



Governance Hot Topics Winter 2021

Agenda

- Division III staff support.
- Name, image and likeness.
- Division III budget.
- COVID-19 resources.
- Championship updates.
- Transgender student-athlete participation policy.
- LGBTQ OneTeam recognition awards.

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- Association-wide strategic plan.
- Division I sustainability.
- Campus sexual violence policy.
- Officiating update.
- Division III Identity Initiative.
- Q&A.

Division III Staff Support

- Impact of voluntary separations, early retirements and staff departures.
- Developed a transition plan.
 - Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS) dis-banded and work transferred to the Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC).
 - Governance committee liaison changes.
 - Governance administrative assistant support.
- Division III governance structure remains a priority.

Name, Image and Likeness Legislation

- NIL proposal withdrawn at 2021 NCAA Convention.
 - Received Department of Justice letter citing concerns.
 - Recommendation by Management Council and BOG to withdraw. Understanding by national SAAC.
- Committed to modernizing legislation to provide NIL opportunities.
- Anticipate Council action once DOJ issues addressed and resolved.

Division III Budget

- Impact of pandemic on NCAA budgets.
- 2019-20, total Division III budget deficit was \$7.2 million.
- 2020-21 budget.
 - 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 Playing and Practice Seasons Working Group.
- Resocialization of Sport – 2nd edition. [Dec. 2020]
- Key resources on ncaa.org
 - [SSI COVID resource page](#).
 - [Division III compliance page](#).
 - [D3CA COVID communication](#) – bi-weekly publication.

Championship Updates

- Administrative Committee action regarding winter championships.
 - Decision timeline.
 - Threshold rationale.
 - Process.

Championship Updates (cont.)

- Reduced minimum contest requirements for spring championship selections to 50%. (2020-21)
- Spring brackets and field sizes (team and individual) currently at 75%.
- Monitoring and adjusting spring selection dates.
- Spring automatic qualification.

Championship Updates (cont.)

- Added championship questions to compliance Q&A.
- Return to Championships Guidelines.
- COVID testing at spring championships.
- Confirmation of previously assigned predetermined hosts.

Transgender Participation Policy

- Review of existing transgender student-athlete participation policy adopted in 2011. [CWA, MOIC and CSMAS]
- Determining if there is a need to update the policy.
 - 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 2021]
- Update policy by 2021-22 academic year, if needed.

LGBTQ and Allies Recognition Awards

- Held the inaugural LGBTQ and Allies Recognition Award Program. 2020 LGBTQ of the Year recipients:
 - Institution: Bridgewater State University (MA).
 - Admin./Coach/Staff: Hillary Arthur, Willamette University.
 - Student-athlete: Kena Gilmour, Hamilton College.
- 2021 recognition award nominations opened Feb. 1 and close June 1.



Association-wide Strategic Plan

- Two-year process to update the A-wide strategic plan.
- Due to impact of the pandemic and social injustice, the Board of Governors has suspended introducing the draft strategic plan.
- Emphasis on five NCAA core values:
 - Health, safety and well-being.
 - Governance.
 - Diversity, equity and inclusion.
 - Financial stability.
 - Legal constraints, government relations and realities.

Division I Sustainability

- Division I Board of Directors and Presidential Forum identified sustainability as a primary emphasis over the next 18 months.
 - April 2021 – initial short-term review areas.
 - ✓ Extension of COVID relief in certain areas (e.g. membership requirements).
 - April 2021 to Aug. 2022 – additional discussions and feedback on long-term sustainability issues.
- Providing updates to the Division III Councils.

Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded campus sexual violence policy (April 2020).
- New Title IX regulations (August 2020).
- Creation of Association-wide task force.
 - Develop operational guidelines and best practices (Summer 2021).
- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements (May 2023).
- Attestation still required in May 2021 and 2022.
- Division III education session.

Officiating Update

- In Jan., the Management Council received an update on current officiating issues in Division III.
- D3CA and the NCAA have hired a contractor (Pictor Group) to study the issue and propose solutions.
- Executive summary was released in mid-Sept.
- D3CA developing a strategic plan to address officiating issues.

Identity Initiative

- Division III Week - April 5-11, 2021.
- Identity purchasing website.
- Special Olympics partnership.
- D3SIDA recognition award.
 - Three awards each year (\$1,500).
- [Strategic Communications guide](#).
- [Guide to Institution Pronunciations](#).
- Identity Initiative – [10th Anniversary](#).
 - #D3Identity.



Questions