NCAA Division III Legislative Process

Start

It all starts here, with the schools and athletics conferences that make up Division III. The idea-generator might be an athletics director interested in allowing football players to suit up in protective gear during spring practice, a faculty athletics representative who wants the division to limit how many hours student-athletes can travel for competition or a coach who thinks scrimmage rules are too restrictive. No matter its origin, the proposal begins life as a discussion topic in one or more Division III committees.

DIVISION III COMMITTEES

Championships Committee**

Oversees administration of the division's 28 championships.

12 Members:

- 2 from Management Council 1 from Student-Athlete Advisory
- 1 Faculty athletics representative
- 1 Conference Office staff 7 - DIII personnel*

Committee on Infractions

Holds hearings as needed involving Division III schools accused of violating NCAA rules.

5 Members:

- 1 from Management Council 1 General public
- 3 DIII personnel

Committee on Student-**Athlete Reinstatement**

Determines reinstatement process for college athletes deemed ineligible because of a rules violation.

6 Members:

- 1 from Management Council 1 from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Membership

Committee

membership, including status of

incoming and active members.

1 - from Management Council 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory

1 - Faculty athletics representative

1 - Conference Office staff

10 Members:

6 - DIII personnel*

4 - DIII personnel*

Reviews issues related to Division III

Committees debate the ideas and decide whether to recommend them as pieces of legislation. Next stop: Management Council, which considers these recommendations.

Schools and conferences continue to finalize their proposals to meet the July 15 submission deadline.

submit a proposal, 20 active Division III schools or two conferences must sign on as sponsors. If

Some legislation is

proposed by the members

themselves. In order to

those thresholds are met. the proposal will reach the Convention floor no matter what position the division's committees and Councils take

Administrative Committee

Takes action on issues that arise between meetings of the Presidents Council and Management Council.

5 Members:

- 2 from Presidents Council (chair and vice chair) 3 - from Management Council (chair, vice chair
- and most-tenured president)

The proposed rule, recommended by either the Presidents or Management Council, may be sponsored for the convention or adopted by either council.

CONVENTION



Proposal



Membership votes



APPROVAL

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

to-day knowledge of athletics operations, including faculty athletics represen

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

The top leadership group in Division III, the Presidents Council is composed of

presidents and chancellors and establishes and directs general policy.

» Implements policies adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors.

» Orders proposals for voting at the Convention business session.

» Can sponsor legislative proposals that are considered by Division III

» Can adopt some administrative bylaws and regulations without approval

» Establishes a strategic plan for Division III.

of full membership.

23 Members***:

» Approves the Division III budget.

» Approves championships regulations.

21 - Presidents or chancellors 2 - from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

members each year at the NCAA Convention.

- by the Presidents Council and Board of Governors.

- to the Presidents Council
- bership vote to be considered by members at the NCAA

- 9 Directors of athletics or senior woman administrators
- 2 College athletics direct reports
- 2 from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Financial Aid Committee

Reviews and considers the bylaws that govern financial aid.

- 3 Financial aid administrators
- 1 Faculty athletics representative
- 1 from Student-Athlete Advisory

Committee

3 - DIII personnel*
1 - from Management Council

Infractions Appeals Committee

Hears and acts on appeals of decisions by the Committee on Infractions.

5 Members:

- 1 President or chancellor
- 2 DIII personnel*
- 1 from Management Council 1 General public

Interpretations and **Legislation Committee**

Interprets all Division III legislation, issues official interpretations and reviews and refines legislative proposals.

10 Members:

- 1 from Management Council 1 Conference Office staff
- 1 Faculty athletics representative 1 - from Student-Athlete Advisory
- 6 DIII personnel* (At least 2 with compliance oversight)

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Composed of college athletes who monitor and act on issues representing the student-athlete

22 Members:

1 - Member for every two conferences;

Nominating Committee

Suggests individuals who can fill vacancies on various Division III committees.

10 Members:

- 1 from Management Council
- 1 Faculty athletics representative
- 1 from Student-Athlete Advisory

- 1 Conference Office staff
- 6 DIII personnel*

Strategic Plan.

- 2 from Presidents Council
- 2 from Management Council 1 from Student-Athlete Advisory

and monitors the Division III

Strategic Planning and

Finance Committee

- 1 Faculty athletics representative
- 1 Conference Office staff1 Championships Committee chair
- at a member institution or conference.
- ** Each Division III championship sport has a committee made up of coaches and athletics administrators with knowledge of that sport. These committees rank and select teams and individuals for championships competition, plus recommend sites and dates.
- * DIII personnel is a member school or conference administrator, faculty athletics representative or other person who works daily
- *** Effective Aug. 1, 2024, all multisport conferences will be represented on councils. The number of non-student-athlete council members will depend on the number of active multisport Division III conferences.