



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 30, 2021, VIRTUAL MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.

- **None**

2. Nonlegislative Item.

- **Bracket expansion in men's lacrosse.**

- (1) Recommendation. The Management and Presidents Council ratify the Administrative Committee's action to expand the Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 36 to 38 teams.
- (2) Effective date. 2022 Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship.
- (3) Rationale. With the endorsement of the Division III Championships Committee, the committee supports the bracket expansion, noting the current sponsorship in men's lacrosse merits the additional two teams to satisfy the legislated access ratio. The committee also noted that the request was initially made in September 2020, but the Championships Committee tabled it amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic. However, the committee now believes it is prudent to proceed with expansion. The Administrative Committee acted on the request due to the timing of the next Strategic Planning and Finance Committee meeting (Nov.) and the request being a budget item for 2021-22.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. \$75,516 to cover per diem, travel and game operations.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The expansion provides additional opportunities for student-athletes to experience an NCAA championship.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome.** The virtual meeting commenced at 1:01 p.m. Eastern Time. The chair welcomed the committee.
- 2. August 6 report.** The committee reviewed the report from the August 6 virtual meeting and had no edits or corrections.
- 3. 2022 NCAA Convention legislation.** The Administrative Committee reviewed and approved the following 2022 NCAA Convention legislative proposals sponsored by the Division III Presidents and Management Councils, consistent with the September 1 deadline.

- Legislative Authority and Process -- Amendment Process -- Emergency Legislation. This proposal will permit the Division III Presidents Council to sponsor and adopt emergency legislation under defined circumstances.
- Playing and Practice Seasons – Confirmation of Sickle Cell Trait Status – Elimination of Waiver. This proposal will eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.
- Playing and Practice Seasons – Football -- Practice Modifications. This proposal specifies permissible contact opportunities and equipment use for the football preseason, regular season and spring period.

With the creation of the Board of Governors Constitution Committee and potential proposals arising from the committee's review of the NCAA Constitution, the Administrative Committee looked for ways to streamline the legislative agenda to ensure appropriate attention is given to the overarching constitutional review. Consequently, the committee chose to pause the proposal that would establish STUNT as an emerging sport for women. Division II recently took a similar action and to date, Division I has not committed to moving forward with the proposal in this legislative cycle. There have been discussions if STUNT should be a spring or fall sport, and prior to moving forward and approving legislation, the three divisions should be consistent regarding the championship season.

The committee approved the legislative proposal, which allows greater opportunities for virtual recruiting, as noncontroversial legislation with an immediate effective date. The proposal codifies a blanket waiver that has been in place since the spring of 2020. The committee acted with support of the Division III Management Council recognizing that there has not been any negative membership feedback regarding the waiver, and the membership maintains the opportunity to pull the proposal for further discussion during the Division III Business Session at the NCAA Convention.

4. **Membership sponsored proposals.** Staff noted that, as of this virtual meeting, six of eight membership proposals have been fully sponsored. The sponsorship deadline is September 1.
5. **Non-controversial legislation.** The committee reviewed and approved the following non-controversial legislative proposal sponsored by the Division III Management Council, consistent with the September 1 deadline.
 - Organization -- Management Council -- Election by Electronic Mail. This noncontroversial proposal specifies that new Division III Management Council representatives will be elected by an electronic vote of director of athletics of Division III institutions and conference commissioners. The Division III Nominating Committee will continue to select the members.
6. **Men's lacrosse championships budget request.** See non-legislative action item.

7. **Division III Constitution Advisory Council.** At the request of the five Division III representatives on the Board of Governors Constitution Committee, the committee finalized the Division III Constitution Advisory Council roster and charge. The committee directed staff to send invitations and schedule the first meeting no later than mid-September. The committee focused its roster recommendations on ensuring a broad and diverse representation of the membership. The advisory council will review the principles of the NCAA Constitution (Articles 1-6 in the Division III manual) and governance structure to provide feedback to assist the Constitution Committee as it addresses transformational, organizational change to meet the needs of student-athletes today and beyond.
8. **Additional Business.** There was no additional business.
9. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 2:04 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Fayneese Miller, Hamline University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
 Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Ali Spungen, Division III Governance*

NCAA Division III Administrative Committee August 30, 2021, Videoconference
Attendees:
Jason Fein, Bates College.
Troy Hammond, North Central College.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.
Absent:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance
Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Ali Spungen.
Additional NCAA Staff Members
Adam Skaggs, JP Williams.