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NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SUMMARY OF SPRING 2024 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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Division III Management Council April 16-17, 2024, Videoconferences	Division III Presidents Council April 24, 2024, Videoconference
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1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 16-17 Management Council. The videoconference was called to order April 16, 11 a.m. Eastern, and April 17, 11 a.m. Eastern. The chair, Lawrence Ward, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

April 24 Presidents Council. The videoconference was called to order April 24, 11:02 a.m. Eastern. The chair, Jim Troha, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – January 10, 2024, February 22, 2024, and March 1, 2024 (joint session with the Division III Presidents Council).

Management Council. The Management Council approved summaries of the January 10 in-person meeting, the February 22 post-Convention videoconference, and the March 1 joint session with the Division III Presidents Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meetings – January 11, and March 1, 2024 (joint session with the Division III Management Council).

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved summaries of the January 11 in-person meeting and the March 1 joint session with the Division III Management Council.

c. Presidents Council Committee/Subcommittee Assignments.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council members reviewed their committee/subcommittee assignments for 2024.

d. Management and Presidents Council Policies and Procedures.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils updated their policies and procedures to reflect legislation adopted at the 2023 NCAA Convention regarding the composition of the councils.

e. Presidents Council Member Legislated Criteria.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council reviewed the existing legislated criteria regarding council composition and considered whether any of those requirements should be eliminated or modified given the adoption of legislation at the 2023 NCAA Convention that ensures that every Division III multisport conference is represented on either of the councils.

After review, the council voted to retain the existing legislated criteria but agreed to continue to monitor to determine if all the criteria are needed.

f. Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the division's philosophy statement and strategic positioning platform and referred to these resources during the discussions throughout the agenda. The councils noted that the newly revised philosophy statement adopted at the 2024 NCAA Convention will become effective August 1.

g. Administrative Committee Reports.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils ratified the Administrative Committee's action to fill the following vacancies on the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee:

- Josey Johnson, Otterbein University, Ohio Athletic Conference.
- Gavin Jones, Westminster College (Pennsylvania), Presidents' Athletic Conference.
- Jacob Keller, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- Sebastian Knowles, Hartwick College, Empire 8 Conference.
- Ella Miller, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.
- Zoey Wexler, Western New England University, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
- Oliver Williams, Westfield State University, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The councils also ratified the Administrative Committee's approval of a one-time spend of up to \$45,000 to provide live streaming of all Division III sessions at the 2024 Regional Rules Seminar. The councils noted that this live stream option will not impact the Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement in Bylaw 20.8.4.15.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.

Staff Liaison:
Regan

Council Reps:
Bednarsh, Belton,
Coker, , Lee,
Mauro, Stiles,
Ward, Wigley

(1) Convention Planning Subcommittee.

Management Council. The council reviewed the Convention Planning Subcommittee's report from its March 15 videoconference and noted preliminary discussion of potential topics for the three Division III educational sessions at the 2025 NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Council members offered additional feedback on potential topics as well.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Aiken, Hartung,
McCleary, Regan,
Myers

Council Reps:
Abernathy, Berger-
Sweeney, Pieart
Ward

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).

(a) Funding Requests for FY25 and FY26.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils acknowledged that the SPFC began its initial review of funding requests for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The SPFC supported, in concept, the championship enhancements noted in Item 3-b(1) on pages 8-11 and the new initiatives within the Enrichment Fund. The committee also discussed how to manage the current dollars above the mandated reserve. The committee will finalize its recommendations in June.

(b) Enrichment Fund Review.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils noted that the SPFC reviewed several one-time Enrichment Fund enhancements and requests that include potential health and safety initiatives, live streaming of the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars, initiatives to amplify the Division III brand (e.g., web streaming of preliminary rounds of select NCAA Division III championships), officiating and anticipated recommendations from the Deloitte analysis.

(c) Division III Budget Principles and Guidelines.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils also noted the SPFC's review of a new document outlining the Division III budget principles and guidelines. The SPFC asked that the Division III Championships Committee review the draft since many of the principles and guidelines relate directly to championship operations and administration. The Championships Committee conducted this review and offered feedback on the document during its April 23 videoconference. The SPFC will consider the document again during its June meeting.

(d) Review of Budget-to-Actuals.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the division's 2023-24 budget-to-actuals through March 2024, which reflect most of the total expenses for fall championships but only a fraction of winter expenses. Other notes include the Enrichment Fund being on target to spend its budget, and the distribution of the conference office and diversity grants. These funds account for three-quarters of the budget. Most of the other programs/initiatives occur during the NCAA Convention or in the spring/summer months.

(e) Future Budget Projections.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the future forecast, noting that last year the division spent \$4 million more on championships to enhance the student-athlete experience and \$1.1 million more on Enrichment Fund initiatives. The division also received \$1.3 million in additional, unexpected revenue from Association-wide championships that will be used for future spends.

In fiscal year 2024, the division will intentionally overspend its budget by approximately \$3 million, including the \$800,000 approved previously to increase per diem a year early and \$935,000 to support one-time Enrichment Fund and financial analysis reviews and championships initiatives (i.e., the division's 50th anniversary). The forecast also notes the division's approval to suspend the membership dues assessment for fiscal years 2025 and 2026 (approximately \$500,000 annually) and produce women's volleyball, and men's and women's basketball semifinal and championships games with the new ESPN contract (approximately \$500,000 annually). The goal is to continue reducing the amount above and beyond the mandated reserve. The new CBS/Warner Brothers and ESPN contracts begin in fiscal year 2025, and during this year the division will receive a 13% revenue increase. The contracts end in fiscal year 2032.

(3) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

(a) Noncontroversial Proposal Graduate/Postbaccalaureate Student Participation Directive – Incorporate into Legislation.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation that incorporates into Division III legislation the existing graduate/postbaccalaureate student participation waiver directive for non-Division III graduates. The

Staff Liaison:
Berg

Council Reps:
Corcoran, DiCamillo, Larson,
Marin, Pieart,
Price, Stiles,
Verdugo

waiver directive, established and amended by the Presidents Council, has served as the guide for postbaccalaureate participation. For the last two years, the directive was applied via a blanket waiver, thereby allowing institutions to self-apply the criteria. Feedback regarding this self-application was positive. Incorporating the waiver criteria into the legislation alleviates the institutional burden of filing a waiver while maintaining the same thresholds that the membership has been using. Institutions will still be permitted to submit waivers on behalf of student-athletes who do not satisfy the specific criteria. This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Proposal Delayed Enrollment Analysis – Standardized Dates.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to establish standardized dates in the delayed enrollment analysis for all prospective student-athletes (specifically, October 1 for fall enrollees and March 1 for winter/spring enrollees). This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Division III Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Mlynski,
Williams

Council Reps:
Sheilley, Verdugo

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Administrative Regulations – NCAA Bylaw 31.3.1.1.1 – Administration of NCAA Championships – Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation – Maximum Bracket Size – Football.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, an administrative regulation to amend Bylaw 31.3.1.1.1 (Maximum Bracket Size) to increase the maximum bracket size in football from 32 to 40 teams, effective with the 2024 NCAA Division III Football Championship.

The proposal, which the Division III Football Committee endorses, has also been vetted among the football-sponsoring members of Division III and has gained significant support. Because current legislation caps the football championship bracket at 32, an amendment is required to increase the bracket. This will return to

the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Administrative Regulations – NCAA Bylaw 31.3.1.1 – Administration of NCAA Championships – Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation – Principles of Establishing Bracket Sizes – Pools A, B and C.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, an administrative regulation to amend Bylaw 31.3.1.1 (Pools A, B and C) to combine Pools B and C into one group of institutions eligible for at-large selection for team sport championships, effective with the 2024-25 academic year.

When Pools A, B and C were established in 2003, it was important for institutions that were independent or in non-automatic-qualifying conferences (Pool B) to have the same access as those institutions in automatic-qualifying conferences. Recently, though, concerns have been raised regarding the reduction of at-large opportunities with the establishment and potential growth of automatic qualification bids and consequently a dilution of the championship itself. With the increased emphasis on institutions being members of a conference and the resulting decrease in the current number of institutions in Pool B, the Championships Committee believes – and the council agreed – that it is appropriate to combine Pools B and C into one group. This proposal was vetted in multiple membership surveys and consistently received broad-based support. This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Administrative Regulations – NCAA Bylaw 31.3.1.1 – Principles of Establishing Bracket Sizes.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, an administrative regulation to amend Bylaw 31.3.1.1 to establish an access ratio of 1:6.0 in team sports, effective September 1, 2024.

The Division III membership has affirmed its priority of championships access through multiple membership surveys conducted since March 2022. The Championships Committee has deliberated various access models and recommended that the access ratio for team sports be amended to 1:6.0. This change aligns championships access with the current six-core-member requirement for conferences to earn an automatic berth to team championships. It also lowers the threshold for future bracket

expansion by only requiring six additional sponsoring institutions to gain an additional championship berth and allows for brackets in high-sponsored sports to reach the legislated maximum of 64 (i.e., baseball and softball). Additionally, sport sponsorship must achieve the next whole number before further bracket expansion can be considered. This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Administrative Regulations – NCAA Bylaw 31.3.4.2 – Selection Criteria.**

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, that the NCAA Power Index (NPI) be adopted as the metric for selecting non-automatic qualifiers for the championship field for Division III team sports, effective September 1, 2024.

Division III selection criteria have been under review dating back to March 2022 stemming from sport committee and broader membership feedback, which indicated frustration with how the current criteria were applied.

A data selection database (Pairwise) has been used as a selection criterion in men's and women's ice hockey for several years, and it has proven to be extremely transparent and consistent. In light of this, select sport committees compared prior brackets from the last two years to the results generated by the NPI, which revealed a high degree of similarity when comparing the metric against the fields those sport committees had selected.

The Championships Committee has developed educational materials (FAQ and webinars) for the membership since it has begun its review of this initiative and has sought feedback from team sport committees and the membership throughout the process.

The sport committees will continue educating the membership and coaches in the coming month, including an updated FAQ document, additional webinars, and providing a document from each team sport committee that explains the dial settings for its sport. The Championships Committee will finalize the implementation procedures before the Management Council considers the concept in final legislative form at its July meeting.

Presidents Council. While no formal action was necessary, some council members raised whether the implementation date should be delayed to September 1, 2025, to help ensure that sport committees and the membership in general fully understand the metric and its

effect on selections. After discussion, the council voted to maintain the original implementation date as recommended by the Championships Committee and approved by the Management Council. The council reinforced the need to continue the educational campaign to alleviate concerns within the membership.

(e) Additional Championships Enhancements.

Management Council. The council reviewed several championships budget enhancements the Championships Committee recommended for the next budget cycle (fiscal years 2025 and 2026). The council noted that the enhancements will improve the student-athlete experience, create greater access to championships and help offset expenses for participating teams. Additionally, the committee is continuing to consider the impact of current bracketing principles on highly ranked regional teams meeting in early rounds of the championship. The council will receive a final recommendation from the SPFC during its summer meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
McVeigh

Council Rep:
DiCamillo

(2) Committee on Infractions.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Zike

Council Rep:
Gibson

(3) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung,
Higgins

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(4) Financial Aid Committee.

Management Council. The council received the committee's reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Smith

Council Reps:
Camille,
Mitchell

(5) Infractions Appeals Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons: Berg, Myers, Turner Council Rep: Gibson

(6) Interpretations and Legislation Committee.

(a) **Noncontroversial Proposal – Student-Athlete Protections Associated with Name, Image and Likeness Activities.**

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation establishing resources for student-athletes engaging in name, image and likeness activities, including:

- Service Provider Registration: Voluntary registration process for NIL service providers (e.g., agents, financial advisors), with the expectation that entities provide required information as a part of the registration process; and
- Educational Programming: The NCAA will manage a comprehensive educational program focusing on areas of interest, including but not limited to available resources, contract best practices and standardized terms, taxes, and brand management.

The effective date of the proposal is August 1, 2024. These protections are designed to provide resources that help student-athletes make informed decisions as they navigate the NIL environment, not to exert control over a student-athlete's decision or curtail NIL opportunities. A national, centralized registration process that collects and publishes information on service providers interested in working with student-athletes will help student-athletes make informed decisions as they select service providers. Designing educational resources provides student-athletes and individuals working with student-athletes with information and clear guidelines on new NIL rules and policies. Additionally, making available practical resources for student-athletes such as resources to help them understand contracts including standardized contract terms and taxable income and establish a personal brand would better help student-athletes navigate the NIL environment.

This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Noncontroversial Proposal – Use of Season During Temporary Certification Period – Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1.**

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation for an exception that permits international students in the temporary 45-day certification period to practice without using a season of participation. The effective date of the proposal is immediate.

Division III requires international students enrolling at a Division III institution for the first time to receive a final certification of amateurism by the NCAA Eligibility Center before being eligible to compete for their institution. Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1 (temporary certification) allows international students going through the Eligibility Center review process to practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days before receiving a final certification. Per Bylaw 14.2.4.1, practice after the first contest in the traditional segment results in that student-athlete being charged with a season of participation. If an international student's temporary certification period overlaps with the start of competition in the traditional segment, they would use a season without knowing if they incurred any amateurism conditions as a result of their pre-enrollment participation or amateurism status. This proposed change would allow an international student to participate during the temporary certification period and not be charged a season of participation, even if practice occurs after the team's first contest.

This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Use of Social Media During Voluntary Out-of-Season Activities – Bylaw 17.02.14.

Management Council. The council referred a recommendation for further input, which was to approve noncontroversial legislation permitting athletics staff and coaches to take actions of approval on out-of-season athletics content posted to social media sites by currently enrolled student-athletes without negating the voluntary nature of the activities. The council did not agree that the proposal was noncontroversial in nature and that not enough input had been received from student-athletes.

The intent of the proposal is to allow coaches and athletics staff to take actions of approval on a student-athlete's social media post depicting out-of-season activities without negating its voluntary nature, provided it was not posted at the direction of coaches or athletics staff. The thought is that this would alleviate some administrative burden for compliance staff while also maintaining certain guardrails to protect student-athletes from being pressured by coaches and staff to engage in athletically related activities when out of season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Potential Changes to the Division III Legislative Process.

Management Council. The council reviewed potential changes to the current Division III legislative process presented by the ILC and offered initial feedback to help inform the discussions. The areas being reviewed are sponsorship deadlines, establishing a comment period, the deadline to meet full sponsorship, elimination of the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, and the scope of amendments. The ILC will solicit additional feedback from the membership as it considers these potential changes and may submit a recommendation to the council during its summer meeting to sponsor 2025 NCAA Convention legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Transfer Year-In-Residence Requirements.

Management Council. The council received an update from the ILC regarding its discussions about the division's year-in-residence requirements for transfers in light of litigation that prompted each NCAA division to review its policies. The council also considered feedback on this issue from the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief, and Division III Faculty Advisory Representatives Advisory Group. All groups noted their support for eliminating the transfer year in residence as the default position for transfer student-athlete eligibility. The council noted its general support but agreed that additional discussion is needed regarding appropriate guardrails. The council may receive a recommendation to sponsor 2025 Convention legislation during its summer meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Membership Committee.

(a) Noncontroversial Proposal – Membership Process Application Deadline.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to amend the application deadline in the Division III membership process for the exploratory year, provisional membership and reclassification of membership from January 15 to February 1. The effective date of the proposal is August 1, 2024.

Moving the application deadlines to February 1 relieves an administrative burden on all involved parties. For institutions completing the application, it alleviates any issues with completing

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung, Higgins, Turner

Council Rep:
Stiles

the required applications around the end-of-year holidays. Additionally, the change would not impact the committee's operations (the February 1 application deadline would still allow the committee to review the application materials in a timely manner).

This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Proposal – Provisional Membership Application.

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to amend the new member application process by incorporating the current exploratory year waiver criteria into the legislated standards for the provisional membership application. The standards include:

- (1) Invitation to a Division III multisport conference.
- (2) Viability statement.
- (3) Letter of recommendation.
- (4) Functioning compliance system.
- (5) Meet minimum sport-sponsorship requirements in the year preceding the first year of provisional membership.
- (6) No athletically related financial aid awarded to any student-athlete. The institution must attest to full compliance with Bylaw 15 (financial aid) beginning with the first year of provisional membership.

If the standard is not met or the Membership Committee denies the provisional membership application, the institution is required to complete the exploratory year. If the standard is met and the Membership Committee approves the provisional membership application, the institution maintains the option to complete the exploratory year.

This will return to the council in final legislative form for consideration during the council's July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Potential Reclassification Process Adjustments.

Management Council. The council provided feedback on a concept from the Division III Membership Committee to establish a waiver to shorten the NCAA reclassifying process from three to two years provided the reclassifying institution demonstrates compliance with the division's legislation including financial aid rules after year one of the process. The council may receive a recommendation during its July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Nominating Committee.

(a) Council Composition Requirements.

Management Council. The council approved and recommended that the Presidents Council approve the conference rotation chart and application Q&A document the Nominating Committee developed to outline representation on the Management Council and Presidents Council effective August 1, 2024 (see Attachment). The rotation is due to the legislation adopted at the 2023 NCAA Convention that ensures representation of all multisport conferences on either of the councils. The rotation satisfies the legislative requirement as of August 1, 2024, while also limiting annual turnover and ensuring that all current council members can complete their assigned terms. The application Q&A document addresses questions regarding the initial implementation and application of the legislation.

Presidents Council. The council approved the rotation chart and Q&A document as recommended.

(b) Division III Championships Committee Composition.

Management Council. The council approved a waiver of the composition requirements for the Championships Committee to allow the addition of a 13th member to meet the legislated committee composition requirements. Currently, the committee has 12 members but does not have a representative from any of the following states in geographical area four: California, Colorado, Oregon, Texas, or Washington. This waiver will permit the addition of a representative from one of those states.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roe, Mucci

Council Rep:
Bothner

(c) Governance Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The council approved the following governance committee appointments:

- a. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (one August 1, 2024, vacancy):
 - Ryan Kelly, strength and conditioning coach, Rochester Institute of Technology, Liberty League.
- b. NCAA Honors Committee (one-year term extension):
 - Christopher Davis, national distinguished citizen.
- c. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (two September 1, 2024, vacancies):
 - Karla Mejia, head athletic trainer/senior woman administrator, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
 - Ashlee Williams, director of diversity and inclusion, Eastern University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
- d. NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (one September 1, 2024, vacancy).
 - Bradley Duckworth, director of athletics, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- e. NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee (one September 1, 2024, vacancy):
 - Jennifer Haskell, public member.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The council received a summary of the SAAC's January meeting, during which members elected new leadership (Jack Langan from Cornell College as chair and Lillian Case from Juniata College as vice chair) and continued ongoing efforts through its two subcommittees (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice, and Mental/Physical Health) to improve the student-athlete experience. SAAC members also heard from NCAA President Charlie Baker, who noted the positive impact of congressional engagement – particularly from the three divisional SAACs –

Staff Liaisons:
Mucci, Spungen,
Trovato
Youngblood

Council Reps:
Hathaway, Marin,
Meenak-
shisundaram-
Wigley

in influencing opinion on issues related to student-athletes as institutional employees, sports wagering, and name, image, and likeness.

Presidents Council. In addition to the update from the SAAC's January meeting, the council formally approved the SAAC's recommendation to appoint Greg Ricketts, former football student-athlete at Central College (Iowa), to fill the position of former Division III student-athlete representative on the NCAA Board of Governors.

c. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
Lamb

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Management Council. The council received the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Women's Athletics.

- 2025 Convention Legislation – Women's Wrestling – National Collegiate Championship.**

Management Council. The council agreed, in concept, to sponsor a legislative proposal for the 2025 NCAA Convention to add women's wrestling as an NCAA National Collegiate championship and to establish a women's wrestling committee.

Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year.

If approved, the women's wrestling committee would begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first National Collegiate championship in winter 2026.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Lid-
dane, Lokhande,
Wiley

Council Rep:
Lamb

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Lid-
dane, Lokhande,
Miron, Blair,
Kennedy, Sleet

Council Rep:
Lamb, Sheilley

(3) **Joint Committee on Women's Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Preston, Loechel,
Register

Council Rep:
Brown

(4) **Honors Committee.**

- **Noncontroversial Proposal – Nomination Process for the Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards.**

Management Council. The council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to specify that the Honors Committee shall receive nominations and select recipients for the Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt awards.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hackworth, Ken-
nedy, Sleet

Council Rep:
Sheilley

(5) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The council received the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Mitchell

(6) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Seewald

(7) **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

Management Council. The council received the panel's reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Price

(8) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2025 NCAA CONVENTION.

a. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation Approved by the Management Council.

- NC 2025-2 Championships – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Removal of Cannabinoids from the Banned-Drugs List.

Management Council. The council adopted, in final legislative format, noncontroversial legislation removing cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned-drug classes, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Anticipated Legislative Proposals.

Management and Presidents Councils. Staff updated the councils on possible legislative proposals from the governance structure, including the establishment of women's wrestling as a National Collegiate championship, the possible elimination of the transfer year-in-residence requirement, possible adjustments to the Division III legislative process, potential changes to shorten the reclassifying membership process, and sports wagering. Staff also noted potential membership-sponsored proposals that may be submitted for the 2025 NCAA Convention.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Athletic Trainer Working Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed recommendations from the working group that address three primary areas of concern identified by the Division III membership and athletic trainers: workload, the difficulty of maintaining appropriate work-life balance, the need to create a positive work culture and the role of ineffective communication on that culture. The councils provided feedback and will receive a revised version of those recommendations during their summer meetings.

b. Congressional Advocates.

Presidents and Management Councils. The councils received an update on how engagement from the NCAA membership, particularly from institutions and conference offices in Divisions III and II, has positively influenced opinion regarding several matters that could otherwise negatively affect intercollegiate athletics (e.g., student-athletes as employees, sports wagering, NIL).

c. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The council received the working group's most recent report, noting the discussion regarding a potential transition of the working group and the LGBTQIA+ Working Group into a subcommittee of the councils. The working group believes this change could provide an opportunity for enhanced communication lines with the councils on important issues each working group engages in while acknowledging the label "working group" may not be optimal given the current agendas of each group. The Management Council may receive a formal recommendation from the working group at its July meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.

Management Council. The council received the advisory group's most recent report, noting the group's feedback regarding the transfer year-in-residence requirement that is being reviewed.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Federated Rules Process Update.

Management Council. The council discussed the federated playing rules process it adopted in summer 2023 and endorsed a plan to review the process to assess its implementation and effectiveness. The review will include soliciting feedback from Division III members and staff liaisons of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, playing rules committees and sport committees, as well as individuals from the membership. The staff will provide the council with an update of the review at its summer meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Financial and Risk Management Working Group.

Management Council. The councils received updates from the working group's most recent meetings and noted its ongoing collaboration with Deloitte to conduct a review of the division's finances.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. LGBTQIA+ Working Group.

Management Council. The council received an update from the working group's most recent meeting, noting the discussion cited in Item 6c regarding the potential of combining the LGBTQIA+ Working Group and the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group into a subcommittee of the councils.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The council received the working group's most recent report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Division III Strategic Priorities.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council received an update on a document staff created to track progress on the division's strategic priorities for 2024-25.

j. Division III Branding, Promotions and Social Media.

Management Council. The council received a report of the initiatives and resources to enhance the Division III brand.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

k. External Reviews.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates from the consultants retained to conduct two reviews of the division's finances. The first update was from representatives from Lewis Rice, the firm retained to conduct a comprehensive, independent assessment and evaluation of the division's Enrichment Fund programs and grants. The update included a summary of work completed to date and preliminary observations. The second update was provided by representatives from Deloitte, which included an overview of division's financial strengths, identified financial opportunities and threats facing the division, and a recommended implementation roadmap.

6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. NCAA President's Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils heard from NCAA President Charlie Baker on topics relevant to the Association and Division III. President Baker

reiterated the positive impact of engagement of Division III institutions and conferences on moving the opinions on Capitol Hill regarding issues affecting intercollegiate athletics.

b. Board of Governors Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed updates from the Board of Governors' most recent meetings. In addition, per a request from the board, the Presidents Council offered feedback on the board's anticipated review during its April 25 meeting of whether the penalties incurred by institutions that do not submit their Sexual Violence Prevention Attestation form should be adjusted. The Presidents Council also provided feedback on the transgender student-athlete participation policy.

The councils also received a report from the board's Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, which noted the ongoing discussion related to the board's request that the four committees currently devoted to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts collaborate on whether those groups should be consolidated and/or streamlined to be more efficient.

c. Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates on the following key topics:

- (1) **Cannabinoids.** The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) approved an education plan outlining the steps required after the development of the consensus statement from the NCAA Summit on Cannabis in College Athletics. These steps include development of a Q&A, educational one-pagers, talking points, conducting SSI Spotlights, and distributing a memo to the Division III membership.
- (2) **Mental Health Best Practices.** To date the mental health best practices document and Q&A have been made public, SSI Spotlight sessions have occurred, and a session at the 2024 NCAA Convention was conducted. Additional steps include additional SSI Spotlight sessions and development of a Learning Management educational module.
- (3) **Training and Performance Advisory Group.** The advisory group's first meeting will occur May 2. The advisory group will advise the CSMAS on matters involving physical, mental, and cognitive readiness, performance technologies, sleep, nutrition, and overuse/periodization. The advisory group includes representatives from each division, as well as subject matter experts.
- (4) **Chief Medical Officer Transition.** The councils were informed that NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline will retire at the end of May and

that a search for his replacement has been initiated. The councils expressed their appreciation for Dr. Hainline's efforts and engagement during his term.

d. Sports Wagering Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update of the Association's sports wagering legislation and the ongoing review considering the changes to the national sports wagering landscape. The councils discussed whether the legislation should remain common for all three divisions or be federated, the process that should be used to review the legislation, and the appropriate scope for this review. The councils provided initial feedback and will revisit this topic during their summer meetings.

e. Legal Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update regarding the status of current litigation involving the NCAA.

f. NCAA Post-Eligibility Insurance Program Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update from staff regarding efforts underway to prepare the NCAA membership to participate in a plan adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors in 2023 that provides all member schools in Divisions I, II and III post-eligibility injury insurance coverage for student-athletes beginning August 1, 2024. The coverage will be for two years after student-athletes complete their college athletics experience and will cover injuries that occur while playing for their school after August 1, 2024. Additionally, the premiums for this coverage will be paid by the NCAA.

g. Governmental Relations Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received the government relations report.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.

a. Governance Scorecard.

Management and Presidents Councils. Staff reminded council members to complete the governance scorecard by May 13.

b. Presidents Council Leadership Interest.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. Staff noted that the council will vote on new leadership during its August meeting and that members interested in serving in this regard should notify staff before that time.

8. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The meeting adjourned April 16, 4 p.m. Eastern, and April 17, 2:30 p.m. Eastern.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned April 24, 3:01 p.m. Eastern.

Conference	Jan. 2024 - Jan. 2025	Jan. 2025 - Jan. 2026	Jan. 2026 - Jan. 2027	Jan. 2027 - Jan. 2028	Jan. 2028 - Jan. 2029	Jan. 2029 - Jan. 2030	Jan. 2030 - Jan. 2031	Jan. 2031 - Jan. 2032	Jan. 2032 - Jan. 2033	Jan. 2033 - Jan. 2034	Jan. 2034 - Jan. 2035	Jan. 2035- Jan. 2036
Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference	PC Steven Mauro, Alfred State	PC Steven Mauro, Alfred State	PC Steven Mauro, Alfred State	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC
American Rivers Conference	MC Rob Larson, Luther	MC Rob Larson, Luther	MC Rob Larson, Luther	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC
American Southwest Conference	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
Atlantic East Conference	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Centennial Conference	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC
City University of New York Athletic Conference	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
Coast to Coast Athletic Conference	PC Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury	PC Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury	PC Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury	PC Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC
College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin	MC Jessica Brown, North Central (IL)	MC Jessica Brown, North Central (IL)	MC Jessica Brown, North Central (IL)	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC
Collegiate Conference of the South	PC Bryan Coker, Maryville (TN)	PC Bryan Coker, Maryville (TN)	PC Bryan Coker, Maryville (TN)	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC
Commonwealth Coast Conference	PC Marisa Kelly, Suffolk	PC Marisa Kelly, Suffolk	PC Marisa Kelly, Suffolk	PC Marisa Kelly, Suffolk	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Empire 8 Conference	MC Pete Bothner, Nazareth	MC Pete Bothner, Nazareth	MC Pete Bothner, Nazareth	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC
Great Northeast Athletic Conference	PC Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus	PC Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus	PC Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC
Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	MC Holly Sheilley, Transylvania	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC
Landmark Conference	PC Jim Troha, Juniata	PC Jim Troha, Juniata	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC
Liberty League	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
Little East Conference	MC Melinda Treadwell, Keene State	MC Melinda Treadwell, Keene State	MC Melinda Treadwell, Keene State	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC
Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference	MC Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State	MC Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State	MC Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association	PC Jeff Abernathy, Alma	PC Jeff Abernathy, Alma	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC
Middle Atlantic Conferences	MC Bill Stiles, Alvernia	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC
Midwest Conference	MC Nicole Pieart, Lake Forest	MC Nicole Pieart, Lake Forest	MC Nicole Pieart, Lake Forest	MC Nicole Pieart, Lake Forest	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC
New England Small College Athletic Conference	PC Joanne Berger-Sweeney	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC
New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	MC Lawrence Ward, Babson	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
New Jersey Athletic Conference	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
North Atlantic Conference	PC Ray Rice, Maine Presque Isle	PC Ray Rice, Maine Presque Isle	PC Ray Rice, Maine Presque Isle	PC Ray Rice, Maine Presque Isle	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC
North Coast Athletic Conference	PC Adam Weinberg, Denison	PC Adam Weinberg, Denison	PC Adam Weinberg, Denison	PC Adam Weinberg, Denison	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Northwest Conference	PC Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran	PC Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran	PC Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC
Ohio Athletic Conference	PC Susan Hasseler, Muskingum	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC
Old Dominion Athletic Conference	MC Brian Wigley, Shenandoah	MC Brian Wigley, Shenandoah	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC
Presidents' Athletic Conference	PC Douglas Lee, Waynesburg	PC Douglas Lee, Waynesburg	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC
Skyline Conference	MC Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva	MC Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva	MC Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva	MC Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC
Southern Athletic Association	PC Milton Moreland, Centre	PC Milton Moreland, Centre	PC Milton Moreland, Centre	PC Milton Moreland, Centre	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	PC Hiram Chodosh, CMS	PC Hiram Chodosh, CMS	PC Hiram Chodosh, CMS	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC
Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	MC Betsey Mitchell, Cal Tech											
Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference	PC Laura Trombley, Southwestern	PC Laura Trombley, Southwestern	PC Laura Trombley, Southwestern	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC
St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	PC Suzanne Davis, Greenville	PC Suzanne Davis, Greenville	PC Suzanne Davis, Greenville	PC Suzanne Davis, Greenville	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC
State University of New York Athletic Conference	MC Tom Di Camillo, SUNYAC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC
United East Conference	MC Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's (MD)	MC Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's (MD)	MC Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's (MD)	MC Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's (MD)	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC
University Athletic Association	MC Keiko Price, Emory	MC Keiko Price, Emory	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC
Upper Midwest Athletic Conference	PC Renee Wachter, UW Superior	PC Renee Wachter, UW Superior	PC Renee Wachter, UW Superior	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC
USA South Athletic Conference	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC
Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	MC Jason Verdugo, UW Eau Claire	MC Jason Verdugo, UW Eau Claire	PC	PC	PC	MC	MC	MC	MC	PC	PC	PC
PC	21 (8)	21 (2)	21 (3)	21 (7)	21 (9)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (6)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (5)
MC	22* (9)	21 (4)	21 (3)	21 (7)	21 (9)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (6)	21 (5)	21 (5)	21 (5)
* Over due to SCIAAC Representative							Public Conf. Per Council 50% or more public members	PC 4; MC 4	PC 6; MC 2	PC 4; MC 4	PC 5; MC 3	PC 4; MC 4

NCAA Division III Management Council and NCAA Division III Presidents Council Rotation Application Questions and Answers and Implementation Timeline

Below is an initial list of questions and answers regarding the application of the legislation that creates alternating four-year terms on the NCAA Division III Management and Presidents Councils for all active Division III multi-sport conferences (effective August 1, 2024).

Questions and Answers.

Composition.

1. What will be the size of each council beginning August 1, 2024?

Based on the current number of Division III multi-sport conferences (42 as of the date of publication of this Q&A), each council will have 21 conference representatives and two members from the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The SAAC members do not fulfill conference representation.

2. What other requirements will determine the composition of the councils?

In addition to the number of members, the following requirements must also be satisfied:

- a. No more than one conference representative on a council; and
- b. Other current requirements are defined by NCAA Division III Bylaws 21.11.1 and 21.11.1.1.

3. When is the total number of DIII conferences established to determine each council's size?

September 1 each year.

4. What happens if a new DIII conference becomes active or one ceases to operate?

If the new DIII multi-sport conference becomes active, that conference will begin its term in January (after NCAA Convention) following the date the conference becomes active. The NCAA Division III Nominating Committee will forward a recommendation to the Division III Management Council to determine which council the new conference will start its initial term and the length of the term. The preference is for any new conference to have an initial term of four years. However, the council may need to make the initial term shorter than four years to maintain an appropriate balance on each council. Thereafter, the new conference will serve four-year terms.

If a conference is no longer an active DIII multi-sport conference, its slot will end as of the date the conference is no longer considered active.

If two or more conferences merge, the slot for the conference that remains (basis for championship AQs) will be the slot on the councils that will continue. The slot for the other conferences will end as of the date the conference(s) no longer exist. The DIII Management Council may deviate from this policy on a case-by-case basis if it is in the best interest of the conference(s) and/or councils.

Nominations and Selection.

1. How will representatives be nominated and selected for both councils?

The Nominating Committee will manage the nominations for both councils. Each council will approve the nominations before a nomination is submitted to the membership for a vote.

2. What is the process for filling the vacancies that open August 1, 2024?

Solicitation for nominees will occur not later than May 1. Nominations will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and will make recommendations to both councils to review during their summer 2024 meetings. After the councils review and approve the nominees, they will be presented to the applicable membership groups for a vote. These new members would likely join the councils for their October meetings.

3. What happens if a conference is unable to secure a nominee for either council?

If a conference is unable to secure nominees for its council slot, it will have two years to fill the slot. That slot will go unfilled for those two-years. (See below for what happens if a council falls below 18 members.)

If the conference's slot remains unfilled for two years, then the conference's slot on that council will remain unfilled for the remainder of the term assigned to the conference for that council.

4. How are vacancies on a council handled?

If a vacancy on a council exists because a current member leaves the council before the end of their term, the council will first seek to fill the vacancy from the same conference provided there are at least two years left in their term. (See below for what happens if a council falls below 18 members.)

If there are less than two years remaining in the individual's term, then the conference's slot will remain unfilled.

5. Can an individual who has been appointed to fill a slot and serves less than four-years be re-appointed?

No. The slots on a council are set for a four-year term that will rotate to the other council at the end of the four years.

6. What will happen if the size of a council falls below 18, excluding SAAC representatives?

If the size of a council is below 18 members, excluding the two SAAC representatives, the council will fill the number of slots necessary to get to 18 members. Open slots will be

filled first, if possible, by a member of the conference in which the slot is assigned. If that is not feasible, then an open slot may be filled by an at-large selection from a conference not currently represented on the respective council or an individual from an independent institution for the remaining length of the term.

The order for filling open slots will be based on the slot that has been open the longest and that has at least two years remaining on the open term. This will continue until the respective council reaches 18 members.

Implementation and Education.

February/March	Nominating Committee will review proposed rotation and implementation Q&A and forward recommendation to Management Council.
March/April	Advise D3CA and NADIIIAA executive bodies.
April	MC and PC approve recommendation.
April	Staff distribute final rotation information and implementation Q&A to commissioners and NADIIIAA executive group.
Not later than May 1	Nominations open.
May	Review rotation during Division III monthly webinar.
July/August	Councils approve slate of nominees.
August	Nominations distributed to the membership for a vote (i.e., Management Council to commissioners and directors of athletics; and Presidents Council to presidents and chancellors).
September/October	Council orientations for new members.
October	First meeting.