



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 2020, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome.** The call commenced at 10:01 a.m. Eastern Time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
2. **May 7, 2020, Administrative Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the May 7 report and approved it as written.
3. **COVID-19 Impacts and Updates.**
  - a. D3CA Membership Survey. Staff provided an update on the D3CA survey that was sent to all Division III athletics directors Tuesday, May 12. The survey is to assess the impact of COVID-19 and seek feedback from the membership on sports-sponsorship and competitive requirements, championships, and playing and practice season issues. An aggregate report will be shared with each conference, as well as the entire membership and NCAA staff.
  - b. Membership Committee discussion. Eric Hartung, primary liaison to the Membership Committee, gave a recap of the committee's recent teleconference. The committee wants to provide maximum relief if possible, noting that ultimate authority rests with campus leaders. The committee endorsed blanket relief of the minimum number of contests required per Bylaw 20.11.3.8 but did not determine the best metric to use in providing that relief. The committee identified the following items to guide its future discussions:
    - (1) A reduction in the minimum number of contests per sport will not provide adequate relief for every institution. The committee will likely receive requests for additional waiver relief regardless of the reduced minimums.
    - (2) Individual institutions are best equipped to determine how to conduct outside competition on their campuses (i.e., reduced outside competition, full outside competition).
    - (3) Any alternate competition model should permit a schedule primarily based on conference and/or regional competition.
    - (4) While there is a relationship between NCAA Bylaws 20.11.3.8 and 31.2.1, the minimum number of contests for NCAA Championships eligibility is distinct and under the purview of the Division III Championships Committee.
  - c. AMA Question and Answer Document. Staff shared the most up to date Q&A document, noting updates are made weekly and posted to [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org) every Monday. The questions are now focusing on student-athlete eligibility next academic year, future eligibility issues and playing seasons, greater clarity around preseason practice opportunities.
  - d. COVID-19 Playing and Practice Seasons Working Group update. This internal working group continues to consider different scenarios regarding the COVID-19 issues impacting practice and playing seasons and noted that it is not a decision-making group. Recommendations are sent to the NCAA COVID-19 Action Team for review and subsequent divisional and Association-wide

action. The recently released resocialization guidelines don't completely align with existing Division III preseason practice legislation. Therefore, in the coming weeks, the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee, with assistance from SSI and CSMAS, will work to provide relief and greater alignment.

4. **Name, Image and Likeness.** At its April meeting, the Board of Governors accepted the Federal and State Legislation Working Group's report and formally charged each division to create NIL legislation. In February, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC) proposed two legislative concepts that have been reviewed and initially endorsed by SAAC, and the Management and Presidents Councils. On a recent videoconference, ILC discussed the following items, which need greater clarity:
  - a. Use of institutional marks. It was noted that student-athletes should be able to use institutional marks in a manner consistent with use by the student-body in general.
  - b. Potential prohibition of certain categories of promotions (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, sports wagering).
  - c. Pre-enrollment. Use of NIL by prospective student-athletes.
  - d. Compliance. The need to provide compliance assistance and education to athletics administrators and student-athletes, potentially provided by a third-party administrator.
5. **Other business.** Monday, May 18, is the due date for the concussion management attestation per the Arrington settlement. To date, 924 institutions have successfully submitted their certification. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Central time Monday, May 18, and no extension will be given.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

*Committee Chair: Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference*  
*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 15, 2020, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference.	
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University.	
Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University.	
Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville.	
Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.	
<b>Not in Attendance:</b>	
<b>Staff:</b>	
Dan Dutcher, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs, Ali Spungen and Liz Suscha.	