



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative item.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – Establishing an international amateurism certification exception for any previously enrolled international students.**
 - a. **Recommendation.** That the Division III Management Council approve noncontroversial legislation to create an exception for institutions accepted into the provisional membership process that would require only international student-athletes that are initially enrolling at Division III provisional member institutions to have NCAA Eligibility Center certification accounts.
 - b. **Effective date.** August 1, 2024.
 - c. **Rationale.** Provisional and reclassifying member institutions are required to fully comply with Division III legislation by September 1 of the first year of the three-year process. This includes having student-athletes who meet the definition of an international student, and enrolled initially on or after August 1, 2023, establish an account with the NCAA Eligibility Center and receive a final amateurism certification. This means that international student-athletes already enrolled and competing for the provisional or reclassifying institution, who enrolled for the first time during the 2023-24 academic year, would be required to receive a certification from the Eligibility Center before continuing to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. These international students who enrolled before their institution was accepted into the new member process did not enroll expecting to incur the cost of registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center. They would be incurring a cost that no other student-athlete, already enrolled, would have to pay. This recommendation eliminates the unintended financial burden on international student-athletes previously enrolled at institutions in the new member process.
 - d. **Estimated budget impact.** None.
 - e. **Student-athlete impact.** The NCAA Eligibility Center fee is \$70 for an amateurism only account. Previously enrolled international student-athletes will not incur the additional fee.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Establish an advisory group for the membership committee.**
 - a. **Recommendation.** That the NCAA Division III Management Council approve the establishment of a group to advise the membership committee in their review of Bylaw 20.3.2 (Athletics Consortiums) and related student-athlete enrollment and eligibility issues.
 - b. **Rationale.** With the changing landscape of higher education and the evolving types of relationships between institutions, outside expertise will prove helpful in understanding the nature and future of these relationships and the impact on intercollegiate athletics. The guidance from an outside group will enable the committee to make the most informed recommendations.
 - c. **Budget impact.** None.
 - d. **Student-athlete impact.** None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business at 1:02 p.m. Eastern.
2. **Membership Committee roster and conflict of interest.** Committee members were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise. Committee members reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated as necessary.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Review of March meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its March 21 videoconference report.
5. **Regional Rules Seminar attendance waiver request.** The committee reviewed a waiver request from Eastern Connecticut State University for 2024 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar attendance (Bylaw 20.8.4.15). Based on sufficient evidence of mitigating circumstances, the committee approved the request.
6. **Discussion of international amateurism reviews for new members.** See Item 1(a).
7. **Review of athletics consortium legislation.** The committee continued its review of potential concepts to update the athletics consortium legislation. The committee affirmed

the primacy of NCAA Division III approval in situations when the conference approval is less than the length of approval granted by the committee, and determined the length of review may be greater than four years in select situations. The committee also started discussions on an enrollment and eligibility concept and will continue to review a Bylaw 14 option during its May meeting. To assist in its review, the committee recommended the establishment of a group to advise the committee as it considers potential legislative changes. See Action Item 2(a).

8. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
9. **Other business.** NCAA staff provided the committee with an update on the outcomes of Division III Management Council approval of the committee's recommendations for noncontroversial legislation. Staff will provide the committee with additional information at a future meeting.
10. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:50 p.m. Eastern.

Committee Chair: Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance
Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs
Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Membership Committee March 21, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Absentees:	
None.	

Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Louise McCleary, Joan Nissen, and Lisa Rogers.