



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **Cancellation of Championship Banquets and Approval of Virtual Sport Committee Meetings.**
 - a. Recommendation. The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved recommendations from the Championships Committee that for the 2020-21 academic year, championships banquets will not be conducted, and all sport committee annual meetings be held via digital platforms instead of in person.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. Per the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee's (SPFC) request, the Championships Committee reviewed potential budget cuts to meet the division's mandated reserve policy (50% of the annual revenue) through the end of the current CBS/Turner contract (2023-24). Championships Committee members considered these two options as well as potential championships reductions in the division's "supplemental spend". (Note: The approved banquet and meeting adjustments are occurring in all three divisions.)
 - d. Estimated budget impact. Projected total savings of \$440,000 in cancelled banquets and virtual sport committee annual meetings.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. The Championships Committee and sport committees will work with staff to explore different ways to recognize award winners (e.g., Elite 90 recipients) typically honored at the championship's banquets.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome.** The call commenced at 10:01 a.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
- 2. April 16, 2020, Administrative Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the April 16 report and approved it as written.
- 3. COVID-19 Impacts and Updates.**
 - a. Budget Prioritization from Championships Committee. Staff noted that per the SPFC's

request, the committee reviewed additional potential budget cuts and considered the following reductions that could come from the division's "supplemental spend" (i.e., those items that are not part of the base budget):

- Ground transportation. The committee recommended not reimbursing local ground transportation in team sports and individual/team sports.
- Preliminary-round conference matchups. The committee recommended suspending a two-year pilot program (currently in year one) that separates conference opponents in the first round of a championship.

The estimated cost savings is \$1.3 million. The SPFC will consider these recommendations during its June 11 meeting.

- b. NADIII AA request. With the cancellation of the NACDA Convention, including the NADIII AA Summer Forum, Division III notified the NADIII AA executive leadership that it would not disperse this year's \$75,000 funding to provide grants to NADIII AA Summer Forum attendees. However, NADIII AA requested a reduced grant of \$10,800 to offset management operational fees for the remainder of this year. This smaller grant would help supplement Division III virtual programming, including a NIL focused presentation. The Administrative Committee endorsed the dispersing of the smaller grant.
- c. AMA Question and Answer Document. Staff updated the committee regarding the Q&A document, noting it is updated every Monday. Current questions seem to be transitioning from Bylaw 17 to future eligibility and recruiting.
- d. COVID-19 Playing and Practice Seasons Working Group update. Staff noted the internal working group continues to consider different scenarios regarding the practice and playing season. Recommendations are sent to the NCAA COVID-19 Action Team for review and subsequent divisional and Association-wide action.
- e. Division III Staff Strategic Staff Meetings. Staff noted that a core team of Division III staff members is reviewing the impact of COVID-19 and strategizing how to best work with the governance structure and inform the membership regarding key issues and decisions. Initial discussions have focused on sport sponsorship, contest minimums and championship eligibility.
- f. Division III Commissioners Survey. Staff shared a draft survey compiled by the Division III Commissioners Executive Committee that will be sent to all athletics directors to collect feedback on the potential impact of COVID-19 regarding playing and practice seasons, sports sponsorship and fall championships. While it is not an NCAA survey, the commissioners have welcomed staff feedback. The goal is for survey results to help inform upcoming governance committee discussions and decisions.

Staff also noted it is sending a COVID-19-related communication to the commissioners every two weeks, with the expectation that it is shared with their respective institutions. The goal is to provide consistent and transparent communication.

- g. Council Summer Meeting Proposed Schedule. Council leadership agreed to use the same format for the July and August Management and Presidents Councils meetings that was used in April. Additional consideration will be made to the timing of a joint Management Council meeting with SAAC, as well as the President's Advisory Group (PAG) meeting with the Presidents Council.
4. **Name, Image and Likeness.** The Administrative Committee did not discuss this issue due to time constraints and will discuss it on its next teleconference. It noted that the Division III Oversight Working Group on NIL will have a teleconference next Wednesday, May 13.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11:02 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
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
Ali Spungen, Division III Governance

NCAA Division III Administrative Committee
May 7, 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.