



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. 2021 Winter Championships.

(1) Recommendation. The Management and Presidents Councils ratify the Administrative Committee's action to cancel all Division III winter sport championships for 2021 per a recommendation from the Division III Championships Committee.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The past several months, the Championships Committee has discussed the core elements to hold a national championship (e.g. geographic and conference diversity and participation levels). This review, in August, led to the establishment of participation thresholds to conduct a national championship.

- Sports with fewer than 50 sponsors would require 90 percent participation.
- Sports with between 51 and 200 sponsors would require 70 percent participation.
- Sports with more than 200 sponsors would require 60 percent participation.

On January 19, Division III athletics directors were sent a declaration asking to indicate whether they are participating in winter sports in a timeframe that renders them eligible for championship selection as long as they meet the minimum contest requirements. The survey, which generated a 98 percent response rate, revealed that the number of "yes" responses was well below the sponsorship thresholds in every sport.

	60% Threshold						70% Threshold		
	MBB	WBB	MSW	WSW	MTI	WTI	MIH	WIH	WRE
Sponsorship	416	430	238	265	291	297	84	67	109
Yes	48.6%	46.2%	43.1%	42.0%	48.8%	49.3%	52.3%	51.4%	61.8%
No	51.4%	53.8%	56.9%	58.0%	51.2%	50.7%	47.7%	48.6%	38.2%

- (4) Estimated budget impact. To be determined.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The decision to cancel is extremely disappointing. However, this decision was a last resort, only after taking all possible steps to protect student-athlete opportunities. The decreased levels of sports sponsorship would not provide a national championship experience.

b. Governance Committee Extensions.

- (1) Recommendation. The Management and Presidents Council ratify the Administrative Committee's approval of the temporary term extension of two Division III Committee on Infraction members through the conclusion of a pending Summary Disposition Report. .
 - Effel Harper, associate professor of business computer information systems, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.
 - Gerald Houlihan, attorney at Matteoni, O'Laughlin & Hechtman.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In order to maintain continuity and ensure timely resolution of the case, the Office of Infractions requests the Administrative Committee approve the extension of both terms until the resolution of the case. The committee has scheduled a review of the case for early February, and it is anticipated that the final decision will be issued in early April. With two new committee members beginning their terms in January 2021 without prior infractions appeals experience, the committee feels it would likely create confusion for the parties and disrupt the resolution of the case. The term extension will not apply to any new cases.
- (4) Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The videoconference commenced at 12:02 p.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee.
2. **September 22 Report** The committee reviewed the report from September 2020. No action was necessary.
3. **COVID-19 Impact and Updates.** The committee acted on a recommendation from the Division III Championships Committee. [See Action Item 2a] The committee also received an update on possible membership waivers regarding full-time enrollment flexibility beyond existing waivers.
4. **Committee on Infractions – Term Extensions.** The committee acted on a request from the Committee on Infractions. [See Action Item 2b]
5. **Additional Business.** Staff briefly discussed the recent letter from President Emmert. At the request of the NCAA Board of Governors, the national office is coordinating an NCAA Virtual Week on the Hill, a broad advocacy initiative to be conducted in collaboration with NCAA Divisions I, II and III chancellors and presidents the week of February 22-26, 2021. Participation in this initiative will have presidents and chancellors contact Members of Congress to advocate for a national approach to NIL that will result in fair and uniform competition for all student-athletes and also protect and ensure opportunities for college athletes moving forward. [NOTE: On February 9, this initiative was postponed].
5. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:57 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 February 3, 2021, Videoconference
Attendees:
Jason Fein, Bates College.
Troy Hammond, North Central College.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.
Absent:
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.
NCAA Staff Liaisons
Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Ali Spungen
Other NCAA Staff Members
Laura Peterson, Adam Skaggs, Liz Suscha, Jeremy Villanueva