



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 21, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative item.**

**Noncontroversial Legislation – To Permit the Division III Director of Athletics and Conference Commissioners to elect the Management Council Members by a Mail Vote. Constitution 4.8.4.2**

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council approve in concept noncontroversial legislation that would permit the members of Management Council to be elected by mail vote by Division III director of athletics and conference commissioners.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently members of the Management Council are elected at the annual Division III Convention by the DIII membership present and voting. The Presidents Council is elected via a vote conducted by mail with DIII presidents or chancellors. This change would create consistency between the two processes and align the timing of both elections. Additionally, conducting the election outside of the convention provides a greater opportunity for more meaningful feedback regarding the candidates for Management Council. Finally, permitting Division III director of athletics and conference commissions to vote reflects the individuals who most commonly vote for the slate of candidates at convention.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**Approve Official Interpretation – Virtual Athletic Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.**

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

The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that an institutional athletics staff member may view a "live stream" of an event involving prospective student-athletes that the staff member may otherwise permissibly attend. The opportunity to view the "live stream" must be available to all at the

same cost. Similarly, an institutional athletics staff member may also view recordings of those same events provided the recordings are available to all at the same cost.

[References: Bylaws 13.02.4 (Evaluation), and 13.1.5 (Evaluations)]

- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. During its February 2021 meeting, the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed issues relative to the use of streaming and video services in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. The committee acknowledged that the technology to view contests involving prospective student-athletes via a virtual format was not considered when the current recruiting legislation was adopted. Given the current opportunities that technology provides Division III coaches to recruit in a more cost-effective manner, the committee determined that coaches could view a live stream of a contest or a recording of the contest involving prospective student-athletes provided the coach could otherwise attended the event, and the opportunity to view the event is available to all at the same cost. The committee believes that issuing this interpretation will clarify the application of the current evaluation legislation as it pertains to the use of virtual streaming services.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. **Review March Report.** The committee reviewed the report from its March 17, 2021, videoconference.
- 2. **Review of Proposal Number I-2022-1.** The committee reviewed and approved I-2022-1 in final legislative format (see attachment).
- 3. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
- 4. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 12:56 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaisons:* Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Bill Regan, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee April 21, 2021, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University.	
Kurt J. Beron, University of Texas at Dallas.	
Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. (SAAC rep.)	
Matt Hill, University of Northwestern-St. Paul	
Angela Morenz, Blackburn College.	
Joseph Pavlow, Rosemont College.	
Mila Su, Plattsburgh State University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Patrick B. Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Lauren Frost, Louise McCleary, and Joan Nissen	

**Division:** III

**Proposal Number:** I-2022-1

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- USING ALTERNATIVE COURSEWORK TO SATISFY FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

**Convention Year:** 2022

**Date Submitted:** April 13, 2021

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**IPOPL Number:**

**SPOPL Number:**

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)

**Category:** Incorporation

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To clarify that nontraditional coursework may be used to satisfy full-time enrollment requirements for practice or competition provided it is consistent with an institution's policy for full-time enrollment for all students.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.8, as follows:

14.1.8 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.1.8.1 Requirement for Practice or Competition. To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution. For purposes of this bylaw and its subsections, to be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in not less than 12-semester or quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of minimum full-time program of studies. For practice only, a violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. [D]

[14.1.8.1.1 through 14.1.8.1.5 unchanged.]

**14.1.8.1.6 Alternative Coursework. Enrollment in nontraditional coursework (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, internet/virtual courses) may be counted to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirements for practice or competition in a manner that is consistent with established institutional policy used to determine the full-time enrollment status for all students.**

[14.1.8.1.6 through 14.1.8.1.7 renumbered as 14.1.8.1.7 through 14.1.8.1.8, unchanged.]

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Co-sponsorship - Conference:**  
None

**Co-sponsorship - Institution:**  
None

**Position Statements:**

**Review History:**

Apr 13, 2021: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)

Supplement No. 15c

**Additional Information:**

The incorporation of this official interpretation clarifies that nontraditional coursework may be used to satisfy full-time enrollment requirements for practice or competition provided it is consistent with an institution's policy for full-time enrollment for all students. Incorporation of this official interpretation ensures a consistent application of full-time enrollment requirements across the membership.

**Legislative References**

Legislative Cite	Title
14.1.8	Full-Time Enrollment.
14.1.8.1	Requirement for Practice or Competition.

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