



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 18, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- **Approve Official Interpretation -- Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Playing Season Parameters.**

- (1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Playing Season Parameters. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that an institution that sponsors both Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field may not divide the playing season into segments (i.e., traditional and nontraditional). The weeks of the playing season shall be conducted consecutively unless the institution does not practice or compete during any full week that includes a published vacation, holiday or exam period, which shall not be counted as part of the playing season.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.1.2 (general regulations for computing playing seasons); Bylaw 17.23.1 (length of playing season)]

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.

Rationale. During its February 2019 meeting, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed whether an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field can conduct a nontraditional segment of the playing season. The committee agreed that an institution that sponsors both may not then conduct part of its 24-week season as a nontraditional segment. Rather, the weeks of the playing season would have to be conducted consecutively with only breaks for holiday, vacation and exam periods. The committee believes that issuing this interpretation will clarify the application of the current legislation for any institution that sponsors indoor and outdoor track and field.

- (3) Budget impact. None.

- (4) Student-athlete impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Review of March and April reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from its March 21 teleconference and April 1 email exchange.
2. **Online camps.** The committee reviewed an institution's request to determine whether an online camp would be permissible under Division III legislation. Specifically, the committee discussed whether the online camp should be defined as a traditional tryout, private lesson or a camp. The committee determined that online camps are not camps as defined in Bylaw 13.11.3.2. Additionally, the committee requested the staff develop additional information to help the committee understand how to distinguish between a private lesson (Bylaw 11.3.2) and a tryout (Bylaw 13.11.2.1) to assist the committee in determining the appropriate definition for online camps based on their structure.
3. **Providing awards to prospective student-athletes.** The committee considered a possible legislative concept that would permit an institution to provide an award of \$50 to a prospective student-athlete participating in an open event, including competition-only events, held by or on the campus of a Division III institution. The committee requested staff prepare the proposed legislation and anticipated impact of such legislation for review at a future meeting.
4. **Esports educational column.** Staff requested the committee review and provide the staff with feedback concerning an educational column that helps explains how Division III financial aid legislation applies to esports.
5. **Cover letter accompanying a celebratory signing form.** Staff requested the committee review and provide the staff with feedback concerning a staff interpretation regarding cover letters that accompanying a celebratory signing form.
6. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.
7. **Other business.** None.
8. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:59 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Angie Morenz, Blackburn College

*Staff Liaisons:* Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs

Kaitlyn Purcell, Academic and Membership Affairs

Bill Regan, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee April 18, 2019, Meeting	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University.	
Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Annabelle Feist, Williams College (student-athlete).	
Allie Littlefox, Mills College.	
Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference.	
Angie Morenz, Blackburn College.	
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University.	
Mila C. Su, Plattsburgh State University of New York.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Jeff Myers, Kaitlyn Purcell and Bill Regan.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Shannon Blevins and Louise McCleary.	