



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
MARCH 26, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- a. Spring Nonchampionship Programs. The committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee's recommendation to cancel specific remaining spring and summer Division III nonchampionship programs and initiatives this year.

Due to the COVID-19 disruption to campuses and the national office, the significant budget impact caused by the cancellation of winter and spring championships, staff recommends canceling the remaining staff-administered nonchampionship programs for the remainder of this budget year. Programs canceled to date include the SWA Program, Institute for Administrative Advancement and Next Steps. In addition, staff recommends the cancellation of Gameday the DIII Way Ambassador training, DISC programming (30% of budget account line remains), CoSIDA Student Program, Division III Day at CoSIDA and the New AD Orientation Program.

If the NADIII Summer Forum is held in June, Division III would honor its financial support of \$75,000; as well as honor the Women Leaders in College Sports grant of \$30,000. The \$100,000 earmarked for year two of the diversity coaching grants will be dispersed in August.

- b. Conference Strategic Grant – Blanket Waiver. The committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved a blanket waiver for 2019-20 that provides conferences relief for any unspent funds within each Tier of the conference strategic grant per the policies and procedures due to COVID-19. No warning letters will be issued for failure to meet grant requirements for 2019-20. .

Staff will instruct commissioners that if a conference office has unused funds this year, it may choose to either return the funds to the NCAA or rollover the funds for next year. If a conference decides to rollover the funds, it will follow the current rollover policy per the conference grant policies and procedures.

- c. 2019-20 Approved Conference Strategic Grant Rollover Fund – Blanket Waiver. The committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, granted a one-year blanket waiver extension for conferences that received rollover funds for 2019-20. Last year the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approved a new rollover policy. Due

to the impact of COVID-19, staff recommends that the ten conferences that received rollover funds for 2019-20 be granted a one-year extension until August 1, 2021, to use these rollover funds.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The call commenced at 11:01 p.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Management of Compliance Issues.** Staff reviewed a chart that summarizes compliance concerns as a result of COVID-19. Some key issues, to date, include the following:
 - a. Spring Sport Student-Athletes in their 10th Semester in the Spring 2020 (Bylaw 14.2.2). Staff noted that the March 13, 2020 blanket waiver issued by the Administrative Committee only provides one additional semester. A student-athlete would have to seek an extension of participation waiver through the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee to participate in two semesters. Current SAR guidelines for extension waivers would allow granting the additional semester.
 - b. Winter Sport Student-Athletes, Seasons of Participation (Bylaw 14.2.4.1). The request for winter student-athletes to receive a season of participation would be addressed on a case by case basis through the SAR waiver process. Current SAR guidelines do not support a waiver in these cases.
 - c. Full-Time Enrollment (Bylaw 14.1.8). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee and the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief will address full-time enrollment concerns through existing regulations and waiver processes.
 - d. Automatic Qualification (Bylaw 31.3.3). The Championships Committee will review this issue on its next teleconference.
 - e. Playing and Practice Seasons: The committee reviewed its earlier directive to apply flexibility with respect to interactions with student-athletes and clarified that this flexibility should extend to the summer period. This increased flexibility should be exercised for the purposes of fostering the well-being of the student-athlete and/or the connectivity between and among student-athletes and their respective institutions.

AMA is developing a related Question and Answer document and the Division III webinar scheduled for April 7 will continue to address the membership's compliance issues and concerns.

3. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. EST.

Committee Chair: Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
Staff Liaisons: Dan Dutcher, Division III Governance
Debbie Kresge, Division III Governance
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA Division III Administrative Committee
March 26, 2020, Teleconference
Attendees:
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.
Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.
Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University.
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.
Staff:
Dan Dutcher, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs, Ali Spungen and Liz Suscha.