HOW THE NCAA WORKS: Division III

Division III complements academics and scholarships based on merit and financial need.

Because its mission is to ensure student-athletes have a well-rounded collegiate experience, Division III is the line NCAAdivision that does not permit scholarshps. The athletic experience is designed to complement time spent in the classroom and pursue other activities—some related to coursework, others extracurricular. Roughly 75 percent of Division III student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or merit-based scholarship. They have the same access to financial aid as the rest of the student body.

Access to competing in national championships is also important to Division III, where one of every 6.5 teams competes in the NCAA football championship. Division III is home to 190,000 student-athletes—the most in any division—who earn the opportunity to compete in 28 Division III national championships.

The division's philosophy and the rules that implement it are set by members, with input from the roughly 450 schools and more than 40 conferences.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

How is it set? Legislative proposals submitted by members are due to the national office.

Review process: These proposed pieces of legislation are published in NCAA legislation for a period of 10 days before the national convention.

Key deadlines: Deadline for Presidents Council to sponsor legislation is at the end of the NCAA conventions.

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An official Division II notice of legislation, which includes four revisions of all the proposals, is delivered to the corresponding Division II schools, including every president and athletics director.

AUG. 15

Deadline for Presidents Council to sponsor legislation to the national office.

SEP. 30

AUG. 1

Proposal takes effect on the dates specified in the legislation, usually Aug. 1 of year.

FINISH