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• Name, image and likeness policy and resources.
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• Gender equity review.
• Title IX 50th anniversary.
• Joint Women’s Basketball championship
• Sport Science Institute updates.
NCAA Staff Support

• Staffing updates in Division III.
  o Mario Morris, named senior vice president of administration and chief fiscal officer.

• Search for NCAA President.
  o TurnkeyZRG, a national search firm, was hired to oversee the search for new president.
  o Job description has been published and candidates are being vetted by the Board of Governors.
  o The new president may be named by the 2023 NCAA Convention.
Philosophy Statement Review

• Presidents Council tasked Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) to review the division’s philosophy statement. (Aug. 2022)

• SPFC created a working group (7 SPFC members). The working group has met monthly and in October provided a framework of concepts to the councils.
  o Institutional responsibility and oversight.
  o Diversity, equity, and inclusion.
  o Student-athlete collegiate and athletics experiences.

• Next steps include a membership survey (Nov.) and roundtable discussion at the Division III Issues Forum at the 2023 NCAA Convention. (Jan.)

• If needed, changes would occur at the 2024 NCAA Convention.
Division III Advisory Council

• Consists of 29 members and has served in an advisory capacity to the Division III councils and committees.

• The group has focused on strategies for new constitutional requirements and management of the membership identified issues.
  
  o Division III bylaws, policies and initiatives chart. (through Aug. 31)
  o 2022-23 bylaws, policies and initiatives review chart.

• Presidents Council thanked the council for its efforts and collaboration with the current governance committees and confirmed its sunsetting with the 2023 NCAA Convention.
Division III Advisory Council

• Key priority items the group had assisted with include:
  o Reviewed the current composition and representation of governance committees and councils.
  o Discussed the elimination of the Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guides (ISSG and CSSG) mandatory reporting requirements.
  o Examined the current Division III social media bylaws.
  o Considered a new requirement that institutions in the Division III membership process (provisional and reclassifying) must receive a bona fide offer from a multi-sport conference.
Division III Advisory Council

Key priority items continued:

- Examined budget expense allocation policy and provided more funding to 28 Division III national championships.
- Updated the division’s strategic plan to better reflect the division’s support of the student-athlete experience.
- Reviewed championships experience to ensure gender equity.
- Examined the playing and practice season structure.
- Discussed graduate eligibility and redshirting.
- Reviewed the division’s philosophy statement.
Division III Budget

• The councils reviewed the final budget for 2021-22 which reflected a surplus that will be add to the division’s reserves.

• The councils also reviewed the 2022-23 budget which reflects:
  o Championships enhancements include bracket increases, a day of rest in select sports, reimbursement for local ground transportation, no conference opponent in the first round and per diem increases.
  o New Enrichment Fund budget initiatives include funding for the Conference Grant Program to support diversity, equity and inclusion, and an increase to the annual salary for the Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship, effective Sept. 2023.
Championships Updates

• The Championships Committee provided an update on recent format changes to the women’s volleyball championship.
  o Conduct all regional competitions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (effective 2022)
  o Adjust championship date formula to create a week between the regional and championship finals. (effective 2023)
• The council approved an administrative regulation to amend the championship selection criteria for rowing. (effective 2023)
• The council approved sponsoring 2024 Convention legislation to change the minimum sports sponsorship in tennis from six to four.
Championships Updates

- Championships Committee will continue its evaluation of selection criteria specifically access ratios and AQ process.
- Evaluating current bracketing policies and the student-athlete experience at NCAA championships.
- The council approved an Executive Regulation to allow student-athletes who are not part of the squad size to be in uniform in the bench area. Championships Committee, in consultation with sport committees, decided to maintain current bench size limits. (July 2022)
Post Graduate Student Eligibility Directive

• Presidents Council amended the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief directive for graduate student/postbaccalaureate eligibility by removing the requirement that a student-athlete must possess a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA.

• The change is effective immediately.
Developing Inclusive Leaders

• Management Council approved a request from the Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group to create a train-the-trainer program.

• In collaboration with the working group, a third-party expert in diversity and inclusion will create a program to assist coaches and athletics administrators in the recruiting and retention of students who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color.

• Anticipate the first trainings to occur in summer 2023 and be available to the membership during the 2023-24 academic year.
2023 NCAA Convention

• NCAA Convention is Jan. 11-14 in San Antonio.

• Key in-person programming
  o Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Honors Celebration.
  o Thursday, Jan. 12 - A-wide educational sessions, Special Olympics activity, Woman of the Year luncheon, State of College Sports, and delegates reception.
  o Friday, Jan. 13 - Division III Issues Forum and Special Resolution Business Session, conference meetings, Saluting Excellence Luncheon and Division III LGBTQ of the Year Award Celebration.
  o Saturday, Jan. 14 – Division III Business Session.
2023 Governance Proposals

- The governance structure is sponsoring the following eight proposals for the 2023 Convention.
  - Council composition and representation. *Including an amendment that student-athletes do not satisfy the conference representation requirement.*
  - Committee composition.
  - Eliminate the ISSG and CSSG requirements.
  - Conference membership requirement for new Division III members.
  - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee voting privileges.
  - Establish a new playing and practice seasons structure.
  - Use of social media in recruiting.
  - Recognizing stunt as an emerging sport for women.
2023 Membership Proposals

• The membership is sponsoring four proposals and one resolution for the 2023 Convention.
  o Nominating Committee composition.
  o Conference based representation on Presidents and Management Councils.
  o Preseason acclimatization for fall sports.
  o Playing and practice season non-consecutive days.
  o Mental health hardship waiver resolution.
Convention Voting Procedures

• The Presidents Council sponsored two special rules of order for consideration by the membership to establish a one-time alternative voting process.

• It will provide delegates the opportunity to discuss similar proposals at the same time and ultimately vote on the preferred voting order.
  
  o Playing and practice seasons.
  
  o Presidents and Management Councils composition.

• The Presidents Council divided its proposal to amend the composition of the councils and six standing committee to permit separate votes.
Noncontroversial Legislation

• Exempt one contest per year against a U.S. national team or the international equivalent during the team’s traditional segment.

• The football spring period must be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution’s final examination period.

• To eliminate the attestation of compliance requirement for chancellors and presidents and for athletics directors, effective in 2023-24.

• Establish roll call voting as the default voting option for Convention proposals.
International Student-Athlete Eligibility

- During the 2022 Convention, the membership adopted a proposal that requires all international prospective student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division III institution on or after August 1, 2023, require a final amateurism decision by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- First-year students, students transferring to Division III institution for the first time, male practice player and exchange students are all included.

- ILC will review and determine questions of facts related to certification.

- The Eligibility Center has created a newsletter and a series of webinars to assist institutions.
LGBTQ Working Group

- The 2022 Division III LGBTQ of the Year award nominees will be recognized at the 2023 NCAA Convention on Friday, Jan. 13.

- LGBTQ OneTeam Program.
  - 40 trained facilitators to oversee an LGBTQ OneTeam Program on campuses and conference offices.
Branding and Promotion

- 50th Anniversary of Division III.
- Seven new PSAs.
- Special Olympics partnership.
- D3SIDA recognition award.
  - Three awards each year ($1,500).
- Purchasing website.
- Guide to Institution Pronunciations.
Board of Governors
Congressional Engagement

- The NCAA Board of Governors created a subgroup to examine ways to engage Congress for assistance in meeting the needs of today’s student-athletes.
- The goal is to proactively shape possible future federal legislation.
  - Federal laws that govern college sports on a national level (e.g., NIL, revenue sharing).
  - Codify student-athletes’ non-employee status.
  - Provide a legal safe harbor protection.
- Next steps include stakeholder education and engagement.
Name, Image and Likeness

- The Division III Administrative Committee adopted an interim NIL policy. (June 2021)
  - Prohibitions on pay-for-play and improper recruiting inducements.
  - 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.
- ILC is developing resources to provide guidance on booster, collectives and institutional involvement with NIL.
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:
  o Phase I: 2022 winter and spring NCAA championships. **Complete.**
  o Phase II: 2022-23 academic year.
  o Phase III: 2023-24 full implementation.

• Currently 18 states have signed bills banning transgender student-athlete participation and another 30 have introduced legislation.
Gender Equity Review

• In July, the 2022 NCAA Championships Gender Equity Assessment was released to the membership.

• The Championship staff continues to conduct a review for all championships.

• The current assessment was used to assess and resolve any disparities that reveal a gender equity concern as well as improve the overall student-athlete experience.
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 was released in June 2022.
Joint Women’s Basketball Championship

• Division III will participate in a joint women's basketball championship in April in Dallas.

• The Division II and III championship games will be played on Saturday, April 1 between the Division I women's semifinal and final games.

• All games will be played in the same facility and will be televised by CBS Sports Network.
Sport Science Institute

• CSMAS is exploring updating its strategic priorities to mental and physical health, sport-related illness and injury, training and performance and education and policy.

• Cannabis Summit. CSMAS is hosting a summit on cannabis in collegiate athletics on December 7-8. Representatives from each division as well as experts in the field have been invited to attend

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