 12, committee leadership will follow up with the beach volleyball championship committee.

13. **National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) and Alliance of Women Coaches (AWC) funding update.** Staff provided an update on the NACWAA and AWC grants. The NCAA national office has been charged by the Division I membership to implement budget cuts throughout the national office and both grant amounts will decrease as a result. The Office of Inclusion is currently exploring additional funding opportunities for both grants.

The committee voted to communicate with Dr. Bernard Franklin, Executive Vice-President of Education and Community Engagement, and the Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee to voice concern about these grant decreases and the negative effect on the recruitment and retention of women and women of color within intercollegiate athletics. The committee also inquired if the three-year cycle of NCAA budget cuts were disproportionately negatively impacting women and minorities in leadership positions (coaches and administrators).

14. **Future Meeting Dates and Sites.**

- April 14-15, 2016 Indianapolis, Indiana.
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**Staff Liaisons:**  
Emily Capehart, Academic and Membership Affairs  
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- Troy Arthur, NCAA; Anucha Browne, NCAA; Emily Capehart, NCAA; Gail Dent, NCAA; Leah Fiorentino, National Collegiate Equestrian Association; Jennifer Fraser, NCAA; Jan Gentry, NCAA; Brandy Hataway, NCAA; Jess Luskinski, USA Triathlon; Jack McDonald, University of New England; Rachel Stark, NCAA; Jennifer Samble, NCAA; Judy Sweet, Gender Equity Task Force; Amy Wilson, NCAA; Tim Yount, USA Triathlon; Richard Zhu, NCAA.
REPORT OF THE
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2015 MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Association wide.

1. Mission and Duties. The committee reviewed the mission and duties.

2. MOIC Mission and Duties Bylaw Update. NCAA staff reminded the committee of the changes to the committee’s legislative duties as it proposed at its April 2015 meeting. Staff provided an update to the committee as to the status of the legislative recommendation in each Division.

3. Election of Vice Chair. The committee voted in support of Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College, as the Vice Chair of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

4. MOIC April Report. The committee approved the April meeting report.

5. Gender Equity Task Force. Julie Muller provided an update on the work of the Gender Equity Task Force and its meeting on September 9-10, 2015. Ms. Muller shared that the Task Force met with various members of the NCAA leadership, including a teleconference with President Harris Pastides, chair of the Division I Board of Directors. Ms. Muller’s update included the following:
   a. Cost of attendance and its impact on equivalency sports;
   b. Hiring trends and practices affecting women and, especially, women of color;
c. Concern over the impact of funding cuts on inclusion;

d. The importance of diversity training; and,

e. The need for education and outreach on the definition of gender equity.

With respect to cost of attendance, committee members shared views on potential Title IX considerations.

6. Women of Color Survey update. Nicole Hollomon from the NCAA Office of Research updated the committee on the status of the Women of Color Barriers project, a study commissioned by the CWA and MOIC. Ms. Hollomon reported that low response rates for the survey prohibited the comparison with the results of previous studies conducted by the NCAA in 1989 and 2007 and hindered confidence in stating that the results were representative of the population. The current study, launched in 2013, was intended to assess the perceptions of women of color administrators within the membership toward the ability for career attainment and advancement within the field. The committee requested that Ms. Hollomon move forward with the creation of an executive summary. Suggestions for next steps included: targeted focus groups at conventions and conferences, a re-launch of the survey in hopes of obtaining a higher response rate, and utilizing NCAA postgraduate interns to assist with future engagement of the membership. The committee agreed that the joint CWA/MOIC Women of Color subcommittee should review the results and propose a plan of action moving forward.

7. Initial Eligibility Standards. Glenn Terry of the NCAA Eligibility Center provided updates about the new eligibility standards for high school students and the success of outreach efforts to potential student-athletes. The committee applauded Mr. Terry and his team for their work in sharing the information widely and in various formats, including the availability of Spanish language resources. The committee voiced concern for potential disparate impact of the raised standards on minority students.

8. Office of Legal Affairs update. Naima Stevenson, NCAA Deputy General Counsel, provided a confidential and privileged report updating the committee on current matters involving litigation.

9. Leadership Development update. Justin Paysinger provided an update on behalf of the NCAA Leadership Development department. He announced staff changes within the
department, shared information on current openings and upcoming deadlines, and provided an email address for subscriptions to the department’s newsletter (development@ncaa.org). Mr. Paysinger described the unit’s goal of reaching 5,000 participants among their numerous programming initiatives and their efforts to employ effective methods of tracking participants once engagement has been completed. Finally, Mr. Paysinger reminded the committee of their ability to request DISC assessments via an email address (DISC@ncaa.org), and of the 2016 Leadership Forum to take place in Phoenix, Arizona.

10. **Advocates for Athletic Equity (AAE) update.** Tyrone Lockhart, AAE chief executive officer, discussed the 30% success rate of the ACE Flagship Program, and future plans to integrate programming with the NFL combine in 2016. Major goals for AAE include outreach, awareness, and collaboration. Mr. Lockhart shared his plans for increasing the pool of diverse applicants for athletics positions, including the creation of a proclamation toward equitable hiring practices to be shared and sponsored by high-level administrators and supportive organizations.

11. **Championships update.** NCAA staff shared information about the efforts of the NCAA Playing Rules and Officiating staff in the LGBTQ/disability space in response to the increase in the number of institutions seeking relief in regards to transgender and disability issues. The committee was also advised that the ban on hosting sanctioned championships in South Carolina was lifted in response to the recent removal of the Confederate flag.

12. **Champion of Diversity Spotlight update.** China Jude discussed the purpose and history of the Champion of Diversity spotlight, and announced the most recent individual receiving the recognition – Patti Phillips, NACWAA Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Jude shared that the Champion of Diversity Spotlight subcommittee would be meeting to discuss potential recipients, nomination procedures, communication processes and timelines for the quarterly spotlight. The committee commented on the criteria of the recognition, emphasizing the importance of considering individuals who have shown courage and been outstanding champions for diversity and inclusion, regardless of their own background or minority status. The next spotlight will be published in December 2016.
13. **MOIC leadership meeting update.** NCAA staff shared information from the MOIC leadership meeting which took place in the morning prior to the full committee meeting. The topics discussed included:

a. Next steps for the Advocacy Round Table; and,

b. Plans to update the MOIC two-year Action Plan (including modified language of the committee’s value statements).

14. **Divisional breakout updates.**

   a. **Division I Specific.** Representatives from the division discussed cost of attendance issues, including confusion over its implementation, which student-athletes would be involved, and the difference of interpretation from campus to campus. Additional areas of concern directly impacting student-athletes were discussed, such as time demands, changes in academic requirements, mental wellness, hazing and sexual assault.

   b. **Division II Specific.** The Division II SAAC representative shared information about their efforts to create a written statement in support of the removal of the Confederate Flag in South Carolina, and in response to the flag’s presence in Mississippi. In addition, the committee was informed that Division II has adopted a new strategic plan, which includes language to reflect a commitment to diversity and inclusion.

   c. **Division III Specific.** Division III representatives discussed some of the diversity and inclusion initiatives within the membership, including grant programs specifically for racial/ethnic minorities and women. Also reported were key 2016 legislative proposals, including a membership dues increase; the deregulation of text messaging when recruiting, and the strength and conditioning rules related to reserving facilities out of season. The Division III SAAC representative shared information about a video they have created, which explains how SAAC works on the campus, conference and national levels. The video will be accessible for viewing on the NCAA Division III webpage.

15. **Future Meeting Dates.**

   - February, 2016 conference call TBD.

   - April 15-16 2016, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Staff Liaisons: Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Championships and Alliances, Media Coordination and Statistics
Derrick Crawford, Enforcement
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REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S ATHLETICS and MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND
INTERESTS COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Association-wide.

1. Committee Updates. The committees provided an update on each of the committee’s respective meetings from the previous day.

2. Chief Inclusion Officer Update. Dr. Bernard Franklin, executive vice president of education and community engagement/chief inclusion officer, updated the committee on the Office of Inclusion’s efforts to incorporate intersectionality into its strategic plan. Dr. Franklin discussed the NCAA’s partnership with the Ross Institute for Sports Equality and its mission to address racism through sport.

3. NCAA Division III Governance Update. Staff provided an update on the initiatives to balance the division’s budget including a 2016 Convention legislative proposal to increase membership dues. Division III will sponsor 40 ethnic minority students to attend the upcoming January national convention in San Antonio.

4. NCAA Division I Governance Update. Staff provided an update on the legislative proposals that were sponsored by the Division I Council and conferences. The Autonomy conferences sponsored 14 proposals that will be voted on at the January Autonomy business session in San Antonio, Texas. If adopted, non-Autonomy conferences and institutions may opt in to these pieces of legislation. Division I committees and member institutions will provide feedback on such proposals in the future months.
5. **NCAA Division II Governance Update.** Staff provided an update on the marketing plan that was recently approved to activate the Division II brand enhancement efforts with “Make It Yours” as the new moniker. In addition, staff noted that the Division II Management Council and Presidents Councils approved in April a new Division II Strategic Plan for 2015-2021. Finally, staff reminded the committees about the opportunity to submit proposals for new/enhanced programs through the Foundation for the Future Initiative that was communicated to committees in August. Division II and Association-wide committees were asked to submit proposals for funding that enhance Division II and support the new strategic plan. Proposals are due March 1, 2016.

6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee Update.** Student-athlete representatives from each of the division’s respective Student-Athlete Advisory Committees provided updates on their respective July meetings. Several student-athletes reinforced the importance of student-athlete mental health as a timely issue in intercollegiate athletics.

7. **Sports Science Institute.** Brian Hainline, chief medical officer, provided an overview of the Sports Science Institute’s (SSI) initiatives. Dr. Hainline envisions the NCAA becoming the leading public health authority in sport. SSI has continued its partnership with the Department of Defense in its innovative concussion research. Dr. Hainline also discussed SSI’s initiatives pertaining to nutrition, sexual assault prevention and interpersonal violence. Dr. Hainline encouraged the committee to further engage with SSI to ensure the various NCAA resources and initiatives are providing value to the membership.

8. **Ethnic Minority and Women Enhancement Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.** Staff communicated a recommendation that the applicable divisional governance bodies sponsor legislation to increase the Ethnic Minority and Women Enhancement Scholarship for Careers in Athletics from the current $7,500 to $8,500. The recommendation to increase the Ethnic Minority and Women Enhancement Scholarship for Careers in Athletics to $8,500 would be consistent with the current funding level of $8,500 for the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. MOIC and CWA supported this increase and will request it at the appropriate time for the 2016-17 budget and NCAA Board of Governors approval processes.

9. **CWA/MOIC Subcommittee Updates.**
   
   a. **Student-Athletes with Disabilities.** The subcommittee chair discussed the development of the Student-Athletes with Disabilities resource with a slated distribution for this
spring. The subcommittee will continue to monitor the Eastern College Athletic Conference’s adapted sports program in the coming year.

b. **LGBTQ.** The subcommittee chair updated the committee on the continued development of the updated Transgender Student-Athlete resource as well as the Intra-Team Relationship Video.

c. **Women of Color.** The subcommittee chair discussed the Women of Color barrier study and the limited number of survey submissions that resulted. Staff will continue to develop strategies to increase survey participants including grass root efforts at various conventions and conference nationwide.

10. **Woman of the Year update.** The 2015 Woman of the Year award received the highest number of applications in the history of the award with 480. The October 18 award dinner in Indianapolis will award the 25th Woman of the Year to a graduating female student-athlete. The Committee on Women’s Athletics voted on the winner earlier in the day. Staff will continue to enhance the award application to make it as user-friendly as possible for the membership.

11. **Future Meeting Dates and Sites.**


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REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JULY 16, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Roll Call. The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked them for their time.

2. Duties and Conflict of Interest. The panel briefly reviewed its duties and the NCAA conflict of interest policy.


4. NCAA Women’s Bowling Committee Annual Meeting Report, Teleconference Report and Comment Period Report. The panel approved the committee’s July 14, 2015 teleconference report that included one experimental rules proposal. The proposal permits fall regular season events to implement a five-minute transfer break between matches once the completion of the final shot of the last completed match for the round occurs.

5. NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee Comment Period Report. The panel approved the committee’s comment period report the included twelve rules proposals. Ten of the proposals adjust the start value of individual skills awards. Two of the proposals provide additional clarity to existing video review process.

6. NCAA Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report. The panel approved the committee’s legislative request to adjust the requirements for its Division II member to ensure proper ice hockey-specific representatives on the committee. Additionally, the panel approved a rules change in the off-year, which is allowed because a rule changed the previous season is having a detrimental impact on the sport overall. The committee is providing more discretion to the on-ice officials regarding goalkeeper/offensive player interactions, while maintaining
the protections of the goalkeeper. In the previous season, the committee made these rules extremely rigid, which caused many otherwise legal goals to be removed unnecessarily.

7. **NCAA Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report.** The panel approved the committee annual meeting report and all proposals as written. Proposals of note that were approved by the panel included the requirement of a 90-second possession clock beginning with the 2017 season for Division I institutions and the 2018 season for Division II and Division III institutions, changing the overtime procedure to sudden victory, allowing self-starts, requiring every goal scorer’s stick to be checked after each goal, strengthening the penalty for the illegal manipulation of a stick or the illegal stringing of a stick (the penalty will now result in a non-releasable yellow card), and changing the categorization of three seconds from a major foul to a minor foul.

8. **NCAA Rifle Committee Comment Period Report.** The panel approved the rifle proposed modifications as written (the NCAA follows USA Shooting rules), which included clarifications to current modifications.

9. **NCAA Softball Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report, Teleconference Report, and Comment Period Reports.** The panel approved the committee annual meeting report, teleconference report and all proposals as written. Proposals of note that were approved by the panel included allowing the use of a synthetic turf field, recommending that dugouts be protected with netting or fencing no less than six feet from the floor (requiring protection by 2018), requiring immediately that foul poles be a single color and requiring foul poles to be a minimum of 10 feet high and contrast with the background, either white or optic orange, by 2018, allowing tournament hosts to stream video of all games in its tournament, allowing the use of electronic equipment to obtain, access and retrieve statistical information during the game (only allowed on the field between innings and may not be used to review or challenge an umpire’s decision), prohibiting runners from sliding out of the baseline directly at a fielder or outside the runner’s reach of the base in an attempt to alter a play, and only requiring incident reports to be filed for ejections involving an NCAA player or team representative.

10. **NCAA Men’s and Women’s Track and Field/Cross Country Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report.** The panel approved the committee annual meeting report as written. It was not a rules change year, so there were no proposals presented to the panel for approval. Items of note from the annual meeting included the committee’s approval of
Harvard University’s request to allow an incoming male sprinter to compete with a prosthetic running device during the 2015-16 academic year and a proposal that would add unmanned aerial systems (i.e., drones) to the list of items that are prohibited in the competition area.

11. **NCAA Football Rules Committee Experimental Rule Request.** The panel approved an experimental rules request from the Big Ten and Southeastern Conferences, which was supported through the College Football Officiating, LLC. This experimental rule will allow a medical spotter to stop the game through the use of current communication opportunities (e.g., video replay official) in order to alert medical staff to an otherwise undetected head/neck injury. This is likely to be rarely used, but will provide additional student-athlete care in this area.

12. **Future Meeting Dates and Times.**

- Teleconference: Wednesday, August 26, at noon Eastern time: baseball, men’s gymnastics, men’s lacrosse, skiing, and Division III men’s volleyball.

13. **Other Business.** None.

14. **Adjournment.** The call ended at 12:31 p.m. Eastern time.

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Committee Chair: Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference  
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Ben Brownlee, NCAA; Dan Calandro, NCAA; Ashlee Ferguson, NCAA; Ty Halpin, NCAA; Greg Johnson, NCAA; Emily Parkins, NCAA; Rachel Seewald, NCAA.
REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
AUGUST 26, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Roll Call. Noreen Morris, who was responsible for leading the call in the absence of the chair, welcomed those on the call and thanked them for their time.

2. Duties and Conflict of Interest. The panel briefly reviewed its duties and the NCAA conflict of interest policy.


4. NCAA Baseball Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report. The panel received a report from the Baseball Rules Committee, which held its meeting in a non-change year. The meeting report included a proposed experimental rule that would require a pitcher to make a legal pitching move within 20 seconds of receiving the ball in the dirt circle surrounding the pitching rubber. Based in part on the Division I Baseball Committee’s interest in using the experimental rule at the Division I Baseball Championship, the panel referred the proposal back to the rules committee to gather information regarding the number of Division I baseball conferences that plan to implement the experimental rule if it were approved.

5. NCAA Men’s Gymnastics Committee Comment Period Report. The panel approved the men’s gymnastics proposed modifications as written. The NCAA follows International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Code of Points for competition in men’s gymnastics. The approved modification included clarifications to scoring and the number of events in which a student-athlete must compete in order to compete outside of the event line up in the all-around competition.

6. NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report. The panel received a report from the Men’s Lacrosse Rules Committee, which held its meeting in a
non-change year. It was noted that a visible shot clock is mandatory for the upcoming 2016 season in Division I and the 2017 season for Divisions II and III.

7. **NCAA Skiing Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report.** The panel received the report from the skiing committee meeting and the comment period report from the proposed rule changes. The panel approved the proposals as written, which included expanding the specific approved distances for Nordic cross country events and clarifying the procedures for seeding the competitions.

8. **NCAA Division III Men’s Volleyball Comment Period Report.** The panel approved the Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee’s proposed modification. The panel approved implementation of a restraining line (permanent or with tape) placed five feet from the sideline beginning at the end of the team bench and extending eight feet from the playing area. The modification is a recommendation for the 2016 season. The restraining line will be required beginning with the 2017 season.

9. **Other Business.** The panel noted that the 2016 annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, at the NCAA Convention in San Antonio. The committee thanked outgoing committee members Kristy Bayer and Lisa Sweany for their commitment and service to the panel. The group also noted that Keith Dambrot, the head men’s basketball coach at the University of Akron, will be the chair of the Men’s Basketball Rules Committee for the 2015-16 year.

10. **Adjournment.** The call ended at 12:50 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
                      Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
                      Ashlee Ferguson, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
                      Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 9-10, 2015, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Previous Meeting Report. The committee voted to approve the report for the April 30 to May 1, 2015 Postgraduate Scholarship Committee meeting.

2. Review of Correspondence Sent to the Committee.

   a. The committee considered an extension request for Michelle SanCartier, a 2010-11 awardee. The committee granted a two-year extension to allow Ms. SanCartier to use her scholarship towards becoming a clinical psychologist, on the condition she is enrolled by August 2017.

   b. The committee considered an extension request for Ms. Kelsey Jenkins, a 2011-12 awardee. The committee granted an extension to allow Ms. Jenkins to pursue her Masters Degree, on the condition she is enrolled in a graduate program (not a certificate program) by August 2017.

   c. The committee considered an extension request for Mr. Daniel Kolb, a 2011-12 awardee. The committee granted a two-year extension to allow Mr. Kolb to use his scholarship to pursue a Masters of Business Administration degree, on the condition he is enrolled by August 2017.

3. Review of Scholarship Award. Committee records indicate that the postgraduate scholarship is reviewed for potential increases approximately every 10 years. The last time the scholarship was reviewed and approved for an increase was 2003. The committee determined that an overall increase in higher education tuition and fees supported a current request to increase the awards. The committee therefore recommended an inflationary increase from $7,500 to $8,500 for each scholarship award.

   If approved, the earliest the funds would be available is September 2016 for possible dispersal in February 2017. The committee directed staff to submit the award increase request at the appropriate time for the 2016-17 budget process and NCAA Board of Governors approval.
4. **Review of Nominations.** The committee reviewed 103 spring sports nominations (39 men and 64 women). The committee awarded 29 postgraduate scholarships for men’s sports and 29 postgraduate scholarships for women’s sports.

**Committee Chair:** Rich Loosbrook, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

**Staff Liaisons:** Jeff O’Barr, Administrative Services, Accounting  
Lori Thomas, Administrative Services, Accounting

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Good afternoon:

You should have received the below email regarding registering for the 2016 NCAA Convention. Please keep in mind that, as a member of the Division III Management Council, you **MUST** register by October 13 to obtain the early bird registration fee and to reserve your hotel room, both of which are paid for by the NCAA.

Many of you have registered for the Convention as a Management Council representative in the past, so this information may be redundant for you. However, there are a couple of things you must do in order to be recognized as a "Management Council" member.

1. When you click on the link to register, please make sure that you select Division III as your division. Please select 'Committee' as your choice when the next screen appears, after which you will enter the password: **2016committee**. Please do not share this password with other institutional members, as it is for our Management Council and Presidents Council members only. Once you enter the password, please proceed to enter all information as requested by the system.

2. Please note that room reservations will be accepted **ONLY** through the online system. As a member of the Division III Management Council, your room and tax for Tuesday, January 12, through Saturday, January 16, will be charged to the NCAA master account. **I will not be sending a separate room-reservation form later so please make your room reservations when you register.**

3. As I have entered you into the Short’s Travel Portal for travel, I would encourage you to make your flights by calling the toll-free number at 866/655-9215. Your flights to and from San Antonio, Texas will be charged to the NCAA master account. Again, please do this as soon as your schedule will allow.

4. As you are making your reservations, please note that most of you will need to be in San Antonio, TX no later than Tuesday, January 12, as our Management Council meeting begins bright and early Wednesday morning, January 13. The business session is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, and if you are not a departing member of the Council, our post-Convention Management Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Please respond via the email blast as soon as possible, especially if you are interested in attending the special events. A separate email blast will be sent to the general membership after the communique to our VIPs and will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you should have any additional questions, please let me know.

Thank you!

Debbie
2016 Venues

The Grand Hyatt San Antonio and San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter will provide meeting space and sleeping rooms for the 2016 NCAA Convention. The San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, La Quinta Inn & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk and Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk hotels will also provide sleeping rooms for Convention attendees. The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will provide additional meeting space.

Meeting Space Requests: Information about requesting meeting space at the 2016 Convention is available here. Meeting space must be requested by Monday, Aug. 31, 2015.

For meeting planning assistance, contact Bridget Fuller (bridget@shortstravel.com) or call her at 319-433-0726.

2016 Registration


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Registration fee includes pre-Convention programming on Wednesday, Jan. 13, and one ticket to the Delegates Reception and Delegates Breakfasts. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to receive one complimentary ticket to the Keynote Luncheon on a first-come, first-served basis and to purchase one ticket to the Honors Celebration for $20 on a first-come, first-served basis. Available tickets can be reserved during the Convention registration process.
Registration fees are refundable minus a $50 fee if cancelled before Friday, December 11, 2015. The cancellation fee is $100 from Saturday, December 12, 2015, through Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Cancellations after Wednesday, January 6, 2016 are not refundable. All deadlines are effective midnight Eastern time.

Need Assistance?

For general registration assistance, call 877-263-2545.

**Future Convention Dates and Sites**

- 2017 - Nashville, Tennessee; January 18-21
- 2018 - Indianapolis, Indiana; January 17-20
- 2019 - Atlanta, Georgia; January 16-19

**Past NCAA Conventions**

- [2015 NCAA Convention](#)
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October 2015 Management Council
Convention Legislation for 2016 Convention

This chart will serve two purposes during the October NCAA Division III Management Council (MC) meeting:

(1) It details the feedback on positions from various committees which were assigned to review the proposals sponsored by the membership. The Management Council should use the committee feedback to develop the Council’s official position on the membership sponsored proposals. For those proposals previously identified as presidential proposals, a majority vote of the Management Council (present and voting) is required to recommend that the NCAA Division III Presidents Council (PC) support or oppose a specific legislative proposal sponsored by the membership.

(2) It details the tentative speaker assignments for all proposals that will be voted upon during the business session at the 2016 NCAA Convention. The assignments are tentative and the Council members should verify their willingness to speak the governance structure’s official position on the assigned proposal. If a Council member chooses not to speak on the proposal assigned, another member will be chosen.

| NCAA MEMBERSHIP – DUES OF MEMBERS -- CURRENT ANNUAL DUES -- MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| **Intent:** To establish membership dues as $2,000 for an active institution ($1,100 increase) and $1,000 for member conference offices ($550 increase). | **Proposed Speakers:**
| **Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Strategic Planning and Finance Committee)]. | PC (move and support) – Jay Lemons
| **Effective Date:** September 1, 2017. | PC (support) – Tori Murden McClure
| **Rationale:** At the 2015 NCAA Convention Issues Forum, the Division III membership indicated significant support for a membership dues increase, provided Division III would retain all additional generated revenue. Membership dues have not increased since 1985. The proposed membership dues increase would be used to offset rising championships travel cost, which are anticipated to result in a budget deficit for the division in coming years. |
**RECRUITING – DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY -- DEREGULATION OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS**

**Intent:** To specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, instant messages, text messages or facsimiles), including public or private communication through a social networking site, may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians). Additionally, to deregulate the publicity legislation, as specified.

**Source:** Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** This proposal seeks to deregulate the existing restrictions on electronic transmissions. There is a growing concern that current legislation regarding electronic transmissions is outdated and lagging behind prospective student-athletes' and coaches' use of technology. Current limitations are inhibiting the exchange of information in the most efficient, cost effective and least intrusive way. Developments in technology have made it easier and less expensive to communicate through the expanded availability and prevalence of mobile communication devices that are multifunctional and often provide options for the user to define his or her communication preferences. Institutions have been permitted to send an unlimited number of emails to prospective student-athletes for several years and no concerns have been raised regarding frequency or intrusion. The proposed deregulation brings athletics in line with campus admissions staff, decreasing burden on coaches and compliance administrators, without increasing burden on prospective student-athletes. Allowing the exchange of public electronic transmissions necessitates simultaneous deregulation of the publicity legislation, based on the reality that public discourse through social media has largely replaced traditional forms of publicity and news media.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- PC – Dave Wolk
- PC -- Erik Bitterbaum

**Committee Position:**
- ILC -- The committee recommended a position of opposition for this proposal. The committee agreed that to keep a professional boundary between coaching staff members and prospective student-athletes, communication through social networking sites should remain private. The committee also was concerned that this proposal could have the unintended consequence of negatively impacting the work life balance of coaches by creating a culture where coaches feel compelled to be more active on social media sites. Lastly, the committee expressed concerns over the deregulation of the publicity legislation and the related impact on prospective student-athlete privacy.
RECRUITING - CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS – CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT SPECIFIED SITES -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE – EXCEPTION FOR ON-CAMPUS CONTACT

**Intent:** To permit institutional coaching staff members to have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided that contact occurs on the institution's campus and the institution's campus is not the competition site.

**Source:** Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and North Atlantic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** Allowing contact on an institution's campus on the day of competition prior to competition allows prospective student-athletes more flexibility when arranging campus visits in locations to which they may already be traveling for competition. Currently, prospective student-athletes are prohibited from making contact with institutional athletics staff members on a day of competition, prior to competition, even if they are visiting an institution's campus on an official or unofficial visit on a day of competition. This restriction often requires prospective student-athletes to remain in the locale of the institution additional days following competition to visit the campus and meet with athletics staff members, resulting in additional cost and additional missed class time. This proposal would not only offer greater flexibility to prospective student-athletes who wish to meet with athletics staff members while visiting a campus in a locale of a site of competition or en route to a site of competition, but may also improve recruiting efficiency and potentially result in fewer days away from campus for coaches.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- MC – Terry Rupert
- MC – Nnenna Akotaobi

**Committee Position:**
- **ILC** -- The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee agreed that this proposal would reduce the amount of institutional monitoring and alleviate financial burden on prospective student-athletes by allowing prospective student-athletes to more easily combine official or unofficial visits with competition.
- **Championships Committee** – The committee did not recommend a position on this proposal, as there is not an impact on championships administration.
**PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTION FOR INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISERS INVOLVING ATHLETICS ABILITY**

**Intent:** To permit student-athletes to participate in out-of-season institutional fundraising activities involving athletics ability, provided participation in the activity is voluntary and the activity is open to any and all entrants.

**Source:** Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and University Athletic Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** The intent of the out-of-season athletically related activities legislation is to prevent coaches from engaging in practice activities with their own student-athletes outside of the playing season. Permitting student-athletes to participate voluntarily in athletically related fundraising activities while out of season does not undermine the purpose of that rule, because there is no intent to assess or monitor the athletics ability of the out-of-season student-athlete. Often, an institution's team will conduct fundraisers that involve athletically related activity that is closely associated with its particular sport. In these cases, student-athletes are precluded from participating in their own institution's fundraiser. Furthermore, out-of-season student-athletes are denied opportunities to network with influential alumni and friends of the college who take part in these fundraising events, as well as to support their fellow classmates, simply because their sport season does not coincide with the scheduled institutional fundraiser.

**Proposed Speakers:**

MC – Gail Cummings-Danson

MC – Terry Wansart

**Committee Position:**

PPSS -- The subcommittee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal. The subcommittee raised concerns that allowing institutions the flexibility to exempt institutional fundraisers involving athletics ability could be abused and result in student-athletes feeling pressured to participate in a fundraiser.

ILC -- The committee recommended a position of opposition for this proposal. The committee recognized the intent behind allowing student-athletes to participate in institutional fundraisers involving athletics ability; however, the committee agreed that the application of the proposal creates an environment wherein student-athletes may feel compelled to participate in additional athletically related activities outside of the playing and practice season.
### Proposed Legislation

**PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTIONS -- RESERVATION OF FACILITY BY CERTIFIED STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH**

**Intent:** To permit student-athletes to access a student-athlete only weight room outside of the declared playing and practice season. Additionally, to permit certified strength and conditioning personnel to reserve an institution's athletic facilities during the institution's regular academic year to conduct voluntary workouts for all student-athletes.

**Source:** State University of New York Athletic Conference and New England Women's, Men's Athletic Conference and University Athletic Association

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** As strength and conditioning techniques evolve, there is an increasing distinction between equipment used for the general student body/faculty/staff and equipment used for student-athletes. This has led to the creation of student-athlete weight rooms on many campuses that are separate from general fitness centers. Current legislation prohibits institutions from reserving athletic facilities for the exclusive use of student-athletes outside the declared playing and practice season. Existing legislation further restricts certified strength and conditioning coaches from reserving any institutional athletic facilities to conduct voluntary workouts. Proposal 2011-7-1, an amendment to Proposal 2011-7, permitted certified strength and conditioning personnel to conduct voluntary workouts during the regular academic year for student-athletes based in part on the rationale that "the weeks outside of the competitive season are the time to increase cardiovascular endurance, build strength and explosiveness, train for purposes of injury prevention, and become a better athlete so that students are prepared for the sport season." For this same reason, student-athletes should be permitted to access a designated student-athlete weight room and certified strength and conditioning coaches should be permitted to reserve an athletic facility during the regular academic year to conduct voluntary workouts.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- MC – Frank Millerick
- MC – Tracy Ranieri

**Committee Position:**
- PPSS -- The subcommittee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The subcommittee stated that this proposal would allow student-athletes better access to athletic facilities and provide a healthier and safer environment for student-athletes to utilize appropriate equipment. Additionally, allowing student-athletes to use a student-athlete only weight room would decrease facility crowding in general use fitness centers.
- ILC -- The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee agreed that this proposal would enhance well-being for both student-athletes and the general student body by decreasing facility crowding and allowing student-athlete specific facilities to house equipment specific to student-athletes. With respect to whether a strength and conditioning coach should be able to reserve these facilities for specific workouts, the committee understood the practical benefits of allowing this, but cautioned against creating a culture where student-athletes feel compelled to engage in activities outside the playing season.
**PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- NONTRADITIONAL SEGMENT**

**Intent:** To establish a 14 day nontraditional segment for football, which shall include the following: (1) An Instruction Period consisting of four days of limited activity such as classroom sessions, film study, fitness testing, and strength and conditioning sessions; (2) An Acclimatization Period consisting of three days of helmet only on-field practice; and (3) A General Practice Period consisting of seven days of full equipment, three of which may include live tackling.

**Source:** Morrisville State College, Randolph-Macon College, Gallaudet University, Trine University, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, Buffalo State, State University of New York, Louisiana College, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Alfred University, East Texas Baptist University, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin, Stout Emory, Henry College, University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse, Rowan University, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, St. John Fisher College, State University of New York at Cortland and University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** Football student-athletes are not currently provided similar opportunities to those afforded other student-athletes with fall/spring championships to develop sport-specific skills during a nontraditional season. The existing provision for strength and conditioning sessions and limited skill instruction does not allow for comprehensive skill development for all players involved in the sport of football. Coaches interpret the current rule in various ways, potentially resulting in widely diverging experiences from campus to campus. As safety concerns related to the sport of football have increased, so has the need for instruction and practice on proper blocking and tackling, the effectiveness of which is minimized without equipment. Further, with the limitations placed on preseason practices during the traditional season, time for skill development and technique work is often marginalized in favor of scheme installation and game preparation. Finally, engaging in football-specific activities without the benefit of protective equipment, as permitted under current legislation, raises concerns about student-athlete safety. This proposal will provide football student-athletes with skill instruction and development opportunities equivalent to student-athletes participating in other sports, while maintaining the health and safety of the student-athletes as a top priority.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- PC – Thomas Foley
- PC – Tori Haring-Smith
- MC – Troy VanAken

**Committee Position:**
- PPSS -- The subcommittee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal. The subcommittee stated that it is necessary to move forward with the playing and practice seasons review before amending nontraditional segment legislation.
- Championships Committee -- The committee did not recommend a position on this proposal, as there is not an impact on championships administration.
- Football Committee -- The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee noted that establishing a more robust nontraditional segment for the sport of football aligns football with other fall sports.
- CSMAS – The committee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal, citing increasing awareness of the greater risk for concussions and serious injuries with full-contact practices. While the committee did support this proposal last year, the committee feels it must reverse its stance on this proposal. Limiting the number of full-contact practices and drills reduces the risk of student-athletes experiencing major injuries or concussions.
## PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ICE HOCKEY -- OFF ICE TRAINING

### Intent:
To permit off ice/dry land training prior to the first permissible practice date while still keeping the 19 week length for the total ice hockey season.

### Source:
Plattsburgh State University of New York, Norwich University, Morrisville State College, Manhattanville College, University of Wisconsin-Superior, State University of New York at Geneseo, State University of New York at Cortland, Nazareth College, State University of New York at Oswego, University of New England, Curry College, Lebanon Valley College, Becker College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, College at Brockport, State University of New York, Buffalo State, State University of New York., Utica College, Elmira College, Becker College, State University of New York at Canton, Northland College, St. Norbert College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges and State University of New York at Potsdam.

### Effective Date:
August 1, 2016.

### Rationale:
Allowing institutions to conduct dry-land (off-ice) training beginning after the first Monday in October and within the 19-week season will allow teams to use their entire 19-week season under the supervision of their coaching staff. This proposal will help ensure the safety of the student-athletes during pre-season, dry-land (off-ice) training sessions.

### Proposed Speakers:
- MC – Dennis Leighton
- MC – Steve Nelson

### Committee Position:
- PPSS -- The subcommittee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The subcommittee stated that this proposal would allow institutions to begin the ice hockey season earlier while extending winter break, which would allow student-athletes additional time away from the sport during the winter holidays.
- Championships Committee – The committee did not recommend a position on this proposal, as there is not an impact on championships administration.
- Men's Ice Hockey Committee – The committee recommended a position of opposition to this proposal. The committee noted the ongoing playing and practice seasons review by the PPSS and agreed that the current strength and conditioning legislation allows sufficient opportunities for pre-season conditioning. The committee also noted that this appears to be an attempt by coaches to manipulate the playing seasons legislation to allow for a longer break mid-season.
- Women's Ice Hockey Committee – The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee noted that allowing off-ice conditioning would help prevent injuries during the early weeks of the ice hockey season. The committee acknowledged, however, that a majority of ice hockey teams are already using the maximum 19 weeks and may have difficulty adding off-ice time prior to the current first permissible practice date.
- CSMAS -- The committee did not recommend a position on this proposal, as there is not a significant health and safety impact to the proposed legislative change.
**CHAMPIONSHIPS INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS – ELIMINATION OF REINSTatement REQUIREMENT**

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that the eligibility of a student-athlete must be restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement after he or she has fulfilled a drug-testing penalty and has tested negative in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2016; for all drug tests administered on or after August 1, 2016.

**Rationale:** Currently, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is required to consider reinstatement of a student-athlete's eligibility after the student-athlete has fulfilled the penalty for a positive test and has subsequently tested negative for any banned substance. The reinstatement of student-athletes in such situations has become perfunctory as the committee does not exercise any degree of discretion in the reinstatement request; rather, the committee simply confirms the negative test. Requiring the committee to confirm a negative test administered by Drug Free Sport is unnecessary. This proposal will reduce bureaucracies and increase efficiencies to better streamline the drug testing and eligibility restoration processes.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- MC (move and support) – Julie Soriero
- MC (support) -- Robert Davis, Jr.
DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS FOR GOLF

**Intent:** To reduce the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship in the sport of golf from five to four.

**Source:** Centennial Conference, Landmark Conference, Middle Atlantic Conference and Presidents' Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate.

**Rationale:** Golf, particularly on the women's side, has seen growth in Division III due in part to the Championships Committee waiver permitting institutions to be eligible for championships selection based on contests completed with four participants rather than five. The sport of golf requires four players to complete an 18-hole round to compile a team score. The fifth score is discarded. Golf is the only sport under Bylaw 20.11.3.8 that requires more participants than those needed to complete team scoring. Cross Country requires five participants but scores with seven runners; tennis requires six participants but can play six singles and six different doubles players; and wrestling only requires six participants in the 10 weight classes. This proposal will enable current sponsors to keep the sport viable on their campuses while encouraging possible sponsors to add the sport.

**Proposed Speakers:**
- MC – Brit Katz
- MC – Gerald Young

**Committee Position:**

**Membership Committee** – The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee specifically noted the importance of creating consistency between the playing rules and the sport sponsorship requirements. The committee additionally noted the positive impact this proposal may have on women's golf sponsorship.

**Championships Committee** -- The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal, citing that the current participation requirement is higher than the number of players that are counted in the team score.

**Men's Golf Committee** -- The committee recommended a position of opposition for this proposal. The committee stated concern about the impact the change could have on the number of conferences eligible for automatic qualification to the championships, thereby possibly reducing the number of at-large berths for the championship. The committee also noted that meeting minimum participant requirements has never been an issue for men's golf.

**Women's Golf Committee** – The committee recommended a position of support for this proposal. The committee noted that the proposal would assist institutions struggling to meet minimum women's golf sponsorship requirements and would eliminate the need for continuing to address participant requirement issues through the waiver process.
EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS – CONFERENCE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PROVISIONAL AND RECLASSIFYING MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

| Intent: | To specify that institutions in years three and four of the NCAA Division III provisional and reclassifying membership process may count toward the requisite number of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period before a multisport or single-sport conference is eligible for automatic qualification for NCAA championships. |
| Source: | NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee). |
| Effective Date: | September 1, 2016. |
| Rationale: | Currently, a conference must have seven members that are active Division III institutions to begin the two-year waiting period for automatic qualification. This recommendation would allow a conference to consider its year three or four provisional or reclassifying members as part of the seven, thereby allowing the conference to begin the two-year waiting period earlier than is currently permissible. At the conclusion of the two-year waiting period, the conference would be awarded automatic qualification provided the provisional or reclassifying members that were a part of the conference's requisite seven members are established as active member institutions. In recent years, provisional and reclassifying institutions in years three and four of the membership process were given greater consideration in championships selection policies such that they now count in primary selection criteria. The change was made to encourage active Division III institutions to schedule contests with provisional and reclassifying institutions without being negatively impacted at the time of selections. In the same way, allowing these institutions to count toward the requisite number of conference members is a benefit to both the provisional or reclassifying and the established members. |

| Proposed Speakers: |
| MC (move and support) – Chris Ragsdale |
| MC (support) -- Terry Small |
Administrative Regulations – The Management Council is empowered to adopt or revise administrative regulations consistent with the provisions of the constitution and bylaws, subject to amendment by the Division III membership, for the implementation of policy established by legislation governing the general activities of each division. These administrative bylaws become part of the Division III legislation and are considered adopted when approved in legislative format by the Management Council. They are not required to be ratified at the annual Convention business session.

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Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- IN-REGION OPPONENT COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS- GOLF -- END OF SEASON CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: ADM-2016-1

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Championships Committee).

Proposal Category: Administrative Regulation

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council.

Intent: In golf, to allow end-of-season conference tournaments to be included in the in-region calculation.

Bylaws: Amend Bylaw 31.3.2, as follows:

31.3.2 In-Region Opponent Competition Requirements. To be eligible for selection to Division III team championships, a minimum percentage [as defined in Bylaw 31.3.2-(a)-(c)] of its an institution's scheduled regular-season contests shall be against in-region opponents. End-of-season conference tournaments and postseason competitions are not included in the in-region calculation, except for the sport of golf which shall include conference tournaments. The following are the minimum in-region requirements:

[31.3.2-(a) through 31.3.2-(c) unchanged.]

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.

Rationale: Currently, conference tournaments are excluded from the in-region calculation in all sports. The majority of golf end-of-season tournaments are different than other sports in that they include all conference members, are non-elimination and all participating institutions utilize the same number of dates of competition. Therefore, allowing institutions to count these dates would not result in a disparate impact across Division III institutions and would be appropriate for the sport of golf.
Title: ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES -- SUMMARY DISPOSITION AND EXPEDITED HEARING -- COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS REVIEW -- PROPOSED FINDINGS NOT ACCEPTED – MODE OF EXPEDITED PENALTY HEARINGS IN SUMMARY DISPOSITION CASES

Convention Year: 2016
Effective Date: Immediate.

Official Notice Number: ADM-2016-2

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Infractions).

Proposal Category: Administrative
Topical Area: Enforcement Procedures

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To clarify that in a summary disposition case in which the Committee on Infractions accepts the proposed findings but proposes additional penalties, the institution and/or involved individuals may appear before the committee in person, by videoconference or other mode of distance communication, as the committee deems appropriate, to discuss the proposed additional penalties.

Bylaws: Amend 32.7.1.4.3, as follows:

32.7.1.4.3 Proposed Findings Not Accepted. If the committee accepts the proposed findings but proposes penalties in addition to those set forth in the summary disposition report, the institution and/or involved individuals may request an expedited hearing on penalties before the Committee on Infractions. The institution and/or the involved individual have the option to appear before the committee in person, by videoconference or such other mode of distance communication as the Committee on Infractions may deem appropriate. The institution and/or involved individuals may appear before the committee in person, by videoconference or other mode of distance communication, as the committee deems appropriate, to discuss the proposed additional penalties. The institution and/or involved individual also have the option to provide a written submission in lieu of a hearing. The committee shall only consider information relevant to the prescription of penalties during the expedited hearing or written review. At the conclusion of the expedited hearing or written review, the committee shall prepare an infractions decision and provide notification of the committee's actions consistent with Bylaw 32.9. The institution and/or any involved individuals may appeal the additional penalties to the Infractions Appeals Committee in accordance with Bylaws 32.10 and 32.11.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.
**Student-Athlete Impact:** None.


**Additional Information:** Expedited penalty hearings in summary disposition cases are usually very limited and can last an hour or less. Nonetheless, when they are held in person, committee members and the Association must expend the resources to travel to a hearing site and conduct a hearing. Due to advances in technology, these hearings can easily be conducted electronically. While this amendment will still allow institutions to request an in-person hearing, it clarifies that the committee makes the final decision regarding the mode of expedited penalty hearings. This proposed amendment mirrors the language used in Division I and will create consistency across divisions.
### Noncontroversial Proposals

These proposals are considered noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association’s legislation. They become effective when approved in legislative format by a three-fourths majority of the Management Council and are ratified at the annual Convention business session.

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<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To clarify that weight-training activities are not considered on-field practice activities but may not be conducted during the three-hour recovery period during the five-day acclimatization period.</td>
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<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To amend the two-year college transfer exception making it consistent with the four-year college transfer exception by changing the analysis from whether the student used a season of participation at the Division III institution to whether the student ever practiced or competed at the Division III institution.</td>
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<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To eliminate the condition that the illness or injury has to be &quot;life threatening&quot; before an institution may provide expenses for individuals to be present to support the student-athlete, or the student-athlete's relative or individual of comparable relationship, that suffered the injury or illness.</td>
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<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete departs for a competition not earlier than 48 hours before the start of the competition and remain not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition.</td>
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<td>To permit an institution to provide an unlimited number of complimentary admissions to persons designated by a student-athlete when the student-athlete is being recognized during an institution's regular-season intercollegiate athletics contest in a sport other than that in which the student-athlete participates.</td>
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<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
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<td>To specify that a student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition.</td>
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<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To specify that an institution may provide meals to the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete.</td>
<td>Potential budget impact for institutions that choose to provide meals to relatives or individuals of comparable relationship of student-athletes.</td>
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<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To specify that the fundraising and community service exception to the prohibition on athletically related activities occurring outside of the declared playing and practice season shall be voluntary for the exception to apply.</td>
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<td>RECRUITING -- ATHLETICS CELEBRATORY STANDARDIZED SIGNING FORM</td>
<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council</td>
<td>April 15, 2015</td>
<td>To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2015-8 from August 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015.</td>
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<td>Ready for Ratification at Convention.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2015-15 from August 1, 2015 to Immediate.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>AWARDS AND BENEFITS – EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION – PERMISSIBLE – TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS DURING VACATION PERIOD</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To specify that an institution may provide actual transportation costs for a student-athlete to travel from campus or the student-athlete's home to the site of an NCAA championship, or national governing body championship in an emerging sport, and back to campus or the student-athlete's home.</td>
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<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Management Council (Membership Committee))</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To clarify that during the exploratory year of the provisional membership process, an institution is not required to satisfy compliance with sports-sponsorship requirements.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>NC-2016-13</td>
<td>COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS -- COMPOSITION</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To revise the composition of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, as specified.</td>
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<td>AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- LODGING PROVIDED BY RELATIVE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate.</td>
<td>To specify that a relative of a student-athlete to pay for or provide lodging to eligible student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.</td>
<td>Potential cost savings for institutions for situations in which a relative pays for or provides lodging for a student-athlete or team.</td>
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<td>NC-2016-15</td>
<td>MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP -- AUTHORITY OF DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).</td>
<td>Immediate</td>
<td>To establish the Membership Committee as the primary authority to oversee any membership issues.</td>
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<td>PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- WAIVERS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION – PERMITTING NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO CONDUCT MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).</td>
<td>Immediate</td>
<td>To permit a nurse practitioner whose state regulation allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision to complete the mandatory medical examination without supervision by a physician.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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<td>NC-2016-17</td>
<td>COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE – AMENDING DUTIES</td>
<td>Ready for Consideration by Management Council.</td>
<td>NCAA Division III Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)</td>
<td>Immediate</td>
<td>To expand the duties of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee to include advocacy and review of issues related to the interests of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities; and the advocacy and review of NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.</td>
<td>None.</td>
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Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- WEIGHT TRAINING

Convention Year: 2016
Effective Date: Immediate
Official Notice Number: NC-2016-1
Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).
Proposal Category: Noncontroversial
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To clarify that weight-training activities are not considered on-field practice activities but may not be conducted during the three-hour recovery period during the five-day acclimatization period.

Bylaws: Amend Bylaw 17.9.2.2, as follows:

17.9.2.2 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Institutions may not conduct conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests before the start of the five-day acclimatization period.

(b) Institutions are permitted to conduct weight training activities during the five-day acclimatization period without counting those activities toward the maximum hour limitations for on-field practices; however, weight training activities may not be conducted during the required three hours of continuous recovery time between any sessions.

(c) During the first day of the five-day acclimatization period, an institution may conduct either:

(1) One on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length. The institution may also conduct a one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between any sessions (e.g., on-field practice or walk-through). During the recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time; or
(2) One on-field testing session (e.g., speed, conditioning or agility tests), not to exceed one hour in length, and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. The institution may also conduct a one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between any sessions (e.g., testing, on-field practice or walk-through). During the recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

(d) During the remainder of the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length, and one one-hour walk-through session. No protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) may be worn, no equipment related to football (e.g., football, blocking sled) may be used and conditioning activities may not occur during the walk-through session. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three hours of continuous recovery time between any sessions (e.g., on-field practice session or walk-through). During the recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

(e) During the first two days of the acclimatization period, helmets shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice session and conditioning session (as opposed to the walk-through session). During the third and fourth days of the acclimatization period, helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice session. During the final on-field practice session of the five-day period and on any day thereafter, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:


Additional Information: This amendment will clarify existing confusion regarding which activities are and are not permitted during the three-hour recovery period and what is considered "on field practice."
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS -- TRANSFER FROM A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION -- CHANGE FROM SEASON OF PARTICIPATION TO ANY PARTICIPATION

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-2

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To amend the two-year college transfer exception making it consistent with the four-year college transfer exception by changing the analysis from whether the student used a season of participation at the Division III institution to whether the student ever practiced or competed at the Division III institution.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) unless the student qualifies for a transfer exception as set forth in Bylaw.

14.5.4.1 Exceptions. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if:

(a) The student has not previously used a season of participation at a Division III institution pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, and has never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics at a non-Division III institution. This provision is not applicable to a Division III student who has been granted a hardship waiver per Bylaw 14.2.5 or a season-of-participation waiver per Bylaws 14.2.6 or 14.2.7;

(b) The student transfers from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program without having been enrolled full time at a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible had he or she remained at that institution. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her athletics eligibility at the two-year college may use this transfer exception if the student-athlete was otherwise academically or athletically eligible for competition at the two-year college; or

[14.5.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 14.5.4 unchanged.]

Budget Impact: None.
Review History:

*October 21, 2014* Approved in Concept: Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a) Item No. 1-(c).


Additional Information: NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2013-10 amended the four-year college transfer legislation to require a student-athlete who participated at a Division III institution and rendered him or herself academically ineligible to serve a year in residence upon transfer to another Division III institution, regardless of whether that student-athlete used a season of participation at the first Division III institution. The current two-year college transfer legislation allows a student-athlete to participate at a Division III institution, render himself or herself academically ineligible, transfer to a two-year college and transfer to another Division III institution and be immediately eligible to compete, provided the student-athlete did not use a season of participation at the first Division III institution. Amending the two-year college transfer legislation to apply similarly to the four-year college transfer legislation creates consistency in the affirmation that academic eligibility should be the primary consideration in determining the eligibility status of a transfer student-athlete.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- PERMISSIBLE -- LIFE-THREATENING INJURY OR ILLNESS

Convention Year: 2016
Effective Date: Immediate
Official Notice Number: NC-2016-3
Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)
Proposal Category: Noncontroversial
Topical Area: Awards and Benefits
Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To eliminate the condition that the illness or injury has to be "life threatening" before an institution may provide expenses for individuals to be present to support the student-athlete, or the student-athlete's relative or individual of comparable relationship, that suffered the injury or illness.

A. Bylaws: Amend 16.6.1.1, as follows:

16.6.1.1 Life-Threatening Injury or Illness. The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers a life-threatening\_an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

16.6.1.1.1 Relative of Student-Athlete. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a relative or individual of a comparable relationship of the student-athlete suffers a life-threatening\_an injury or illness or, in the event of a relative's or individual of a comparable relationship's death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements (see Bylaw 16.12.1). [R]

Budget Impact: Potential budget impact for institutions that choose to provide actual and necessary expenses following non-life-threatening injuries or illnesses.

Review History:
October 21, 2014: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a), Item No. 1-(f).


Additional Information: Current legislation only permits an institution to pay transportation, housing and meals for relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete when the student-athlete suffers a life-threatening injury or illness. This legislative provision puts
institutions in the position of having to determine whether an injury or illness should be classified as "life threatening." An institution should have the discretion to provide a student-athlete or a student-athlete's family certain expenses in the event of an injury or illness, regardless of whether that injury or illness is classified as "life threatening." Requests for such expenses are currently being reviewed through the legislative relief process and the waiver requests are consistently approved across all three divisions.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- COMPETITION WHILE REPRESENTING THE INSTITUTION -- DEPARTURE/RETURN EXPENSE RESTRICTIONS

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-4

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete departs for a competition not earlier than 48 hours before the start of the competition and remain not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition.

Bylaws: Amend Bylaw 16.8.1.2, as follows:

16.8.1.2 Competition While Representing Institution. An institution may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging and meals) to for a student-athlete who-to represent the institution in competition, provided the student-athlete is eligible for intercollegiate competition, provided the student-athlete departs for the competition not earlier than 48 hours before the start of the actual competition and remains not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition even if the student-athlete does not return with the team. Such competition includes: [D]

(a) Regularly scheduled intercollegiate athletics events; and

(b) NCAA championship events and national governing body championship events in an emerging sport.

16.8.1.2.1 Departure/Return Expense Restrictions. An eligible student-athlete may receive actual and necessary travel expenses to represent the institution in athletics competition, provided the student-athlete departs for the competition not earlier than 48 hours before the start of the actual competition and remains not more than 36 hours after the conclusion of the actual competition even if the student-athlete does not return with the team.

16.8.1.2.1.1 Exceptions. These travel expense restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances:

(a) Travel before and after contests in Hawaii or Alaska;

(b) Travel before and after contests in the 48 contiguous states for member institutions located in Hawaii or Alaska;
(e) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year;

(d) Travel before contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or postseason football games;

(e) Return transportation after contests in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or postseason football games that take place during the institution's official vacation period during the academic year or between regular academic terms;

(f) Travel before the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame benefit game or the American Football Coaches Retirement Trust benefit game;

(g) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place during the institution's summer-vacation period;

(h) Travel before and after regular-season competition that takes place in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season and limited to not more than once every three years; or

(i) Travel before the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) collegiate championships.

**Budget Impact:** Potential budget impact dependent upon changes in travel methods and duration.

**Review History:**


**Additional Information:** Current legislation allows a student-athlete to receive expenses provided by the institution for competition only if the student-athlete departs for the competition not more than 48 hours prior to the start of the competition and returns to the institution not more than 36 hours following the conclusion of the competition. This proposal will provide institutions the flexibility to determine the travel needs that are in the best interest of the institution and its student-athletes. Institutional missed class time policies and budget restrictions will mitigate any potential abuse from this deregulation.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS AND TICKET BENEFITS -- INSTITUTION'S HOME CONTESTS IN OTHER SPORTS -- EXCEPTION--RECOGNITION OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Date Submitted: December 5, 2014

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-5

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To permit an institution to provide an unlimited number of complimentary admissions to persons designated by a student-athlete when the student-athlete is being recognized during an institution's regular-season intercollegiate athletics contest in a sport other than that in which the student-athlete participates.

Bylaws: Amend 16.2.1.2.1, as follows:

16.2.1.2.1 Exception -- Recognition of Student-Athlete. An institution may provide four complimentary admissions (in a number determined appropriate by the institution) to a student-athlete who is being recognized during an institution's regular-season intercollegiate athletics contest in a sport other than that in which the student-athlete participates. Complimentary tickets shall be distributed only to persons designated by the student-athlete.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:

October 21, 2014: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a), Item No. 1-(d).


Additional Information: Allowing institutions to provide complimentary admissions to a student-athlete when that student-athlete is being recognized during an institution's regular-season intercollegiate contest in a sport other than that in which the student-athlete participates is in the best interest of the student-athlete and reduces the burden on compliance administrators without significantly increasing cost.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- PERMISSIBLE -- NATIONAL TEAM PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Date Submitted: December 5, 2014

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-6

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition.

Bylaws: Amend 16.10, as follows:

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other than the Institution.

16.10.1 Permissible.

16.10.1.1 Broken-Time Payments. The student-athlete may receive compensation authorized by the U.S. Olympic Committee to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment to prepare for or participate in the Olympic Games. Such compensation (i.e., “broken-time” payments) is limited to the period immediately before and including actual Olympic competition. The receipt of payments during any other period, or from other sports governing bodies (e.g., U.S. Ski Association) independent of the USOC, would jeopardize the student-athlete’s eligibility. National Team Practice and Competition. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments).

16.10.1.2 Exception for USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. An individual may receive the comprehensive benefits of the USOC Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program.

[16.10.1.3 renumbered as 16.10.1.2, unchanged.]

16.10.1.4 Outside Sports Teams. An amateur outside sports team or organization may provide actual and necessary expenses to team members only if the expenses are:
(a) A reasonable amount for travel and meal expenses, and apparel and equipment (for individual and team use only from teams or organizations not affiliated with member institutions, including local sports clubs as set forth in Bylaw 13.11.3.4);

(b) For practice and game competition;

(c) Made on a regular basis; and

(d) Not an incentive and not based on performance.

16.10.1.43.1 Practice in Conjunction with Competition. Practice expenses may be accepted only if such practice is directly related to a competition and is conducted during a continuous time period before the competition.

16.10.1.4.1.1 National Team Practice Exception. If a student-athlete is involved in practice sessions conducted by a national team, the student-athlete may receive such practice expenses even if the practice is not continuous and occasionally is interrupted for specified periods of time before the competition.

[16.10.1.5 and 16.10.1.6 renumbered as 16.10.1.4 and 16.10.1.5, unchanged.]

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Review History:**


**Additional Information:** The current legislation outlines a number of specific regulations that create confusion without significantly impacting practical application. Establishing a general rule that allows actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition would simplify the current legislation without significantly changing the impact of the legislation.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- PERMISSIBLE -- MEALS

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Date Submitted: December 5, 2014

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-7

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide meals to the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 16.6.1.6, as follows:

16.6.1.6 Reasonable Refreshments -- Meals. An institution may provide reasonable refreshments (e.g., soft drinks, snacks) on an occasional basis meals to the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete.

Budget Impact: Potential budget impact for institutions that choose to provide meals to relatives or individuals of comparable relationship of student-athletes.

Review History:


Additional Information: Current legislation permits an institution to provide reasonable refreshments on an occasional basis to the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete. As such, institutions are expected to determine what constitutes reasonable refreshments and how to define an occasional basis. Allowing institutions to simply provide meals to relatives of student-athletes reduces confusion without creating significant potential for abuse.
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTIONS -- VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Date Submitted: December 5, 2014

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-8

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention.

Intent: To specify that the fundraising and community service exception to the prohibition on athletically related activities occurring outside of the declared playing and practice season shall be voluntary for the exception to apply.

Bylaws: Amend 17.02.1.1.1, as follows:

17.02.1.1.1 Exceptions. The following activities shall not be considered athletically related:

[17.02.1.1.1 (a) through (c) unchanged.]

(d) Voluntary fundraising and community service activities not involving the use of athletics ability by student-athletes to obtain funds provided the activities receive approval from the institution's chancellor or president (or his or her designee) before the activity (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1 for restrictions on promotional activities);

[17.02.1.1.1 (e) through (i) unchanged.]

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:


Additional Information: Current legislative provisions allow an institution to require a student-athlete to participate in fundraising and community service activities outside of the institution's declared playing and practice season, provided those activities do not involve the use of athletics ability. Requiring a student-athlete to engage in such activities outside of the playing and practice season is contrary to the Division III philosophy and inconsistent with the intent of the original exception to the athletically related activities legislation, which centered around the
notion that student-athletes should have the same access to fundraising and community service activities as other members of the student body.
Title: RECRUITING -- ATHLETICS CELEBRATORY STANDARDIZED SIGNING FORM

Convention Year: 2016

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Effective Date: April 15, 2015.

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-9

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2015-8 from August 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015.

Bylaw: Amend 13.9.1.1, as follows:

13.9.1.1 Exception – Nonbinding Athletics Celebratory Form. An institution may use a standard, nonbinding athletics celebratory signing form after a prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment to the institution. The standard form shall be made available by the NCAA national office.

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: Amending the effective date allows prospective student-athletes who complete their senior year in high school during the 2014-15 academic year to benefit from the opportunity to sign the standard, nonbinding athletics celebratory signing form.


Additional Information: The Management Council determined that this proposal should be effective April 15, 2015 to allow prospective student-athletes to sign the nonbinding athletics celebratory form in conjunction with the Spring National Letter of Intent signing dates in Divisions I and II.
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTION FOR A COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Convention Year: 2016

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-10

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2015-15 from August 1, 2015 to Immediate.

Bylaw: Amend 14.1.8.1.6.6, as follows:

14.1.8.1.6.6 Cooperative Educational Work Experience Program – Practice or Competition. A student may represent the certifying institution in intercollegiate athletics while he or she is enrolled in a cooperative educational program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) offered by the institution that is a part of the student’s academic program, provided the student is considered to be enrolled in a full-time program of studies, regardless of the credit value of the program.

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: Amending the effective date allows student-athletes to participate in a non-required cooperative educational work experience during the 2015 spring term.


Additional Information: The Management Council determined that this proposal should be effective immediately to permit student-athletes to participate in intercollegiate athletics while participating in a cooperative educational work experience regardless of whether the experience is a required part of the student's academic program.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- PERMISSIBLE -- TRAVEL TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN EMERGING SPORTS DURING VACATION PERIOD

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-11

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial Legislation

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide actual transportation costs for a student-athlete to travel from campus or the student-athlete's home to the site of an NCAA championship, or national governing body championship in an emerging sport, and back to campus or the student-athlete's home.

Bylaws: Amend 16.8.1.5, as follows:

16.8.1.5 Travel to NCAA Championships and National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports During Vacation Period. The institution may provide team actual transportation costs for a student-athlete to travel from campus or the student-athlete's home to the site of an NCAA championship, or national governing body championship in an emerging sport, and back to campus or the student-athlete's home. [R]

16.8.1.5.1 Exceptions.

(a) Student-Athlete Does Not Use Team Transportation. If the student-athlete goes home during the vacation period, the institution may provide (in lieu of team transportation) the greater of the transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from:

(1) Campus to the event site and back to campus; [R]

(2) Campus to the student-athlete's home and back to campus; or

(3) The student-athlete's home to the event site and back home. [R]

(b) Student-Athlete Uses "Leg" of Team Transportation. An institution that provides one "leg" of actual team transportation (i.e., campus to the event site or from the event site back to campus) must deduct the value of the actual transportation cost of that "leg" from the allowance provided the student-athlete in (a) above. [R]
Rationale: Confusion exists regarding the expenses that an institution is permitted to provide for a student-athlete during travel to and from an NCAA championship or a national governing body championship. Current legislation allows an institution to provide either team transportation or the greater of the transportation costs for the student-athlete to travel from: (1) campus to the event site and back to campus; (2) campus to the student-athlete’s home and back to campus; or (3) the student-athlete’s home to the event site and back to home. While this allows greater flexibility, it also allows an institution to provide funds to a student-athlete in excess of the student’s actual expenses. This proposal clarifies that a student-athlete may only receive reimbursement for his or her actual expenses and it clearly identifies the situations in which a student-athlete may receive those expenses.

Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None

Title: MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- STANDARDS FOR EXPLORATORY YEAR -- ELIMINATING THE SPORTS SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENT

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-12

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee)

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To clarify that during the exploratory year of the provisional membership process, an institution is not required to satisfy compliance with sports-sponsorship requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 20.3.1.1.1, as follows:

20.3.1.1.1 Standards for Exploratory Year. The institution shall be required to complete an exploratory year for a period of one academic year beginning with the academic year that immediately follows registration (see Bylaw 20.3.1.2). During the exploratory year, the institution shall satisfy compliance with sports sponsorship requirements per (see Bylaw 20.11.3 and its subsections.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.

Review History: April 13, 2015: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a), Item No. 1-(d).

Additional Information: Currently, Bylaw 20.3.1.1.1 indicates that institutions must meet Division III sports-sponsorship requirements during the exploratory year prior to beginning the Division III membership process. In practice, the NCAA Division III Membership Committee has never required exploratory applicants to meet sports-sponsorship requirement prior to beginning the Division III provisional or reclassifying membership process. Specifically, the committee noted the purpose of the exploratory year is to educate institutions about the NCAA generally and Division III specifically, as well as the division's philosophy, legislation and compliance requirements. The educational purpose enables those institutions to decide whether to apply for the provisional or reclassifying membership process. This proposal amends the legislation to reflect the actual procedures of the provisional and reclassifying membership process.
Title: COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS -- COMPOSITION

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-13

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To revise the composition of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2.2.1 Composition. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports shall consist of 22 members, including five positions allocated for men, six allocated for women and 10 unallocated. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows:

(a) Two athletics directors or senior woman athletics administrators, one man and one woman;

(b) One member who is an active coach;

(c) One member active in exercise physiology research, strength and conditioning specialist certified by an accredited strength and conditioning certification body;

(d) Three members from the field of medicine, of whom at least one shall be a woman. One shall be a primary-care team physician, who is board certified in family practice, internal medicine or emergency medicine, and shall have a current Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine, and one shall be a board certified orthopedic specialist surgeon. The third member shall be a physician who is a member of the general public;

(e) One man and one woman, one of whom is responsible for the total athletic training programs at member institutions;

(f) One member representing the field of law who is a lawyer practicing in sports law or related field, or a faculty member in sports law or related field;
(g) One member of the NCAA Football Rules Committee;

(h) One member representing secondary school interests. This individual shall be the National Federation of State High School Associations' staff liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Board and shall be eligible for reappointment without restriction;

(i) One member active in sports medicine sport-science research;

(j) One member with expertise in drug testing;

(k) One member with expertise in the area of drug education;

(l) One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one combined vote) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility; and

(m) Two members selected at large. One licensed clinical sports psychologist; One registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition;

(o) One representative from the Division II Management Council; and

(p) One representative from the Division III Management Council.

[21.2.2.2 unchanged.]

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.


Additional Information: The current composition of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports does not include positions for the critical expertise provided by mental health, nutrition and strength and conditioning specialists. The committee currently relies on invited, nonvoting "ad hoc" members to advise on these issues. In addition, Division II and Division III Management Council policies require a member of those Councils to serve on all Association-wide committees. This proposal will address these gaps and further define existing positions in sports medicine and sports law, which clarify relevant expertise among nominees and ensure that the committee is positioned to provide the Association with evidenced-based recommendations. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- LODGING PROVIDED BY RELATIVE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-14

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

Status: Ready for Ratification at Convention

Intent: To specify that a relative of a student-athlete to pay for or provide lodging to eligible student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

Bylaws: Amend 16.10, as follows:

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other than the Institution.

16.10.1 Permissible.

[16.10.1.1 through 16.10.1.5, unchanged.]

16.10.1.6 Lodging Provided by Relative of Student-Athlete. A relative of a student-athlete may pay for or provide lodging to eligible student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings for institutions for situations in which a relative pays for or provides lodging for a student-athlete or team.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.

Review History: April 13, 2015: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a), Item No. 1-(d).

Additional Information: Current legislation allows an institution to provide lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with away from home competition. Student-athletes are not permitted to receive lodging from a relative of a team member unless the relative donates the use of the lodging to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the lodging to the student-athletes. Requiring relatives of student-athletes to donate lodging to the institution is unnecessary and overly bureaucratic.
Title: MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP -- AUTHORITY OF DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-15

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee)

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To establish the Membership Committee as the primary authority to oversee any membership issues.

A. Constitution: Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership

[3.01 unchanged.]

3.02 Definitions and Applications.

[3.02.1 through 3.02.2, unchanged.]

3.02.3 Membership Categories.

3.02.3.1 Active Member. An active member is a four-year college or university or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.2.3). Active members have the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

3.02.3.1.1 Athletics Consortium. An athletics consortium consists of one member institution and neighboring member or nonmember institutions (but not more than one nonmember institution), recognized and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee. The student-athletes of the combined institutions are permitted to compete on the NCAA member institution's athletics teams, provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the NCAA and the member institution (see Constitution 3.1.2)

[Remainder of 3.02, unchanged.]
3.1 Eligibility for Membership.

[3.1.1 changed]

3.1.2 Athletics Consortiums. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, Membership Committee may approve an athletics consortium involving a member institution and neighboring member or nonmember institutions, but not more than one nonmember institution, to permit the student-athletes of the combined institutions to compete on the member institution's intercollegiate athletics teams, provided the student-athletes satisfy the eligibility requirements of the member institution and the NCAA. The Management Council Membership Committee shall develop and publish appropriate criteria to be applied to such consortiums.

[Remainder of 3.1 unchanged]

3.2 Active Membership.

[3.2.1 through 3.2.2 unchanged]

3.2.3 Election Procedures.

3.2.3.1 Application. An institution desiring to become an active member of this Association shall complete a provisional membership period (see Constitution 3.6 and Bylaw 20.3). After it has been determined that the institution has met the requirements of provisional membership, its request for active membership will be referred to the Management Council Membership Committee for election.

3.2.3.2 Accreditation and Division Classification. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (i.e., the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies), the application shall be considered with regard to requested membership division and sport classification in accordance with Bylaw 20. The application then shall be referred to the Management Council Membership Committee for consideration.

3.2.3.3 Election. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, shall elect the applicant to membership effective the following September 1, the beginning of practice in any sport for that fall term or the first day of classes for that fall term, whichever occurs first. When the vote of the Management Council Membership Committee has been completed, the applicant shall be notified.

[3.2.3.4 unchanged]
3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.9 unchanged.]

3.2.4.10 Discipline of Members. In accordance with directions of the Management Council, Membership Committee or the annual Convention, active members shall refrain from athletics competition with designated institutions as required under the provisions of the Association's enforcement procedures (see Bylaw 19).

[3.2.4.11 through 3.2.4.14 unchanged.]

3.2.4.15 Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance. Each year, an active member institution must be represented by an institutional staff member who is certified as a voting delegate (see Constitution 5.1.3.4) and who votes for his or her institution at the NCAA Convention Division III business session. At least once every three years, an active member institution must be represented by at least one institutional staff member at the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.

[3.2.4.15.1 unchanged.]

3.2.4.15.2 Waiver. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may grant waivers of Constitution 3.2.4.15 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action.

[3.2.4.16 through 3.2.4.18 unchanged.]

3.2.5 Loss of Active Membership.

[3.2.5.1 through 3.2.5.3 unchanged.]

3.2.5.4 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any active member whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.2.5.1) may have it reinstated by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

3.2.5.5 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any active member whose membership has been suspended (see Constitution 3.2.5.1) may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

3.2.6 Loss of Active Membership.

3.2.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of the disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Committee on Infractions present and voting. If fewer than eight members are present, any committee action requires a favorable vote of at least four committee members. Disciplined members also
may be restored to good standing by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

[Remainder of 3.2.6, unchanged.]

3.3 Member Conference.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.2 unchanged.]

3.3.3 Election Procedures.

[3.3.3.1, unchanged.]

3.3.3.2 Election. Athletics conferences may be elected as member conferences by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

[3.3.4, unchanged.]

3.3.5 Loss of Member-Conference Status.

[3.3.5.1 through 3.3.5.3, unchanged.]

3.3.5.4 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any member conference whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.3.5.1) may have it reinstated by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

3.3.5.5 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any member conference whose membership has been suspended (see Constitution 3.3.5.1) may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by the Management Council, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee.

[3.3.6, unchanged.]

[3.4, unchanged.]

3.6 Provisional Membership.

[3.6.1 through 3.6.2, unchanged.]

3.6.3 Election Procedures.

3.6.3.1 Application. An institution desiring to become a provisional member of this Association must complete a one-year "exploratory period" before application and attend a required information meeting. The applicant institution must register with the national office by January 15 in order to start this period. Following the exploratory period, the applicant shall apply on a form available from the national office. Provisional applications shall be approved based on the standards in Bylaw 20.3.1.2.1.
3.6.3.1 Fee -- Provisional Members. Each provisional member shall pay a nonrefundable fee of an amount determined annually by the Membership Committee and approved by the Management Council, based on an analysis of the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process. At the time of registration for the exploratory year, a portion of the fee, as determined by the Membership Committee, shall be due, and the remainder of the fee shall be due by September 1 of the first year of provisional membership. Provisional members in years one through four shall also pay NCAA dues.

3.6.3.2 Accreditation and Division Classification. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (i.e., the institution is accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies), the application shall be considered by the Membership Committee with regard to requested membership division in accordance with Bylaw 20. The application then shall be referred to the Management Council for consideration.

3.6.3.3 Election. The Management Council, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, shall elect the applicant to provisional membership effective the following September 1. The applicant shall be notified on completion of the election process. [3.6.4, unchanged.]

3.6.5 Loss of Provisional Membership.

3.6.5.1 Termination. The membership of any provisional member failing to maintain the academic or athletics standards required for such membership or failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership may be terminated by the Management Council, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee. A notice of intention to terminate membership, stating the grounds on which such a motion will be based, shall be given in writing to the president or chancellor of the member institution.

[3.6.5.2 through 3.6.5.3, unchanged.]

3.6.5.4 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any provisional member whose membership is terminated may reapply for membership after a period of one year by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may grant credit to such an institution for any portion of the first two years of the
four-year provisional period the institution previously completed as a provisional member, provided the portion was completed within the last 10 years.

[3.7, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.2.5.3, as follows:

20.2.5.3 Waivers of Division Membership Criteria. If an institution applying for multidivision classification or change of division membership, or an institution placed in the "restricted membership" category (per Bylaw 20.2.5.1), does not meet the criteria of its preferred division, or if an active member institution does not meet (or does not expect to meet within the applicable compliance period, if any) new criteria adopted by the membership of its division, it may request a waiver of the criteria of the preferred division according to the procedures specified below. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may approve or reject the waiver request.

20.2.5.3.1 Submission of Request. The institution shall submit (by mail or wired transmission) its request for a waiver (signed by the institution's president or chancellor) to the NCAA president-Membership Committee, and it shall be received in the national office not later than September 15. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 8. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request. Additionally, the institution shall distribute this information to the president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative, athletics director and senior woman administrator of athletics programs at each member institution in the preferred division, as well as the executive officer of each member conference of that division, postmarked not later than December 1.

20.2.5.3.1.1 Waiver. The Management Council-Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the September 15 deadline set forth in Bylaw 20.2.5.4.1 due to circumstances beyond an institution's control.

20.2.5.3.2 Effective Date of Waiver. If the Management Council Membership Committee votes to admit the institution as a member of that division, such classification shall become effective:

(a) In accordance with the requirements of Constitution 3.2.3.3 if a new member of the Association is involved;
(b) September 1 after the approval of the waiver by the Management Council Membership Committee if an active member institution is seeking multidivision classification or change of division membership; or

(c) Immediately if the institution receives a waiver of the "restricted membership" classification.

20.2.5.3.2.1 Maximum Three-Year Waiver Period. If after three years from the effective date of multidivision classification or reclassification (September 1 after the approval of the waiver by the Management Council Membership Committee) the institution receiving such a waiver has not conformed to all adopted criteria of the division, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4):

[20.2.5.3.2.1-(a) and 20.2.5.3.2.1-(b) unchanged].

20.2.5.3.3 Rejection of Waiver Request. If the Management Council Membership Committee rejects the institution's request, the institution's membership (or its sport per Bylaw 20.4):

[20.2.5.3.3-(a) and 20.2.5.3.3-(b) unchanged].

C. Bylaws: Amend 20.3, as follows:

20.3 Provisional Membership.

20.3.1 Application Process.

20.3.1.1 Exploratory Year. An institution seeking Division III membership shall complete an exploratory year in accordance with Constitution 3.6.3.1. To satisfy the registration requirement, the institution shall submit its registration on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8.

[20.3.1.1.1 through 20.3.1.1.2, unchanged.]
the Division III philosophy and evidence of the resources necessary to conduct a viable Division III athletics program. The waiver request shall include:

[20.3.1.1.3-(a) through 20.3.1.1.3-(e) unchanged].

20.3.1.2 Application for Membership. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (per Constitution 3.6.3.2) and during the exploratory year (see Bylaw 20.3.1.1), the institution shall submit an application on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8. The application may be approved by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

[20.3.1.2.1 unchanged.]

20.3.2 Class Size and Assignment. There shall be a maximum of four institutions admitted to the provisional or reclassifying membership program in any one year. Institutions shall be assigned a start year based on the following criteria:

(a) Geographic location in an area that needs or can accept new members;

(b) Reclassifying versus provisional status;

(c) Existing or potential membership in an active Division III conference; and

(d) Broad-based sports sponsorship profile.

20.3.2.1 Waiver. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may grant waivers of Bylaw 20.3.2 if it deems that circumstances warrant such action. If a waiver is granted, then the Membership Committee shall admit classes of fewer than four in the following years so that the average class size remains at four institutions per year.

20.3.3 Four-Year Provision. Provisional membership shall not be less than a four-year period. At the end of the four-year period, a provisional member shall be eligible to apply for active membership (see Constitution 3.2.3).

20.3.3.1 Waivers.
20.3.3.1.1 General. At the completion of year two of the provisional membership process, an institution may apply for a waiver of the four-year provisional membership process. The *Management Council*, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, may grant waivers of the four-year provision based on compelling evidence that the institution has:

[20.3.3.1.1-(a) through 20.3.3.1.1-(i) unchanged].

20.3.3.1.2 Credit for Time Completed Previously as Provisional Member. The *Management Council*, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may waive any portion of the first two years of the four-year provisional period the institution previously completed as a provisional member, provided the portion was completed within the last 10 years.

20.3.3.1.3 Reclassification of Provisional Membership from Division II to Division III. The *Management Council*, on recommendation from the Division III Membership Committee, may waive one year of the four-year provisional membership period if an institution reclassifies its provisional membership from Division II to Division III. The waiver may be granted only if the institution meets Division III financial aid requirements and the minimum contest and participant requirements during its previous year of provisional membership. The institution shall serve a minimum of four total years of provisional membership before being considered for active membership. An institution that reclassifies its provisional membership from Division II to Division III shall comply with the provisional membership legislation in effect at the time of its reclassification.

[20.3.4 through 20.3.6 unchanged.]

20.3.7 Conditions and Obligations of Provisional Membership.

[20.3.7.1 through 20.3.7.2, unchanged.]

20.3.7.3 Repeat of Provisional Membership. The *Management Council*, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, may require a provisional member to repeat any one of the four years of the provisional membership period. An institution may repeat only once during the four-year provisional membership period.
20.3.7.4 First Year of Active Division III Membership. The Management Council, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, shall have the authority to place an institution that has completed its provisional process in restricted membership status for its first year of active Division III membership. The Membership Committee shall establish the parameters of restricted membership, which may include, but are not limited to, loss of any or all championships access, voting privileges and Division III grant and initiative funding.

[20.3.7.5, unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 20.6, as follows:

20.6 Change of Division Membership.

[20.6.1 unchanged.]

20.6.2 Requesting Reclassification to Division III – Election Procedures.

20.6.2.1 Application Process.

[20.6.2.1.1, unchanged.]

20.6.2.1.2 Application for Reclassification. When petitioning for change of division membership to Division III, a member shall submit a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than January 15 of the exploratory year. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8. The application may be approved by the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, provided the applicant institution satisfies all of the standards required for provisional applicants in Bylaw 20.3.1. Further, reclassifying members are subject to the same fees and dues required of provisional members specified in Constitution 3.6.3.1.1.

20.6.3 Election. The Management Council, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, shall elect the applicant to reclassifying membership effective the following September 1. The applicant shall be notified on completion of the election process.

[20.6.4 through 20.6.7, unchanged.]

20.6.8 Conditions and Obligations of Reclassifying Membership.

[20.6.8.1 through 20.6.8.2, unchanged.]

20.6.8.3 Repeat of Reclassifying Membership. The Management Council, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, may require a reclassifying member
to repeat any one of the four years of the reclassifying membership period. An institution may repeat only once during the four-year reclassifying membership period.

20.6.8.4 The Management Council, on recommendation from the Membership Committee, shall have the authority to place an institution that has completed its reclassification process in restricted membership status for its first year of active Division III membership. The Membership Committee shall establish the parameters of restricted membership, which may include, but are not limited to, loss of any or all championships access, voting privileges and Division III grant and initiative funding.

E. Bylaws: Amend 20.7.1.1.1, as follows:
20.7.1.1.1 Waivers. If a member institution conducts a men's or women's sport that was classified in Division I during the 1982-83 academic year, the Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the application of the Division III regulations to such a sport. This provision also applies to such an institution that later reclassifies a sport for the opposite gender to Division I. This waiver provision is subject to the following additional conditions:

(a) The opportunity is available only to an institution that obtained the waiver before January 1, 2004, and used it during the 2002-03 academic year; and

(b) An institution that obtained a waiver for a sport for one gender before January 1, 2004, and used it during the 2002-03 academic year, may later request that the waiver be applied to a sport for the other gender only on approval of the Management Council Membership Committee. The institution must demonstrate that it is necessary to do so to attain gender equity within the program.

F. Bylaws: Amend 20.11.3, as follows:

20.11.3 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor in Division III a minimum number of sports based on institutional enrollment. At least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team and at least one sport involving an all-female team shall be conducted in every sport season. All sports used to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements must meet the minimum contest and participant requirements per Bylaw 20.11.3.8.

[20.11.3.1 through 20.11.3.3 unchanged.]
20.11.3.4 Acceptable Sports. The sports designated to meet the sports sponsorship criteria shall:

(a) Be among those in which the Association sponsors a championship except as provided in Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1 (waiver) or an emerging sport for women per Bylaw 20.02.6;

(b) Be recognized by the institution as varsity intercollegiate sports (see Constitution 3.2.4.4); and

(c) Involve all-male teams, mixed teams of males and females or all-female teams.

20.11.3.4.1 Waiver. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a request to designate one sport involving all-males or mixed team of males and females and one sport involving all-female teams other than those set forth in Bylaw 20.11.3.4-(a).

[20.11.3.5 through 20.11.3.7 unchanged.]

20.11.3.8 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against the varsity programs of four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.11.3.8.1 through 20.11.3.8.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 14 and Bylaw 17.)

20.11.3.8.10 Waivers.

20.11.3.8.10.1 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests or the minimum number of participants in a contest in situations beyond the control of the institution (e.g., weather conditions or disaster preventing completion of a scheduled competition, or verified injury or illness at the site of competition preventing the participation of the required minimum number of individuals).

20.11.3.8.10.2 Minimum Contests and Participants. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve a waiver of the minimum number of intercollegiate contests in a situation in which:

[20.11.3.8.10.2-(a) through 20.11.3.8.10.2-(c) unchanged].

[20.11.3.9,unchanged.]

20.11.3.10 Waivers of Sports Sponsorship.
20.11.3.10.1 Male-Female Enrollment Ratio Waiver. The Management Council, on the recommendation of the Membership Committee, may grant waivers of the sports sponsorship requirements for men or women if the institution provides data to demonstrate that the male-female enrollment ratio prohibits the offering of the required number of sports for one or the other. The institution shall submit its request for a waiver to the Membership Committee, and it shall be received in the national office not later than October 1. Any request received after that date shall be postmarked not later than September 23. The request shall include pertinent information supporting the institution's request and shall be signed by the institution's president or chancellor.

20.11.3.10.2 Single-Gender Institution Transitioning to Coeducational Institution. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may waive for a three-year period the sports sponsorship requirements for an institution that is transitioning from single-gender to coeducational status. The waiver must be requested before an institution begins transitioning and must include a detailed action plan outlining the steps that will be taken to ensure compliance with sport sponsorship requirements at the end of the three-year period. If circumstances warrant, a second consecutive three-year waiver may be granted. No waivers shall be granted beyond this six-year period.

20.11.3.10.3 Three-Season Sport Waiver. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may waive the requirement that an active member shall conduct at least one sport in every sport season if the institution is precluded from conducting a sport in a particular season by its academic calendar, climatic conditions or other circumstance beyond the control of the institution.

20.11.3.10.4 Additional Waivers. The Management Council, on recommendation of the Membership Committee, may waive all other sports sponsorship requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances warranting a waiver of the normal application of those regulations.

[20.11.4, unchanged.]

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.

Review History: April 13, 2015: Approved in Concept - Management Council Supplement No. 9-(a), Item No. 1-(d).
**Additional Information:** Currently, the Membership Committee's recommendations regarding membership issues must be approved by the Management Council. Based on the Membership Committee's expertise and knowledge about membership-related matters, the Management Council considers the committee's recommendations well-vetted and persuasive. Amending this process would allow more timely communication and clearer direction to impacted institutions by permitting the Membership Committee to take action without delay. Appeals to the Management Council, will still be available. Last, amending this process would align the Membership Committee's authority with the structure and authority of other Division III-specific stand-alone committees.
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- WAIVERS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION -- PERMITTING NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO CONDUCT MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-16

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To permit a nurse practitioner whose state regulation allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision to complete the mandatory medical examination without supervision by a physician.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.4, as follows:

17.1.6.4 Mandatory Medical Examination. Before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or, in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning in basketball and football or voluntary individual workouts pursuant to the safety exception), student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). **A nurse practitioner whose medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician.** The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months before the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

[Remainder of 17.1.6.4 unchanged.]

Estimated Budget Impact: None.
**Student-Athlete Impact:** Provides for expanded access to appropriate health care providers for student-athlete mandatory medical examinations.


**Additional Information:** Approximately 17 states license nurse practitioners to provide medical care as independent primary health care providers, with no requirement for physician supervision. With expanding need for primary health care providers, and in keeping with established scope of practice in these states, it is appropriate and necessary to amend current NCAA legislation to include nurse practitioners as permissible providers in accordance with the provisions of a state's regulation. This is a common provision requiring approval by all three divisions.
Title: COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE – AMENDING DUTIES

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2016-17

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)

Proposal Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council.

Intent: To expand the duties of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee to include advocacy and review of issues related to the interests of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities; and the advocacy and review of NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2.4, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2.4 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

[21.2.4.1 unchanged.]

21.2.4.2 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Review issues related to the interests and advocacy of ethnic minority student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities NCAA minority programs; and

(b) Review and advocate for NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

Additional Information: The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee has been actively engaged in addressing issues that affect ethnic and minority coaches and administrators. Therefore it is appropriate that its mission and statement of duties should more accurately reflect its current role and work. Moreover, the committee is interested in addressing inequities that impact opportunities for persons with disabilities and members of the LGBTQ community.
Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Student-Athlete Impact: None.

October 2015 Management Council Meeting
Modifications of Wording for 2016 Convention

Modifications of Wording - These proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. They become effective and are considered adopted when approved in legislative format by a two-thirds majority of the Management Council. Further, they are subject to ratification at the annual Convention business session.

Note – in the following proposals:
- Those letters and words that appear in italics and strikethrough are to be deleted.
- Those letters and words that appear in bold and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.
- Proposal numbers for proposals with a status of “Ready for Consideration by Management Council” are tentative, pending approval by the Management Council.

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ELIGIBILITY -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS

Convention Year: 2016
Effective Date: Immediate
Official Notice Number: M-2016-1
Source: NCAA Division III Management Council
Proposal Category: Modification of Wording
Topical Area: Championships
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To clarify that a student-athlete who tests positive for the use of a "street drug" for the first time after having tested positive for the use of any banned drug other than a "street drug," shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports.

Bylaw: Amend 18.4.1.5, as follows:

18.4.1.5 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drug classes, as set forth in Bylaws 31.2.3.4 and 14.1.1.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1.

[18.4.1.5.1 through 18.4.1.5.3 unchanged.]

18.4.1.5.4 Testing Positive on More Than One Occasion. If the student-athlete, who tested positive for any drug other than a "street drug" as defined in Bylaw 31.2.4.4 tests positive a second time for the use of any drug, other than a "street drug," he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If the student-athlete tests positive for the use of a "street drug" after having tested positive for the use of any banned drug a "street drug", he or she shall be charged with the loss of competition during a minimum of one additional season of participation in all sports and also shall remain ineligible for regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests have expired. **If the student-athlete tests positive for the use of a "street drug" for the first time after having tested positive for the use of any banned drug other than a "street drug," he or she shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of regular-season contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test).** The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled, the student-athlete tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) and his or her eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
Additional Information:  This proposal clarifies the application of the ineligibility for use of banned drugs legislation for student-athletes who test positive on more than one occasion.

Budget Impact: None.
Title: RECRUITING -- LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAMS -- EXCEPTION -- NONBINDING ATHLETICS CELEBRATORY SIGNING FORM -- LOCATION OF SIGNING AND PERMISSIBLE ATTENDEES AT SIGNING

Convention Year: 2016

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: M-2016-2

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council

Proposal Category: Modification of Wording

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To clarify that celebratory signings may not occur on campus and staff members may not be present. Additionally, to clarify that institutional staff members may be present when a prospective student-athlete signs pre-enrollment forms executed by prospective students in general at that institution, provided no media representatives are present.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.9.1.1, as follows:

13.9.1.1 Nonbinding Athletics Celebratory Signing Form. An institution may use a standard, nonbinding athletics celebratory signing form after a prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment to the institution. The standard form shall be made available by the NCAA national office.

13.9.1.1.1 Staff Member Presence. An institution may not permit a prospective student-athlete to sign the standard, nonbinding athletics celebratory signing form on the institution's campus, nor may institutional staff members be present when a prospective student-athlete signs the standard, nonbinding celebratory signing form.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.10.7.1, as follows:

13.10.7.1 Staff Member Presence. Institutional staff members may not be present at the site of the prospective student-athlete's signing or at any other prearranged site when a prospective student-athlete accepts an offer made by the institution and media representatives are present. Institutional staff members may be present when a prospective student-athlete signs an institution's pre-enrollment forms executed by prospective students in general at that institution, provided no media representatives are present. This does not preclude the presence of bona fide media representatives who are employed on a part-time basis by the institution. (See Bylaw 13.9.1.1.1 for staff member presence when a prospective student-athlete signs a nonbinding athletics celebratory signing form) [D]
Additional Information: The modification of wording is necessary based on confusion surrounding the application of Proposal No. 2015-8. The rationale for the proposal indicates that institutional staff members may not be present during celebratory signings and that the signings may not occur on an institutional campus; however, the legislative text of the proposal does not specifically address those points. Further, Proposal No. 2015-8 was not intended to increase restrictions on prospective student-athletes; therefore, existing legislation governing staff member presence when a prospective student-athlete signs pre-enrollment forms executed by prospective students in general at that institution remains intact. (See, Educational Column 1/20/15 Question Number 8). The modification of wording will provide clarification on the distinctions between the celebratory signing form and general pre-enrollment forms executed by all prospective students at a particular institution.

Budget Impact: None.

Review History:
ACTION ITEMS:

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   a. New Grant – Ethnic Minority Students to NCAA Convention (pilot program)

(1) Recommendation. Approve for the 2015-16 academic year up to $1,860 each for 43 Division III ethnic-minority students to attend the 2016 NCAA Convention and related Division III programming. [See 7/28/15 AdCom report]

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Division III governance and the office of inclusion are partnering on this pilot program. Funding is available from either the existing diversity budget line or a reallocation from the leadership development budget. The concept is to solicit nominations from commissioners, athletics directors, senior woman administrators and faculty athletics representatives for current ethnic-minority students, preferably juniors and seniors with a strong interest in Division III athletics administration, to attend the NCAA Convention from Thursday to Saturday. At the Convention, the students will be exposed to Division III, its members and the governance process. In addition to the scheduled Division III programming, there will be welcome and debrief meetings. Further, the selected participants will be paired with a Division III administrator to shadow during the Convention. The goal is to build the Division III pipeline in an effort to ultimately diversify the division.

(4) Budget Impact. $80,000 from existing diversity line or reallocation from the leadership development line in the existing 2015-16 budget.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. An opportunity for minority students to experience the NCAA Convention, the Division III governance process and related Convention programming.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and introductions. The NCAA Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group commenced business at 10:01 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Chancellor Shields welcomed the group and staff conducted a roll call.

2. Report of July 16 teleconference. The working group reviewed the report and noted no changes.

3. Subcommittee Reports. Each of the three subcommittees – NCAA Association-Wide Programming, Affiliate Organization Programming and Higher Education Programming - reported on their research and proposed next steps. The working group discussed all existing diversity and inclusion programs, and ultimately may focus on several programs in addition to the current Division III programs. The group divided those programs into the following categories:

   a. Best practices.
      (1) American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Programming.
      (2) Black Women in Sports Foundation.
      (3) Division III Commissioners Diversity and Well-Being Subcommittee.
      (4) Review the awardees and finalists of the national MOAA Award for Diversity and Inclusion.

   b. Data.
      (1) IPEDs.
      (2) Effectiveness of current Division III programming.
      (3) NCAA postgraduate awards to Division III women and minorities.
      (4) Division III institution with diversity officer positions.

   c. Potential modeling opportunities.
      (1) Division II Coaching Enhancement Grant.
      (2) NCAA Pathway Program.
      (3) United States Olympic Committee (USOC) FLAME (Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere) Program.
d. Education and collaboration.
   (1) Ethnic Minority and Women’s Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.
   (2) NCAA Inclusion Forum.
   (3) Advocates for Athletics Equity (AAE).
   (4) Alliance of Women Coaches.
   (5) National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education.

4. November in-person agenda items. The working group directed staff to develop the following agenda for its November in-person meeting with the meeting goal being to produce an informative and useful Convention presentation.

   (1) Begin tracking turnover rate in athletics director positions.
   (2) International student impact on student-body diversity versus student-athlete diversity. Are student bodies more diverse than athletics departments due to a higher percentage of international students?
   (3) No data available on high school student-athlete diversity percentages.
   (4) Student-athlete versus student body diversity differences.

b. Develop Benchmarking.

c. Coach diversity.
   (1) Woman of Color Study - research on what influences ethnic minority school and career decisions.
   (2) Current data related to head and assistant coach diversity.
   (3) Is there a correlation between diverse coaches and rosters?
   (4) Current Office of Inclusion best practices to hire coaches.

d. Current Division III programming review.
   (1) Ethnic Minority and Women Internship.
   (2) Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.
   (3) Institute for Administrative Advancement.
e. Development of a best practices resource.
   (1) Review mission, processes and best practices of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
   (2) Creating a diverse candidate pool.
   (3) Use to educate the membership on the benefits of a diverse athletics department and conference office.
   (4) 360 Proof model – assessment, best practices and feedback instrument.

f. New Division III programming.
   • Ethnic minority students to NCAA Convention.

g. Retention strategies.

5. Other Business. Staff provided the working group with an article about one Division III’s efforts to diversify its faculty. The working group will meet in-person at the national office November 10-11.

6. Adjournment. The call adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Eastern time

Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
Nicole Hollomon, Research
Sarah Sadowski, Leadership Development
Amy Wilson, Office of Inclusion

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ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.


2. Higher Education Associations. Each working subgroup member reported out on the following higher education associations. With each report, the subgroup examined the following:
   a. On our subgroup call, we will discuss and determine the following for each of the five programs above in addition to any other programs brought up on the call:
   b. Is there content and/or format that Division III can use? (Or conversely is the content and format not a good fit for Division III?)
   c. Do we not want to use content and/or format, but instead partner with this association at some point in the future?
   d. Is there content that we can use in a best practices document?
   e. Is there content that we can use to create an on-line course in the NCAA’s Learning Management System?

3. American Council on Education Programming (ACE). There are several leadership initiatives that work with faculty; develop women; international education; and senior academic leaders including department chairs. A key component is that all of the programs are integrated. While it will be difficult for Division III to replicate, there are some concepts that Division III could model (e.g., the ACE Fellows Program).

4. American Association of State Colleges and Universities Programming (AASCU). There isn’t a lot of specific diversity programming. However two possible programs that
Division III may be able to use similar content are the Innovation Exchange and the Millennium Leadership program. The success to the Millennium Leadership program is that it is a four-day intensive program. There are some similarities to the NCAA’s Pathway Program in that participants discuss their career and next steps in addition to being assigned a mentor. Division III may be able to model a similar type program, as well as using some concepts in a best practices document.

5. **IPEDS Data (Various Student-Body Data Variables and Information).** The IPEDS greatest resource is data (e.g., EADA). The subgroup noted that it will be able to use the data to support best practices.

6. **National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education (NADOHE).** NADOHE serves as the pre-eminent voice for diversity officers in higher education by supporting collective efforts to lead institutions to attain diversity goals. There may be ways that Division III can collaborate with NADOHE (e.g., the Journal of Diversity in Higher Education and existing webinars). NADOHE also has content that Division III may be able to model and use in a best practices document. Next steps include identifying which Division III institutions have chief diversity officers who are also members of NADOHE.

7. **Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.** This association has several annual conferences as well as paid student internships. The fellows program was discontinued but Division III may be able to model the Latino Higher Education Leadership Institute; a day-long workshop.

8. **The National Association of Independent Colleges & Universities (NAICU).** According to my research, this is probably not a connection that needs to be made with our committee. It appears their special initiatives and resources are geared towards high school recruitment and finance information. NAICU does conduct a number of surveys of member institutions designed to learn about the innovative and proactive nature of private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Perhaps, we lean on them to determine whether any member institutions are doing anything related to our research.

9. **Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).** CASE is a professional association serving educational institutions and the advancement professionals who work on their behalf in alumni relations, communications, development, marketing and allied areas. CASE helps its members build stronger relationships with their alumni and donors, raise funds for campus projects, produce recruitment materials, market their institutions
to prospective students, diversify the profession, and foster public support of education. Put simply, their focus is fundraising and alumni relations. They do offer specific online webinars surrounding diversity and alumni engagement and a two-day conference on diverse philanthropy and leadership. The conference concentrates on emerging philanthropic markets (i.e., ethnic, LGBT, young alumni) in advancement, while exploring minority wealth, philanthropic behaviors and diverse engagement strategies. The program also features sessions on enhancing management and leadership skills for advancement professionals of diverse backgrounds. This could offer a programming model if we want to create a seminar based off of our ‘best practices’.

10. **Adjournment.** The call adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Eastern time.

Staff Liaison:     Louise McCleary, Division III Governance

| Teleconference date: August 3, 2015 |
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| **Attendees**    | **Absentees**    |
| Heather Benning, The Midwest Conference |                  |
| Callie Olson, Lakeland College        |                  |
| Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin-Platteville |                  |
| Natalie Winkelfoos, Oberlin College  |                  |
| Other Participants:                  |                  |
| Jessica Duff, NCAA                   |                  |
| Louise McCleary, NCAA                |                  |
ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.


2. Higher Education Associations. Each working subgroup member reported out on the following higher education associations. With each report, the subgroup examined the following:

   a. On our subgroup call, we will discuss and determine the following for each of the five programs above in addition to any other programs brought up on the call:

   b. Is there content and/or format that Division III can use? (Or conversely is the content and format not a good fit for Division III?)

   c. Do we not want to use content and/or format, but instead partner with this association at some point in the future?

   d. Is there content that we can use in a best practices document?

   e. Is there content that we can use to create an on-line course in the NCAA’s Learning Management System?

3. Student-athlete programs.

   a. NCAA Career in Sports Forum. The Career in Sports Forum, an annual educational forum hosted in early June by the NCAA, brings together 200 selected student-athletes to learn and explore potential careers in sports, with the primary focus on intercollegiate athletics. Our group discussed emphasizing the importance of nominating student-athletes for the forum and noted that the NCAA leadership development department is looking into ways to create resources from the current program from the NCAA Learning Management System.

   b. NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum. The NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum engages student-athletes, coaches, faculty and administrators
through workshops about leadership skills and provides an overview of the NCAA as a whole, the different divisional perspectives and the valuable role of Student-Athlete Advisory Committees. This will take place in the spring and fall of 2016 and is regionally based for Division III. Our group discussed emphasizing the importance of nominating student-athletes for the forum and noted that the NCAA leadership development department is looking into ways to create resources from the current program from the NCAA Learning Management System.

c. **Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.** The goal of the enhancement programs is to increase the pool of and opportunities for qualified minority and female candidates in intercollegiate athletics through postgraduate scholarships. The NCAA awards $7,500 to 13 ethnic minorities and 13 female college graduates who will be entering their initial year of postgraduate studies. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.

d. **Jim McKay Scholarship Program.** Annually, one male and one female student-athlete are awarded a one-time $10,000 Jim McKay scholarship in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and their potential to make a major contribution to the sports communication industry. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.

e. **NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Program.** The NCAA awards up to 174 postgraduate scholarships annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. The one-time non-renewable scholarships of $7,500 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sport season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season there are 29 scholarships available for men and 29 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.

f. **Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program.** Annually, one male and one female student-athlete are awarded a $24,000 Walter Byers postgraduate scholarship in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in postgraduate study. It is intended that an individual named a Byers Scholar will be recognized as one who has combined the best elements of mind and body to achieve national distinction for his or her achievements, and promises to be a future leader in his or her chosen field of career service. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.
4. Intern and graduate assistants.

a. **NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program.** The NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program annually provides on-the-job learning experiences at the national office in Indianapolis to college graduates who are passionate in their pursuit of a career in college sports administration. With a focus on ethnic minorities, women and former student-athletes, this yearlong program gives insight to the inner workings of college sports from the national perspective. Interns over the past 25 years have taken their experience and institutional knowledge onto campuses and into the conference offices as full-time administrators. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.

b. **NCAA Emerging Leaders Seminar.** The Emerging Leaders Seminar is an annual professional development event held in late January providing effective leadership, educational and transitional programing for more than 200 current graduate assistants and interns from NCAA membership institutions, conference offices and affiliate organizations. The three-day program educates, develops and connects selected participants, and can increase the likelihood for rapid career progression within college sports. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes aware of this opportunity.

c. **Division III Ethnic Minority and Women’s Internship Grant.** The Division III Ethnic Minority and Women’s Internship Grant is a two-year grant program that provides funding for entry-level administrative positions at NCAA Division III schools and conference offices to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women. Our group discussed methods of making both Division III schools and conferences aware of the grant opportunity as well as Division III student-athletes aware of this as a career opportunity. Also, expressed desire to not only continue increase funding support but also look into ways to increase the effectiveness of the program for those hired.

5. Coaches.

a. **NCAA Future Football Coaches Academy.** Provides scholarships to recently graduated student-athletes who have an interest in coaching football at the collegiate level to attend the America Football Coaches Association annual convention. Our group discussed methods of making Division III student-athletes and current coaches of aware of this opportunity.
b. **NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy.** The NCAA and NFL Coaches Academy provides an opportunity for current, full-time intercollegiate football coaches at NCAA member institutions and current (and former) NFL athletes to expand their knowledge and insight into the world of intercollegiate football coaching. Our group discussed methods of making Division III position coaches aware of this opportunity for professional development as well as head coaches to encourage participation.

c. **Division II Coaching Enhancement Grant.** The Division II Coaching Enhancement Grant provides NCAA funding for the creation of new, full-time assistant coaching positions at NCAA Division II member schools intended to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women. Division III may be able to model a similar-type program.

6. **Mid- to senior-level administrators.**

a. **NCAA Leadership Institute.** The Leadership Institute held annually in July provides tailored programming to assist racial and ethnic minorities in strategically mapping and planning their careers in athletics administration by providing professional development programming over the course of a calendar year, which includes two, one-week programs at the beginning and conclusion of that year. Our group discussed methods of making Division III administrators aware of this opportunity.

b. **NCAA Pathway Program.** The Pathway Program is designed to elevate those currently in senior-level positions within athletics administration to the next step as a director of athletics. This year-long program is an intensive, experiential learning opportunity for four Division III selected participants. Our group discussed methods of making Division III administrators aware of this opportunity.

c. **Division III Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.** The Division III Strategic Alliance Matching Grant is a five-year grant program that provides funding for the creation of new, or the enhancement of, full-time, mid- to senior-level administrative positions at NCAA Division III schools and conference offices to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women. Our group discussed methods of making both Division III schools and conferences aware of the grant opportunity. Also, expressed desire to not only continue increase funding support but also look into ways to increase the effectiveness of the program for those hired.
d. **Division III Institute for Administrative Advancement.** The Division III Institute for Administrative Advancement is a partnership between the NCAA and the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association. It seeks to provide professional development and networking opportunities for administrators from under-represented populations in Division III athletics. Each spring, 30 mid-level administrators of color working within Division III are identified and invited to participate in the three days of professional development. The Institute is held annually in conjunction with the NCAA’s Regional Rules Seminars. Our group discussed methods of making both Division III administrators aware of the grant opportunity.

e. **Female Administrator Enhancement Grant.** This grant, in the form of a scholarship, enhances the role of the Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) and/or female administrators in Division III to support professional development. A partnership between the NCAA Division III and National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) provides women working in Division III the opportunity to attend one of the NACWAA professional development opportunities (e.g. the Institute for Administrative Advancement; the Leadership Enhancement Institute or Executive Institute). These programs provide the platform for growing participants’ professional community, for teaching the skills and competencies necessary to grow individually and advance in the field, and for gaining a renewed sense of preparedness and clarity with which to take on their goals. Our group discussed methods of making both Division III administrators aware of the grant opportunity.

f. **National Association of Division III Administrators (NADIII)A Partnership.** A partnership between the NCAA Division III and NADIII AA supports professional development programming for Division III athletics administrators. The partnership includes grants and programming to support the NADIII AA Summer Forum in conjunction with the NCAA Regional Seminars. Division III athletics administrators that are members of NADIII AA may apply for grants to support travel and lodging expenses. Our group discussed methods of making both Division III administrators aware of the grant opportunity or look at ways to restructure the available amounts so more people participate.

g. **MOAA/Division II Governance Academy.** The Minority Opportunities Athletics Association (MOAA) provides opportunities to exchange ideas and advocates increased participation and administrative opportunities for minorities in athletics. The MOAA also promotes generating a sports culture that supports the value necessary to teach and learn respect for self and others. Division III may be able to model a similar-type program.
h. Division II ADA Mentor Program. Mid-level, women and ethnic minority administrators who are interested in becoming a director of athletics are paired with a veteran director of athletics from the Division to serve as a mentor for a year. Division III may be able to model a similar-type program.

7. Other.

a. NCAA Inclusion Forum. The NCAA Inclusion Forum brings together intercollegiate athletics leaders passionate about improving the educational and professional environment for student-athletes, coaches and staff. Sessions engage on a broad range of topics related to policy, research and best practices for racial and ethnic minorities, women, international student-athletes, LGBTQ and disability-access to sport. Our group discussed ways to encourage student-athlete, coaches and administrators to attend the forum. Potentially look at ways to provide scholarships.

b. Division III Strategic Initiatives Grant Program. Division III will allocates approximately $2.5 million directly to conferences and Association of Division III Independents to administer educational programs and services that best meet local needs in support of the Division III strategic plan. The grant is intended to encourage collaboration and involvement of all Division III constituent groups (presidents, athletics direct reports, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, sports information directors, and student-athletes) in planning, decision making and accountability of programming at the local level to achieve the goals established in the strategic plan and the grant program. Consistent with the legislated leadership role of presidents and chancellors within conference governance, presidential oversight and accountability with the process and budget allocations is paramount.

8. Adjournment. The call adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Eastern time.

Staff Liaison: Sarah Sadowski, Leadership Development

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ACTION ITEM.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.


2. Advocates for Athletics Equity (AAE). AAE was formed last year in conjunction with the restructuring of the Black Coaches and Administrators. The AAE mission is to promote ethnic minority coaches for positions of leadership through professional development, cultivation, networking and mentoring opportunities. The new structure allows AAE to focus on leadership development opportunities for all coaches of color versus focusing on one specific ethnicity. AAE is currently being housed at the NCAA under the direction of Tyrone Lockhart. One of Mr. Lockhart’s current key initiatives is getting key leaders and organizations in intercollegiate athletics to endorse a proclamation regarding interviewing and hiring minority coaches and administrators. Division III could support this proclamation and possible partner with other AAE initiatives.

3. Alliance of Women Coaches. The NCAA Office of Inclusion partners with the Alliance to host the NCAA Women Coaches Academy (WCA), a 4-day educational training open to coaches of all experience levels. These Academies are held three times a year: in December and then two times in the late spring/early summer. The Alliance also sponsors the “WECOACHU” Program: one-day regional training programs for women coaches, administrators, and interested students across the country. The Alliance monitors the diversity of the participants in its programming and is seeking increase the diversity of the women working in coaching at all levels. It could be worthwhile to explore partnerships with the Alliance as well as possibly funding scholarships for its program. Grant funds that the NCAA’s Office of Inclusion provides to the Alliance to support the Coaches Academies will be cut in half beginning in fall 2016, which might affect the programming currently being offered.

4. Black Women and Sports Foundation (BWSF). “The BWSF’s Next Step Mini-Forum is a professional development and preparation program designed to help increase the participation and percentage of women of color as collegiate head coaches and athletic administrators at 4-year National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) institutions.
Networking opportunities abound and information is plentiful as panelists of accomplished women from all areas of the world of sport - coaches, athletes, physicians,
educators, administrators and others - and those who aspire to those roles, gather on college and university campuses, and other locations, across the country, to discuss requirements, environments, achievements, aspirations, challenges, and choices.” The BWSF is far ahead of most on this mission. The Next Step Mini-Forum program is structured each time to meet the needs of the audience and institution hosting the event. I believe the BWSF and the Next Step Mini-Forum can provide knowledge, wisdom, and resources to help put together best practices, educational programs, and professional development forums to decrease the gap in women and ethnic minorities in the career field of athletics. I'd like to see the NCAA/NCAA Division III membership begin a partnership with BWSF.

5. **Diversity and Inclusion Sport Consortium (DISC).** This is a relatively new group (four years old) that brings together diversity and inclusion leaders from professional and amateur sport organizations. The group has a two-day conference once a year. The 2016 conference will be hosted by the NCAA and occur in conjunction with the Inclusion Forum in April in Indianapolis. We should monitor this organization’s initiatives considering its many resources and extensive scope of influence.

6. **Division III Commissioners Diversity and Well-Being Subcommittee.** The mission of the Division III Commissioners Association (DIIICA) Diversity and Well-Being Committee (DWBC) is to work in conjunction with the members of the Division III Commissioners Association and their constituent conferences to develop strategies to foster an atmosphere of equity and respect for the dignity of every person associated with Division III intercollegiate athletic programs; to promote the engagement of diversity consciousness within the Division III membership; and to focus on supporting and enhancing the wellbeing of student-athletes. There is little original content being developed by this group, however, it is clearly a committee the Working Group would want to partner with in the future, especially with regard to efforts to educate/communicate with the entire NCAA Division III membership. Heather Benning, a current Working Group member and commissioner of the Midwest Conference, currently chairs the DIIIICA committee and would be the point person for any outreach efforts.

7. **Major League Baseball Diversity Business Summit.** From MLB’s website: "The 2016 MLB Diversity Business Summit is the premier sports employment conference and supplier diversity trade fair. This event allows job seekers and entrepreneurs the unique opportunity to meet with MLB's Clubs at both the Major League and Minor League level as well as sponsorship partners." "If you would like the opportunity to network with HR representatives from all 30 Major League Baseball Clubs, Central Office, MLB Network, MLB.com and some minor league Clubs, this is the option for you!" I believe this summit is just a diversity job fair with a focus on a career in baseball, which job seekers must
register for $150 to attend. See their schedule at the link below:


8. **Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA).**

http://www.nacda.com/moaa/nacda-moaa.html

MOAA began 15 years ago to increase opportunities for minorities in the field of intercollegiate athletics. They have approximately 450 members and provide annual programming to assist underrepresented individuals in realizing their goals.

*Is there content that we can use in a best practices document?*

The Award for Diversity & Inclusion, co-sponsored with the NCAA, recognizes initiatives, policies and best practices of institutions, athletics departments, and/or conference offices that foster diversity and inclusion within the intercollegiate athletics community. It would be beneficial for DIII to acquire the proposals from not only the institutions and conferences that have previously won the award, but possibly the top 5 finishers from past years. The information could be shared with the membership and/or developed into a best practices document and made available online.

In terms of retention and developing potential administrators, MOAA offers various types of professional development accessible for both members and non-members. Webinars, grants to attend initiatives such as NACWAA and NACDA, a Symposium at the NACDA Convention and access to a List Serve to build hiring pools are among the offerings available for the DIII membership.

*Opportunities to partner in the future?*

MOAA would welcome the opportunity to partner with us to facilitate regional seminars focused on the development and retention of administrators of color. Regional initiatives would be very cost effective for DIII membership attendance. Programming could be added to current NCAA Regional sites, and/or this initiative could be conference focused and the programming brought directly to that cohort.

9. **National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA).**

The NCAA partners with NACWAA on a variety of professional development opportunities to support future and current female athletic administrators. The Women’s Leadership Symposium, Pre-Level I and the Institutes for Administrative Advancement, Level I (Two Sites) are held annually. The Leadership Enhancement Institute, Level II and the Executive Institute, Level III are held every other year. Division III funds the
Female Administrator Enhancement Grant ($28,000) to support DIII female administrators’ attendance at the programming described above. The Division III governance staff partners with NACWAA to sponsor an Advancement Forum at NACWAA’s annual convention for women who strive to become DIII athletics directors. One of NACWAA’s major initiatives is its Women of Color Joint Initiative with the NCAA Office of Inclusion that addresses the needs and barriers women of color experience in relation to access, advancement and retention in collegiate athletics. The initiative also provides a platform for NACWAA members to connect, address issues specific to women of color and advocate for one another. Grant funds that the NCAA’s Office of Inclusion provides to NACWAA will be cut in half beginning in fall 2016, which might affect the programming currently being offered. NACWAA has a proven record of providing high quality programming with results, so it would be worthwhile to consider how we can further partner with them.

10. **United States Olympic Committee (USOC).** The USOC’s Diversity and Inclusion Programming focuses on diversity that includes but extends beyond race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender, and also includes less measurable qualities such as perspective and experience. The USOC offers the FLAME (Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere) program which provides diverse college and graduate-level students with a unique look into the world of elite sport through an 8 day seminar. Although the budget and format may not be an ideal match for DIII, the content and programming seems to be a model that could be adapted. The USOC also celebrates diversity efforts in partnership with the NFL, NCAA, NASCAR and The PGA of America, at the annual Sports Diversity & Inclusion Symposium. This program seems similar to the NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Award.

11. **Adjournment.**
REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAME ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP
JULY 23, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Review of the Report from May 27-28, 2015, In-person meeting.** The working group reviewed and approved the minutes from its May 27-28, 2015, in-person meeting.

2. **Review and discussion of initial findings from 2015 RESPECT campaign sportsmanship survey.** Ben Brownlee and Jay Jones provided the initial findings and summary report from the 2015 RESPECT Campaign Sportsmanship Survey. It was noted that approximately 39 percent of the survey respondents were Division III administrators. Mr. Brownlee noted that the data breakdown by division should be available for the working group to review sometime in August. Mr. Brownlee also noted that the main focus of the October Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee meeting will be a revamp of the RESPECT Campaign based on the survey results from the membership.

3. **Input from Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on game environment concerns.** Allie Stevens provided a summary of the July Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) discussion on game environment. The SAAC participated in an activity in which members were given fan behavior scenarios and asked to vote whether the demonstrated scenario was “in bounds” or “out of bounds.” The primary conclusions from this exercise were tri-fold: opinions on appropriate fan behavior were often sports specific, or based on the “culture” of a particular sport; opinions on appropriateness of behaviors were also often gender specific; and, student-athletes are less concerned with what is being said in the crowd than what is occurring on the field or on the court.

4. **Other business.** The working group discussed the potential of having an in-person meeting or video conference prior to the 2016 NCAA Convention, or potentially meeting as a group at Convention. It was agreed that Mr. Jones and Gary Williams would discuss these options further and determine the proper course of action.

5. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Eastern time.
Chair: Gary Williams, Wittenberg University, North Coast Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Jay Jones, Division III Governance
Jess Duff, Division III Governance

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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAME ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Review of the Report from July 23, 2015, Teleconference. The working group reviewed the report from its July 23, 2015, teleconference and noted some changes with the attendance list. Due to a lack of quorum, the report from the July 23, 2015, teleconference will need to be formally approved on the working group’s October 22, 2015, teleconference.

2. Discussion of the Development of a ‘Certification’ Program to Improve Fan Civility. The working group reviewed and discussed a draft of a potential certification-based program in the area of fan civility. In addition to discussing the potential framework for a certification program, the working group also discussed areas where they will need to begin securing assistance in order to create such a program. These areas include experts in online teaching technology, experts in fan behavior and experts in service-based training related to bystander intervention or conflict-resolution.

In discussing the potential certification program, the working group felt that a module-based online learning approach would be the most practical way to develop a successful program. The potential modules that the working group discussed were as follows:

a. Why a certification program is important;

b. A self-assessment tool for an institution’s current game environment. For this module, the working group discussed a ‘census’ concept and also discussed a ‘mystery shopper’ approach as ways to potentially measure an institution’s current environment;

c. A learning module focused on creating service excellence for institutions events, regardless of resources and staff capabilities. For this module, the working group discussed exploring the use of outside experts such as the Disney Institute;

d. Assistance with conflict resolution or bystander intervention. The working group noted that the K-12 education environment has a lot of helpful tools related to these topics that might be worth exploring. Chuck Mitrano noted that he had attended an NCAA-hosted Crowd-Control Summit in the past that was largely
focused on Division I postgame issues, but that might provide some helpful materials or contacts in these areas; and

e. A campus action plan. For this item, the group discussed a need for institutions to have consistent policies and training across all of their sports and for event staff and security to have knowledge of those policies.

3. **Ensuring a Successful Certification Program.** The working group discussed what would be necessary to ensure membership buy-in for a certification-based program. The working group discussed making the certification one of the positive criteria in championship hosting decisions, but not requiring the certification to host (at least initially). In addition, the working group discussed providing recognition outside of the norm in order to make the program attractive, whether that recognition is done institutionally or for individuals completing the program.

4. **Adjournment.** The teleconference adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Chair:** Gary Williams, Wittenberg University, North Coast Athletic Conference  
**Staff Liaisons:** Jay Jones, Division III Governance  
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ATHLETICS DIRECT REPORT (ADR)
INSTITUTE PLANNING TEAM
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 TELECONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS

• None.

ACTION ITEMS

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Welcome and Review Report of August Teleconference. The August teleconference report was accepted as drafted.

2. Update on Registration Process. Institute nominees and nominators were informed via email of the NCAA Convention registration process for Institute attendees. Participants must register themselves for Convention, and their registration fee will be reimbursed in advance of the Convention.

3. Update on Nominations. Twenty-three (23) conferences have selected their guaranteed participant as of the teleconference, and 13 are in the process of confirming. Nominations were received from 36 of the 43 conferences in advance of the September 15 deadline for the guaranteed conference slot. Commissioners were given an extension until September 22 to fill this slot.

• There will be up to seven slots to fill in the general selection process. Leah Kareti will prepare a spreadsheet of eligible nominees with the response to why the individual wants to attend the Institute. The planning team shall make the final participant selections considering: responses to the nomination questions, commissioner endorsement, independent status, and size of the individual’s conference.

4. Review current agenda and confirmed speakers. The following speakers have been confirmed:

| Opening Session and Best Practice Summary Sessions | Mike Raters, Dean of Students, Wabash College; Leah Kareti |
| Division III Philosophy | President John Roush, Centre College |
Relationship Building
Geoff Miller and Bryan Coker, AD and ADR at Goucher College; and Karen Wiley Sandler and Gale Siegel, retiring President and ADR at Penn State University, Abington

Athletics Budgeting
Ernie Palmieri, Vice President for Student Affairs, SUNY Purchase and Stevie Baker Watson, AD at DePauw

Student-Athlete Well-Being
Brit Katz, Vice President and Dean of Students, Millsaps College. Second speaker remains TBD.

NCAA Governance and Committee Service
Louise McCleary, Director of Division III, NCAA. Second Speaker remains TBD.

A plan to solicit speakers for the following sessions was confirmed:

a. Student-Athlete Well-Being second speaker. Identify the most significant wellness issues for student-athletes. Address ways for athletics staff to access institutional resources and collaborative with other departments. Highlight ways that athletics can be a leader on well-being issues, including identifying helpful NCAA resources.

b. Managing Athletics Personnel. Ensure both public and private institutions are represented.

c. NCAA Governance and Committee Service second speaker. Include experience on the Division III Nominating Committee.

Potential speakers for the Conference Engagement session remain to be identified.

The updated agenda was accepted as drafted.

5. Speaker Preparation. Ms. Kareti shall contact confirmed speakers to begin the session planning process. Speakers shall be provided with a list of Division III hot topics, the resource ‘Eight tips for Athletics Oversight’, Institute objectives and planning team content directives. They will be asked to strive for inter activity, and to generate specific learning objectives and session outline for review by the planning team.

6. Review Participant Confirmation Memo. Call participants were asked to read the memo and send Ms. Kareti any desired edits.
7. **Next steps.** Ms. Kareti will work to confirm all session speakers and assist them in building session content. October 27 teleconference agenda items shall include: identify required event materials and supplies, select participant gifts, discuss how to use best practice summary time.

8. **Future teleconference schedule.**
   
a. October 27 at 2 p.m. Eastern time;

b. December 9 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time;

c. January 7, 2016, at 10 a.m. Eastern time.

9. **Other Business.** There was no other business.

*Staff Liaisons: Leah Kareti, Contractor for Division III Governance
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance*

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NCAA Division III Athletics Direct Report Institute Agenda
January 13-14, 2016, San Antonio

Wednesday, January 13
7 p.m. Welcome Dinner.

Thursday, January 14
8 a.m. Opening Session.
8:30 a.m. Division III Philosophy.
9 a.m. Relationship Building- Presidents, Athletics Directors, other ADRs.
10:15 a.m. Break.
10:30 a.m. Athletics Budgeting.
11:30 a.m. Best Practice Discussion.
Noon Lunch.
1 p.m. Student-Athlete Well-Being.
1:45 p.m. Managing Athletics Personnel.
2:45 p.m. Break.
3 p.m. Conference Office Engagement.
3:30 p.m. NCAA Governance and Committee Service.
4 p.m. Best Practice Discussion.
4:30 NCAA Convention Opening Business Session
6 p.m. Social hour for all Convention ADR attendees.

Note: Your attendance is appreciated at the Athletics Direct Report Luncheon and Forum, Division III Issues Forum, and Division III Business Session.
NCAA Division III and NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug Collaborative 360 Proof Update
October 5, 2015

1. **Registration Update.** 183 institutions are currently registered for 360 Proof. 713 Institutions are eligible to use the program.

2. **2015-16 Learning Collaborative.** 360 Proof continues to offer monthly webinars to connect 360 Proof users with each other and with national prevention efforts.

3. **Sexual Assault Prevention Memo.** The Steering Committee is working to finalize a memo outlining resources on sexual assault prevention to post on the 360 Proof portal.

4. **Assessment and Evaluation Plans.** The Steering Committee will begin an annual user survey this spring as part of a data collection process to inform the 360 Proof program evaluation. The Steering Committee will also begin outreach with non-users to gather additional information. The evaluation timeline includes five years of data collection prior to analyzing program evaluation questions.

5. **Outreach Plan.** Division III conference offices and all athletics direct reports received outreach from 360 Proof in August. NASPA Small College Chief Student Affairs Officers received a message on September 1. A booth and Technical Assistance provision is planned for both the 2016 NCAA Convention and the 2016 NASPA Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Strategies conference. A 360 Proof user experience session proposal has been submitted for the March 2016 NASPA Annual Conference, including participation by Grinnell College and Rogers State University. 360 Proof advertisements shall be included in the conference program for the NASPA AOD Strategies and Annual Conferences. A 360 Proof brochure remains under development.

6. **Next Steps.** Current and upcoming tasks for the Steering Committee include:
   - Integration of the new recommended strategies resource released in late September by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).
   - Evaluation of the breadth of content covered by coaches’ modules. Should these be expanded into other areas (e.g., non-verbal communication and setting expectations)?
   - Re-examine original program design and conceptual model: the environmental model is based on three levels (individual team/group, entire campus) yet NIAAA recommended strategies have historically been categorized by two levels (individual, environmental).
   - Consider expansion to substances beyond alcohol.
DIVISION III IDENTITY INITIATIVE

Following is a status report on activation of the Division III Identity Initiative.

**Division III Purchasing Website**
The Division III Purchasing Website kicked off its sixth year in operation on September 9, and its fourth year of management by Source One Digital. A $500 credit is being offered to institutions and conferences for purchases from the site during the 2015-16 year. The website features many new items this year, based on feedback from a summer 2015 membership survey, including knit hats, rally towels and bumper stickers. Thus far, over 50 institutions and conference offices have participated.

The 2014-15 fiscal year concluded in August with 74 percent of Division III institutions, 86 percent of multi-sport conferences, and 39 percent of single-sport conferences ordering items from the website during the year. In total, 74 percent of the funding allocated to the purchasing website was utilized by the membership. Top selling items included co-branded media backdrops, banner stands, co-branded t-shirts, and table skirts.

**Championships**
The Championships staff has rolled out a new logo system for the 2015-16 championships. Division III Identity signage is also receiving a refresh to more closely mirror the updated Championships branding. The Division III governance staff will be focusing on three main areas during the 2015-16 championships. First, a team member will watch the broadcast or webcast of each Division III championship to evaluate signage, branding, and presentation. Next, the staff will work with the championship managers and host institutions to provide more timely updates via social media for each finals event. Finally, the staff will work in tandem with the championship managers and hosts to ensure a Special Olympics activity is conducted and reported from each finals event.

**Social Media**
The NCAA Division III Facebook page reached over 20,000 likes in September, while the @NCAADIII Twitter feed has over 25,400 followers. The staff is developing a social media strategic plan to leverage social media as a primary channel for sharing the Division III story with current student-athletes, administrators, potential student-athletes, parents, and supporters.

**Branding Initiative**
An effort is underway to ensure that each Division III school and conference place the Division III specific NCAA logo on its athletics website and link the logo to the Division III homepage by October 15. We believe if all 450 members make this logo and hyperlink change, it will enhance the brand of Division III. As of early October 69 percent have updated their athletics website. Both PrestoSports and Side Arm have the logos and will make the change if a client member school requests it. The governance staff is working with assistant commissioners and incentivizing them to get 80 percent of their respective member schools to have the correct logo and link.
Special Olympics
Fifty-eight (58) institutions and conference offices reported Division III Special Olympics activities during the 2014-15 year involving approximately 4,600 Division III student-athletes and 9,100 Special Olympic athletes. The division dedicated just over 22,000 volunteer hours and raised a total of $18,650 as a result of these activities. The division also donated an additional $18,200 to Special Olympics, consisting of championship and enforcement fines. The total amount donated to Special Olympics from fiscal year 2014-15 was $36,850.

Website Content
NCAA.org continues to provide Division III with additional opportunities to use its home page to share more stories portraying its unique student-athlete experience. The site now is regularly updated to include links in an “Around Division III” area featuring online articles produced by the membership and by media outlets that tell the Division III story. The page also is regularly highlighting new Division III feature stories from such sources as Champion magazine, and videos produced by the NCAA and by member schools and conferences. Sports information directors are encouraged to send human interest stories and record-breaking performances to d3identity@ncaa.org.

Division III Week
The fifth annual Division III Week will occur April 4-10, 2016. While planning for next year’s event, staff will remind the membership to use resources and check for updates at the Division III Week website.

Monthly Update Video
Staff has started producing a short, monthly video highlighting the content of the Monthly Update. The goal is to reach an audience (e.g., coaches and student-athletes) who aren’t directly receiving the Monthly Update. Analytics are currently being collected to determine if this new initiative should continue each month.

“Know the Facts”

The Division III “Know the Facts” campaign is continuing to target high schools and prospective student-athletes and their families, and seeks to better inform those audiences about the unique Division III philosophy and student-athlete experience. The division’s also redesigned its PSA print ads and the ads in the “Distinctly Division III” series have been made available to member institutions and conferences for use in game programs and other publications (all six ads can be downloaded here).

Division III also continues to collaborate with the NCAA Eligibility Center. The two-page recruiting resource is prominently displayed on the redesigned Eligibility Center website. More than 180,000 people visited the new website in March 2015, and approximately 8,000 opened the recruiting resource that includes enhanced information regarding Division III.
AGENDA

NCAA Division III Technology Users Group

Dial-In No.: 866/434-5269
Access Code: 5128535
October 21, 2015
1:00 p.m. Eastern time

1. Welcome and roster. [Supplement No. 1] (Louise McCleary)

2. Report of June teleconference. [Supplement No. 2] (Kristin DiBiase)

3. Updates and actions since June. [Supplement No. 3] (McCleary)

4. Division III compliance ID number. [Supplement No. 4] (Sarah Otey)

5. ISSG review and feedback. [Supplement No. 5] (DiBiase)

6. Website analytics. [Supplement No. 6] (McCleary)

7. Technology proposed phase II projects. [Supplement No. 7] (Otey)

8. Other business.

9. Next Call
   • February/March

10. Adjournment.
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Information about the Division III Academic Success Rate Report

Introduction.

This information sheet and the Division III Academic Success Rate Report have been prepared by the NCAA, based on data provided by the institution for the Division III voluntary graduation rates reporting program.

The Academic Success Rate Report provides information about two groups of students at the college or university identified at the top of the form: (1) all undergraduate students who were enrolled in a full-time program of studies for a degree and (2) student-athletes who were on an official team roster on or after the first date of competition during the championship season.

The report gives graduation information about students and student-athletes entering in 2008. This is the most recent graduating class for which the required six years of information is available. The report provides information about student-athletes in one or more of eight sports categories: football, men's basketball, baseball, men's track/cross country, men's other sports and mixed sports, women's basketball, women's track/cross country and other women's sports. For each of those sports categories, it includes information in six self-reported racial or ethnic groups: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, nonresident alien, two or more races, White or non-Hispanic and unknown (not included in one of the other eight groups or not available) and the total (all nine groups combined).

A graduation rate (percent) is based on a comparison of the number (N) of students who entered a college or university and the number of those who graduated within six years. For example, if 100 students entered and 60 graduated within six years, the graduation rate is 60 percent. It is important to note that graduation rates are affected by a number of factors: some students may work part-time and need more than six years to graduate, some may leave school for a year or two to work or travel, some may transfer to another college or university or some may be dismissed for academic deficiencies.

Two different measures of graduation rates are presented in this report: (1) freshman-cohort rate and (2) Graduation Success Rate (GSR). The freshman-cohort rate indicates the percentage of freshmen who entered during a given academic year and graduated within six years. The GSR adds to the first-time freshmen, those students who entered midyear, as well as student-athletes who transferred into an institution and received athletics aid. In addition, the GSR will subtract students from the entering cohort who are considered allowable exclusions (i.e., those who either die or become permanently disabled, those who leave the school to join the armed forces, foreign services or attend a church mission), as well as those who left the institution prior to graduation, had athletics eligibility remaining and would have been academically eligible to compete had they returned to the institution.

Academic Success Rate Report.

1. Graduation Rates Data. The box at the top of the Academic Success Rates Report provides freshman-cohort graduation rates for all students and for student-athletes at this college or university. Additionally, this box provides Academic Success Rate (ASR) data for the population of student-athletes. [Note: Anytime a cell containing cohort numbers includes only one or two students, the data in that cell and one other will be suppressed so that no individual can be identified.]

a. All Students. This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates for all full-time, degree-seeking students by race or ethnic group. It shows the rate for men who entered as freshmen in 2008-09, and the four-class average, which includes those who entered as freshmen 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. The
same rates are provided for women. The total for 2008-09 is the rate for men and women combined and the four-class average is for all students who entered in 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

b. Student-Athletes. This section provides the freshman-cohort graduation rates and also the GSR for student-athletes in each race and ethnic group who received athletics aid. Information is provided for men and women separately and for all student-athletes.

c. Student-Athletes by Sports Categories. This section provides the identified graduation rates as in 1-b for each of the eight sports categories. (The small letters indicate the value of N.)
Division III Governance Scorecard

Methods

- Survey items were replicated from previous iterations of the Governance Scorecard.
- Online survey link was provided to each member of Division III Governance and Sport committees.
- Respondents were asked to evaluate how well their liaisons performed specific tasks and how important those tasks were to the committee members.
- Survey responses were on a 5 point scale with 1=extremely poorly and 5=extremely well.

Respondent Demographics

Responses were received from:

- President/chancellors = 30
- Directors of Athletics = 52
- Other Athletics Administrator = 38
- Coaches = 60
- Student-athletes = 18
- Faculty Athletics Representative = 6
- Conference Commissioners = 21
- Athletics Direct Report = 5
- Other = 14
- Total valid responses = 244*

How many NCAA councils or committees have you served on in the past?

- None = 91 (38%)
- 1 = 56 (23%)
- 2 = 46 (20%)
- 3 = 20 (.8%)
- 4 or more = 27 (11%)

How long have you served on the council or committee that you are currently a part of?

- 6 months or less = 27 (11%)
- 7-12 months = 53 (22%)
- 13-24 months = 68 (28%)
- 25-36 = 39 (16%)
- 37 months + = 65 (55%)

*Note: not all respondents answered all questions
Respondent Appointment and Preparation

Which of the following BEST describes how you were nominated to be a part of this council or committee:

- Self-nominated = 130 (54%)
- Conference nominated = 47 (19%)
- Nominated by someone else = 49 (20%)
- Appointed through another position = 16 (7%)

Indicate how true the statement is regarding your preparation to be part of this council or committee: I was provided with enough training and information prior to my first meeting to be able to effectively participate at all council or committee meetings.

True = 151 (62%)
Somewhat true/untrue = 84 (35%)
Untrue = 7 (3%)

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Total respondents = 240 out of 327 members = 73% response rate
Summary of Comments

There were a total of 64 comments, 34 were positive, 16 were negative, 4 were mixed and the remainder either addressed a specific issue (such as seeding for teams in the championship or methods for establishing the agenda) or were general non-specific comments (e.g. Not applicable, no comment, Thanks! etc.).

Of the 34 positive comments, 30 offered, in whole or in part, praise for the service provided by their liaisons. The remaining four were more general comments on their satisfaction with their committee service.

The 16 negative comments were more broadly dispersed in their dissatisfaction.

• Orientation to the role and processes of the committee was viewed as lacking from seven of the respondents.
• Three comments regarding the proper role that the liaisons should play, specifically suggesting that their liaisons were playing too directive a role on the committee.
• Other negative comments related to communications issues with staff, communications issues with the sport governing body, travel issues, dissatisfaction with swag, etc.

Governance Committees

189 members – 124 responses = 66% response rate

Combined Sport Committees

138 members – 116 responses = 84% response rate
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Management Council

Membership Committee

Nominating Committee

Presidents Council

9 members – 10 responses

10 members – 8 responses

8 members – 6 responses

18 members – 17 responses
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Overall Performance

5 members – 4 responses

8 members – 3 responses

24 members – 18 responses

6 members – 3 responses
Sport Committees

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Baseball Committee
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Overall Performance

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8 members – 8 responses

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**Men’s Ice Hockey Committee**

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**Overall Performance**

4 members – 4 responses

**Men’s Lacrosse Committee**

- Provided direction, guidance and leadership
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**Overall Performance**

4 members – 4 responses

**Men’s Soccer Committee**

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**Overall Performance**

8 members – 4 responses

**Men’s Tennis Committee**

- Provided direction, guidance and leadership
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**Overall Performance**

4 members – 4 responses
### Women’s Ice Hockey Committee

**Overall Performance**
- Provided direction, guidance and leadership
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**Importance**
- 6 members – 6 responses

**Performance**
- 6 members – 6 responses

### Women’s Lacrosse Committee

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**Importance**
- 5 members – 4 responses

**Performance**
- 5 members – 4 responses

### Women’s Rowing Committee

**Overall Performance**
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**Importance**
- 6 members – 4 responses

**Performance**
- 6 members – 4 responses

### Women’s Soccer Committee

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**Importance**
- 8 members – 6 responses

**Performance**
- 8 members – 6 responses
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Overall Performance

Women's Volleyball Committee

- Produced informative reports and communications in a timely manner
- Coordinated logistics including meetings, conference calls, presentation equipment and meeting materials
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- Provided direction, guidance and leadership

Women’s Volleyball Committee

8 members – 5 responses

Questions?
REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
August 5, 2015

KEY ITEMS.

•  None.

ACTION ITEMS.

•  None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and announcements. The NCAA Board of Governors chair, Kirk Schulz, convened the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m. Eastern time. The members of the board agreed to change the order of the presentation of agenda items to ensure complete and full discussions of specific agenda items.

2. Approval of meeting reports. The board approved the reports of the April 30 and the June 17 and 19, 2015 meetings with no changes.

3. Executive session. The board moved the executive session in order to discuss administrative matters earlier in the agenda.

4. Discussion regarding litigation policy and strategy. Chief Legal Officer, Donald Remy, provided an attorney client privileged and confidential briefing for the purpose of facilitating a dialogue on current litigation and strategy. The board authorized the chief legal officer to: (i) pursue legal action against a [privileged] in a potential [privileged] matter; (ii) pursue legal action against [privileged] in a separate [privileged] matter and (ii) pursue [privileged] options to resolve a case [privileged].

   It was unanimously VOTED.

   "To initiate legal action seeking injunctive relief in federal court in a [privileged] matter."

   It was unanimously VOTED.

Note: Final report subject to Board of Governors' approval.
"To initiate legal action [privileged] matter." It was unanimously VOTED.

"To pursue [privileged] options in a case [privileged]."

The board also revisited discussions regarding its policies and requested NCAA staff to provide a balanced and informative presentation on one or more policies for the board's review and consideration at the October 2015 meeting.

5. NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.

a. FY 2015-16 external and internal audit plans. President Papp, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee, presented the Deloitte financial (external) audit plan, as well as the internal audit plan for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The committee sought and received the board's acceptance of the external audit report and the approval of the internal audit report.

It was unanimously VOTED.

"To accept the external audit plan from Deloitte for the 2015-2016 fiscal year."

It further was unanimously VOTED.

"To approve the internal audit plan from the Internal Audit Director for the 2015-16 fiscal year."

b. NCAA President's recommendations for FY 2015-16 budget. President Papp reported on the Association's proposed budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The proposed total budget is $907,215,504 and includes the Association's requests and recommendations in the amount of $8,567,989. These requests are consistent with the revised 10-year financial plan and the following evaluation criteria as provided by NCAA President, Mark Emmert:

(1) Support the NCAA three-to-five year goals.

(2) Support budget changes agreed to in January regarding funding for and increases in NCAA Division I distributions of $18.9 million.

(3) Maintain the championship experience.
(4) Support the current initiatives that include health and safety of student-athletes and support of the new Division I governance structure.

(5) Reduce association-wide expenses by $7.5 million over three years by supporting operational initiatives which maximize service and resource productivity while maintaining national office services to the membership.

The committee approved the budget as proposed and recommended approval by the full board.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To approve the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget."

c. **Third quarter fiscal year 2014-15 budget-to-actual review.** The committee reported that it reviewed a comparison of actual revenues and expenses versus budgeted revenues and expenses during the third quarter of the current fiscal year (2014-15) and advised that the Association is on track to meet budget.

d. **Options related to reserve balances.** The committee concluded its report by noting that it had started initial discussions about the reserve balances in response to questions concerning financial pressures on athletic programs and ongoing litigation. These discussions will occur into October as the committee determines the right level of reserves to maintain in the current environment.

6. **Discussion on the structure of the Board of Governors.** The chair provided introductory remarks about the board's role as an inclusive, Association-wide committee and his ongoing discussions with NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III directors of athletics. He discussed each division's fiscal concerns as related to ensuring a quality student-athlete experience, including championship experience. The chair also described comments the directors of athletics shared with him about the national office, particularly the Sport Science Institute's desire to be communicative, engaging and informative across the divisions on certain student-athlete well-being issues. The chair then called upon President Bense to discuss the work of the Board of Governors Committee on Structure and Composition.

President Bense described the committee's work over the past several months as consistent with its charge and consistent with the Association's established core values. The committee affirms the federated governance model and sees a window of opportunity to strengthen Association identity and unity. Leadership, appropriate stakeholders, member terms and other specific issues of governance will be the committee's focus. The committee will not consider matters related to budget or revenue distribution.
The committee made the following recommendations for full board approval:

a. **Recommendation No. 1.** Requests for re-affirmation or endorsement of the general principles of governance and organization, as found in NCAA Constitution, Article 4, from the presidential governing bodies in Divisions I, II, and III, specifically the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Divisions II Presidents Council and NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

b. **Recommendation No. 2.** Request review and approval of a proposed Board of Governors Chair/Vice Chair policy to further and strengthen the board's leadership.

c. **Recommendation No. 3.** Request approval of the committee's plan to carry out its charge:

   (1) **First component.** Education of and feedback from the membership on NCAA organization and governance.

   (2) **Second component.** Preparation of draft model(s) for the April 2016 meeting for final feedback from the appropriate governing councils/boards.

   (3) **Third component.** Preparation of a proposal of composition and terms for the board to submit for Association-wide vote at 2017 Convention.

   *It was unanimously VOTED.*

   "To approve the committee's three recommendations to carry out its charge."

7. **NCAA Board of Governors vice chair.** The chair asked the Division II and Division III members of the board to consider the commitment necessary for the vice chair position and encouraged them to express their interest. At the chair's request, the board agreed to hold further discussions and an election at the October 2015 board meeting.

8. **Division I Board of Directors and Divisions II and III Presidents Council reports.**

   a. **Division III Presidents Council.** President Alan Cureton, Division III Presidents Council chair, reported on the council's agenda, which included a recommendation
from the division's Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and Management Council, to increase annual Division III membership dues from $900 to $2000 for each school and from $450 to $900 for each conference. The Division III membership would vote on the increase in January 2016, with an effective date of August, 2017. The division estimates that the increase would generate approximately $520K annually. President Cureton also advised that the council intends to discuss best practices to better engage presidents at the conference level and an opportunity to survey Division III membership about playing and practice seasons.

President Schulz expressed the general consensus that the board would support Division III’s plan for a reasonable institution and conference dues increase and Division III’s retention of the additional revenue created by that increase. The board will consider the matter for a formal vote at its October meeting.

b. **Division II Presidents Council.** The board of governors received a report on the agenda of the Division II Presidents Council from President Judy Bense, council chair. President Bense advised that the council will review 12 proposals that could be voted on during the 2016 Division II Business Session. She also reported that the council will review funding models for the division's Foundation Future Initiative and strategic plan priorities for the 2015-16 year.

c. **Division I Board of Directors.** President Harris Pastides, Division I Board of Directors chair, recognized the time spent by board members participating and observing the discussions of the Division I Strategic Summit. He also thanked the members and NCAA senior staff for their leadership in implementing the Association's Confederate Battle Flag Policy in 2001 and support of institutions located in South Carolina since the removal of the confederate flag.

President Schulz and the board thanked President Pastides for his public leadership.

9. **NCAA President's report.** NCAA President, Mark Emmert, discussed the efforts of the national office staff to carry out the priorities of the board in the area of external messaging and communications. At this point in the meeting, President Schulz welcomed principals from [communications firms] to present a proposed communications plan for the Association. He also welcomed members of the Division I Board of Directors who were invited to hear the presentation for information purposes only.
10. **New Association communications plan.** Bob Williams, Senior Vice President of Communications, reported on the work of his office to identify a firm that could assist the Association in achieving its communications goals. Principals from [communications firms] identified successful long-term and short-term strategies and proposed a plan for the members of both governing bodies to consider. The members of the board of governors (only) voted to approve the budget request to support the communications plan as presented.

   *It was unanimously VOTED*

   "To approve of a three year budget for this communication plan [consistent with terms as presented]."

President Emmert requested that member institutions review their media inventory and consider sharing that media for the new initiative.

11. **Future meetings.**

   a. Thursday, October 29, 2015; Indianapolis, Indiana.

   b. Saturday, January 16, 2015; San Antonio, Texas.

12. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.
### Committee Chair:
Kirk Schulz, President, Kansas State University.

### Staff Liaisons:
- Donald Remy; Law, Policy and Governance
- Terri Carmichael Jackson; Law, Policy and Governance

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### Other Participants
- Johnathan Alger, NCAA Division I Board of Directors member
- Scott Bearby, NCAA staff member
- Andrew Bleeker, communications consultant
- Robert Caslen, NCAA Division I Board of Directors member
- Matt Chandler, communications consultant
- Christine Cooper, NCAA Division I Board of Directors member
- Terri Carmichael Jackson, NCAA staff member
- Diane Dickman, NCAA staff member
- Dan Dutcher, NCAA staff member
- Kimberly Fort, NCAA staff member
- Bernard Franklin, NCAA staff member
- Jenn Fraser, NCAA staff member
- Dianne Harrison, NCAA Division I Board of Directors member
- Brian Hendrickson, NCAA staff member
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George Wright, NCAA Division I Board of Directors member
REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015
TELECONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

• None.

ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Call to Order. The NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Kirk Schulz, convened a joint meeting of the Governors and the NCAA Division I Board of Directors via teleconference at 5 p.m. Eastern time. The joint meeting was convened to receive the third annual report from Pennsylvania State University's Independent Athletics Integrity Monitor, during a confidential and privileged briefing. The Division I Board participated in the teleconference at the invitation of the Governors and consistent with the Governors' prior practice when receiving the monitor's annual report.

The following additional individuals also participated in the teleconference at the request of the Governors and consistent with its prior practice: the monitor, Mr. Charles Sheeler, and Mr. James "Jim" Delany, Commissioner of the Big 10 Conference as its representative at this meeting.

President Schulz welcomed all participants on the call. NCAA staff provided a roll call of the members of the Governors and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Privileged and Confidential Briefing: The Independent Athletics Integrity Monitor's Report 1. The monitor described Penn State as an institution that had made sufficient progress in improving campus compliance activities and noted that Penn State had implemented all but a small handful of the 117 total recommendations from the Freeh report. Specific examples of progress included the following:

a. A more comfortable environment existed for faculty, staff, and students when reporting potential concerns than it did in 2012.

b. An independent athletics compliance function that now reports to the institution's chief compliance officer, who in turn reports to the president.

1 For completeness the monitor’s written report is attached to this Report as a reference.

Note: Meeting reports are not final until approved by the NCAA Governors
The institution's director of athletics does not supervise and has no control over the athletics compliance function.

c. The significant work of the institution's own athletics integrity officer over the past three years, who has the support of the leadership at the highest levels of the institution. The monitor described the Athletics Integrity Agreement as a "forward-thinking initiative" on the part of the Association and cited the agreement as the reason for the institution creating an internal athletics integrity officer position.

Mr. Scheeler described Penn State as having demonstrated a commitment to establishing the reforms required by the agreements with the Association and the Big 10 Conference, as well as having implemented best practices beyond what was required.

According to Mr. Scheeler, the institution's president, Dr. Eric Barron, made a recent request to terminate the monitorship early. When making the request, President Barron advised the monitor that the institution would continue the reforms including maintaining an internal athletics integrity officer beyond the term of the party's agreements. Mr. Scheeler expressed confidence in the institution's president to continue the efforts of the reforms. Mr. Scheeler recommended winding down the monitorship by the end of the year. By December 2015, the monitorship would have lasted 40 months, instead of the presumptive 60 month-period.

Finally, at the request of NCAA President Mark Emmert, the monitor and the NCAA's chief legal officer provided a privileged update on the current status of related and pending legal matters.

3. Privileged and Confidential Briefing: The response from the Big 10 Conference's Council of Presidents. Mr. Delany provided background on the council's role in receiving earlier reports and advised that Mr. Scheeler had provided the report to the council earlier that day. Mr. Delany summarized the unanimous decision of that body in three points by stating that the council:

a. Expressed confidence in Penn State and was not concerned about a regression;

b. Stated it would maintain alignment with the Board of Governors; and

c. Supported the Governors' decision to terminate or to keep the monitorship in place for a period of time with subsequent review.

President Schulz thanked Messrs. Scheeler and Delany for their reports. He opened the meeting to a general discussion by the Governors. At the conclusion
of the discussion, a motion for a vote by the Governors (only) was properly called and seconded.

*It was VOTED unanimously by all the NCAA Board of Governors present and voting. [For 14]*

"To receive the annual report of the Independent Athletics Integrity Monitor that significant changes have been made at Penn State and that the institution is committed to preserve and maintain those changes. And further to support the request by the Penn State President and the recommendation of the Monitor to conclude the Penn State Independent Athletics Integrity Monitorship at the end of calendar year 2015 on the condition that no material adverse events occur before that date."

President Schulz requested NCAA staff to work with Penn State to secure an affirmative written statement of the actions taken thus far and the intent to continue those actions moving forward.

4. **Adjourned.** The meeting of the Governors was adjourned at approximately 5:40 pm.

5. **Future meeting dates.**
   - Thursday, October 29, 2015 (Indianapolis, Indiana).

*Board of Governors chair: Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University*

*Staff Liaisons: Donald Remy; Law, Policy and Governance-Chief legal officer*

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Congressional Overview

On September 8, 2015, Congress returned from its annual August recess with a packed agenda. After failing to approve the series of spending bills necessary to pass a full budget, Congress approved a continuing resolution to fund the government through December 11, 2015. Over the next few months Congress will need to approve a long-term budget deal, raise the debt limit to extend the U.S. borrowing authority and pass a long-term transportation funding bill. The 2016 primary campaigns will certainly influence the work of Congress over the coming months.

Congress has continued to monitor a variety of issues and recent developments within youth, collegiate and professional athletics. Within intercollegiate athletics, policymakers remain interested in the health and safety, academic experience and benefits received by student-athletes. The NCAA government relations office has continued to engage congressional offices and respond to inquiries from Capitol Hill on these matters.

Federal Issues

Update on Key Federal Legislation

With a limited number of legislative days during the summer months, Congress did not act on any existing legislation directly related to intercollegiate athletics. The following is a summary of the status of bills introduced earlier this year: On June 11, 2015, Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA) and Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH) introduced H.R. 2731, the National Collegiate Athletics Accountability (NCAA) Act. The NCAA Act would prohibit a university from receiving Title IV funds if it belongs to an athletic association that fails to implement and enforce specific rules related to student-athlete health and safety, the infractions process and athletically related financial aid. The Act would also establish a Presidential Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics that would study a variety of issues and submit its findings and recommendations to the White House and Congress. H.R. 2731 currently has five cosponsors and has been referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

A related bill, also establishing a Presidential Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics was introduced by Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL) on January 12, 2015. Similar to language found in the NCAA Act, H.R. 275 would establish a commission that is charged with evaluating and submitting findings and recommendations on a variety of intercollegiate athletic matters. H.R. 275 currently has five cosponsors and has been assigned to the Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
On March 10, 2015, Sen. John Thune (R-SD) introduced S. 689, the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. The proposal would clarify medical liability rules and provide protections for athletic trainers and medical professionals who administer medical care when traveling with teams across state lines. S. 689 currently has seven cosponsors and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. H.R. 921, a companion measure, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) on February 12, 2015. H.R. 921 currently has 82 cosponsors and has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the House Judiciary Committee.

Two measures were introduced that attempt to alter the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act’s (PASPA) prohibition on sports wagering. On January 20, 2015, Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) introduced H.R.416, the Sports Gaming Opportunity Act of 2015. The measure would provide states with a four-year window to enact laws allowing sports betting within their borders. H.R. 416 currently has three cosponsors and has been referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. On January 21, 2015, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) introduced H.R. 457, the New Jersey Betting and Equal Treatment Act of 2015. The proposal would exempt New Jersey from PASPA and allow the state to legally conduct sports betting within its borders. H.R. 457 currently has two cosponsors and has been referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

While these measures have not recently seen any legislative activity, the NCAA office of government relations staff is closely monitoring these bills for any future movement. Staff has also worked to educate key congressional staff regarding the NCAA’s stance on the key issues within these bills.

Tax Deduction for Donations to Purchase Tickets

Earlier this year, President Obama released a budget proposal, which contained a proposal to eliminate the current tax deduction available to fans that make donations to institutions and provide them the right to purchase tickets to college sporting events. Since that time the NCAA office of government relations staff has worked closely with higher education associations and university government relations representatives to evaluate whether such a proposal would gain any traction on Capitol Hill.

On a related matter, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) recently introduced a measure that would expand a program that provides restitution to victims who have serious medical issues as a result of being exposed to nuclear fallout and radiation during government testing. In order to pay for this expanded program, Congressman Gosar proposed eliminating the tax deduction for required
contributions for purchasing tickets to college sporting events. H.R. 3345 currently has five cosponsors and has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

While we do not anticipate movement on a comprehensive tax reform proposal during the 114th Congress that would eliminate this tax benefit, NCAA office of government relations staff will continue to work with higher education associations and university government relations representatives to closely monitor any attempts to pay for legislative proposals through the elimination of this tax deduction.

State Issues

Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA)

Over the last two years, NCAA staff members have worked with the Uniform Law Commission and a range of stakeholders to revise the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA) to address any inadequacies in the effectiveness of the model Act. Key amendments to the Act include, expanding the definition of athlete agent, requiring an agent to notify an institution before communicating with a student-athlete to induce them into signing an agency contract, and creating a registration process that provides reciprocity for agents registered in other states. The revised Act was considered and approved by the Uniform Law Commission during its annual conference in early July.

With the revision process complete, the focus shifts to a nationwide effort to seek introduction and passage of the updated UAAA. NCAA government relations staff will be working with the Uniform Law Commission and other stakeholders to highlight the importance of passing the revised UAAA in state legislatures throughout the country. The involvement of NCAA members in these enactment efforts is encouraged as it has historically been very helpful in seeking adoption.

Higher Education Associations

NCAA government relations staff continues to build strong relationships with various higher education associations. The American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), among others, continue to provide guidance and support on issues of common interest. Also, the NCAA has been working closely with the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), which created an advisory group that will focus on policy issues related to collegiate athletics. The NCAA government relations staff looks forward to continuing these mutually beneficial relationships to better formulate and further the NCAA’s legislative goals.
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Academic Issues Subcommittee (DIII)
Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee (AW)
Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (DIII)
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (DIII)

Baker-Watson, Stevie [January 2020] NEW
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII) - NEW
Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (DIII) - NEW

Cummings-Danson, Gail [January 2019]
Academic Issues Subcommittee (DIII)
Postgraduate Scholarship Committee (AW)

Davis, Jr. Robert [January 2019]
Academic Issues Subcommittee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)
PC/MC Joint Legislative Steering Committee (DIII)

Hill, Shantey [January 2019]
Convention-Planning Subcommittee (DIII)
Interpretations and Legislative Committee (DIII)

Katz, R. Brit [January 2018]
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII)
PC/MC Joint Legislative Steering Committee (DIII)
ConventionPlanning Subcommittee (DIII)

Kimball, Chris [January 2019]
PC/MC Joint Legislative Steering Committee (DIII)
Research Committee (AW)

Leighton, Dennis [January 2018] (Vice Chair)
Walter Byers Scholarship (AW)
Academic Issues Subcommittee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII) - NEW
Administrative Committee (DIII) - NEW

Millerick, Frank [January 2017]
Honors Committee (AW)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)
Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (DIII)

Ragsdale, Chris [January 2017]
Membership Committee (DIII)
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)

Ranieri, Tracey [January 2017] (Chair)
Administrative Committee (DIII)
Board of Governors (Executive Committee (AW) – NEW
Championships Committee (DIII) - NEW
Convention Planning Subcommittee (DIII) – EX OFFICIO -NEW
PC/MC Joint Legislative Steering Committee (DIII) - NEW
Strategic Planning & Finance Committee (DIII) EX OFFICIO
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (DIII)

TBD
Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (AW)

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Championships Committee (DIII)
Convention-Planning Subcommittee (DIII)
Infractions Appeals Committee (DIII)

Salcedo, Jaime [January 2016]
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (DIII)
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII)

Small, Terry [January 2017]
Nominating Committee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)

Soriero, Julie [January 2017]
Olympic Sports Committee (AW)
Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (DIII)
Committee on Women’s Athletics (AW)

SAAC TBD
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)

Tompson-Wolfe, Karen [January 2019]
Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (AW)
Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (DIII)

VanAken, Troy [January 2018]
Administrative Committee (DIII)
PC/MC Joint Legislative Steering Committee (DIII)
Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (DIII)

Wansart, Terry [January 2017]
Financial Aid Committee (DIII)
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (DIII)
Academic Issues Subcommittee (DIII)

Young, Gerald [January 2018]
Committee on Infractions (DIII)
Championships Committee (DIII)
Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (DIII)

NOTE: COMMITTEES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW CURRENTLY HAVE AVAILABILITY FOR 2016.
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Introductions. NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee chair, Jody Mooradian, facilitated introductions of committee members, reviewed the agenda and highlighted key items for the meeting.

2. September 2014 Meeting Report. The committee approved the report as presented.

3. Legislative Update. NCAA staff provided an update on recently adopted legislation as well as proposals in the current 2016 legislative cycle relevant to the committee’s work.

4. Operation Gold versus Prize Money. The committee agreed to explore an additional legislative exception to the payment based on performance prohibition beyond Operation Gold and international incentive program exceptions to allow student-athletes to receive money based on place finish at world-level events from the international sport federation sponsor of the event. During a subsequent portion of the meeting, National Governing Body representatives expressed support for the concept. NCAA and U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) staff will compile a list of international federations which currently distribute prize money. The committee agreed to discuss the concept further at a future meeting or conference call.

5. USOC Update. USOC staff member Alan Ashley offered comments on the USOC’s current high performance strategies to support the work of National Governing Bodies. Mr. Ashley noted the continued interest of the USOC and National Governing Bodies to preserve opportunities in intercollegiate athletics to maintain the Olympic development pipeline. The USOC continues to work closely with National Governing Bodies and coaches associations to consider ways to better position Olympic sports for success (e.g., reduce expenses, minimize complexity to administer the sports, etc.). In addition, the USOC gave a report on continued work with athletics directors as well as a new initiative designed to fund projects aimed at preserving Olympic sports at the collegiate level.
6. **Review National Governing Body Handbook.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the updated National Governing Body Handbook along with a sample of a one-page summary aimed at educating student-athletes, prospective student-athletes and parents on various topics relevant to elite-level Olympic sport participation (e.g., one-page summary for each topic). The committee supported the development of additional topic summaries (e.g., national team tryouts, national team participation, evaluating professional opportunities, etc.) and discussed how to make the material available. NCAA staff will develop one-page summaries for the committee's review and consider options for distribution. These items will be reviewed by the committee during future meetings or conference calls.

7. **NCAA Division I Governance Update.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the NCAA Division I governance structure. The review included a description of the new governance structure along with an update on the creation of two working groups: (1) Values-Based Revenue Distribution; and (2) Sport Organizational Structure. The working groups were created after the Division I Strategic Summit to address topics raised by the participants. The groups are comprised by representatives from the Division I Board of Directors, Presidential Forum and Council and will conduct their work over the next 12 to 18 months.

8. **World University Games Update.** Craig Jonas, representative of BTI Events, provided an update on the most recent World University Games held in Gwangju, China and discussed the process for selecting teams and individual athletes to participate in the games. Committee members noted the value of the international and cross-cultural experience for participating student-athletes.

9. **Olympic Sports Liaison Committee Outreach to National Governing Bodies.** The committee continued discussion on ways for individual committee members to increase their engagement with National Governing Bodies consistent with the mutual interests of the USOC and the NCAA (e.g., create National Governing Body/sport assignments for each committee member). The committee approved a pilot which formalizes the outreach to National Governing Bodies, including the development of talking points, updates, and questions for committee members to review during periodic teleconferences with National Governing Body representatives. NCAA staff will work with USOC representatives to identify a list of National Governing Bodies that share an interest for increased communication with the committee in order to establish assignments for committee members. Additionally, the NCAA staff will develop talking points, etc. as needed.

10. **Meeting with Representatives of National Governing Bodies.** The committee met with representatives from the USOC and several National Governing Bodies. NCAA
staff provided updates to the group on the following: (1) NCAA legislation; (2) current efforts to partner with National Governing Bodies to execute youth events and tournaments at NCAA championship sites; (3) access to the National Governing Body Handbook and development of one-page education tools; and (4) plans to enhance the engagement of Olympic Sports Liaison Committee members with National Governing Bodies (refer to Informational Item No. 9).

The group also discussed NCAA limits on collegiate coaches working with student-athletes outside of the playing and practice season during elite-level competition. National Governing Body representatives voiced support for any efforts to allow student-athletes access to their collegiate coaches during such competition.

Additional questions from the National Governing Bodies sought to better understand the potential impact on Olympic sports as a result of changes to the Division I governance structure and the introduction of autonomy legislation. National Governing Body representatives reaffirmed the role of NCAA championship events as critical to the Olympic development pipeline and raised concern about any potential change that would reduce the sport sponsorship obligation for NCAA member institutions.

At the conclusion of the meeting with the National Governing Body representatives, the committee discussed the need to maintain open and regular lines of communication with National Governing Bodies to help them keep up with and anticipate changes in collegiate athletics that may impact the Olympic development pipeline. The committee emphasized the need to stay more expressly informed about discussions and actions concerning Olympic sports by the Division I Council, Division I Board of Directors and the Value-Based Revenue Distribution and the Sport Organizational Structure working groups.

11. **NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and Emerging Sports Update.** NCAA staff provided an overview of several topics covered during the recent meeting of the Committee on Women’s Athletics, including an update on the Emerging Sports Program and the Gender-Equity Task Force.

*Committee Chair: Jody Mooradian, Boston College, Atlantic Coast Conference  
Staff Liaisons: Wendy Walters, Education and Community Engagement  
Alex Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances*
Olympic Sports Liaison Committee
September 23-24, 2015, Meeting

**Attendees:**
- Robin Arnold, Holy Family University
- Kenneth Ferguson, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Celine Mangan, Notre Dame College (Ohio)
- Jennifer A. Miller-McEachern, Emerson College
- Jody Mooradian, Boston College
- Umarah Mughnee, Howard University
- Connor Passalacqua, State University New York Institute of Technology
- Ken Wang, Northwood University (Michigan)
- Eric Zillmer, Drexel University

**Absentees:**
- Jon Fagg, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- Lee McElroy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Stephanie Reilly, Providence College
- Julie Soriero, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Brian Wickstrom, University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Guests in Attendance:**
- Alan Ashley, USOC
- Doug Beal, USA Volleyball
- Rich Bender, USA Wrestling
- Frank Busch, USA Swimming
- Tom Crawford, USA Ultimate
- Craig Cress, USA Softball
- Anne Cribbs, USA Table Tennis
- Mary Emmons, USA Archery
- Jennifer Gallagher, USA Fencing
- Jen Geisheker, USOC
- Myriam Glez, USA Synchronized Swimming
- Simon Hoskins, USA Field Hockey
- Dave Johnson, USA Shooting
- Craig Jonas, BTI Events
- John Kessel, USA Volleyball
- Duffy Mahoney, USA Track & Field
- Lindsay Mintenko, USA Swimming
- Linda Paul, USA Diving
- Steve Penny, USA Gymnastics
- Chris Ramsey, USA Water Polo
- Kate Reisinger, USA Fencing
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