

2026 Issues Forum Discussion Questions

Division III Analysis: Identifying Potential Tensions and Strategic Risks

1. What makes the Division III Student-athlete experience unique?
2. Identify possible tensions within the area of the Division III student-athlete experience?
(Possible points of tension include access to national championships, eligibility, sports sponsorship, participation opportunities, playing and practice seasons, and playing rules.)
3. Identify possible tensions within the area of membership responsibility and oversight?
(Possible points of tension include investment in athletics, health and safety, legislative authority and process, membership requirements, and prohibition of financial aid based on athletics)