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Legislative Actions and Issues
Presidential Grouping
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.
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.
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.
2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement cont.

2024-1 Moved & Seconded
- 2024-1-1
- 2024-1-2

Discuss Merits of 2024-1 (as amended, or as originally submitted)
- Vote on 2024-1 (as amended, or as originally submitted)
  - Adopted
  - Defeated
    - NEW DIII Philosophy Statement
    - EXISTING DIII Philosophy Statement

Amendment Moved & Seconded
Discuss Merits
Vote on Amendment, Only
- Adopted
- Defeated
  - Portion of Proposal 2024-1 amended
  - Portion of Proposal 2024-1 unchanged

Adopted
Defeated
General Grouping
Current.

- 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).
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.
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).
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**.
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.
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.
PROPOSAL QUESTIONS