



NCAA DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2020 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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Division III Management Council July 20-21, 2020 Indianapolis, IN	Division III Presidents Council August 5, 2020 Indianapolis, IN
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[Note: This summary reflects only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities. The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group.]

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

July 20-21 Management Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. July 20 and 8:52 a.m. July 21, by the chair, Heather Benning. The chair reviewed the schedule for the day.

August 5 Presidents Council. The virtual meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. August 5, by the chair, President Tori Murden McClure. The chair acknowledged the first meeting for President Troha.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – April 20-21, 2020.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its April 20-21, 2020, meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – April 29, 2020.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 29, 2020, meeting.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Council ratified the Administrative reports from April 16, May 7, May 15, May 28, June 10, June 24 and July 8 videoconferences.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the Administrative Committee reports from the April 16, May 7, May 15, May 28, June 10, June 24 and July 8 videoconferences.

Both Councils ratified the recent Administrative Committee action regarding a proactive blanket waiver to permit student-athletes whose teams complete 50% or less of the sport's maximum contests/dates of competition during the 2020-21 season, due to the impact of COVID-19, to receive a season-of-participation waiver. The Councils agreed that the waiver allows student-athletes to make informed enrollment decisions prior to the 2020-21 academic year and allows appropriate flexibility beyond the current rule (a season of eligibility is used if a student-athlete practices the day after the team's first competition). It also noted that no committee recommended exempting conference championships and NCAA championships, as doing so would be counter to the Division III philosophy.

3. ***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.***

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

(1) **Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

- **2021 NCAA Convention.**

Management Council. The Convention Planning Subcommittee reported, and the Management Council endorsed, the following Convention education session topics:

- COVID-19. This session will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on higher education and more specifically athletics departments and student-athletes. (Anticipate NADIIIAA sponsored session)
- Social/Racial Injustices. With the recent racial injustice and Black Lives Matter movement, this session will discuss action steps institutions and conferences can take to address racial inequality.
- Sexual Violence Assault Prevention. With the Board of Governors recent action to expand the existing Association-wide campus sexual violence prevention policy, this session will discuss the new disclosure requirements effective in the 2021-22 academic year.

The Council also received an update that the NCAA is researching virtual opportunities for the 2021 Convention due to the pandemic creating substantial financial challenges and delegates having more pressing matters on their campuses, which could make participation in Washington, D.C. difficult. A virtual Convention would take place the week of January 11, as scheduled, and divisional business would be conducted (including voting on NIL).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary. The Presidents Council noted, following the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting Tuesday, August 4, that the 2021 NCAA Convention will be virtual.

Staff Liaisons:
Brown,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Benning,
Gilmour,
Mooney,
Mazza, Mankey,
McGuinness,
Paino, Pepper,
Schram

Staff Liaisons:
Aiken, Dutcher,
Hartung, Kresge,
McCleary, Myers,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Benning, Brown,
Franks, Lindgren,
Mazza, Miller,
Pepper, Shields,
Trachte, Vienna,
Walsh

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Budget Cuts.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to reduce both the championships and nonchampionships supplemental budget during FY21 through FY24 to help offset the budget shortage experienced this year due to the impact of COVID-19.

This year's budget experienced a 70% loss, approximately \$22 million, and ultimately a budget overage of approximately \$9 million. The shortfall will be covered by the division's mandated reserve. The Council approved the following championship and nonchampionship supplemental item reductions:

- Hold annual sport committee meetings virtually and eliminate banquet at finals site (\$440,000) for 2020-21 only.
- Eliminate local group transportation for individual sports (\$627,000).
- Eliminate local group transportation for team sports (\$345,000).
- Eliminate the second year of the two-year pilot program to separate conference opponents in the first round of competition (\$349,000) for 2020-21.
- Reduce various nonchampionships programs and initiatives (\$619,000).

With these reductions, the division's future forecast shows a positive operating budget and funds slightly above the mandated reserve policy through the end of the current CBS/Turner broadcast agreement (FY24).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also approved these budget reductions.

(b) Mandated Reserve Policy.

Management Council. The Council approved a new mandated reserve policy effective in FY25. The policy will shift the reserve from an annual percentage of the revenue to a flat amount of \$15 million plus a five-million-dollar insurance policy. Every two years, the amount will include a two percent inflationary increase. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee is committed to conducting an annual review of the future budget and recommending further changes to the policy, if warranted.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also approved the recommendation, noting that increased championships administrative costs during 2020-21 may require the committee to revisit its recommendation.

(c) Division III Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the final analysis of the 2019-20 Strategic Plan and the outcomes of the division's initiatives (e.g., accomplished, on-going or not accomplished); as well as the proposed plan for 2020-21. Year two of the budget cycle (2020-21) shows no new initiatives and details proposed budget reductions due to the impact of COVID-19. Staff noted that once approved by the Councils, the Strategic Plan will be posted on the Division III website, as well as distributed to the membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also endorsed the strategic plans.

(d) Division III Budget.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the 2019-20 budget-to-actual as of the end of June 2020. To date the budget indicates a \$7.5 million overage; however due to some outstanding nonchampionship and championship commitments, staff anticipates a \$9 million shortfall.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Conference Grant Policy Requests.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved the following Conference Grant Policy requests from the Division III Commissioners Conference Grant Subcommittee:

- Allow the use of Tier Two funds for personal protective equipment effective immediately for 2019-20 and 2020-21 only.
- For 2020-21, allow the use of Tier Two funds for medical testing/screening equipment for COVID-19.
- Allow the use of Tier One senior woman administrator (SWA) funding for attendance at WeCoach. WeCoach is a membership organization dedicated to the recruitment, advancement and retention of women coaches of all sports and levels. [Staff noted this request is a permanent policy change.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) International Ice Hockey Pilot.

Management Council. The Council, at its April meeting, determined it would not recommend funding for another year of the pilot program. Since there is no plan for a future pilot, staff is answering questions for

any member conference that might be interested in sponsoring legislation requiring the use of the Eligibility Center (EC) for international student-athletes. The EC indicated a willingness to discuss and consider a reduced fee for Division III certifications.

Staff Liaisons:

Myers,
Regan

Council Reps:

Benning, Briggs,
Cooper,
Feyerherm,
Hammond,
Murden McClure
Millerick, Shields

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

Staff Liaisons:

Berg,
Purcell

Council Reps:

Aaron, Fein,
Mazza,
McGuinness,
Udelhofen,
Vienna

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

- **ILC discussion on prospective student-athletes (PSA) involvement with virtual meetings.**

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the June 24, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

(a) Playing and Practice Seasons – Fall Preseason Practice Formula – All Fall Sport (including Football) – 17.02.12 and 17.10.2.1.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the June 10, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approve a blanket waiver allowing institutions to declare alternate playing and practice seasons for fall, winter and spring sports (Division III Bylaws 17.1.1.1 and 17.1.1.2.

Management Council. The Council approved an amended alternate playing seasons model for the 2020-21 academic year proposed by the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The proposal eliminates defined segments and weeks of the playing season and allows institutions to conduct their season at any time during the academic year provided they do not exceed 114 days of athletically related activity. The 114 days do not have to occur in consecutive weeks. The sports of basketball, bowling, ice hockey and wrestling would maintain their current first competition dates but could start practice as early as October 1.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:

Alford, Peterson-
Mylnski,
Romash

Council Reps:

Feyerherm,
Lanigan,
Mooney,
Schram, Vienna,

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Myliniski,
Suscha

Council Reps:
Benning,
Fein, Morgan

(a) Minimum contest requirements for championship selection.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the May 28, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.9.6.2 and Figure 21.1 – Committee Membership.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend Figure 21.1 within Bylaw 21.9.6.2 to adjust the representation of the Division III Men's Volleyball Committee in a manner that accommodates the change in regional alignment from two to three regions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Cancellation of Championship Banquets and Approval of Virtual Sport Committee Meetings.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the May 7, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [See Page 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Informational items.

Management Council. The new regional alignments will be effective with the 2021-22 academic year. Sport committee openings based on standard turnover and increased number of representatives (to coincide with the expansion of the number of regions) will be advertised in October to follow the normal committee appointment timelines. Changes to sport committee composition by laws will be handled through legislative approval process.

The Council also received an update on the following in regard to fall championships:

- The administration of fall sport championships, specifying the need to develop contingency plans to manage fall championship sites and travel to ensure the delivery of health and safety protocols, including plans to move to predetermine fall preliminary round sites and reduce the overall total number of sites.

- Minimum sport sponsorship thresholds and the related need and method to adjust championship access (i.e., determining how many schools are sponsoring the sport and then applying the access ratio) in order to conduct championships.
- NCAA championships staff is exploring feasibility of moving fall championships to another season if they are canceled due to COVID-19. Staff and the Council noted that there are significant hurdles (e.g., timing and overlap with existing winter and spring sport seasons, lack of campus facility and personnel resources) with moving fall championships to another season.

For these reasons as well as the health and safety of student-athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and communities as its priority, the Council endorsed the following statement to be shared with the Presidents Council and forwarded to the Board of Governors:

Out of concern for the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and communities in which our Division III athletics programs are located, the Division III Management Council urges the NCAA Board of Governors to take immediate action to cancel the 2020 NCAA Division III Fall Championships. Moving forward, we, as members of Management Council, commit to continue to monitor and assess the evolving conditions surrounding COVID-19 and making recommendations in the best interest of Division III student-athletes, coaches and staff.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's related recommendation to the BOG and voted to cancel the 2020 Division III's fall sport championships.

The BOG, during its August 4 meeting, recommended that each division determine the best course of action for fall championships and the health and safety of student-athletes. It determined that it will only support moving forward with fall championships and other postseason play if strict conditions are applied and adhered to and there is significant reduction in COVID-19 spread. There are other student-athlete well-being determinations that also must be taken into account even if safety measures can be met and exceeded, such as mental and personal health concerns of student-athletes, available funding, logistics limitations and the quality of the championships experience.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Cooper, Elworth
Kleppel

Council Rep:
Feyerherm

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hartung

Council Rep:
Schram

(3) **Financial Aid Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Bylaw 32.10.2 – Response by NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions Appeals Advocate.**

Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to remove items (a) through (d) and (g), from Bylaw 32.10.2, in a Committee on Infractions' response to an appellant's written appeal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).**

- (a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – To Permit a Local Civic Organization to Provide an Award to an Individual Student-Athlete [Division III Bylaw 16.1.4.4].**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that permits a local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) to provide an award to individual student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (b) **Noncontroversial Legislation – To Eliminate the 100-Mile Radius Restriction on a Booster Club Recognition Banquet [Division III Bylaw 16.1.6.1]/**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that eliminates the current 100-mile radius restriction on an institution's athletics booster club recognition banquet.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (c) **Noncontroversial Legislation – To Eliminate the 30-Mile Radius Restriction for a Student-Athlete to Receive Transportation and Meal Expenses in Conjunction with Participation in a Meeting of a Booster Club or Civic Organization [Division III Bylaw 16.10.1.4].**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that eliminates the 30-mile radius restriction for student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers, Purcell,
Regan

Council Rep:
Hill

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (d) **Noncontroversial Legislation – To Allow a Student-Athlete to Retain Used Equipment at the End of the Individual’s Collegiate Participation [Division III Bylaw 16.11.1.8].**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that permits a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual’s collegiate participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (e) **Noncontroversial Legislation – To Allow an Institution to Pay Expenses for a Student-Athlete to Attend the Funeral of an Institutional Staff Member or Former Teammate and for a Student-Athlete to be Present When a Student-Athlete from Another Team at the Institution Suffers an Injury, Illness or Death [Division III Bylaw 16.6.1.1].**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that permits an institution to pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate and for a student-athlete to be present when a student-athlete from any team at the institution suffers an injury or illness or death.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (f) **Noncontroversial Legislation Recruiting – Precollege Expenses – Donations to Nonathletic Bona Fide Youth Organizations.**

Management Council. The Council approved this governance-sponsored Convention legislation as noncontroversial legislation to permit member institutions to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations and to remove the mileage restriction for any permissible donation to a high school, bona fide youth organization and nonathletic bona fide youth organization.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (g) **Noncontroversial Eligibility – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment – Service Exception.**

Management Council. The Council approved this governance-sponsored Convention proposal as noncontroversial legislation to establish a service exception to the organized competition legislation that permits a prospective student-athlete to participate in organized competition while serving

on active duty in the U.S. armed services (or comparable armed service of another country), on official religious missions or on missions with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Approve Official Interpretation – Hardship Waiver – Competition in Second Half of Season.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Hardship Waiver – Competition in Second Half of Season: The academic and membership affairs confirmed that a student-athlete does not qualify for a hardship waiver if the individual engages in any outside competition during the second half of the institution's traditional season, including competition while not representing the institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Blanket Waiver – Prospective Student-Athletes Joining Virtual Team Meetings.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved with the June 24, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Membership – Division III Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship—Bylaw 20.11.3.8.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved in the May 28, 2020, Administration Committee report. [See Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Active and Provisional/Reclassifying Membership.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee elected the following institutions to active Division III membership:

- Brevard College.
- Dean College.
- Pfeiffer University.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Berg,
Hartung

Council Rep:
Mooney

The Membership Committee also approved the advancement of the following provisional and reclassifying institutions currently in the provisional/reclassifying process as follows, effective September 1, 2020:

- Year one to year two:
 - Mississippi University for Women.
 - Pratt Institute.
 - St. Thomas University (Texas).
- Year two to year three:
 - State University of New York at Delhi.
 - Johnson & Wales University (Denver). [This institution subsequently announced it is closing effective with the 2021-22 academic year and discontinuation of athletics immediately.]

For the 2020-21 academic year, there will be 439 active members and six provisional/reclassifying members for a total of 445 members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
McGuinness

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee Process.

Management Council. The Council approved a change to the Division III Nominating Committee policies and procedures regarding the process for Division III appointments on Association-wide, National Collegiate Sports and Playing Rules Committees. The process establishes an Association-wide Nomination Subcommittee and the specific role the Nominating Committee has in reviewing nominees for vacancies that occur on these committees.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Governance Committee Appointment.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointment:

- NCAA Division III Nominating Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Teelah Grimes) – Jennifer Dubow, commissioner, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart,
Berg, Malin,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Bryant,
Lanigan,
Pepper,
Udelhofen

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Management Council. The Council noted SAAC has established its working groups for the coming year: (1) Social justice – support Black Lives Matter, mentorship programs, civic engagement, LGBTQ support. (2) Mental and physical health with a focus on the impact of COVID-19. (3) Special Olympics partnership. SAAC also has closely reviewed and supports, the Name, Image and Likeness legislative proposals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Grace,
Romash

Council Rep:
Hill

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

(a) General Eligibility Requirements – Season of Participation Waiver – Participation While Eligible – Administrative Criteria -- 14.2.7. and 14.2.7.1

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the July 8, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) General Eligibility Requirements – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.4.

Management Council. The Council noted this was approved as part of the July 8, 2020, Administrative Committee report. [Page No. 3, 2c]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Consideration of Student-Athlete Reinstatement Waivers for Student-Athletes Participating During the 2020-21 Academic Year.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed season-of-participation waivers – participation while eligible and extension of eligibility waivers for student-athletes participating during the 2020-21 academic year. The committee noted it should utilize a flexible approach to NCAA regulations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Durden, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
M. Walsh

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brownlee,
Roxbury,
Ziegler

Council Rep:
Morgan

(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA).**

- **Division Membership, Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women - STUNT.**

Management Council. The Council tabled the legislative proposal to sponsor STUNT as an emerging sport for women. It will revisit and discuss including stunt in the 2022 legislative package, a similar action taken by Divisions I and II.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry,
Fasbender,
Wilson

Council Rep:
Udelhofen

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
Brown

(4) **Honors Committee**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Abdur-Rashid,
Blair, Crawford,

Council Rep:
Aaron

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Joint CWA and MOIC meeting.**

(a) **2020 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the diversity and inclusion social media campaign. Specifically, the campaign will be held October 27-29 and will feature the following themes:

- October 27: "My Story Matters."
- October 28: "I've Got Your Back."
- October 29: "Together We Rise."

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry,
Fastbender,
Wilson
Abdur-Rashid,
Blair, Crawford,

Council Rep:
Aaron,
Udelhofen

The office of inclusion will develop resources to assist membership institutions in the continuation of open dialogue surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion via the social media campaign. The resources will be made available on ncaa.org.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.

Management Council. The Council received an update regarding the Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy. Several governance committees (CWA, MOIC and CSMAS) are reviewing the policy adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors in 2011. The purpose of the review is to determine what, if any, changes to the policy are needed to ensure the policy continues to: (1) Provide fair, inclusive and dignified participation opportunities for all student-athletes; (2) Ensures competitive equity for all student-athletes; and (3) Be supported by evidence -and-consensus-based research. The committees engaged in a discussion regarding potential updates to the policy and implications to student-athletes and member institutions and conferences. Committee members discussed social, legal and scientific developments since adopting the current policy and noted the need for the policy to maintain a balance between inclusion and equity. Staff also is tracking evolving state legislation concerning transgender athletes that may impact future policy considerations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Smith,
Suscha, Walters

Council Rep:
Morgan

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Calandro,
Halpin

(8) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Management Council. The Council noted that due to the financial challenges that many NCAA conferences and institutions are experiencing as the result of COVID-19, the committee voted to delay by one year the implementation date of five playing rules changes that have a potential financial impact scheduled to go into effect during the 2020-21 academic year.

On an upcoming PROP's teleconference, three playing rules will either be waived or changed relating to the COVID-19 pandemic: (1) Expand the sideline space to improve social distancing; (2) Coin tosses and reducing number involved; and (3) Allowing more flexibility for patches on uniforms to express opinions. SAAC also is collaborating with the other divisional SAACs on a national patch for all to wear during NCAA championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Aaron

(9) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Bell

Council Rep:
Millerick

(10) Research Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
J. Walsh

(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2021 CONVENTION.

a. Review of Noncontroversial Legislation for the 2021 Convention.

(1) NC-2021-5 – Committee Membership.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend Figure 21-1 as incorporated by Bylaw 21.9.6.2 to adjust sport committee rosters to coincide with the new regional alignment model based on sports sponsorship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) NC-2021-6 – Academic Eligibility Full-Time Enrollment – Requirement for Practice/Competition – Exception – Final Semester/Quarter – Designated Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in less than a minimum fulltime program of studies provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program (designated before the beginning of the applicable term) and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the minor or undergraduate certificate requirements.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) NC-2021-7 – Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Expenses for Practice and Competition – Other Competition.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to provide, during an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), actual and necessary expenses related to a student-athlete's participation in established national championship events, or the junior-level equivalent of such events (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games); and established regional championship events (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Review of Administrative Legislation for the 2021 Convention.

- **ADM-2021-2 – Executive Regulations – Conference Automatic Qualification Requirements – Provisional and Reclassifying Members.**

Management Council. The Council approved administrative legislation to specify that only institutions in year three of the NCAA Division III provisional and re-classifying membership process may count toward the automatic qualification waiting period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Governance-Sponsored Legislation for the 2021 Convention.

- Name, Image and Likeness. The Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation at the 2021 Convention to allow Division III student-athletes to use their status as student-athletes. [See below - Division III Oversight Working Group on NIL]

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Division III Oversight Working Group on Name, Image and Likeness (NIL).

Management Council. The Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation at the 2021 Convention to allow Division III student-athletes to use their status as student-athletes in the following settings:

- The promotion of their own work product or service (e.g., creative and academic endeavors, private athletic lessons, monetize social media platform(s), autographs, own business).
- The promotion of third-party products or services (e.g., brand ambassador, commercials, appearances, modeling).

In these endeavors, the institution could only assist the student-athletes in the same manner the institution assists any student. Consequently, student-athletes would only be able to use institutional marks and logos to the same extent students may use those same properties. Given that student-athletes on Division III campuses constitute a larger portion of the regular student body than in other divisions, the institution's regular process for student-athletes to access institutional marks and logos is more than sufficient to guard against special privileges granted to them. These promotional opportunities may not be a substitute for pay for play, which will be enforced through transparency of the activity, including whether boosters are involved and proposed financial terms. Further, NIL opportunities shall not be a part of the recruitment process. In addition, the legislation would limit the ability of student-athletes to promote products or services (e.g., sports gambling, alcohol) that are inconsistent with institutional and Association values.

Finally, NIL legislation impacting the future eligibility of prospective student-athletes would reflect these same concepts, as regulations for prospective student-athletes should not be more stringent than those impacting student-athletes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

b. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The Council approved a research study of the 2013 Division III football cohort using data from the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to better define the Division III student-athlete graduation rates data issue. The working group recommends focusing the study on football due to the student-athlete voluntary graduation rate reports indicating African American football players have the lowest graduation retention rates. This research study would allow the working group to determine the "true" graduation rate for Division III football student-athletes and allow the working group to narrow down the reasons for the low graduation rates and examine the issue by race/ethnicity.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Advisory Group's report noting primary discussion was the impact of COVID-19 and the resocialization of sport; as well as NIL considerations on Division III campuses.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Council heard that the working group successfully launched the inaugural LGBTQ OneTeam recognition award program. There was an average of 10 nominations for each category (LGBTQ student-athlete, LGBTQ coach/administer/staff, conference/institution). A subgroup of the working group has selected the inaugural recipients that will be announced in conjunction with the 2021 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Gameday the DIII Way.

Management Council. The Council received an update on Gameday the DIII Way noting the following: (1) Staff continues to work on Gameday language to be added to the championship manuals; (2) SAAC is working on a public service announcement video to be completed Spring 2021; (3) Focusing on spectators and parents by creating a tagline; (4) Create an updated one-page document on Gameday; and (5) Request Gameday the DIII Way be added to visiting team guides. In addition to focusing on spectators and parents, the Council suggested adding a section on officials.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Transfer Portal.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the division's use of the Transfer Portal. As of May 31, there were approximately 700 Division III student-athlete entries with 30% indicating a desire to participate as graduate student-athletes. While both Division I and II have adopted legislation to mandate the use of the portal, the Council determined that, at this time, it would not propose legislation mandating the use of the Transfer Portal. Instead, the Council agreed that the portal should continue to be used on a voluntary basis for the 2020-21 academic year. Some Council members voiced concerns with coaches accessing the portal for recruiting purposes and noted that it should be used solely as a compliance resource. The Council suggested a survey of Division III students in the portal to evaluate their experience, which could influence future next steps (e.g., access restriction). The Council also discussed the benefits of making its use mandatory.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. 2019-20 Governance Scorecard.

Management Council. Staff provided the results of the 2019-20 governance scorecard. The scorecard is a tool that allows Division III committee members to evaluate how well NCAA staff liaisons performed specific tasks and how important those tasks were to committee members. It also aids staff in managing the performance of governance structure committee liaisons. Based on a five-point scale, the overall performance rating was 4.7.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Division III University.

Management Council. The Council received an update on DIII University noting minimal use by the membership. Currently the division has four courses: (1) DIII Student-Athlete Health and Well-Being, (2) How the NCAA Works, (3) Gameday the DIII Way, and (4) Compliance. Staff plans to promote this resource again this fall.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the DIII Identity Initiative noting that the 2020-21 academic year marks its 10-year anniversary. Staff intends to recognize the impact of this initiative with the help of the membership. More updates will come in the fall.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the Users Group noting that most initiatives have been put on hold due to COVID-19. The next teleconference will be in October and the group will continue its review of the compliance database.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

k. 360 Proof.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report noting that 31 percent of the 772 eligible institutions are currently registered for 360 Proof. An end of year webinar data showed slightly higher viewing levels than the prior year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

l. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from various conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received an update on the BOG initiatives including: (1) National office and COVID-19 response; (2) Racial injustice; (3) Federal and State Legislation Working Group (NIL); (4) NCAA strategic plan; and (5) Sexual violence prevention policy expansion.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management Council. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline provided an update on the third installment of Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition to Resocialization. The document updates the prior two documents and provides new guidance specific to the prevention of community spread of COVID-19 in the athletics setting. Importantly, the guideline provides tools to NCAA members to assist with their efforts to provide a healthy and safe environment of those participating in athletics. There is specific information on the importance of daily health screenings, masking and face shields, electronic whistles, strategies for transition periods and return to activity, classification of sports (low risk to high risk), testing and contact tracing. In the coming weeks, the Board of Governors will discuss the feasibility of hosting NCAA fall championships. The Council discussed the issue of conducting regular season practice and competition as well as hosting fall championships with the current rise in COVID-19 cases, the shortage of testing kits, and competing needs and priorities.

The Council also received an update on the new concussion reporting process that became available July 1. In January, Division III passed noncontroversial legislation requiring active members institutions to report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolution to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. NCAA Coaches Credentialing Update.

Management Council. The Council received an update on coaches credentialing, an outcomes-based education program focused on providing a set of core requirements and electives to establish foundational knowledge and educate coaches in meaningful ways to support them in their role developing student-athletes as people and in their sport. A survey will go out in the next couple of weeks.

College coaches are uniquely positioned to influence student-athletes' health and well-being and overall development. Credentialing provides coaches the opportunity to define what knowledge and skills are important for their profession and to provide leadership on required professional knowledge so they can best serve student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Sports Wagering Education Resources Update.

Management Council. The Council received an update on sports wagering education noting the following: (1) Eighteen states plus District of Columbia have active sports wagering; (2) Twelve states have mobile betting available; and (3) Twenty-nine states have some form of legislation introduced to enable sports wagering. The majority of states allow for sports wagering on college athletics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Officiating Update.

Management Council. The Council reviewed an initial report from the Pictor Group, a consultant secured by both the Division III Commissioners Association and the NCAA, on the existing officiating crisis. The report noted some key results: (1) Forty-five percent of officials report that they have less than six years remaining in their career; (2) Fifty percent are 55 years or older; and (3) Twelve percent are under the age of 34. The Pictor Group will provide additional analysis on key drivers, trends and areas of concern.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Litigation Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.

7. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS.

• Management Council Elections for 2021.

Management Council. The Council elected Jason Fein, director of athletics at Bates College, as chair and Michelle Morgan, director of athletics at John Carroll University, as vice-chair, for 2021.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m. Monday, July 20 and 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 21.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. Wednesday, August 5.