



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III INTERPRETATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation – Establish New Start/End Dates for Nordic Skiing.

- (1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council approve in concept noncontroversial legislation establishing, for the sport of Nordic skiing, a playing season start date of October 8 and an end date of March 29 or the end of United States Nordic Super Tour Finals, whichever occurs later.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. During 2023 the start and end dates of the skiing playing and practice season were addressed through noncontroversial legislation, taking alpine skiing into consideration per the request of the skiing community. Specifically, the start date was adjusted to no earlier than October 15 and the end date to April 5 or the of the United States Alpine National Championships, whichever occurs later. Since the change, the skiing community has expressed concern about the negative impact to the sport of Nordic skiing. Further, because Nordic and alpine skiing have separate 114-day playing and practice seasons, it is appropriate to structure the start/end dates with the events that are relevant to the sport (i.e., the Nordic season with the Nordic championship).
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Provides opportunities for Nordic skiing student-athletes to effectively participate in their sport.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review March and May Reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports of its March 28, 2024, videoconference and May 1, 2024, email meeting.
- 2. Appeal of RSRO Case No. 1215032.** The committee reviewed the intercollegiate competition bylaw and noted there is no indication in the legislative history that the application of the bylaw differs from the staff interpretation in the case. Therefore, the committee confirmed that using the name of a Division III institution triggers intercollegiate competition because such use is equivalent to representing the institution, per Bylaw 17.02.9(a).

3. **Update on Transfer Year of Residence.** Staff provided the committee with feedback that has been gathered from the membership regarding the transfer year of residence in Division III. The committee considered options for a potential legislative change and recognized the importance of additional guidance from conference commissioners and the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs. The committee will continue the discussion and, if appropriate, make a final recommendation at its July 2024 meeting.
4. **Name, Image and Likeness.** The committee received an update on the status of name, image and likeness (NIL) initiatives and reviewed recent membership feedback regarding institutional involvement with student-athlete NIL opportunities. The committee will continue to review the topic, as needed, at future meetings.
5. **Ice Hockey Playing and Practice Season.** The committee reviewed the recommendation from the Division III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees to the Championships Committee for noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the off-ice training exception. The committee supported the recommendation and noted that removing the exception would clarify the use of days under the days-based playing and practice season model without a detrimental impact to the student-athletes.
6. **Update on the Subcommittee for Amateurism Fact-Finding.** Staff provided the committee with an update on the Subcommittee for Amateurism Fact-Finding (SAFF) and noted the subcommittee has not been presented with any cases for review but uses its meetings for education on the NCAA Eligibility Center processes. The subcommittee will provide updates at future meetings, as appropriate.
7. **Division III Legislative Process.** Staff provided the committee with feedback that has been gathered from the membership regarding the legislative process in Division III. The committee reviewed the concepts it developed for a potential legislative change and, if appropriate, the committee will make a final recommendation at its July 2024 meeting.
8. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
9. **Other Business.** Staff provided the committee with an update on the noncontroversial legislation that was considered by the Division III Management Council at its April 2024 meeting. Specifically, staff noted that all proposals were approved in concept by the council, except for the recommendation to permit athletics staff members to take actions of approval on social media content posted by student-athletes outside of the declared playing and practice season. The noncontroversial proposals that were approved in concept will further be considered by the Management Council at its July 2024 meeting.

10. Adjournment. The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 3:42 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Michael Mattia, Gettysburg College.
Staff Liaison(s): Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs
Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
Becca Trovato, Academic and Membership Affairs
Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee June 24, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kurt J. Beron, University of Texas at Dallas.	
Rachana Bhat, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.	
Harry Dumay, Elms College.	
Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland.	
Bethany Marren, Rochester Institute of Technology.	
Michael A Mattia, Gettysburg College.	
Danielle O'Leary, William Peace University.	
Sarah Otey, Ohio Athletic Conference.	
Andrea R. Ricketts-Preston, Mount Holyoke College.	
Absentees:	
Jack Langan, Cornell College. (SAAC representative).	
Guests in Attendance:	
Colleen Enrico, Augsburg University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Jeff Myers, Becca Trovato and Sarah Turner.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Bill Regan, Tori Sutherland, Jared Tidemann and Julie Zike.	