



SUMMARY OF SPRING 2023 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association

March 2, 2023, Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council;
April 17-18, 2023, Management Council; and April 26, 2023, Presidents Council

MARCH 2, 2023, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCE.

1. **Welcome.** The Presidents Council and Management Council convened their joint videoconference at 1:32 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, March 2. The Presidents Council vice chair welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Update on the NCAA Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.** The Councils received an update regarding the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action including talking points to assist members with conversation on campus, at conferences and with members of Congress.
3. **Update on the Current Legal Environment.** The Councils received an update on the current legal environment, including an overview the California College Athlete Protection Act. The Councils were informed that there are currently 30 states that have enacted legislation regarding name, image and likeness making it impossible for equity across the country. Finally, the Councils were provided an overview of the states that have introduced or enacted legislation related to student-athlete employment status.
4. **Divisional Advocates.** The Councils were provided an overview of the Division II advocates group that was established in February to help educate the Division II membership on the issues and NCAA asks of Congress.
5. **Membership Mobilization Strategy.** The Councils were provided an overview of the membership mobilization strategy, which includes three phases. The first phase was to educate the advocates, the second phase includes the advocates talking to constituents and the third phase has the advocates talking to legislatures.
6. **Adjournment.** The Councils adjourned at 2:31 p.m. Eastern time March 2.

APRIL 17-18, 2023, MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN-PERSON MEETING AND APRIL 26, 2023, PRESIDENTS COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCE.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 17. The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair noted that Theresa Hanson was unable to attend the meeting.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its videoconference at 11:02 a.m. Wednesday, April 26. The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

2. Review of Previous Minutes.

a. Winter 2023 Management Council and Presidents Council.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions document from its winter meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions document from its winter meeting.

b. NCAA Board of Governors.

(1) January 11 In-Person Meeting Report.

- **Elimination of the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its January 11 meeting. Per the request of the Board of Governors, the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. The council noted that the work associated with sportsmanship and ethical conduct will continue to be supported by the NCAA national office and committees and subcommittees in the divisional governance structure.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its January 11 meeting. No action was necessary.

(2) February 21 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity Videoconference Report.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its February 21 videoconference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its February 21 videoconference.

(3) Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update of the work of the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update of the work of the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.

c. Administrative Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

3. 2022-23 Division II Priorities.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the 2022-23 Division II priorities, noting that a draft list for 2023-24 priorities would be considered at the summer series of meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the 2022-23 Division II priorities, noting that a draft list for 2023-24 priorities would be considered at the summer series of meetings.

4. NCAA Convention and Legislation.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form one noncontroversial proposal that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal No. NC-2024-2), as presented. The proposal is listed below.

- **Proposal No. NC-2024-2: Committees -- Association-Wide Committees - - General Committees – Research Committee -- Elimination of Research Committee.** To eliminate the NCAA Research Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Memo for Inclusion of Proposals into the Division II Manual.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the inclusion into the 2023-24 NCAA Division II Manual of the proposals approved in legislative form and in concept at the April 2023 Management Council meeting that are considered the running supplements for the 2023 calendar year. These proposals will appear in the "blue pages" of the 2024 NCAA Division II Official Notice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. Review of Committee Recommendations Affecting Division II.

a. Division II Committees.

(1) Academic Requirements Committee.

- **Request for Feedback from NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Faculty Athletics Representative Association, and Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators – NCAA Bylaws 14.4 and 14.5.4 – Eligibility – Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements and Two-Year College Transfers.**

Management Council. The Management Council requested the Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators facilitate initial discussions and seek feedback on the current application of the progress-toward-degree requirements legislation (Bylaw 14.4) and two-year college transfer legislation (Bylaw 14.5.4) from their institutional compliance administrators on: (1) What are the obstacles on campus regarding certification and why; and (2) Possible streamlining opportunities on the current requirements without jeopardizing the academic success of student-athletes, including the overall grade-point average and the nine-credit hour requirement specific to transfers (Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1). Further, the Management Council requested that the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Faculty Athletics Representative Association provide feedback based on the discussions from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Championships Committee.**

(a) **January 20 Electronic Vote.**

• **Sport Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following sport and rules committee appointments:

- i. **Women’s Bowling. Ian Parisi**, head women’s bowling coach, Molloy College, to replace Dennis Kearney, head women’s bowling coach, Adelphi University, who resigned from the committee.
- ii. **Men’s and Women’s Cross Country. Andy Huber**, assistant director of athletics, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, to replace Inez Turner, head cross country coach, Fayetteville State University, who resigned from the committee.
- iii. **Football. Jas Bains**, head football coach, Western Colorado University, to replace Jon Anderson, head football coach, University of Sioux Falls, who resigned from the committee.
- iv. **Men’s and Women’s Track and Field. Danielle Anderson**, senior compliance administrator, Lone Star Conference, to replace Sarah Ramey, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, West Texas A&M University, who resigned from the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[The appointments noted above were approved January 24 by the Administrative Committee. They are included in the document for ease of reference.]

(b) **February 23-24 In-Person Meeting.**

i. Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2 – Division II Championships Committee – Duties.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2 (duties) to grant the Division II Championships Committee the authority to have final approval of Division II sport and rules committee appointments.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. Noncontroversial Legislation – Streamlining Bylaws 18 and 31.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend and combine Bylaws 18 (championships and postseason football) and 31 (executive regulations).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. Minimum Contests for Sports Sponsorship and Championship Selections.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council adjust the minimum contest/participant requirements for championship selection purposes as indicated in the table below.

Sport	Current Minimum Contests/Participants for Sports Sponsorship	Current Minimum Contests/Participants for Championship Selection	Recommended Minimums for Championship Selection
Football	8 contests	10 contests	9 contests (8 must be against Division II opponents)
Men's Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	7 contests (4 in championship segment); 12 rounds (6 in championship segment)	7 contests posting an official team score and 12 rounds (6 of which must occur in the spring season)

Women's Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	15 18-hole rounds (6 in championship segment)	7 contests posting an official team score and 12 rounds (6 of which must occur in the spring season)
Men's Lacrosse	8 contests	10 contests	10 contests
Men's Soccer	10 contests	15 contests (10 in-region Division II opponents and at least one in-region, nonconference Division II opponent)	10 contests (must include at least one in-region nonconference Division II opponent)

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the adjustment to the minimum contest/participant requirements for championship selection purposes.

iv. Division II Field Hockey Championship – Date Formula in Festival Years.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Presidents Council adjust the Division II Field Hockey Championship date formula in years during which the Division II Fall Championships Festival is held so that first-round games are played on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjusted the Division II Field Hockey Championship date formula in years during which the Division II Fall Championships Festival is held.

v. Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sport and rules committee appointments:

- (a) **Baseball. Bryce Darnell**, head baseball coach at Missouri Southern State University, to replace Steve Browning, director of athletics at Southern Arkansas University.
- (b) **Baseball Rules. Patrick McGaha**, head baseball coach at Harding University, to replace Mark Brew, head baseball coach at Lee University.

- (c) **Men's Basketball.** **Nate Burton**, director of athletics at West Virginia State University, to replace Darrell Brooks, head men's basketball coach at Bowie State University; and **Pryor Orser**, head men's basketball coach at Colorado School of Mines, to replace Michael McBroom, director of athletics at West Texas A&M University.
- (d) **Men's Basketball Rules.** **Vince Alexander**, head men's basketball coach at Clayton State University, to replace Jim Boone, head men's basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
- (e) **Women's Basketball.** **Allie DeWitt**, senior associate commissioner and senior woman administrator at the Mountain East Conference, to replace Jennie Morrison, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at California University of Pennsylvania; **Katie Webb**, assistant director of athletics at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, to replace Lori Hopkins, deputy director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Northwest Missouri State University; and **Jessica Carmack**, assistant director of athletics, head women's basketball coach and senior woman administrator at Christian Brothers University, to replace Thomas Jesse, head women's basketball coach at the University of Tampa.
- (f). **Women's Basketball Rules.** **Mike Simonson**, head women's basketball coach at Seattle Pacific University, to replace Alan Nakamura, head women's basketball coach at Biola University.
- (g) **Men's and Women's Cross Country.** **Zach Emerson**, assistant director of athletics and director of track and field and cross country at Franklin Pierce University, to replace Kevin Curtain, head cross country coach at Bentley University; **Katelyn Smith**, director of athletics at Adams State University, to replace Leigh Cordes, head cross country coach and senior woman administrator at Lubbock Christian University; and **Kevin Adkisson**, head cross country and track and field coach at Central Washington University, to replace Chris Bradford, head cross

country coach at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

- (h) **Field Hockey.** **Jessica Roque**, associate director of athletics at Adelphi University, to replace Carolyn King-Robitaille, assistant director of athletics and head field hockey coach at Saint Anselm College; and **Brittney Randolph**, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University, to replace Stacey Gaudette, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University.

[Note: Brittney Randolph was removed from consideration as the Nominating Committee was notified she left the institution and the new vacancy has been posted.]

- (i) **Football.** **Andy McKenzie**, head football coach at Assumption University, to replace Paul Leuken, assistant to the commissioner at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; and **John Wilson Jr.**, assistant director of athletics at Virginia State University, to replace Monica Gordy-Polizzi, formerly the director of compliance and senior woman administrator at Mars Hill University.
- (j) **Men's Soccer.** **Michael LaVato**, assistant director of athletics at American International University, to replace Wade Jean, head men's soccer coach at Saint Michael's College.
- (k) **Softball.** **Andrea Miller Grady**, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Allie DeWitt, assistant commissioner at the Mountain East Conference; and **Neil Morgan**, associate director of athletics at Biola University, to replace Rebekah Gasner, associate director of athletics for compliance and student-athlete services and senior woman administrator at Montana State University Billings.
- (l) **Softball Rules.** **Carla Campagna-Pessoa**, assistant director of athletics and head softball coach at Adelphi University, to replace Shena Hollar, head softball coach and senior woman administrator at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

- (m) **Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.** **Marc Danin**, head swimming and diving coach at Adelphi University, to replace Sara Smith, head swimming and diving coach at Roberts Wesleyan University.
- (n) **Men's and Women's Tennis.** **Christi Wade**, associate director of athletics at the University of West Alabama, to replace TJ Budd, assistant director of athletics at Palm Beach Atlantic University; and **Kelley Kish**, director of athletics at Wingate University, to replace Lee Underwood, head tennis coach at Barton College.

[Note: Kelley Kish was removed from consideration as the Nominating Committee was notified that she left the institution and the new vacancy has been posted.]
- (o) **Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules.** **Steve Johnson**, assistant director of athletics at Southern Nazarene University, to replace Bridget Johnson-Tetteh, associate commissioner at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (p) **Women's Volleyball.** **Laura Dahlby Nicolai**, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Central Washington University, to replace Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins, director of athletics at San Francisco State University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vi. **Division II Implementation Committee Referrals.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on the Division II Implementation Committee referrals, as follows:

- **Championships Structure.** The Championships Committee continued its discussion regarding the referral from the Implementation Committee based on a concept from the Implementation Committee's championships subcommittee to explore a championships structure that:

- a. Sets 35 as a uniform minimum sponsorship requirement to establish/maintain a Division II championship in men's and women's sports (with a five-year grace period if a sport falls below the minimum),
- b. Continues to offer the best access ratio among divisions (via a range from 4.5 to 6), and
- c. Grants automatic qualification (AQ) privileges to a championship once minimum sponsorship is reached (rather than rely on sport committee recommendation), unless AQs would comprise more than 75 percent of the bracket (which may result in a bracket expansion).

The committee discussed each of the components separately and took the following actions.

- a. **Sponsorship Requirements.** The committee reaffirmed its support for the recommendation to change the current sponsorship requirements for establishing a championship (50 for men's sports and 40 for women's sports) to 35 for each gender to ensure equity and consistency and to provide the Division II membership with additional access to championship opportunities. However, the committee determined that the originally proposed five-year grace period for sports that fall below the 35 minimum should be adjusted to three years, which the committee believes is sufficient time for a given sport to recover should it fall below the minimum without unduly extending the grace period and tying up resources that could otherwise be devoted to championships in good standing and emerging sports that merit championship consideration. The committee noted that as with many other legislated requirements, a waiver process would exist should institutions/conferences want to appeal the grace period.

- b. **Access Ratio Range.** The committee reviewed additional materials regarding access ratio by sport and talked at length about the impact the proposed range would have across the board. After discussion, the committee agreed that the access ratio range, originally proposed as being from 4.5 to 6, be adjusted to 4.25 to 6 to further protect existing brackets in those sports sponsored by a large majority of the Division II membership while ensuring equitable use of funds across championships. The committee also expressed a preference that the access ratio component be policy rather than legislated to provide the committee the flexibility to adjust it more quickly as necessary in the future.
- c. **Automatic Qualification.** The committee discussed AQ from a philosophical perspective and agreed that it is a distinguishing component of the Division II championships program that should be retained. As such, the committee reaffirmed its support for the AQ portion of the original recommendation, noting that AQ should be a defined benchmark rather than be left to a sport committee's discretion. The committee also noted that the earned access model in football may be contrary to the philosophy of providing guaranteed access for conferences to championships. The committee expressed interest in exploring a modified version that would automatically grant the highest ranked team in a conference access to the championship regardless of rank. This would avoid potential challenges at the conference level in determining a conference champion while maintaining the core principle of access to the championship consistent with other sports.

Overall, the committee noted that while these concepts have been circulated at least informally within the Division II membership for almost a year and the committee has heard some initial feedback,

the concepts have not been vetted enough at this point to craft a formal recommendation. Understanding the significance and impact of these proposals on the Division II membership and acknowledging that the committee has adjusted some of the components as cited above, the committee asked staff to seek feedback from sport committees, the Division II coaches connection groups, select Division II leadership groups (i.e., the Division II Athletics Directors Association and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association) and the Division II Management Council, which meets in April, on these revised recommendations with the intent of finalizing them during the Championships Committee's June meeting (which would meet the deadline for submitting legislative proposals for the 2024 Convention).

The Management Council discussed the concepts and supported most of them. The council noted that the number 35 makes sense for sponsorship of a championship, but it was also asked if instead of a set number the determination should be made based on a certain percentage of the membership sponsoring the sport. The council also noted the importance of being mindful of potential impact that this change could have on several championships that are close to that 35 number, and potential impact on enrollment at institutions sponsoring those sports. Finally, a few members expressed concerns with potentially changing the current model for earned access in football.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the Implementation Committee referrals and noted that some emerging sports have higher sponsorship numbers than some current Division II championship sports. The council encouraged looking at emerging sports as part of this review.

(c) March 20 Electronic Vote.

- **Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following sport and rules committee appointments:

- i. **Women’s Golf (immediate vacancy).** **Benjamin Greenburg**, director of sports communications, Colorado State University Pueblo, to replace Melanie Robotham, assistant commissioner and senior woman administrator, Lone Star Conference, who resigned from the committee.
- ii. **Women’s Gymnastics (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** **Lisa Bowerman**, head gymnastics coach, Texas Woman’s University, to replace Kasey Crawford, head gymnastics coach, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, due to term expiration (this slot on the committee can be filled by an appointee from either Division II or Division III).
- iii. **Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules (immediate vacancy).** **Keith Davie**, director of athletics, Alliance University, to replace Patrick Britz, commissioner, South Atlantic Conference, who resigned from the committee.
- iv. **Wrestling Rules (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** **Wyatt Hall**, assistant athletics director for athletics communications, University of Montevallo, to replace Austin DeVoe, head wrestling coach, Colorado School of Mines, due to term expiration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note: The appointments noted above were approved March 21 by the Administrative Committee. They are included in the document for ease of reference.]

(d) April 6 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's April 6 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Degree Completion Award Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 6 in-person meeting report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Legislation Committee.**

(a) **February 1 Videoconference.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.2.4.2 -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment -- Standardized Dates for End of Grace Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) to permit the use of a standard date (October 1 for fall enrollees; March 1 for winter/spring enrollees) to determine the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **March 21-22 Videoconference.**

- i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 – Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Four-Year College Transfers – Exceptions for Transfers from Four-Year Colleges – One-Time Transfer Exception – Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception) to specify that the June 15 written notification of transfer date is not applicable to student-athletes transferring from a non-Division II institution (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the noncontroversial legislation adopted by the Management Council.

ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Amateurism – Various Bylaws – Definition of Agent and Use of Agents – Effective Date.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2023-8 (amateurism – various bylaws – definition of agent and use of agents) from August 1, 2023, to August 1, 2023, for any prospective student-athlete initially enrolling full time at a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2023.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. **Name, Image and Likeness – Guidance Related to Institutional Involvement in a Student-Athlete’s Name, Image and Likeness Activities.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted a policy to provide guidance on institutional involvement with enrolled student-athletes’ name, image and likeness activities.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the policy to provide guidance on institutional involvement with enrolled student-athletes’ name, image and likeness activities.

(5) **Committee for Legislative Relief.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 23 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) **February 7 In-Person Meeting.**

- **Overview of Institutions that Submitted Applications for NCAA Division II Membership in 2023.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the six institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2023-24 academic year:

- i. Jessup University;
- ii. Menlo College;
- iii. Roosevelt University;
- iv. Sul Ross State University;
- v. Talladega College; and
- vi. Vanguard University.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the six institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2023-24 academic year.

(b) **April 13 Videoconference.**

- i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 7.3.1.7.1.3 – Active Membership – Institutions – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend the minimum contest/participant requirements for sports sponsorship as indicated in the table below.

Sport	Current Minimum Contests/Participants for Sports Sponsorship	Recommended Minimum Contests/Participants for Sports Sponsorship
Football	8 contests	9 contests

Men’s Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	7 contests with 5 participants
Women’s Golf	6 contests with 5 participants	7 contests with 5 participants
Men’s Lacrosse	8 contests	10 Contests

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation –Bylaw 7.4.1.5.3.1–(a)-(2) – Provisional Membership – Provisional Period – Assessment Program – Removal of Institutional Self-Study Guide.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the requirement that institutions in year one of the provisional period must complete a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of its intercollegiate athletics program using the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) as part of the membership process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- iii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Division II Bylaw 7.4.1.5.3.1-(d)-(1) – Provisional Membership – Provisional Period – Assessment Program – Director of Athletics Attendance at the NCAA Inclusion Forum.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 7.4.1.5.3.1-(d)(1) to add the director of athletics as a required institutional representative at the NCAA Inclusion Forum once during the three-year provisional membership period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- iv. **Division II Membership Committee – NCAA Division II Membership Guiding Principles.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Presidents Council approve the NCAA Division II Membership Guiding Principles [Attachment].

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the membership guiding principles.

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

(a) **January 10 In-Person Meeting.**

i. **NCAA Division II Nominating Committee Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change to the Division II Nominating Committee policies and procedures to allow individuals to serve on more than one committee at a time under specific parameters.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. **Committee Term Extension and Appointment.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Administrative Committee approved the following term extension and appointment:

(a) **NCAA Student Records Review Committee (One Year Term Extension).** Heather Lewis, secondary school member.

(b) **NCAA Division II Legislation Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Alex Pappas).** Matt Green, senior associate director of athletics, Flagler College, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note: The term extension and appointment noted above were approved January 24 by the Administrative Committee. They are included in the document for ease of reference.]

iii. **Committee Appointments and Reappointments (September 2023 Appointments).**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments and reappointments, effective September 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted:

- (a) **NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.** **Jason Jones**, assistant athletics director, Limestone University, South Atlantic Conference.
- (b) **NCAA Division II Championships Committee.** **Terence Beattie**, director of athletics, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (Atlantic region); and **Karen Haag**, senior woman administrator, The College of Saint Rose, Northeast-10 Conference (East region).
- (c) **NCAA High School Review Committee (one July 2023 vacancy).** **Christopher Huff**, secondary school member.
- (d) **NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions.** **Richard Loosbrock**, faculty athletics representative, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Term 3); and **Leslie Schuemann**, senior associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, Great Midwest Athletic Conference (Term 2).
- (e) **NCAA Division II Infractions Appeals Committee.** **Eddie Weatherington**, senior associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Term 3); and **Doug Blais**, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference (Term 3).
- (f) **NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.** **Kayla Lothian**, assistant director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Dominican University of California, Pacific West Conference; **Dawn B. Makofski**, senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator, University of Montevallo, Gulf South Conference; and **Suzanne Sanregret**, director of athletics and recreation, Michigan Technological

University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- (g) **NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief.** **Robert Fiedler**, assistant athletic director, University of Tampa, Sunshine State Conference.
- (h) **NCAA Division II Membership Committee.** **Thomas Newsom**, president, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Great American Conference; **Michael Bazemore**, director of athletics, Montana State University Billings, Great Northwest Athletic Conference; **Rob Mallory**, director of athletics, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and **Christie Ward**, deputy athletic director/senior woman administrator, Catawba College, South Atlantic Conference.
- (i) **NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** **Tommye Robinson**, assistant athletic director/senior woman administrator, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, Lone Star Conference.
- (j) **NCAA Division II Nominating Committee.** **Bridget Johnson-Tetteh**, associate commissioner, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (k) **NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** **Lexie Vernon**, assistant commissioner/senior woman administrator, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
- (l) **NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** **Denise Wisniewski**, assistant athletic director/senior woman administrator, Chestnut Hill College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; and **Lynn Griffin**, director of athletics, Coker University, South Atlantic Conference (Term 2).
- (m) **NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics.** **Dawn Turner**, deputy athletic director, Lander University, Peach Belt Conference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(b) March 14 Videoconference.

i. Committee Appointments and Term Extension (Immediate Appointments).

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Administrative Committee approved the following appointments, effective immediately:

- (a) NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Bennett Cherry). **Deborah Narang**, faculty athletics representative, University of Alaska Anchorage, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (b) NCAA Division II Nominating Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Tony Duckworth). **Jasher Cox**, director of athletics, Allen University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note 1: The appointments noted above were approved March 21 by the Administrative Committee. They are included in the document for ease of reference.]

[Note 2: Jasher Cox was removed from consideration as the individual is from a provisional member institution, therefore, unable to serve on the committee and the new vacancy has been posted.]

ii. Committee Appointments (September 2023 Appointments).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following appointments, effective September 1, 2023:

(a) **NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.** **Liz Jorn**, faculty athletics representative, Truman State University, Great Lakes Valley Conference; and **Krista Plummer**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Northwood University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

(b) **NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.** **Katherine Rowe Fell**, president, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(8) Planning and Finance Committee.

- **2022-23 Year to Date Budget to Actual Report.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2023.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2023.

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

- **January 10-11 In-Person Meeting and March 19 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 10-11 in-person and March 19 videoconference reports and received a verbal update on the April 2023 meeting and Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the April 2023 Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention.

b. Division II Project Teams, Subcommittees and Task Forces.

(1) Convention Planning Project Team.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the survey results from the 2023 NCAA Convention. The Management Council discussed the 2024 Convention proposed schedule, as well as educational program suggestions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the project team's report, the 2023 Convention survey results, as well as the 2024 Convention proposed schedule and educational program suggestions.

(2) Identity Subcommittee.

• **March 8 Videoconference and April 17 In-Person Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the subcommittee's March 8 videoconference report as well as received an update from the April 17 in-person meeting, including the planning for the Division II 50th anniversary celebration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Association-Wide Committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

• **December 12, 2022, and February 20-21 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's December 12 and February 20-21 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 8 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 2 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

(a) January 11 In-Person Meeting.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing Rules Oversight Panel and Rules Committees – Duties – Elimination of Common Rules Requirement.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the requirement that playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation.

(b) Discussion Regarding Potential Division II Process for Federated Playing Rules.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of a potential process for review of federated playing rules and provided feedback regarding the potential process.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the potential process for federated playing rules.

(5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 27-28 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Committee on Woman's Athletics.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 14 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. Breakout Sessions for Division II Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council participated in breakout sessions Tuesday morning, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on the SWOT analysis

that was conducted in 2021 for the Division II Strategic Plan. The Management Council discussed and shared thoughts on new issues that needed to be updated in the previous SWOT analysis. In addition, the council discussed additional areas for review given recent events (e.g., the work of the Division II Implementation Committee and the BOG Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. Division II Management Council.

a. Discussion Regarding Nomination and Selection Process for 2024 Vacancies for Division II Management Council.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the nomination and election process for the 2024 vacancies for the Management Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council committee and project team assignments.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its committee and project team assignments.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Management Council Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the policies and procedures, as recommended.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the anticipated activities for the joint summit of the Management Council and SAAC in July.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. Division II Presidents Council.

a. Process for Selection of Independent Members for the Division II Executive Board. The Presidents Council approved a new process for the selection of independent members for the Division II Executive Board.

b. April 20 Planning and Finance Committee Videoconference.

- (1) **Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.** The Presidents Council approved the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles, as presented.
- (2) **Division II Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24.** The Presidents Council approved the budget requests for the 2023-24 fiscal year, as recommended by the Planning and Finance Committee.

c. NCAA Media Rights Update. The Presidents Council received a media rights update.

d. Division II's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The Presidents Council was updated on the plans for celebrating Division II's 50th anniversary.

e. Division II Academic Success Rate and Federal Graduation Rates. The Presidents Council received information on the trends in Academic Success Rates and Federal Graduation Rates at Division II institutions.

9. National Office Updates.

a. Executive.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president.

b. Legal.

Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update from the NCAA director of legal affairs on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a legal update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA director of legal affairs.

c. Sport Science Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including the Mental Health Advisory Group; the banned drug list; and athletic trainer and workforce issues.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including the Mental Health Advisory Group; the banned drug list; and athletic trainer and workforce issues.

d. Joint Women’s Basketball Championship.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided a recap of the joint Women’s Basketball Championships that was held in Dallas, Texas.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided a recap of the joint Women’s Basketball Championships that was held in Dallas, Texas.

e. Division II Make It Yours Brand/Marketing Strategy.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on the Division II Make It Yours brand and marketing strategy.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the Division II Make It Yours brand and marketing strategy.

f. Make Game Day Yours.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on the Make Game Day Yours initiative.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. Affiliated Association Updates

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations.

- a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association.**
- b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association.**
- c. **College Sports Communicators.**
- d. **Faculty Athletics Representative Association.**
- e. **Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association.**
- f. **National Association for Athletics Compliance.**

g. Women Leaders in College Sports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. Other Business.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

12. Meeting Recap/Things to Report Back to Conferences.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included: webinars for the current state of college sports and the work of the Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action; changes to minimum contests for sports sponsorship and selection criteria; exception for the June 15 date for notification of transfer for non-Division II student-athletes; NIL guidance; Make Game Day Yours Modules in Division II University; new vacancies for Division II governance structure; and the Management Council meeting article.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. Future Meetings.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2023 through January 2024.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2023 through January 2024.

14. Adjournment.

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 11:15 a.m. April 18.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 3:32 p.m. Eastern time April 26.

March 2, 2023, Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council; April 17-18, 2023, Management Council; and April 26, 2023, Presidents Council	
Attendees:	
Management Council	Presidents Council
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College (<i>April 26</i>)
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Carlos Campo, Ashland University

Curtis Campbell, Morehouse College	Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul (<i>March 2 and April 26</i>)
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University (<i>April 26</i>)
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Mark Corino, Caldwell University	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Steven Shirley, Minot State University
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Theresa Hanson, Simon Fraser University (<i>May 18</i>)	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin (<i>April 26</i>)
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	Frank Wu, Queen College (New York)
Kristi Kiefer Fairmont State University	
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College	
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University	
Corbin Thaete, California State university, San Marcos	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	
Vaughn Williams, director of athletics, Bentley University	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	
Absentees:	
Theresa Hanson, Simon Fraser University (<i>March 2 and April 17-18</i>)	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College (<i>March 2</i>)

	Michaela Boyd, Palm Beach Atlantic University
	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University (March 2)
	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University
	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin (March 2)
Guests in Attendance	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor (April 17-18)	
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker (April 17-18 and April 26), Tim Buckley (April 17-18 and April 26), Dawn Buth (March 2), Dan Gavitt (April 26), Haydyn Gibson (March 2), Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline (April 17-18, April 26), Ty Halpin (April 17-18), Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Karen Kirsch, Micaela Liddane, Jordan Lysiak, Corbin McGuire, Rebecca Burchette Medel (March 2), John Parsons (April 17-18, April 26), Stephanie Quigg (March 2, April 17-18), Angela Red, Anne Rohlman (April 17-18, April 26), Olivia Sappington, Rachel Seewald (April 17-18), Jared Tidemann (April 17-18, April 26), Robert Turick, Cari Van Senus (March 2 and April 26) and Jill Waddell.	

NCAA Division II Membership Guiding Principles

Below is a list of guiding principles as it relates to strategic membership growth, the role of the NCAA Division II Membership Committee and the purpose of the membership process:

1. Division II is committed to strategic manageable growth.
2. The division will continue to be selective in its decisions related to membership.
3. Division II should aim to be seen as a destination division.
4. The membership process will account for membership growth (both new institutions and new conferences), while also aiming to maintain active member benefits, including: the NCAA Division II revenue distribution (formerly known as the NCAA Division II enhancement fund); the NCAA Division II conference strategic priorities fund (formerly known as the conference grant program); and championships access ratios.
5. The Membership Committee is the gatekeeper for the division as it relates to membership and strategic growth.
6. The requirements associated with the membership process and the expectations of institutions applying for membership will support the philosophy of the division.
7. The Membership Committee will only accept institutions and conferences into the membership process that are ready to begin the process and use the process to guide them to be ready for active Division II membership.
8. To ensure success as an active Division II member, institutions in the membership process will have requirements that may not be an active member requirement to ensure that the quality of the division is maintained and to encourage institutions going through the membership process to raise the level in the division.
9. The conference offices shall be involved and engaged with institutions that are in the membership process. This involvement should be focused on assisting, mentoring, and educating the institution that the conference is sponsoring.