



DIVISION III

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REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE OCTOBER 1, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of 2027 NCAA Convention Division III Proposal — Age-Based Eligibility.** The committee declined to take a position on the proposal. During its discussions, the committee recognized the complexities and nuances of the proposal and expressed concern that the full implications cannot be adequately assessed within the three-month period leading up to the business session.

While the committee found the Division III Analysis Working Group case study to be helpful, the committee agreed that institutions need time to consider the questions and engage in meaningful and productive discussions about the proposal's potential impact. At this time, there are too many unknowns to determine whether the proposed model would ultimately benefit Division III and its member institutions.

The committee also expressed that the choice is not limited to the current eligibility model and the model outlined in the proposal. Other alternatives may better serve the division; however, the current timeline does not provide sufficient opportunity for the membership to develop, evaluate and consider additional options before the 2027 NCAA Convention.

2. **Other business.** None.

Committee Chair: Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance and Member Services
Julie Zike, Division III Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Tony Berich, Stockton University.	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Brian Johnson, North Central College.	
Daniel C. Kane, University of Maine at Presque Isle.	
Shana Levine, Northwest Conference.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-To-Coast Conference.	

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Absentees:
Elizabeth Carleton, University of Rochester (SAAC representative).
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Eric Hartung, Bill Regan and Julie Zike.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Secaida Howell and Joan Nissen.