



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 19-20, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Division II Championships and Enforcement Fine Allocation.**
  - a. Recommendation. Approve a new allocation model for championships and enforcement fine dollars to Division II honorees of the Division II Award of Excellence; to Team IMPACT<sup>®</sup> for current and new Division II matches; and to Make-A-Wish<sup>®</sup> for Division II campus wish reveals, as follows:
    - 1) Award of Excellence. Approximately \$7,500.
    - 2) Team IMPACT. Sixty percent of remaining funds after Award of Excellence distribution.
    - 3) Make-A-Wish. Forty percent of remaining funds after Award of Excellence distribution to supplement Division II institutions that fundraise less than the national average cost of a wish reveal in an academic year, which is currently \$10,000.
  - b. Effective Date. Sept. 1, 2023. The championships and enforcement fine money received during the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins on Sept. 1, 2023, and ends on Aug. 31, 2024, will go towards the 2025 Award of Excellence finalists (including the top three recipients, conference winners, independent winners and at-large winners); Team IMPACT; and Make-A-Wish.
  - c. Rationale. In November 2004, the Division II Administrative Committee approved that monetary fines collected by sports committees for violations of NCAA Bylaws 31.1.8 (misconduct), 31.1.9 (failure to adhere to policies and procedures) and 31.1.9.2 (late-entry fines) and any fine established by the Division II Championships Eligibility Project Team be distributed to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's fundraising efforts. From 2004 to 2015, these fine monies benefitted Make-A-Wish as a lump sum donation from Division II. In summer 2015, the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council approved a recommendation from SAAC to (1) allocate fine monies to ensure that all Division II conferences experience a wish reveal on one of their campuses; (2) use a portion of remaining fine monies to enter into a formal partnership with Team IMPACT; and (3) any

remaining fine monies following the two items above would be donated to Make-A-Wish on behalf of Division II student-athletes.

SAAC has regularly reviewed the above allocation model and evaluated the progress in their partnerships. In January 2019, the Presidents Council approved the division's current allocation model for its championships and enforcement fine dollars to benefit Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish. The action taken by the Presidents Council was effective starting with the 2018-19 fiscal year. The recommendation approved the division donating 75 percent of its championships and enforcement fine money to Team IMPACT and 25 percent to Make-A-Wish to supplement Division II institutions that fundraise less than the national average cost of a wish reveal in an academic year, which is currently \$10,000.

In the current model, in 2021-22, Team IMPACT received \$94,489.37 and Make-A-Wish received \$31,496.46, with seven schools receiving fine money to host a reveal. The committee would like to continue using fine monies to support these two partnerships and also to increase the award monies for Award of Excellence recipients. The committee is requesting the fine monies be earmarked in the following ways starting with the 2023-24 fiscal year:

- 1) Award of Excellence. The award that each conference winner, independent winner and at-large winner receives will increase by \$250 from the championships and enforcement fine money. This increase will result in the award going from \$500 to \$750 for each conference winner, independent winner and at-large winner. In addition, the award that the top three national finalists (first place, second place and third place) receive will increase by \$500 from the championships and enforcement fine money. This increase will result in the award going from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for third place; from \$1,250 to \$1,750 for second place; and from \$2,500 to \$3,000 for the national winner. Over the last seven years, the Award of Excellence has averaged 24 honorees each year, which would result in approximately \$7,500 of the championships and enforcement fine money being allocated annually towards Division II honorees to make a larger impact within their community.
- 2) Team IMPACT. Sixty percent of the fine monies remaining after the Award of Excellence distribution. The Team IMPACT model provides teams with an opportunity to build a multiyear relationship that the committee believes can continue to impact student-athletes across an athletics department.
- 3) Make-A-Wish. Forty percent of the fine monies remaining after the Award of Excellence distribution to supplement Division II

institutions that fundraise less than the national average cost of a wish reveal in an academic year, which is currently \$10,000. The committee believes it is important to continue to supplement wish reveals for the impact they provide to the child, their family and the institution. Additionally, the committee would like to continue to support the conferences and institutions that fundraise for Make-A-Wish and the division's long-standing partnership.

The money in the championships and enforcement fine account at the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year will go towards the 2025 Award of Excellence finalists, including the top three recipients, conference winners, independent winners and at-large winners, Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish. Since Division II is currently in the 2022-23 fiscal year, the allocation model changes will be notified to Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish prior to the 2023-24 fiscal year. Division II will donate a portion of its championships and enforcement fine money to Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish using the new allocation model for the first time in fall 2024. Further, by November 2024, Division II conferences and institutions will nominate for the 2025 Award of Excellence that will be given at the 2025 NCAA Convention. Therefore, the first time the new championships and enforcement fine allocation model will benefit the Award of Excellence top three recipients, conference winners, independent winners and at-large winners will be for the 2025 award.

- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- e. Estimated Student-Athlete Impact. The distribution to the Award of Excellence recipients will continue to encourage institutions and conferences to make an impact within their communities. This recommendation will also support further growth of Team IMPACT throughout the division; thereby giving more teams the opportunity to be matched with a child. The recommendation shows a continued commitment by Division II campus and conference student-athlete advisory committees to raise funds for Make-A-Wish.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Establish Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Positions for 2023 NCAA Convention.** The committee reviewed and supported 11 of the 12 legislative proposals that will be voted on by the Division II membership at the 2023 Convention. The committee opposed Proposal No. 2023-9 due to concerns the proposal would negatively affect the division's Life in the Balance philosophy and put unnecessary stress on prospective and current student-athletes. Committee members discussed how their conference voted on each proposal and offered additional feedback they received. The 2023 Division II business session marks the eighth time national SAAC will cast its vote on the proposed legislation.

The committee discussed the following pieces of proposed legislation:

- a. **Proposal No. 2023-1 (2-2):** NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control – Active Membership – Institutions – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Financial Data Requirement – Penalty for Failure to Submit Financial Data. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- b. **Proposal No. 2023-2 (2-3):** NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control – Active Membership – Institutions – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Elimination of Self-Study and Evaluation. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- c. **Proposal No. 2023-3 (2-5):** Legislative Process – Amendment Process – Notification to Membership – Elimination of Initial Publication and Second Publication – Timing of Official Notice. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- d. **Proposal No. 2023-4 (2-10):** Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Elimination of Standardized Test Score Requirements (SAT or ACT). **Committee Position: Supports.**
- e. **Proposal No. 2023-5 (2-12):** Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Availability of Alcoholic Beverages at Division II Championships. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- f. **Proposal No. 2023-6 (2-1):** NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Stunt. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- g. **Proposal No. 2023-7 (2-4):** Division II Organizational Structure – Presidents Council – Management Council – Administrative Committee – Planning and Finance Committee. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- h. **Proposal No. 2023-8 (2-6):** Amateurism – Various Bylaws – Definition of Agent and Use of Agents. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- i. **Proposal No. 2023-9 (2-7):** Recruiting and Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of Playing Season – Summer Access – Voluntary Workouts for Team Sports. **Committee Position: Opposes.**
- j. **Proposal No. 2023-10 (2-8):** Eligibility and Playing and Practice Seasons – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule and Football – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility and Out-Of-Season Athletically Related Activities – Exception – Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment and Spring Practice –

Scrimmage Against a Four-Year Collegiate Institution. **Committee Position: Supports.**

- k. **Proposal No. 2023-11 (2-9):** Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Competition – Up to Three Contests – Football. **Committee Position: Supports.**
- l. **Proposal No. 2023-12 (2-11):** Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations and Basketball – Basketball First Permissible Practice Date. **Committee Position: Supports.**
2. **Preparation for 2023 Convention Division II Business Session.** The committee assigned members to speak on legislative proposals for the 2023 Division II business session.
3. **2023 Convention Overview.** The committee was presented with the 2023 Convention schedule. SAAC members will attend their January meeting, then participate in Convention programming.
4. **2023 Convention Education Sessions.** This year, five education sessions will be offered by Division II. The education session “Civic Engagement Best Practices” will include a national SAAC member. The other four education sessions are “Mental Wellness from a Coaches’ Perspective,” “FAR Programming,” “The Great Resignation of Athletic Trainers” and “Make Game Day Yours Resources.”
5. **2023 SAAC Elections.** The committee will hold its annual elections during its January 11 committee meeting. The committee received a preview of the positions that will be open for election. Committee members will submit nominations for the open positions before the January committee meeting.
6. **Discussion on SAAC Elections Process.** The committee amended its policies and procedures document as it relates to its election process. SAAC members who are currently serving on another Division II or Association-wide committee do not need to resign from that committee to run for another committee. SAAC members who do not serve on the executive board may serve on up to two additional committees (standing or project team/task force that is limited in scope or duration). Executive board members are permitted to serve on a project team or task force. The order of the committee’s elections is chair, vice chair, internal operations coordinator, external communications coordinator, Presidents Council, Management Council, remaining Division II committees in alphabetical order and Association-wide committees in alphabetical order. The committee elected to table for a future discussion whether it should have a hard nominations deadline; whether executive board members, except for the vice chair who as part of their responsibilities serves on the Legislation Committee, can serve on additional Division II or Association-wide committees; and the committee’s current policy

that requires committee members interested in running for Presidents Council or Management Council to serve at least one year on SAAC.

7. **Updates on 2022-23 SAAC Goals.** Each task force discussed its designated goal and provided the committee with an update on their recent and upcoming action items. The areas of emphasis discussed were part of the committee's overarching goal, "Total Package Student-Athlete," which includes diversity and inclusion, mental health and Life After the Game.
  - a. **Diversity and Inclusion.** The diversity and inclusion task force will interview Division II student-athletes on their student-athlete experience. The task force will select a variety of student-athletes from diverse backgrounds to be interviewed by members of the task force. Once the interviews are complete, they will be shared on the Division II National SAAC Twitter.
  - b. **Mental Health.** The mental health task force created their first Mental Health Newsletter and shared the document on the Division II National SAAC Twitter. The newsletter focuses on back-to-school resources to share, and initiatives student-athletes can start at their institution. The next newsletter will focus on tips to deal with the holidays and possible isolation and provide helpful campus SAAC resources. This upcoming newsletter will be released around the winter holidays.
  - c. **Life After the Game.** The Life After the Game task force continues to share their "Champions for Life" podcast on the Division II National SAAC Twitter. Each month a new podcast is shared that focuses on preparing student-athletes for life once their playing careers conclude. The task force also created a professional development resource that offers a variety of resources and provides helpful tips to keep in mind when creating a resume.
8. **Division II's Inaugural Civic Engagement Day Recap.** At the 2022 Convention, Division II adopted legislation that prohibits countable athletically related activities, including practices and games on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November every year. The purpose of the legislation is to give student-athletes an opportunity to take part in civic engagement activities such as volunteering and voting on one day annually.

This past November 8 was the first day all Division II student-athletes had a civic engagement day. The committee discussed how campuses across Division II engaged in the day and how the committee can support student-athletes who may need additional educational resources. A civic engagement working group is creating a resource that can be used as an informational guide for both campuses and student-athletes who are looking for ways to engage in the day. The resource will be sent out to conferences and institutions once completed.
9. **Referral from Implementation Committee.** The committee reviewed a referral from the

Implementation Committee to look at the current committee structure within Division II. The committee will determine if there is a benefit of adding a SAAC representative to Division II committees that do not already have a SAAC member. The committee was also tasked with determining if there is a benefit of adding an additional student-athlete representative not on national SAAC to Division II committees that do have a SAAC representative to add additional student-athlete voices. The committee will work with their respective conference SAACs to compile feedback on giving student-athletes not on national SAAC the opportunity to serve and have additional discussion at its January meeting.

10. **Board of Governors Update.** The committee received an update from the current Board of Governors Division II student-athlete representative, Madeleine McKenna. The update included various tasks the Board of Governors is working on and an update on the search for the next NCAA president.
11. **2022 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The committee chose its 2022 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award winner. The award honors an institutional faculty member who has demonstrated dedication, support and guidance to student-athletes and the institution's athletics program. The story on the 2022 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award winner will be announced on NCAA.org and the division's social media channels prior to the 2023 NCAA Convention. The winner will be recognized during a reception at the 2023 Convention.
12. **2023 Division II Award of Excellence.** The committee received an update on the 2023 Division II Award of Excellence nominations. Forty-one institutions self-nominated and 19 conferences were represented. The committee will choose the 2023 Division II Award of Excellence national winner, runner-up and third place finalist in December. The top three recipients will be recognized during the 2023 Division II business session.
13. **April 2023 SAAC Super Region Convention.** The April 2023 SAAC Super Region Convention is scheduled to occur April 14-16 at the Westin in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. One administrator and two student-athletes will be invited to attend from each active member institution in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, East Coast Conference, Mountain East Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and the super region's independent institutions. Information about the super region convention will be communicated to the six participating conferences and independent institutions in early 2023. The division will host its sixth super region convention for conferences and schools in the South Region in November 2023 at a location to be announced. After the details are finalized, the eligible conferences and institutions will be notified about the dates, location and timeline for nominations.
14. **Make-A-Wish.** The committee received a Make-A-Wish update on the total donations and number of wish reveals granted for the 2021-22 academic year in Division II. More than \$185,000 was raised, with the University of North Georgia leading all schools raising more

than \$13,000. In addition, 10 schools earned wish reveals. Three institutions raised over \$10,000 to earn a wish reveal and seven other institutions received supplemental funds from the Division II championships and enforcement fine allocation to earn wish reveals. The committee was notified that the 2023 Week of Wishes will occur Feb. 18-25, 2023.

15. **Team IMPACT.** The committee was informed that Division II donated about \$95,000 from its championships and enforcement fines to Team IMPACT. The organization continues to work on increasing the number of matches and is developing new ways to connect with future matches.
16. **July and September Meeting Reports.** The July 2022 and September 2022 committee meeting reports were reviewed and approved.
17. **New SAAC Member.** SAAC welcomed Dani Mabry, a lacrosse student-athlete from Rockhurst University, as the newest Great Lakes Valley Conference representative.
18. **Future Meetings.**
  - a. Jan. 10-14, 2023, in conjunction with 2023 NCAA Convention; San Antonio, Texas.
  - b. April 13-16, 2023, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
  - c. July 14-16, 2023; SAAC/Management Council Summit; Indianapolis.
  - d. Fall 2023; legislation videoconference, date to be determined.
  - e. Nov. 2023, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; date and location TBD.
  - f. Jan. 9-13, 2024; in conjunction with 2024 NCAA Convention; Phoenix, Arizona.

*Committee Chair:* Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Great Midwest Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Ryan Jones, Governance  
Amanda Benzine, Women's Basketball  
Marcus Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Haydyn Gibson, Governance

NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee November 19-20, 2022, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan College, East Coast Conference.	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Michaela Boyd, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State Conference.	



Zach Brown, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference.
Wiley Cain, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
Ismael Contreras, Purdue University Northwest, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Nicholas Dill, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Great American Conference.
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas.
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference.
Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo, Gulf South Conference.
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
Margaret Ann Langheim, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference.
Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
Grace Martin, West Virginia State University, Mountain East Conference.
David Mayser, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Pacific West Conference.
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Leshlie Ramirez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez, Independent.
Skylar Ross, Dominican University (New York), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Corbin Thaete, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University, Lone Star Conference.
Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University, Northeast-10 Conference.
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas of Permian Basin, Lone Star Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Zach Brown, University of North Georgia, Peach Belt Conference. <i>(November 20, 2022)</i>
Bianca Lockamy, Virginia Union University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
Cam Trudell, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Kiana Wiggins, Caldwell University, At-Large.
Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University, Northeast-10 Conference. <i>(November 19, 2022)</i>
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas of Permian Basin, Lone Star Conference. <i>(November 20, 2022)</i>
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Madeleine McKenna.
<b>NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Benzine, Susan Britsch, Marcus Brown, Michael Cioroianu, Mark Emmert, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Kaylen Overway, Angela Red and Liv Sappington.