



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
JUNE 10, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Fall Preseason Practice Formula – All Fall Sports (including Football) – 17.02.12 and 17.10.2.1.**
 - (1) Recommendation. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and President Councils, waived the existing method for establishing the first permissible practice date for fall sports to permit August 10 or the first day of class, whichever is earlier; and allow institutions to have unlimited administrative days to conduct non-athletically related activities (i.e., those days in which the institution may provide housing and meal expenses to student-athletes prior to the start of practice).
 - (2) Effective Date. Immediate. The subcommittee noted the recommendations apply to the 2020-21 academic year.
 - (3) Rationale. The Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee sought to provide institutions appropriate flexibility to conduct their preseason in the manner that reflects the best interest of their campus, staff and student-athletes. The subcommittee noted that given the uncertainty of scheduling this fall as well as the myriad of health and safety considerations (including the information provided in the Core Principles of Resocialization of Sport), the current method is not sufficient to establish the first practice date. While institutions are not required to strictly apply the Core Principles of Resocialization, including the phase-in periods, Division III legislation should support its implementation.
 - (4) Budget Impact. None.
 - (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Provides flexibility to institutions to conduct their preseason in a manner that helps ensure the health and safety of student-athletes and reflects their best interests.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome.** The call commenced at 9:03 a.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.

2. **May 28, 2020, Report.** The committee approved the May 28, 2020, report with no changes.

3. **COVID-19 Impacts and Updates.**

- a. D3CA Membership Survey – Executive Summary. The committee reviewed the Executive Summary from the D3CA Membership Survey noting a 98% response rate. The high response rate is reflective of the membership's desire to provide their opinions to the Division III governance structure for consideration in decision-making discussions moving forward. The survey themes include: (1) The need for flexibility surrounding scheduling and championships as academic calendars models are ever changing; (2) With reduced campus revenue streams, financial impacts are eminent; and (3) In order to attract and retain student-athletes, institutions must do everything they can to provide a meaningful sports experience for all three seasons in 2020-21.

Staff noted that several themes have been acted on by the Administrative Committee, while the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee and the Championships Committee are in the process of reviewing others.

- b. Championships Committee Updates. The committee received a Championships Committee update.
- Discussing uncertainties with sport sponsorship and scheduling plans for the 2020-21 year.
 - Priority to preserve as many championship opportunities as possible.
 - Intend to complete championship selections and competition on the dates established. Fall sports have an adequate number of weeks to complete regular season play sports (estimated at four to five weeks; additional weeks for football) dependent on campus decisions for return to play.
 - Sport sponsorship levels may drop and therefore prompt discussion about possible changes to bracket/field sizes and championship formats.
 - Determined that if a conference falls below the required minimum of four core members, the conference would lose its AQ for the 2020-21; however, that conference could regain the AQ in 2021-22 if it is able to return to the minimum of four core members. Conferences already in grace-period status will need to apply for a waiver to request an extension of the grace period.

The Championships Committee will meet next June 22-23.

- c. COVID-19 Playing and Practice Seasons Working Group Updates. Staff provided an update from two working group subgroups. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) subgroup meets weekly to provide feedback and direction on a variety of issues, including the mandatory medical examinations for preseason, as well as transitions periods after a significant break in practices and competitions.

The Calendar and Timeline subgroup has created fall calendars for each division. The calendars are being used with Division III governance committees to provide a visual aid to help the committee's discussions regarding needed membership flexibility. Staff is unsure if the calendars should be distributed beyond the governance committees and will request feedback from the Division III Commissioners COVID Subgroup.

- d. 2020-21 Student-Athlete Eligibility. Staff noted that several commissioners are discussing student-athlete eligibility, and specifically, to what extent the governance structure might be willing to provide prior assurance to student-athletes of eligibility restoration in the event their athletics experience is significantly compromised. If a formal proposal is submitted, it will be reviewed by relevant committees, which could include the Interpretations and Legislative Committee, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Subcommittee for Legislative Relief and the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council.

The committee expressed caution and felt that a "blanket waiver" concept would be inconsistent with the Division III Philosophy statement by placing more emphasis on athlete, than on student. It emphasized the need to remain focused on basic Division III principles.

4. **Name, Image and Likeness Survey Update.** Staff provided an update on the NIL survey results received to date. Currently over 200 institutions have responded, and staff has sent a reminder to all presidents, athletics directors, commissioners and National SAAC members. The deadline to complete the survey is Monday, June 15. An executive summary will be shared with the Administrative Committee and the Division III NIL Oversight Group, prior to the Council summer meetings.
5. **Other Business.** The committee discussed the current situation around social injustice noting the direct impact, including protests and property destruction, on and near several Division III campuses. Staff noted the Board of Governors will discuss racial injustice and possible action steps on its upcoming teleconference.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Committee Chair: Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance
Debbie Kresge, Division III Governance
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
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| NCAA Division III Administrative Committee |
| June 10, 2020, Teleconference |
| Attendees: |
| Heather Benning, Midwest Conference. |
| Fayneese Miller, Hamline University |
| Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University |
| Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville. |
| Not in Attendance: |
| Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. |
| Staff: |
| Dan Dutcher, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs, Ali Spungen and Liz Suscha. |