Division III May Webinar
Management and Presidents Council Updates

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• The PowerPoint with notes is posted on the Division III homepage, DIII Webinars Link, on ncaa.org.
After receiving endorsement from Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) and Management Council, staff distributed a membership-wide survey to all institutions and conference offices in February. There was one response per institution/conference. A membership-wide survey is distributed every five years; the last being in 2013. The survey sought feedback on Division III principles, legislative standards, processes, initiatives and programs. Institutional feedback was shared with the Division III Management and President Councils in April and will be forwarded to specific Division III governance and sport committees. The feedback will assist in shaping future policies, legislation, programs and initiatives.

Approx. 70% of the membership completed the survey. The Councils reviewed during their April meetings and key information will be sent to specific governance committees for review.

Division III Membership Survey

- Distributed in February 2018 to every institution and conference office. One response per institution/conference.
- Survey captured feedback on Division III principles, legislative standards, processes, initiatives and programs.
- Approx. 70% of institutions completed the survey. Council reviewed and will distribute to other governance committees.
- Feedback used by governance committees to shape future policies, legislation and initiatives. Results shared with the membership in May monthly update.
Sexual Violence Prevention Policy


• Mandates education of athletics administrators, coaches and student-athletes. Institutions will determine the types and manner of education provided.

• The NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit and MyPlaybook are available educational tools.

• May 15 signoff deadline by the president/chancellor, athletics director and Title IX coordinator.

• Aug. review by BOG and list published on NCAA.org.

Sexual violence prevention policy. During its Aug. 8 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors adopted a Policy on Campus Sexual Violence that requires coaches, student-athletes and athletics administrators to complete education annually in sexual violence prevention. Institutions will determine the types and manner of education provided and the NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit is an available tool on NCAA.org.

When does the policy take effect? The policy is effective immediately, though the first deadline for attesting that the requirements have been met will be in spring 2018.

What is the deadline for completing the education for coaches, student-athletes and athletics staff? This education should be completed during the 2017-18 academic year to allow presidents or chancellors, athletics directors and Title IX coordinators to attest in the spring.

What is the deadline for presidents or chancellors, athletics directors and Title IX coordinators to attest that the education has occurred on campus? The signoff form will be available electronically beginning March 1, 2018, and must be completed by May 15, 2018.

What type of education meets the expectations of the policy? The policy allows member schools to determine the types and manner of education provided. The NCAA Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit can assist member schools in this effort. The tool kit provides checklists for campus collaboration and educational resources created specifically for student-athletes. Those resources include the online curriculum myPlaybook, which includes a course on sexual violence prevention.

What happens after the deadline? A list of schools that have attested to the requirements of the Policy on Campus Sexual Violence will be presented in a report to the Board of Governors in August 2018, then published on ncaa.org.
Division III Membership Dues Increase

- At the 2016 NCAA Convention, the membership voted to increase the Division III membership dues.
  - $900 to $2,000 for institutions.
  - $450 to $1,000 for conference offices.
- Original effective date was Sept. 2017. Delayed due to unanticipated budget revenue.
- At the request of SPFC, in April the Councils voted to implement the dues increase with the 2018-19 academic year.
- Division III will maintain all of the additional revenue ($519K) and use for nonchampionship initiatives.
Concussion Noncontroversial Legislation

• At the request of CSMAS, Management Council approved noncontroversial legislation effective immediately.

• The legislation amends the existing concussion management plan legislation:
  • To include language that the process and format should adhere to the NCAA concussion protocol checklist and template; and
  • The athletics health care administrator must review the plan annually and keep it on file.

• The legislation brings consistency to concussion safety protocol review and implementation for the Association.
2019 Key Governance Sponsored Legislation

- Football playing and practice seasons.
  - Defeated at 2018 Convention.
  - 2018 preseason waivers.
    - New proposal for 2019 includes: 23 days from first contest and 2 days off every 7 days after the acclimatization period.
    - Noncontroversial legislation approved to allow footballs in walk-through practices and flexibility in practice time hour usage.

Football preseason. The membership defeated 2018 Proposal No. 5, which included starting 25 days prior to the first game.

In March, the Administrative Committee approved three waivers for the 2018 football preseason: 1.) practice on day and half administrative day; use of footballs in walk-throughs and flexibility in practice time.

After membership feedback, the Division III Football Committee recommended and Management Council approved 2019 Convention legislation to start the football preseason practice 23 days from a school’s first contest and require a day off per week after the five day acclimatization period.

In April, the Management and Presidents Councils passed noncontroversial legislation to allow flexibility of the four-hour of practice time with no more than three hours during the contact practice and use of footballs allowed during the walk-throughs.
2019 Key Governance Sponsored Legislation

- Student-athlete mandatory graduation rate reporting. Current SA voluntary reporting is eight years old.

- Diversity and Inclusion Working Group requested the Councils consider annual mandatory reporting since ethnic minority males and football players are graduating at a lower rate.
  - Several benefits of mandatory reporting, including use of the NCAA IPP (not public data).
  - Some concerns related to administrative burden.

- Legislative proposal parameters.
  - Obligation of membership.
  - Failure to submit graduation rates, same penalty as current mandatory student body rate reporting – championship ineligibility.
  - First submission due date: Jun 2020.

The working group recently requested the Division III Councils consider annual mandatory reporting of student-athlete graduation rates. Currently, it is mandatory for institutions to report student body reporting and institutions may report student-athlete graduation rates on a voluntary basis. Over the past eight years of the reporting cycle, approximately 40 percent of the membership has provided at least one year’s student-athlete data. The Working Group analyzed the data and noted that consistently over the entirety of the voluntary reporting that ethnic minority men, and in particular football players, are graduating at a lower rate than their student-athlete peers as well as the general student body. This data trend prompted the working group’s request for legislative change. The working group also believes that there are several benefits to mandatory reporting.

a. A census of valid and reliable data will allow for legally and scientifically defensible evidenced-based best practices.

b. Student-athlete reporting is private and won’t be posted on NCAA.org. Enhancement to the Institutional Performance Program (IPP), the free self-assessment and benchmarking tool provided by the NCAA. Schools can review their data on the IPP as well as benchmark against peers and/or conference members.

c. Enable the Division III membership to better tell its very positive academic story and highlight its unique philosophy. The current data show that Division III student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the overall student-body, as well as student-athletes in other NCAA divisions.

Obstacles include administrative burden. However keep in mind that the financial aid office on an annual basis reports information on all student-athletes so it is coding student-athletes. Information could be shared and used for grad rate reporting.

During the April Council meetings, the Presidents Council endorsed the Management Council’s recommendation to sponsor 2019 Convention legislation.

Proposal parameters.
- Obligation of membership (same as Division I and II). Division III Membership Committee oversight. As new legislation, staff is recommending not detailing consequences initially within the proposed legislation. For example, attending Convention is an obligation of membership. If a school doesn’t attend, the Membership Committee follows a very prescription process and penalty.
- However, non-submission would follow the same format as the current mandatory submission of student body graduation rates, which is not being able to participate in NCAA championships. The last six years, no institution has received this penalty.
- Over time, the Council and the Membership Committee would determine if a more prescriptive process and penalty needs to be implemented.
- Effective date for first submission would be June 2020.

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2019 Key Governance Sponsored Legislation

- Deregulation of social media.
  - Allow friending and following PSAs.
  - Allow staff to respond to PSA content.
  - Similar to Divisions I and II.

- Full-time enrollment exception.
  - Extends the existing final term exception.

- Pre-enrollment educational expenses.
  - Allows individuals to accept educational expenses based on athletics ability prior to collegiate enrollment.

Deregulation of social media. Legislation would permit institutional staff members to connect with (e.g., "friend", "follow", etc.) prospective student-athletes on social media platforms. Further, to allow an institutional staff member to engage in actions that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that were generated by users of the platforms. This proposal would be the same that exists in Division I and II. Proposal allows two actions: 1.) notifies the PSA that he or she has received a friend request; and 2.) allows coaches to respond to content produced by the PSA.

Full-time enrollment exception. The legislation would extend the existing final term exception to the full-time enrollment requirement to include student-athletes that are carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements but have an outstanding experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.). A student-athlete that uses this exception would lose all remaining eligibility unless the student completes the credits necessary for graduation and participates in the experiential learning requirement by the next regular academic term. It provides flexibility for student-athletes who are unable to satisfy an experiential learning requirement in the same term in which they complete the other credits necessary for graduation.

Pre-enrollment educational expenses. Legislation to permit individuals to accept educational expenses, based on athletics ability, prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual other than an agent, professional sports team/organization or representative of an institution’s athletics interests, provided such expenses are disbursed directly through the recipient’s educational institution. Current standard that precludes PSA from receiving educational benefits is more restrictive than current SAs, who can receive assistance in recognition of high school athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance (e.g. Rotary club grant).
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