



A G E N D A
NCAA Division III Administrative Committee Teleconference

[Via Microsoft Teams Videoconference](#)

September 22, 2020
1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

1. Welcome. (Dan Dutcher/Tori Murden McClure)
2. August 27 report. [Supplement No. 1] (Dutcher)
3. COVID-19 impact and updates.
 - a. NCAA staff furloughs and early retirement/voluntary separation. (Dutcher)
 - b. SAAC discussion of 50% student-athlete eligibility waiver. (Ali Spungen)
4. Championships Committee meeting recap. (Liz Suscha)
 - a. D3CA winter championships survey – executive summary. [Supplement No. 2]
 - b. Summary of committee discussions.
5. 2021 NCAA Convention. [Supplement No. 3] (Spungen)
6. Additional business. (Dutcher)
7. Adjournment.



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 27, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Convention Legislation – Student-Athlete Use of Name Image and Likeness.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee, acting on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved legislation in final format to permit Division III student-athletes to use their name, image and likeness to promote their own work product or services and to promote third-party products and services.
- (2) Effective Date. August 1, 2021.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal would permit Division III student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors' guiding principles and with the Board's direction to consider appropriate rules changes based on recommendations from the Federal and State Legislation Working Group. These recommendations fall into two categories: (1) activities related to a student-athletes work product or service; and (2) promotion/endorsement of third-party products and services. Student-athletes should have full use of their name, image and likeness for commercial promotional purposes. Importantly, these opportunities can occur in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA's core values, mission and principles, while prioritizing student-athlete well-being. Further, the recommended administrative framework for these legislative changes ensures that the legislation will be transparent and enforceable, in line with the Board's principles.
- (4) Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. Allows student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness consistent with recommendations by the Division III Oversight Working Group on NIL Issues.

b. Membership – Division III Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship – Bylaw 20.11.3.8.

- (1) Recommendation. The committee, acting on behalf of the Management and Presidents Councils, approved a recommendation from the Membership Committee to eliminate the minimum number of contests and participants required for sports sponsorship for fall and winter championship sports during the 2020-21 academic year.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2021.

- (3) Rationale. The committee seeks to provide relief for institutions related to disruptions and uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, relief is intended to:
- (a) Help Division III institutions remain in compliance with NCAA Bylaw 20 membership legislation.
 - (b) Guide institutions and provide flexibility to determine how to best conduct outside competition.
 - (c) Provide a safe student-athlete experience in the best way possible without the obligation of minimum sponsorship for those sports.
 - (d) Reduce the administrative burden for institutions seeking relief.

In recent weeks, most Division III member institutions and conferences have announced their intention to postpone intercollegiate competition until after January 1, 2021, due to continued uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. These decisions will inevitably result in increased scheduling challenges as institutions attempt to provide meaningful experiences for student-athletes despite a compressed calendar and facilities challenges. The elimination of minimum contest and participant requirements for fall and winter championship sports would provide each institution with needed flexibility and a safe student-athlete experience.

The list of affected sports is as follows:

Fall sports: Men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo.

Winter sports: Men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, men's and women's fencing, men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's rifle, men's and women's skiing, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's indoor track and field and men's and women's wrestling.

The committee acknowledged the impact this waiver will have on the overall sports-sponsorship requirements outlined in Bylaw 20.11.3 (i.e., at least one sport per season, five or six sports per gender based on student enrollment and at least three team sports) and also will provide flexibility in these areas of the legislation.

[NOTE: The current contest and participant minimums for NCAA championship eligibility are not impacted by this change. Those standards remain under review by the Championships Committee.]

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. Provides flexibility for institutions to determine the best possible approach to conduct their athletics program in a way that ensures the health and safety of student-athletes and the best possible format to ensure a meaningful athletics experience for the most student-athletes possible.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome.** The videoconference commenced at 11:02 a.m. Eastern time. Staff welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda.
- 2. August 20, 2020, Report.** The committee approved the August 20, 2020, report with no changes.
- 3. Championships Committee Meeting Recap.** Staff provided an update on the recent Championships Committee videoconference. Currently, the committee is reviewing the feasibility to shift all sites for winter championships to pre-determined; as well as moving the championships to a later date. Assigning predetermined sites represents a fundamental shift from the current site selection process, and championships will need to conduct a bid process this fall. In addition, the committee will examine the financial impact of required COVID testing protocols and create models to modify the winter and spring championships to account for the increased costs (e.g., per diem reductions, bracket and field size reductions, etc.).

The Division III Commissioners Association distributed a membership survey regarding winter practice and competition expectations. The data will be shared with the Championships Committee during its mid-September meeting. The Administrative Committee (AdCom) recommended not making decisions on winter championships until more information is gathered from both the Division III membership and the Association. AdCom anticipates a recommendation is likely by the end of September.

- 4. Alternative Playing and Practice Seasons Model.** The committee received a brief update regarding alternative playing and practice seasons. The Subcommittee for Legislative Relief and Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee continue to review incoming waivers.

5. Other Business. None.

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 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
Ali Spungen, Division III Governance

NCAA Division III Administrative Committee
August 27, 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:
Debbie Kresge, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Bill Regan, Adam Skaggs and Liz Suscha.
Staff Absent:
Dan Dutcher, Ali Spungen.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE DIIICA 2021 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS SURVEY

Introduction

The Division III Commissioners Association (DIIICA) sought feedback from the NCAA Division III membership on the timing of the 2021 NCAA DIII Winter Championships. Specifically, the membership was asked about basketball, ice hockey, indoor track and field, swimming and diving and wrestling. The 88% response rate is reflective of the membership's desire to provide opinions to the DIII Governance structure for consideration in decision-making discussions moving forward.

Goals and Objectives

The outcomes of the survey has been shared with the NCAA DIII Governance and Championship staffs for use within the committee structure as they make decisions related to COVID-19. Ideally the data presented will help guide discussions surrounding the 2021 Winter Championships.

While several conferences have individually expressed concerns, preferences and questions to the NCAA staff, the results of this division-wide survey provides a collective DIII voice regarding these issues. The DIIICA Executive Committee reviewed the survey results and outlined below several key findings and specific recommendations in those areas.

Methodology

Members of the DIIICA were asked to distribute the survey to the athletic directors in their respective conference. Each institution was permitted to submit one response. Survey respondents were asked to respond to several multiple choice questions and space was available to provide thoughts/concerns for select questions.

Key Findings and Recommendations

The DIIICA focused on responses which reflect overwhelming support, majority consensus or a large number of comments.

Basketball: A large majority of respondents (76%) believe the date of the championship should be moved, with the most popular response (36%) being two weeks.

Men's Hockey: A large majority of respondents (80%) believe the date of the championship should be moved, with the most popular response (46%) being two weeks.

Women's Ice Hockey: A large majority of respondents (76%) believe the date of the championship should be moved, with the most popular response (42%) being two weeks.

Swimming and Diving: A large majority of respondents (66%) believe the date of the championship should be moved, with the most popular responses being two weeks (28%) and three weeks (28%).

Indoor Track and Field: A small majority of respondents (48%) believe the date of the championship should be moved but a significant number (33%) believe the date it should remain the same. Of those that would like to see a change, two weeks was the most popular response (26%).

Wrestling: A large majority of respondents (69%) believe the date of the championship should be moved, with the most popular response (38%) being two weeks.

Start Dates: In all sports, the majority of institutions indicated they will start practice prior in the fall semester, but very few will commence competition prior to January 1, 2021 in any sport. Many are hoping for a January 1-20 first contest date of the season, but an equal number are unsure when competition will begin.

Recommendation

While most institutions will conduct athletically related activities during the fall semester, the majority will not begin any competition until after January 1. With that in mind, we believe the NCAA DIII governance committees should consider delaying the start dates of all winter championships by two or three weeks, with the possible exception of Indoor Track and Field, to allow for a meaningful competitive season prior to postseason. Indoor track and field is unique in that those student-athletes roll right into the outdoor track and field season.

Other Considerations

1. Many conferences and institutions are waiting on this decision to make revisions to their winter sport schedules. A decision by October 1 will allow time for institutions to adjust their practice schedules in order to comply with the 114/144 day rule.
2. There is some concern regarding the potential overlap of winter and spring sports and some respondents would like the NCAA to consider delaying spring sport championships.
3. In addition to spring sports, many conferences hope to sponsor competition for fall sports in the spring, and these dates will affect those schedules as well.
4. The DIII membership would benefit from a clarification on testing requirements going into the winter sports season. We ask that SSI and the DIII Governance staff publish something by mid-November that specifies an institution's obligation for testing in order to compete in outside competition.

2021 NCAA Virtual Convention
Division III Core Schedule of Events

Saturday, January 9

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Sunday, January 10

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

2 to 3 p.m. SAAC Virtual Social

3:30 to 5 p.m. Special Olympics Unified Event

Monday, January 11

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. President's Advisory Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

9 a.m. to Noon Division III Management Council Meeting

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Division III Management Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ADR Institute

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Division III Presidents Council/Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting

1 to 6 p.m. NCAA Board of Governors Meeting

2 to 3:30 p.m. New AD Meet and Greet

2 to 5 p.m. Student Immersion Program

TBD Honors Celebration

Thursday, January 14

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	ADR Institute
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Student Immersion Program
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Division III Presidents Council Meeting
2 to 3:30 p.m.	Division III Issues Forum (Legislative Proposal Review)
TBD	NCAA Plenary Session – State of College Sports
TBD	LGBTQ Allies reception and award recognition

Friday, January 15

10:30 a.m. to Noon	Division III Keynote Speaker
Noon to 1 p.m.	Division III Business Session

Throughout the Month of January

Education Sessions and other Association-Wide Programming