



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Division III Membership Committee commenced business at 1 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. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Review of August meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of the August 21, videoconference.
5. **Consideration of bylaws and policies related to Bylaw 20.8.4.15 Regional Rules Seminar Attendance.** The committee approved an additional means by which institutions can meet the once-in-three-years Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement. For the 2026 Regional Rules Seminar, institutions can meet the requirement by viewing the seminar via the NCAA-provided live stream in addition to attending the Regional Rules Seminar in-person, or by attending a Conference Rules Seminar, should one be offered. Provided the live stream is offered in subsequent years, institutions would be permitted to continue to fulfill the attendance requirement in this manner.

In its decision the committee noted the policy change will address financial challenges associated with travel, lodging and expenses, eliminates the need for a staff member to be away from campus, and provides member institutions with the flexibility to determine how best to provide valuable compliance training for their staff and coaches. The committee noted that, while all options are acceptable, institutions are encouraged to attend the seminar in-person when feasible, as it offers exceptional educational value. It also affirmed that the core requirement remains unchanged and is reasonable and appropriate. The existing penalty structure for noncompliance remains in place, which includes a three-year penalty period.

Lastly, the committee requested that NCAA staff design and implement an attestation system to monitor institutional attendance in an efficient and effective manner.

6. Division III active membership.

- **Regional Rules Seminar attendance waiver request.**

(1) The committee reviewed and approved a waiver request from Howard Payne University for the 2025 Regional Rules Seminar attendance (Bylaw 20.8.4.15) based on sufficient mitigation. The institution must attend the Regional Rules Seminar in 2026.

(2) The committee reviewed and approved a waiver request from Mount Saint Vincent University for the 2025 Regional Rules Seminar attendance (Bylaw 20.8.4.15) based on sufficient mitigation. The institution must attend the Regional Rules Seminar in 2026.

7. Future meeting dates. The committee reviewed its upcoming meeting schedule.

8. Other business. Staff provided an update on the pilot eligibility waiver program, noting that three waivers have been approved from two institutions.

9. Adjournment. The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:24 p.m., Eastern time, September 18.

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

NCAA Division III Membership Committee September 18, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Tony Berich, Stockton University.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Brian Johnson, North Central College.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	

Absentees:
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Julie Zike.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
None.