REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
MAY 28, 2020, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

   • Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship and Championship Selection — Bylaws 20.11.3.8 and 31.2.1.

(1) **Recommendation.** The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the Management and President Councils, approved a waiver to reduce the minimum number of contests required for sports sponsorship and championship selections by 33 percent for the 2020-21 academic year. This reduction applies to all sports. The minimum number of participants required for sports sponsorship will remain unchanged.

(2) **Effective Date.** September 1 to August 31, 2021.

(3) **Rationale.** The Membership and Championships Committees seek to provide relief for institutions related to disruptions and uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, relief is intended to:

   • Help Division III institutions remain in compliance with NCAA bylaw legislation;
   • Guide institutions as they determine the best model for providing the student-athlete experience in the 2020-21 academic year;
   • Reduce the administrative burden for institutions seeking relief; and
   • Allow conferences to play a conference-centric schedule (e.g., competition among only conference members, or a schedule that includes conference and in-region competition).

In a recent survey of the Division III membership by the Division III Commissioners Association, in which 98 percent of the division’s athletics directors participated, 85 percent supported a reduction of contest minimums.

The Membership and Championships Committees will be open to waiver requests from institutions that are unable to meet the existing sport sponsorship standards and the new minimum contest standards and approach those requests with appropriate flexibility.

(4) **Budget Impact.** None.

(5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** Provides flexibility for institutions to determine the best way to conduct their athletics program in a way that ensures a healthy, safe and meaningful athletics experience for the most student-athletes possible.
2. Nonlegislative 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 15, 2020, Administrative Committee Report. The committee reviewed the May 15 report and approved it as written.

3. COVID-19 Impacts and Updates.

   a. Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations. Staff noted the Sport Science Institute (SSI) has created an addendum to the Resocialization document previously distributed to the membership. The addendum, Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Action Plan Considerations, provides recommended detailed action plans as institutions consider return to play.

   b. Fall Playing and Practice Season Calendars. Staff noted the creation of calendars for all fall sports that include the first permissible practice date, fall selection dates and championships. The calendars also overlay the principles for resocialization. Several governance committees (e.g., Championships and Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee) will review the calendars that provide a visual to assist committees as they determined needed flexibility and relief for the membership.

A webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, regarding COVID-19 impacts on fall playing and practice seasons with Dr. Hainline and Division III staff. Dr. Hainline will discuss the resocialization principles and action plans. To date, there are over 1,000 registered.

4. Name, Image and Likeness. The committee reviewed a PowerPoint that will be used during a May 28 NADIIIAA webinar. A detailed membership survey will be released Monday, June 1, with responses due by June 15. Recommendations from this survey will be incorporated into a June 19 webinar and reviewed by SAAC, Management Council and Presidents Council during their summer meetings.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:49 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 28, 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, Eric Hartung, Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Adam Skaggs, Ali Spungen and Liz Suscha.