

NCAA 2025 Convention Legislative Proposal Chart

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| 2025-1 | DIVISION III COMMITTEES -- ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- CHANGE IN COMPOSITION | Immediate | American Rivers Conference and Great Northeast Athletic Conference. | Allow for each multi-sport conference and the group of independents to have a primary representative on National SAAC. | This proposal aims to provide more clarity and consistency in the role of committee members. Under the current committee structure associate members rely on their partner conference's primary member for updates on meetings the associate members do not attend, creating inconsistent communication from the national committee to conference and institutional SAACs. The term length for associate members, coupled with the possibility of rolling on as primary members, has been confusing to navigate for student-athletes and conference staff. With longer and consistent service terms for all committee members (2-3 years, as opposed to just one year for some current associate members) the committee would be able to get more impactful work accomplished. Having all committee members serving in the same capacity (primary members) would improve committee operations. The immediate effective date aligns with committee member term expirations after the NCAA Convention. Estimated budget impact includes the cost of additional student-athletes attending the in-person November meetings. |
| 2025-2 | Multisport Conference Membership Size Minimum Requirement | 08/01/2025 | Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Upper Midwest Athletic Conference. | To align NCAA Division III legislative requirements for a multisport conference to be consistent with the membership size requirements for a single sport conference as well as to align legislative requirements for membership size for a multisport conference with the NCAA Division III legislation related to eligibility for Automatic Qualifiers and access to NCAA Division III Championships. | The current NCAA Division III bylaw 20.9.1.2.2 dictates that for a single-sport conference, formal conference status may be granted provided it has six active NCAA member institutions. However, the current NCAA Division III bylaw for a multisport conference requires seven active member institutions. This proposal seeks to create consistency amongst the legislative requirements for both a single-sport conference and a multisport conference. In addition, this proposal seeks to better align the multisport conference membership legislative requirements with the current Division III bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 regarding eligibility of multisport conferences to receive an Automatic Qualifier to Division III Championships. Specifically, bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 only requires six member institutions that fulfill other requirements articulated in order to secure or maintain Automatic Qualifier access to NCAA Division III Championships. Thus, this proposal will not have an immediate impact or change on the requirements related to championship access or securing/maintaining an AQ for a multisport conference. Moreover, this proposal aligns with recent decisions in the NCAA Division III governance structure modifying Bylaw 31.3.1.1 to establish an access ratio of 1:6.0 in team sports. This proposal will ultimately better align applicable membership requirement and championships access bylaws for both single-sport and multi-sport conferences. |
| 2025-3 | LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND | Immediate | NCAA Division III Management Council | Amend the Division III Legislative process as follows: (a) establish an initial membership proposal | Following the adoption of the NCAA Constitution in 2022, the Division III governance structure tasked the Interpretations and Legislation Committee |

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| | PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS | | (Interpretations and Legislation Committee) | submission deadline of July 1st that only requires statements of intent and rationale, along with the impacted bylaws; (b) allow for a comment period for proposals through September 1; (c) establish an alternate membership proposal submission deadline of September 15 if the proposal meets the sponsorship threshold of four multisport conferences or 20 member institutions representing four multisport conferences; (d) establish September 15 as the final sponsorship date for governance proposals; (e) produce a publication of proposed legislation on October 1; and (f) permit four multisport conferences or 20 institutions representing four multisport conferences or the Division III Presidents or Management Councils (by a three-quarter vote) to offer amendments-to-amendments that increase the modification of a proposal. | with reviewing the division's legislative process. The goals of the review was to encourage more membership participation in the legislative process as well as foster greater collaboration between the governance structure and membership at large with the legislative process. This package of concepts to amend the legislative process represents feedback from the Division III governance structure, as well as affiliate groups within the membership in furtherance of those goals. |
| 2025-4 | Federated Playing Rules Exemptions | Immediate | Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Little East Conference, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Presidents' Athletic Conference. | To establish a process by which Division III may consider federating sport-specific playing rules that have either a financial or philosophical impact for Division III institutions. | With the adoption of the revised NCAA Constitution in January of 2022, all three NCAA divisions ratified language providing flexibility for division, sub-division or federated level to establish rules for sports competition and participation "as deemed necessary." The current federated rules process for Division III, which is captured in policy as opposed to legislation, has been ineffective in including meaningful and representative Division III input on playing rules changes. The existing process is not representative of the entire division and is insufficient in determining which playing rules are most appropriately federated. This proposal would allow Management Council, a body legislatively designed to be representative of the entire Division, to review proposed rules changes for a philosophical or financial impact on Division III and take action to exempt Division III from approved common playing rules. The federated exemptions would become effective immediately based on Management Council's action and would be subject to ratification by the entire Membership (on a timeline determined by the Management Council, either at Convention or at times appropriate to the playing rules change cycle). |
| 2025-5 | DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- THREE-YEAR PROVISION -- ESTABLISH A WAIVER | 08/01/2025 | NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee). | To establish a waiver of the reclassification three-year provision to shorten the process from three years to two years. | For institutions within the reclassifying membership that are philosophically and functionally prepared for active membership, the third year can be an unnecessary delay in the Division III membership process rather than a benefit. Consequently, institutions that have clearly demonstrated a commitment to the Division III philosophy, sports-sponsorship and financial aid requirements and fulfilled reports and related communication expectations should have the opportunity to seek a waiver |

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| 2025-6 | NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP – WOMEN'S WRESTLING | Immediate | NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics). | In women's wrestling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship and to establish a women's wrestling committee. | of the three-year requirement to shorten the period to two years provided they meet the specified criteria. Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year. Adding women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Sport aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. This proposal would be effective immediately to allow the women's wrestling committee to begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026. |