

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 28, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - **None.**
2. **Nonlegislative items.**
  - **None**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome.** The videoconference commenced at 1:02 p.m. Eastern time. The chair welcomed the committee.
2. **2026 NCAA Convention legislation.** The committee reviewed and approved in final legislative form the following 2026 NCAA Convention legislative proposals sponsored by the Division III Management Council, consistent with the September 1 deadline.
  - a. **Awards, Benefits And Expenses For Enrolled Student-Athletes -- Types Of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value And Numbers Of Awards – Remove Exact Dollar Amounts And References To Award Values.** This proposal removes the exact dollar amounts and references to the value of awards from the awards legislation.
  - b. **Awards, Benefits And Expenses For Enrolled Student-Athletes – Permit Actual And Necessary Expenses For One All-Star Contest Or Other Post-Eligibility Event.** This proposal permits institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for student-athletes to participate in one collegiate all-star contest or similar post-eligibility competitive event.
  - c. **Awards, Benefits And Expenses For Enrolled Student-Athletes – Team Entertainment -- Professional Sports Tickets.** This proposal clarifies that institutions may provide reasonable entertainment during the playing season; further that reasonable entertainment could include providing professional sports tickets.
  - d. **Recruiting - Contacts And Evaluations -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- Require Use Of The NCAA Transfer Portal.** The proposal (1) replaces the current "permission to contact" legislation related to NCAA four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; (2) specifies that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days; (3) specifies that a student-athlete must successfully complete an educational module before they are entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal; and (4) maintains the existing processes for the Division III self-release, for student-athletes interested in transferring to another Division III institution.
  - e. **National Collegiate Championship --Acrobatics And Tumbling.** The proposal establishes a National Collegiate Championship and establishes a women's acrobatics and tumbling committee.

- f. **National Collegiate Championship --Stunt.** The proposal establishes a National Collegiate Championship and establishes a women's stunt committee.
3. **Noncontroversial legislation.** The committee reviewed and approved, in final format, the following noncontroversial proposals approved in concept during the Management Council's summer meeting. The committee's action allows the proposals to be effective immediately rather than delaying until after the October Management Council meeting.
  - a. **Infractions Program -- Committee On Infractions – Negotiated Resolution.** The legislation establishes a structured resolution process that enables institutions and involved individuals to address infraction cases collaboratively with NCAA enforcement staff. Parties work together to agree on relevant facts, identified violations, violation levels, and proposed penalties. These agreements are then submitted for review and approval by the Committee on Infractions, which apply a highly deferential standard where agreements are only rejected if the penalties are found to be "manifestly unreasonable" or if the agreements do not serve the best interests of the Association.
  - b. **Enforcement Policies And Procedures -- Multiple Resolution Methods.** The legislation allows a single infraction case to be resolved by multiple methods, such as negotiated resolution, summary judgment or hearing.
  - c. **Organizational Structure And Committees – Playing Rules Oversight Panel And Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities --Establishment Of New Playing Rules Structure And Process.** The legislation establishes a new playing rules structure and process for Division III.
4. **Championships Committee – bracket enhancements.** The committee reviewed and approved two requests from the Championships Committee. The committee's action allows the requests that impact the 2025-26 competition seasons for women's ice hockey and men's volleyball to be effective immediately rather than delaying until after the October Management Council meeting.
  - **Women's ice hockey bracket.** The action increases the field size for the Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship from 12 to 13 teams per Bylaw 31.3.1.1.
  - **Men's volleyball bracket.** The action increases the field size for the Division III Men's Volleyball Championship from 19 to 21 teams per Bylaw 31.3.1.1.

The committee directed the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to forecast future sport sponsorship growth and the corresponding financial impact.

5. **2026 NCAA Convention membership sponsored proposals.** Staff noted that seven of the eight membership proposals have been fully sponsored.
6. **Division III Academic and Membership Affairs and governance staff reorganization.** Staff noted that a review of regulatory affairs and governance resulted in a recommendation to merge the divisional academic and membership affairs and governance groups into three departments. Each department, named Governance and Member Services, will be overseen by the current

divisional vice president with all three reporting to a new Senior Vice President of Governance and Member Services. Kevin Lennon managed this transition until his retirement on Aug. 28. With the new structure taking effect Sept. 1, Jenn Fraser, vice president of Division I governance, has assumed oversight until the hiring of the new senior leadership position. Based on the review parameters, Divisions II and III are merging their respective AMA and governance departments and maintaining the work currently done by those units. Division I reorganized its work to be consistent with its new decision-making structure approved by the Division I Board of Directors in early August. NCAA enforcement and the Eligibility Center will continue to be separate units but will also report to the new senior vice president. This merger will allow the Division III national office staff to maintain its high level of service to the membership and provide a more integrated approach.

7. **2026 Convention dinner.** The committee supported having dinner at the NCAA Convention of the current and incoming Administrative Committee members.
8. **Additional business.** There was no additional business.
9. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Jim Troha, Juniata College.*

*Staff Liaisons: Louise McCleary, Division III Governance*

*Bill Regan, Division III Governance*

*Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division III Administrative Committee August 28, 2025, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
Jim Troha, Juniata College.	
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
<b>Absent:</b>	
Melinda Treadwell, Keene State College.	
<b>NCAA Staff in Attendance</b>	
Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Bill Regan and Lisa Rogers.	