



A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association NCAA Division III Championships Committee

Chancellors and Presidents
Indianapolis, Indiana

February 16-17, 2026

1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. (Shannon Howley)
2. Committee roster. [Supplement No. 1] (Howley)

REVIEW. The committee should review the roster and communicate any corrections to staff.

3. Approval of recent reports. [Supplement No. 2] (Howley)

ACTION. The committee will review and approve its November 18, 2025 report.

4. Championships tracking document. [Supplements Nos. 3 a-b]

INFORMATION. The committee will review the 2025 tracking document to note its progress during the last year. It will also preview the items to track for 2026.

5. Review of sport committee liaison assignments. [Supplement No. 4] (Howley and Laura Peterson)

ACTION. The committee will review the current and open assignments to designate a Championships Committee member to each sport committee.

6. NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee update. [Supplement No. 5] (Lauren Krupnikoff)

INFORMATION. The committee will receive a SAAC update from its most recent meeting.

7. NCAA Division III Management Council update. (Rob Larson and Russ Rogers)

INFORMATION. The committee will receive an update from the Division III Management Council meeting from its most recent meeting.

8. Governance update. (Bill Regan)

INFORMATION. Staff will provide an update on current Division III Governance topics.

9. Governance and Membership Services. (Jeff Myers)

a. NCAA Convention legislative update. [Supplement No. 6]

INFORMATION. Staff will provide a review of the 2026 NCAA Convention legislation.

b. Men's lacrosse waiver – MASCAC and NAC. [Supplement No. 7]

ACTION. The committee will review a men's lacrosse automatic qualification waiver request on behalf of the Massachusetts Small College Athletic Association and the North Atlantic Conference.

c. Commercial logo legislation.

INFORMATION. The committee will receive an update on the most current commercial logo legislation discussion and the next steps for Division III.

10. Championships topics.

a. Bracketing pilot review.

DISCUSSION. The committee will review year one of the bracketing pilot and the fall season of year two and consider next possible steps.

b. Championships ticketing review update. [Supplement No. 8 – to be provided closer to the meeting] (Anthony Holman and Sabrina Scheinberg)

FEEDBACK. The committee will receive an update on a review of championships ticket prices and be asked to provide feedback on proposed changes to Division III ticket price minimums and forward to the Management Council to review and provide feedback during its April meeting. The committee will review the feedback and look to act at an early summer meeting to potentially implement for 2026-27.

c. NCAA Power Index (NPI) review. [Supplement No. 9] (Howley and Peterson)

DISCUSSION. The committee will discuss the NPI to reaffirm the process for sport committees to consider adjustments to its dials and the implementation timeline including when changes will be communicated to the membership.

d. Championships App. (Louise McCleary)

DISCUSSION. The committee will be asked for feedback on the concept of a Division III NCAA Championships specific application.

e. Fall 2025 championships live streaming. [Supplement No. 10] (Nate Flannery)

INFORMATION. The committee will receive an update on Fall 2025 live streaming metrics.

11. FY27-FY28 Budget Planning.

a. Budget-to-Actuals. [Supplement No. 11] (Peterson)

INFORMATION. The committee will receive an update on year-to-date championships spending.

b. Budget initiatives. [Supplement No. 12 – to be added closer to the meeting] (Howley and Peterson)

ACTION. The committee will review and discuss the slate of proposed budget items for the upcoming budget cycle (FY27-FY28) with final recommendations coming not later than its June meeting.

12. Divisions II and III Playing Rules and Officiating update. [Supplement No. 13] (Chad Eisele)

INFORMATION. The committee will receive an update from the October PROP meeting.

- [Instant replay and technology resources.](#) (Howley)

DISCUSSION. The committee will discuss instant replay and technology use in Division III Championships and the process for a sport committee to establish or increase requirements.

13. Sport committee reports.

a. Field hockey. [Supplements Nos. 14 a-b] (Caleb Kolby and Rogers)

ACTION. The committee will review action items including: automatic qualifiers, NPI dial change recommendations, video replay recommendations and an additional camera at the final site.

b. Women's basketball. [Supplement No. 15 – to be provided closer to the meeting] (Howley and Kelly Whitaker)

ACTION. The committee will review several key items including bracketing flexibility, a stipend increase for the national coordinator of officials, and other officiating enhancements.

c. Men's and women's cross country and track and field. [Supplement No. 16] (Peterson)

ACTION. The committee will be asked to act on a request to extend the cross country qualifying window pilot one additional year (2026-27).

d. Men's and women's golf. [Supplements Nos. 17 a-b] (Chad Eisele, Ryan Richardson, Sarah Shoffner and Demetria Young)

ACTION. The committee will review the request to adjust the men's and women's golf championships formats to include regional qualifiers to advance to the national championship.

e. Women's volleyball. [Supplement No. 18] (Tim Demant and Victoria Lipscomb)

ACTION. The committee will review a request to increase the national coordinator of officials' stipend.

14. Coaches' Connect Program.

INFORMATION. The committee will review the most recent Coaches' Connect reports, review the program's success to date, and consider recommendations for adding additional sport to the program.

- a. Football. [Supplement No. 19] (J.P. Williams)
- b. Women's ice hockey. [Supplement No. 20] (Richardson)
- c. Men's and women's tennis. [Supplement No. 21] (Raymon Gaddis and Lipscomb)
- d. Program review and next steps. (Howley)

15. Future meeting dates. (Howley)

- a. March 31, videoconference.

- b. May 12, videoconference.
- c. June 15-16, extended videoconference.
- d. August 11, videoconference.
- e. September 20-22, Indianapolis; with sport committee chairs.
- f. November 17, videoconference.

16. Informational sport committee reports. (Howley)

- a. Softball.
- b. Swimming and diving.

17. Other business. (Howley)

18. Adjournment. (Howley)