REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS SUBCOMMITTEE
APRIL 14, 2019, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. Brad Bankston welcomed the subcommittee members.

2. Review NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee October 2018, Report. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the report from its October 10, 2018, in-person meeting.

3. Review of NCAA Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes. The subcommittee reviewed the NCAA interassociation recommendations related to transitioning periods and strength and conditioning sessions relative to Division III legislative provisions. The subcommittee stressed the importance of education for the membership to foster successful implementation of the recommendations.

4. Review of NCAA Division III Proposal 2019-3 – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period. The staff provided the subcommittee with an update on the status of NCAA Division III Proposal 2019-3. The proposal was referred back to the NCAA Division III Management Council and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) for further review. The subcommittee noted there is value in the proposal; however, the subcommittee recommended CSMAS review the issue of acclimatization for all fall sports, including defining the appropriate number of days and practice limitations. The subcommittee will review that feedback during its July meeting.

5. Football Playing and Practice Seasons Waivers Update. The staff provided the subcommittee with an update on football playing and practice seasons waivers in which applicant institutions requested relief from the 2019 preseason football practice legislation.

6. Review of Captain’s Practices Educational Column. The subcommittee reviewed an educational column related to recent changes in the captain’s practices legislation. The subcommittee recommended the educational column provide further clarification on athletics staff’s involvement in reservation of facilities on a student-athlete’s behalf.
7. **Review of 2019 Convention Issues Forum Feedback – Starting and Ending Dates for Sports Seasons.** The subcommittee discussed the feedback from the 2019 Convention issues forum. The results of the Issues Forum survey indicated support for further research and development on the concept of adjusting the beginning and ending dates of the playing seasons. The subcommittee determined that it would revisit the issue after CSMAS’s review of fall sport acclimatization.

8. **Soccer Season Review Update.** The staff provided the subcommittee with an update on the Division I men’s soccer coaches proposal to make men’s soccer a two-season sport.

9. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee determined that an in-person meeting at the July Management Council meeting is necessary to review the feedback from CSMAS and determine next steps for review of preseason legislation.

10. **Adjournment.** The subcommittee adjourned at 5:08 p.m. Eastern time.

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**Committee Chair:** Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
**Staff Liaisons:** Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Laura Peterson, Championships and Corporate Alliances  
Zach Romash, Academic and Membership Affairs

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### NCAA Division III Management Council Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee  
**April 14, 2019, Meeting**

#### Attendees:
- Brad Bankston, chair; Old Dominion Athletic Conference  
- Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
- Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (Teleconference)  
- Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University  
- Kandis Schram, Maryville College (Tennessee)  
- Michael Vienna, Emory University

#### Absentee:
- Joseph Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference

#### Guest in Attendance
- Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University

#### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
- Louise McCleary; Jeff Myers