

HOW THE NCAA WORKS:

Division III

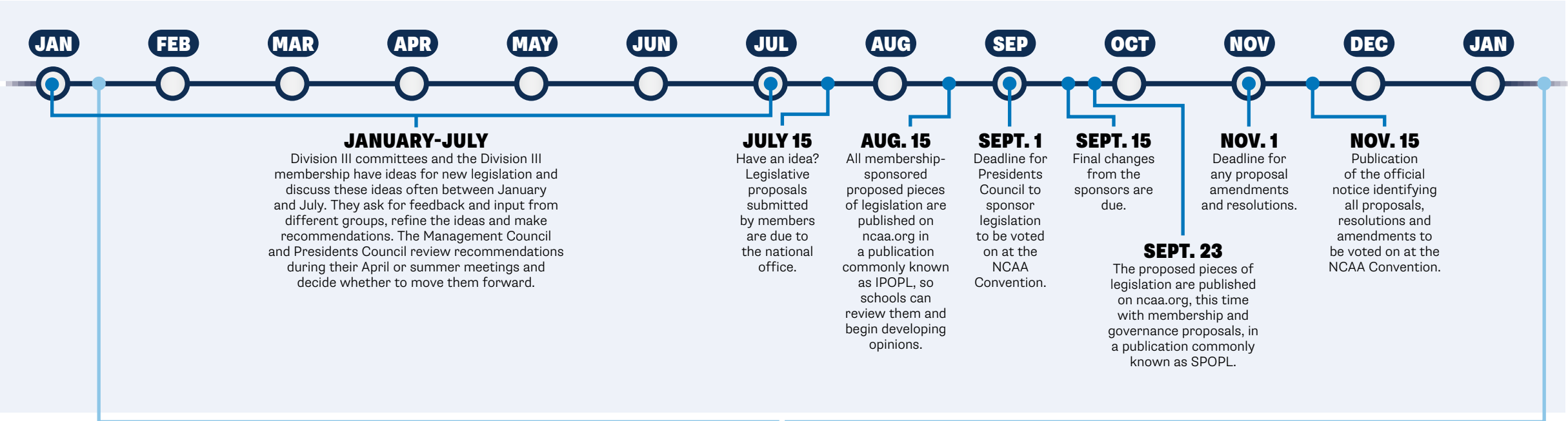
The Division III philosophy maintains that a student-athlete’s athletics are an integral part of a well-rounded college experience. The athletic experience is designed to complement time spent in the classroom and pursuing other activities – some related to coursework, others extracurricular.

While Division III doesn’t permit athletics scholarships, roughly 80% of Division III student-athletes receive some form of academic grant or need-based scholarship.

Access to competing in national championships is important to Division III, where one of every 6.5 teams competes in the NCAA postseason. Division III is home to more than 200,000 student-athletes – the most in any division – who can 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 hailing from approximately 430 schools and more than 40 conferences.

DIII Legislative Calendar and Convention Process

Legislative Calendar



Convention

The NCAA Convention, held each year in January, is the finish line for all sponsored proposals in Division III. Delegates from every school and conference gather during a Convention business session to cast their votes on each proposal.

Since the division was established in 1973, it has operated under a “one institution, one vote” model. The Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also has one vote at the business session.



Proposed Legislation

New rules in Division III begin in one of two ways. Proposals can start in Division III committees and be sponsored by the governance structure. Proposals can also be sponsored by the Division III membership if 20 active member schools or two conferences sign on as a sponsor.



Membership Votes

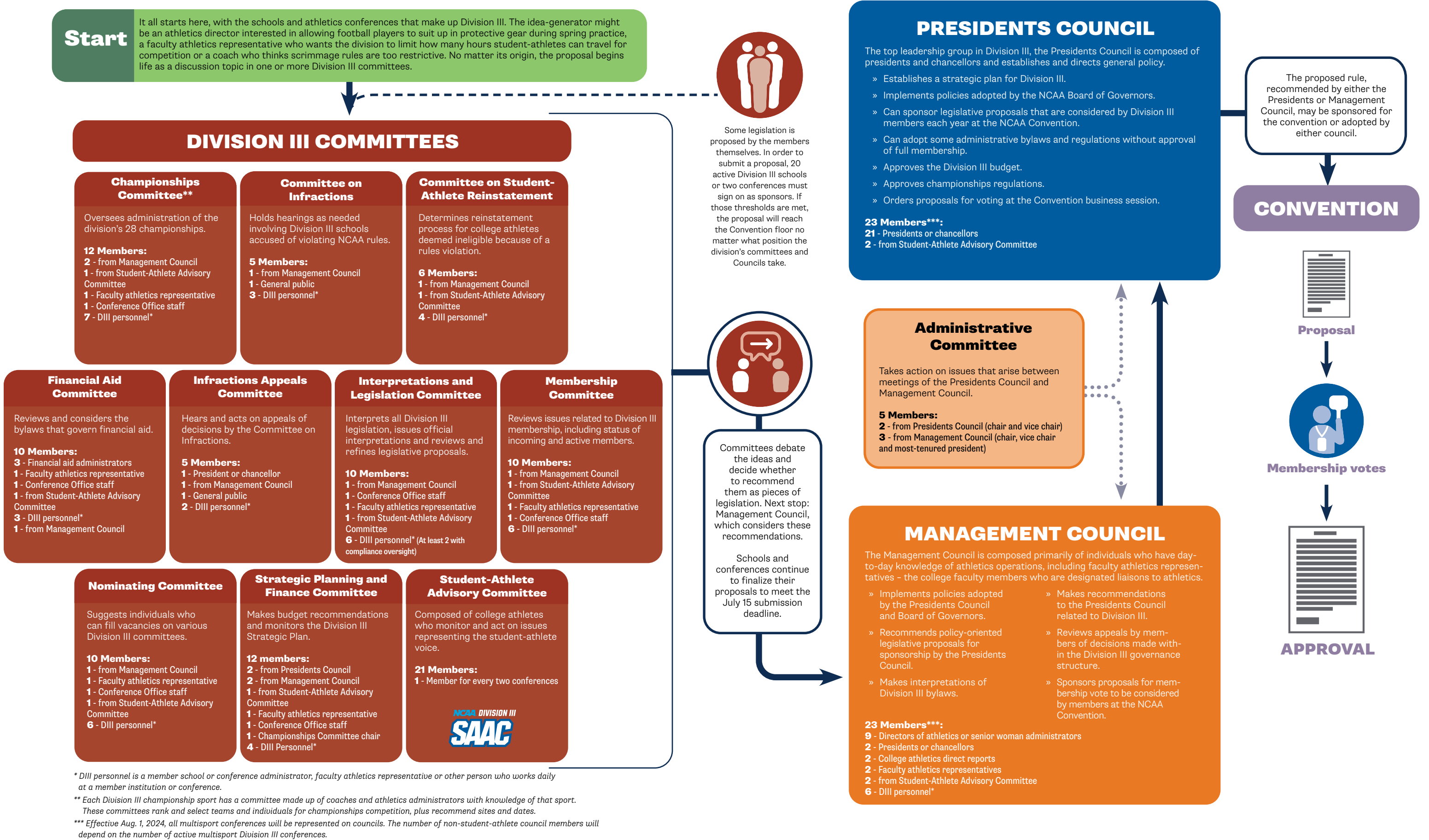
In most cases, Division III legislation requires only a simple majority vote of members present. Sometimes – such as in 2015, when the NCAA added beach volleyball as a championship sport – legislation applies to the entire Association, and each division must reach its own majority vote to pass.



Legislation Approved

Approved proposal takes effect on the date specified in the legislation, usually Aug. 1 of that year.

# NCAA Division III Legislative Process



\* DIII personnel is a member school or conference administrator, faculty athletics representative or other person who works daily at a member institution or conference.

\*\* Each Division III championship sport has a committee made up of coaches and athletics administrators with knowledge of that sport. These committees rank and select teams and individuals for championships competition, plus recommend sites and dates.

\*\*\* Effective Aug. 1, 2024, all multisport conferences will be represented on councils. The number of non-student-athlete council members will depend on the number of active multisport Division III conferences.