



Governance Hot Topics

Fall 2021

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- Championships updates.
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Association-wide Updates.

- Interim name, image and likeness policy and resources.
- BOG constitutional convention and committee.
- Transgender student-athlete participation policy.
- Gender equity review.
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AMA and Legislation Updates.

- Enrollment flexibility waiver.
- Legislative proposals.
 - Governance.
 - Membership.
- Management Council slate of nominees – new voting process.
- Q&A.

Division III Staff Support

- Staffing updates and new hires in Division III.
 - Executive administrative assistant.
 - Associate director in governance.
 - Two assistant directors on Division III AMA team.
 - Division III vice president and managing director positions.

Division III Budget

- The Councils approved the Division III budget for 2021-24.
- New CBS/Turner broadcast agreement in 2024-25.
- New mandated reserve policy.

2022 NCAA Convention

- NCAA Convention is Jan. 19-22 in Indianapolis.
 - Registration opens Fri., Oct. 8.
 - Appointment of delegate form sent Fri., Oct. 15.
- Key in-person programming.
 - Honors celebration – Wed., Jan. 19.
 - Educational sessions, Special Olympics activity, A-wide business session, delegates reception – Thurs., Jan. 20.
 - Division III Issues Forum, conference meetings, LGBTQ Award Celebration – Fri., Jan. 21.
 - Division III Business Session – Sat., Jan. 22.

Championships Updates

- Championships Committee moving focus to 2021-22 championships and returning to full brackets.
- New sport regional alignment plan for 2021-22.
- Baseball and softball resolution.
- Joint women's basketball championship is scheduled for 2023 in Dallas.

Strategic Positioning Platform

- Created a working group of SPFC members.
- Examined the existing Division III strategic positioning platform and reviewed the plan's language to align with the Association's updated strategic priorities and properly reflect Division III today.
- Management and Presidents Councils approved the revised platform during their summer meetings.
- Released to the membership in August 2021. The [updated platform](#) provides consistent language that highlights the unique benefits of being a Division III student-athlete.

LGBTQ Updates

- At the 2021 NCAA Convention, recognized the inaugural LGBTQ of the Year recipients.
- 2021 award nominees will be recognized at the 2022 NCAA Convention.
- [LGBTQ OneTeam Program.](#)
 - 50 trained facilitators to oversee a OneTeam Program on campuses and conference offices.



Identity Initiative

- Division III Week - April 4-10, 2022.
- Identity purchasing website.
- Special Olympics partnership – 10-year anniversary.
- D3SIDA recognition award.
 - Three awards each year (\$1,500).
- [Guide to Institution Pronunciations.](#)



Name, Image and Likeness

- On June 30, the Division III Administrative Committee adopted an [interim NIL policy](#).
 - Prohibitions on pay-for-play and improper recruiting inducements, remain in effect.
 - The NCAA will not monitor for compliance with state laws.
 - Individuals should report NIL activities consistent with state law and/or institutional requirements.
- Interim [educational resources and videos](#) located on ncaa.org.

BOG Constitution Committee

- Due to the changing college sports landscape (e.g., Alston ruling, NIL), BOG determined it is time to reimagine the NCAA.
- BOG announced creation of a Constitutional Committee. The charge is to review the current principles of the NCAA constitution. (Five Division III representatives).
 - Creation of a Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
- Membership input will be sought. Draft concepts presented to the membership in Nov. during the constitutional convention (virtual). Final recommendations given to the BOG by mid-Dec.
- At the 2022 NCAA Convention (Jan.), anticipate an A-wide vote.

Transgender SA Participation Policy

- NCAA has conducted a year-long review of the NCAA existing transgender student-athlete participation policy adopted in 2011.
 - Social, legal and scientific developments and impact on the current policy.
- SSI is conducting additional research and data collection and will create foundational educational statements to release to the membership this fall.
- Currently 8 states have enacted legislation prohibiting transgender participation and another 38 states have introduced legislation.
- The BOG released a resolution to address how the NCAA can maintain an inclusive environment at events in 2021-22 and beyond.

Gender Equity Review

- Board of Governors announced a comprehensive review of all championships. (March 2021)
- Hired the law firm of Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP.
- Evaluating practices and policies and providing recommendations.
- Preliminary report provided to the BOG during its August meeting (Phase I). The report also was released to the membership.
- Presidents Council reviewed and endorsed a process to refer the report and recommendations to the appropriate committees in the Division III governance structure.
- Phase II includes review of all other championships (Oct.).

Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded campus sexual violence policy (April 2020).
- Creation of Association-wide task force.
 - Developed [operational guidelines and best practices](#) (Summer 2021).
- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements (May 2023).
- Attestation still required in May 2022 (due May 15).
- Division III [education session](#) and Association webinar (Fall 2021).

COVID-19 Resources

- COVID-19 Advisory Group and Sports Science Institute.
- New Resocialization of Sport Fall guidelines. [August 2021]
- Key resources on ncaa.org
 - [SSI COVID resource page](#).
 - [DIII CA communication](#) – bi-weekly publication.

Enrollment Flexibility Waiver

- Presidents Council approved blanket waiver for 2021-2022 academic year.
- Blanket relief does not address all situations.
- Committees will continue to evaluate enrollment flexibility beyond the 2021-2022 academic year.
- For more information:
 - [2021-22 Academic Year Full-Time Enrollment Blanket Waiver Questions and Answers Guide](#).

2022 Governance Proposals

- The Governance structure is sponsoring three proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following:
 - Make modifications to football practices.
 - Establish an emergency legislative process.
 - Eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.
- During its Aug. 30 meeting, the Administrative Committee acted:
 - Pause the proposal that recognizes STUNT as an emerging sport for women.
 - Adopted the virtual recruiting proposal as non-controversial with an immediate effective date.

2022 Membership Proposals

- The membership is sponsoring six proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following:
 - Establish equestrian as an emerging sport for women.
 - Criteria for determining season of eligibility.
 - Reduce the conference AQ minimum to six institutions.
 - Require the NCAA Eligibility Center to certify amateur status of international student-athletes.

2022 Membership Proposals

- Membership proposals (continued):
 - Reduce minimum number of member institutions for a single sport conference.
 - Permit Division III institutions with Division I sports to apply Division I financial aid legislation.

Management Council Slate of Nominees

- The Management Council approved a noncontroversial proposal from the Interpretation and Legislation Committee that permits the new slate of Management Council members be confirmed by electronic vote by Division III director of athletics and conference commissioners.
- The nomination process will remain the same, and the Division III Nominating Committee will continue to review and select the nominations.
- The new electronic vote will replace the in-person paddle vote that occurs during the Division III Business Session.
- The new slate of Council members will be sent for approval, via email, this November.

Questions