Governance Hot Topics
Summer 2022
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Division III updates.
• Division III staff support.
• New Constitution.
• Division III membership survey.
• Division III Advisory Council.
• Division III budget.
• Championship updates.

2023 legislative proposals.
• LGBTQ working group.
• Strategic positioning platform.
• Strategic plan for collegiate officiating.
• Division III Identity Initiative.
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Association updates.

• Name, image and likeness policy and resources.
• Transgender student-athlete participation policy.
• Gender equity review.

• Title IX 50th Anniversary
• NCAA campus sexual violence policy.
• COVID-19 resources.
• Sport Science Institute updates.
Division III Staff Support

• Staffing updates in Division III.
  o Louise McCleary named Vice President of Division III.
  o Focus now on backfilling the managing director position.
New Constitution

• All three divisions approved a new Constitution for the Association effective Aug. 1.

• With the new Constitution, Division III gained:
  o Removal of the existing Division III overhead expenses allowing the division to use an additional $1.5 million for its annual operating budget.
  o An avenue for the Division III Presidents Council to propose changes to the Constitution.
  o Maintain NCAA services as of Jan. 2022.
New Constitution

- An increase in student-athlete representation in the governance structure.
- A change in voting representation on the Board of Governors that ensures no division has a voting majority.
- The ability to increase application fees for provisional/reclassifying institutions or active membership dues and allocate the funds to the Division III budget.
- The removal of all divisional provisions from the Constitution, clarifying the autonomy of the division.
Division III Membership Survey

- Distributed every four to five years. Last survey was in 2018.
- The survey provided an opportunity to express opinions concerning the current and future policies and priorities of Division III.
- 81% response rate from institutions and a 100% response rate for conferences.
- Division III bylaws, policies and initiatives chart details the survey feedback. Located on ncaa.org, Presidents Council homepage.
- Any proposed legislative changes would be voted on at the 2023 NCAA Convention or a future convention.
Division III Advisory Council

• Formerly known as the Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
• Advisory role. 29-member Council. Meets every three weeks.
• Role and charge updated to focus on implementation strategies for new constitutional requirements and management of the membership review of current policies, initiatives and bylaws.
Key priority items include the following:

• Review the current composition and representation on governance committees and Councils. A subgroup of Management Council will research the issue and report back to the full Council at the July meeting with potential next steps.

• Eliminate Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guides (ISSG and CSSG) as a mandatory reporting requirement.

• Examine the current Division III social media bylaws for possible deregulation.
Division III Advisory Council

Key priority items continued:

• Consider a new requirement that Division III members entering the new membership process be in a multi-sport conference.

• Examine budget expense allocation policy and provide more funding to 28 Division III national championships.

• Update the division’s strategic plan.

• Review championships experience to ensure gender equity.

• Examine the playing and practice season structure.

• Discuss graduate eligibility and redshirting.
Division III Budget

• Last summer, the Councils approved the Division III budget cycle for 2021-24.

• With the new Constitution and the passage of the Division III Presidents Council resolution that outlines the division’s next steps, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will re-evaluate the division’s budget, with input from the Division III Membership Survey feedback, and make recommendations to the Councils.
Championships Updates

• Championships Committee is focused on a return to full brackets in 2021-22.

• Mileage requirements for flight eligibility changed from 500 to 600 miles for championships in 2021-22.

• Reviewing budget priorities with guidance from sport committees and the Division III Membership Survey feedback.
2023 Convention Legislation

• At the request of the Committee on Women’s Athletics, the Management Council is sponsoring STUNT as an emerging sport for women at the 2023 NCAA Convention.
LGBTQ Working Group

• Held the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual \textit{LGBTQ of the Year Recognition Award Program}.

• 2021 LGBTQ of the Year recipients:
  o Institution: Springfield College
  o Admin./Coach/Staff: Jessica Duff, Smith College.
  o Student-athlete: Matthew McGough, Johns Hopkins University.

• 2022 recognition award nominations open until June 1.

• LGBTQ OneTeam program has over 50 trained facilitators.
Strategic Positioning Platform

- A working group 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.
- 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.
Strategic Plan for Collegiate Officiating

• The plan is positioned to address the cultural and systematic issues identified in the DIICA 2020 Strategic Analysis of the State of Collegiate Officiating.

• The plan focuses on five key areas: (a) establishing partnerships across NCAA division and elsewhere, (b) recruitment of officials to Division III as they enter collegiate officiating, (c) establishment of an advancement pathway, (d) addressing treatment, sporting behavior and the coaching community, and (e) centralizing leadership and management.
Identity Initiative

- 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.
  o Prohibitions on pay-for-play and improper recruiting inducements, remain in effect.
  o The NCAA will not monitor for compliance with state laws.
  o Individuals should report NIL activities consistent with state law and/or institutional requirements.
• Interim educational resources and videos located on ncaa.org.
Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy

• Board of Governors updated the policy in Jan. 2022. The new policy incorporates sport-by-sport eligibility requirements that align with the Olympic movement.

• The policy will be implemented in three phases:
  • Phase I: 2022 winter and spring NCAA championships.
  • Phase II: 2022-23 regular season and championships.
  • Phase III: 2023-24 full implementation.

• Resources available, including the Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation Summit Final Report.
Gender Equity – Phase II Actions

• The Phase II report was given to the Presidents Council during its Oct. meeting. The membership received the report, and it is located on ncaa.org. Generally, Division III is providing equitable opportunities.

• The Councils reviewed possible Phase II actions and referred the report and recommendations to the appropriate committees in the Division III governance structure.

• Possible actions include developing clear criteria for making championship funding, bracket/field size, travel party decisions that integrate gender equity principles. (Championships and SPFC).
Title IX 50th Anniversary

- Celebration activities will be held January 2022 through April 2023 to commemorate and celebrate 50 years of Title IX.
- The NCAA has created an Anniversary Toolkit for the membership.
- Marquee celebration at the joint women’s basketball championships in Dallas in April 2023.
- Title IX at 50 report will be released later this year.
Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded the campus sexual violence policy (April 2020). Association-wide task force developed operational guidelines and best practices (Summer 2021).

- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements.

- Division III education session (2022 convention).

- A Management Council subgroup was created to research and provided recommendations. Talking points and FAQ document was sent to the DIII membership (April 2022).
COVID-19 Resources

- COVID-19 Advisory Group and Sport Science Institute continue to provide resources to the membership.
- [Resocialization of Sport winter guidelines](#) released to the membership. (January 2022)
- [Infection Control in Sports resource](#) released to the membership (April 2022)
Sport Science Institute

• Cannabinoid policy. The Council approved non-controversial legislation, in concept, to amend the drug testing policy related to a positive test for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids.

• Mental Health Advisory Group. CSMAS created an advisory group to update the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document.
Questions?