



Division III
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Governance Hot Topics Summer 2021

Agenda

- Division III staff support.
- Name, image and likeness.
- Division III budget.
- COVID-19 resources.
- Championship updates.
- Transgender student-athlete participation policy.
- LGBTQ updates.
- Strategic positioning platform.

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- Football concussion task force.
- Gender equity review.
- Enrollment flexibility waiver.
- Governance legislative proposals.
- Division I sustainability.
- Campus sexual violence policy.
- Officiating update.
- Division III Identity Initiative.
- Q&A.

Division III Staff Support

- Developed a transition plan to address staff departures.
- Governance committee liaison changes.
 - Disbanded PPSS and work transferred to the ILC.
- Division III staff support and representation in the governance structure remains a priority.

Name, Image and Likeness Legislation

- NIL proposal withdrawn at 2021 NCAA Convention.
- Committed to modernizing legislation to provide NIL opportunities.
- Presidents Council endorsed the possible need for the Administrative Committee to act mid-legislative cycle.
[anticipate June]
- Presidents participated in an initiative to promote bipartisan, federal legislation.

Division III Budget

- 2020-21 budget.
 - Successful Division I men's basketball championship. Anticipate less revenue.
 - Budget reductions.
- Budget planning year for 2021-24.
- New CBS/Turner broadcast agreement in 2024-25.
- New mandated reserve policy.

COVID-19 Resources

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

Championship Updates

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

Transgender SA Participation Policy

- Review of existing transgender student-athlete participation policy adopted 2011. Gender identity summit. [Oct. 2020]
- Social, legal and scientific developments and impact on the current policy.
- Maintain a balance between equity and inclusion.
- Conduct additional research and data collection. Present recommendations to the BOG. [Summer/Oct. 2021]
- State laws and BOG statement on transgender participation.

LGBTQ Updates

- At the NCAA Convention, recognized the inaugural LGBTQ of the Year recipients.
- 2021 recognition award nominations closes June 1. Will recognize at the 2022 NCAA Convention.
- LGBTQ OneTeam Program.
 - 50 trained facilitators to oversee a OneTeam Program on campuses and conference offices.



Strategic Position Platform

- Created a working group of SPFC committee members.
- Examined the current DIII strategic positioning platform.
- The platform provides consistent language that highlights the unique benefits of being a Division III student-athlete.
- Updated the language to align with the Association's updated strategic priorities and properly reflect Division III today.
- Councils provided feedback.
- Anticipate releasing to the membership in August 2021.

Division III Football Concussion Task Force

- Created a task force consisting of the Division III football committee and a representative from ILC and MC.
- Reviewed data on recent head impact exposures and concussion trends.
- Created and distributed a survey to all head coaches to gather data on practices.
- Recommended prohibition of athletic activities designed to create straight line collisions
- Possible 2022 NCAA Convention proposal.

Gender Equity Review

- Board of Governors announced a comprehensive review of all championships.
- Hired the law firm of Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP.
- Evaluating practices and policies and providing recommendations.
- Preliminary assessment provided to the BOG and anticipate final reports this summer.
- Recommendations given to each division to address through its governance structure.

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 NCAA Convention Legislation

- The Governance Structure is sponsoring proposals for the 2022 Convention that would do the following:
 - 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.
 - Recognize STUNT as an emerging sport for women.
 - Expand opportunities to conduct recruiting virtually.

Division I Sustainability

- Division I Board of Directors and Presidential Forum identified sustainability as a primary emphasis.
 - Initial report to Division I Board in April 2021 on short-term recommendations.
 - April 2021 to Aug. 2022 – additional discussions and feedback on long-term sustainability issues.
- Providing quarterly updates to the Division III Councils.

Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded campus sexual violence policy (April 2020).
- Creation of Association-wide task force.
- Distribute guidelines and best practices (Summer 2021).
- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements (May 2023).
- Attestation still required in May 2022.
- Division III education session:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kJjFnCnHk0>

Officiating Update

- Management Council receives quarterly reports.
- Executive summary was released in mid-Sept.
- DIII CA developed a strategic plan to address officiating issues.

Identity Initiative

- Division III Week - April 4-10, 2022.
- Identity purchasing website.
- Special Olympics partnership.
- D3SIDA recognition award.
 - Three awards each year (\$1,500).
- [Guide to Institution Pronunciations.](#)
- Identity Initiative – [10th Anniversary.](#)
 - #D3Identity.



Questions