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# ***2024 NCAA Convention Proposals***

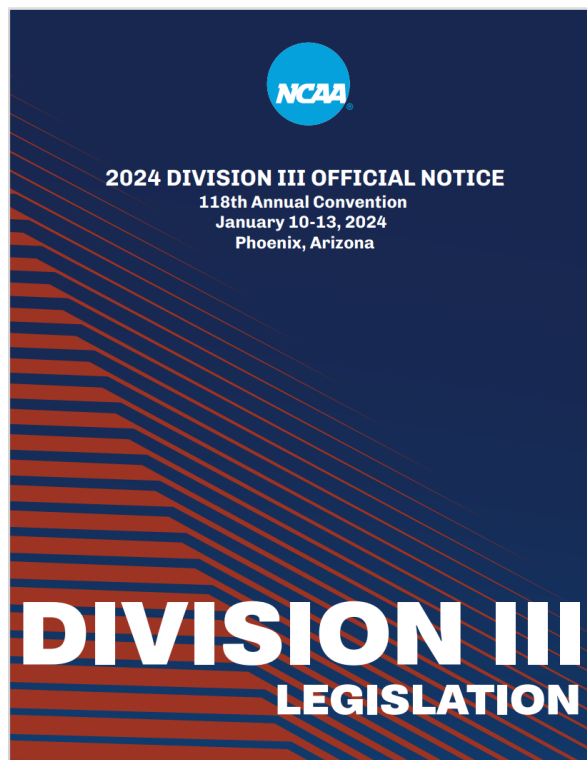


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## Legislative Actions and Issues



### 2024 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide Approved November 27, 2023, by the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee

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# ***Presidential Grouping***



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement

Current.

- The Division III Philosophy Statement (Bylaw 20.11) articulates **principles that represent a commitment to Division III** membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.
- The current statement consists of **18 principles**.
- The statement has not been substantively revised **since 2012**.



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement cont.

Proposed by: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Strategic Planning and Finance Committee)]

- A working group within the **Division III Strategic Planning & Finance Committee** drafted proposed changes to the current version of the Philosophy Statement, with extensive input from the membership.
- The proposed changes consider elements already contained in the NCAA Constitution while articulating **fundamental principles** of the division and would replace the existing Philosophy Statement **in its entirety**.
- Would amend the Philosophy Statement, **only**.



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement cont.

Amendment-to-Amendment, Proposed by: Middle Atlantic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference.

- **2024-1-1.**
  - To amend the proposal to retain the language from the current philosophy statement regarding the focus of Division III athletics on the four-year undergraduate experience.
- **2024-1-2.**
  - To amend the proposal to retain the language from the current philosophy statement regarding awarding of financial aid to student-athletes.
    - > Division III does not award financial aid to any student based on athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance.



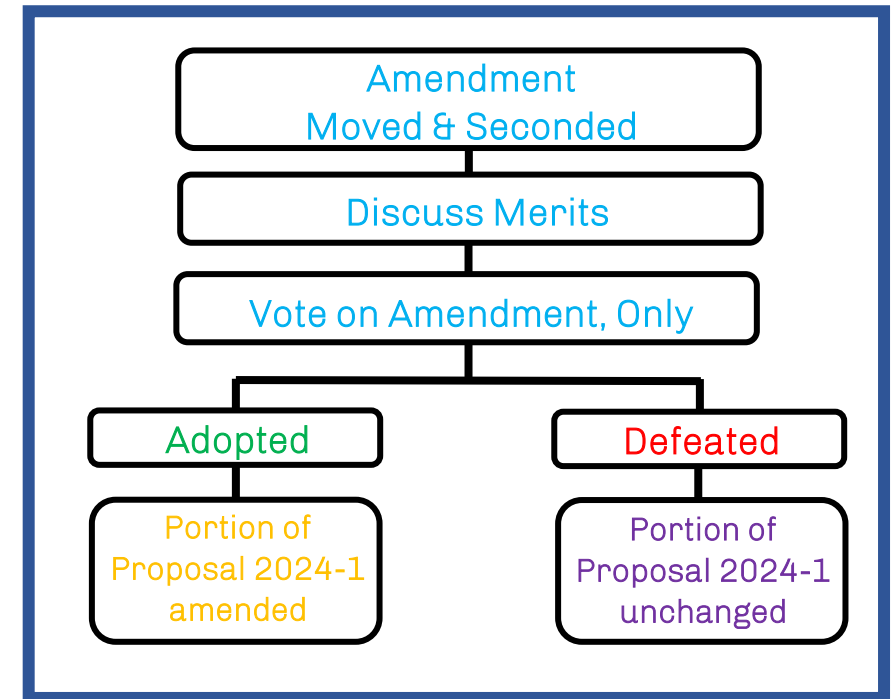
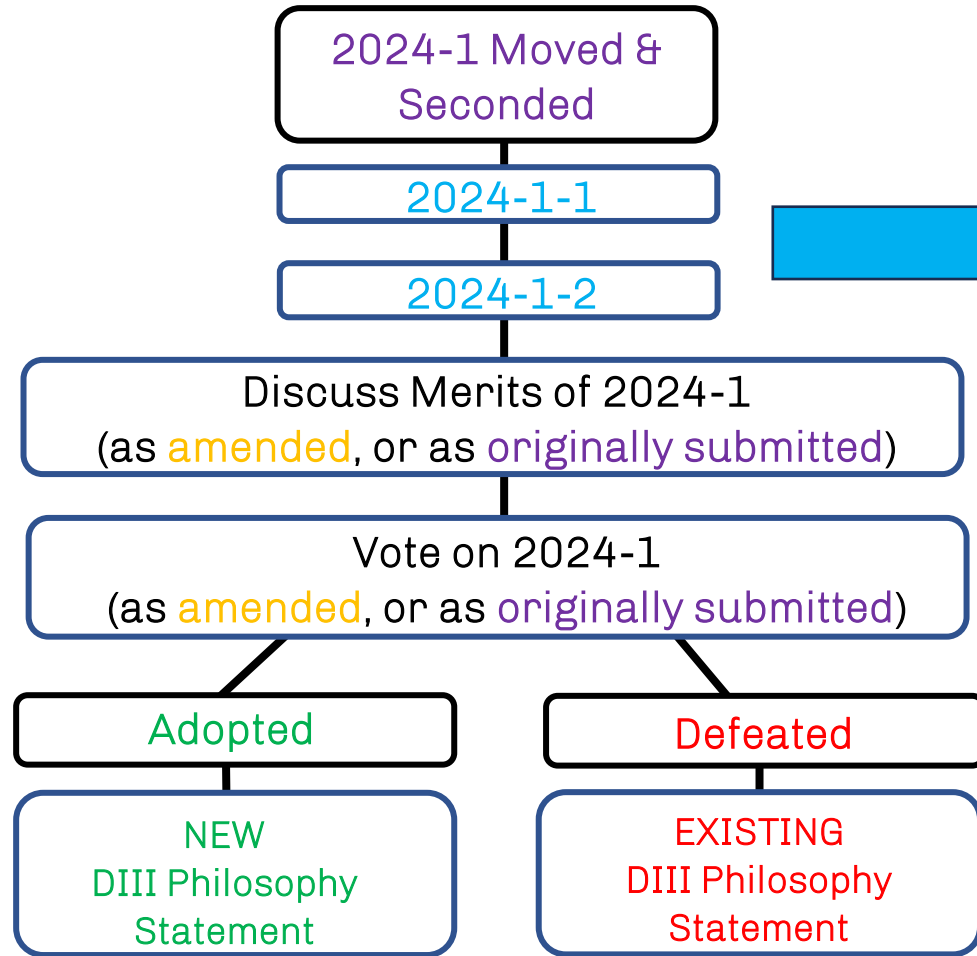
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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement cont.





# ***General Grouping***



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# 2024-2 Amendment-to-Amendment Period

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- The membership submits legislative proposals annually by July 15. **Between July 15 and September 15**, the initial sponsors may amend their original idea – by **either expanding or restricting** – the proposal.
- Between **September 15 and November 1** additional amendments may be offered to change the proposal, however only those that further **restrict the proposal** are permitted (Bylaw 9.3.1.3).



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# ***2024-2 Amendment-to-Amendment Period cont.***

Proposed by: Empire 8 and Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

- During the period of time between September 15 and November 1, sponsors of the original proposal would be permitted to offer amendments to **either expand or restrict** the proposal.



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# ***2024-3 Minimum Participants in Tennis***

Current.

- As a **condition of DIII membership**, institutions must sponsor a minimum number of sports during each academic year.
- For individual sports, successful sponsorship of a sport includes both a **minimum number of contests** and a **minimum number of participants** at those contests.
- In tennis, that means at least **ten** contests with at least **six** participants (Bylaw 20.11.3.8).



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# ***2024-3 Minimum Participants in Tennis cont.***

Proposed by: NCAA Division III Management Council  
(Championships Committee).

- The **minimum** number of participants to permit a tennis match to be counted for sports sponsorship purposes would decrease from **six** to **four**.



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# 2024-4 Stunt as an Emerging Sport

Current.

- An **emerging sport** is a women's sport, recognized by the NCAA, which is intended to help institutions provide more athletics opportunities for women and see if the sport grows to championship level.
- To stay on the list, emerging sports must gain championship status **within 10 years** or show steady progress toward that goal (Bylaw 20.02.6.1).
- If an institution sponsors an emerging sport as a varsity team, it **must** apply the NCAA constitution and Division III bylaws, interpretations and other legislation to the team.
- Stunt is an emerging sport in Division I & Division II, but **not in Division III**.



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# ***2024-4 Stunt as an Emerging Sport cont.***

Proposed by: NCAA Division III Management Council  
(Committee on Women's Athletics).

- Stunt would be **added to the emerging sports list** in Division III and legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership would be established.



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# ***PROPOSAL QUESTIONS***



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