

**REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III
FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE (FAR) ADVISORY GROUP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. Eastern.
2. **Approval of the June 11 report.** The committee approved the report of the June 11 videoconference.
3. **Review of the draft agenda and logistics for the 2026 Division III FAR Institute.** The advisory group reviewed the draft agenda for the 2026 FAR Institute and the list of the 30 approved participants.
4. **Review of the Eligibility – Age-Based Eligibility Model Division III membership-sponsored legislative proposal.** The working group reviewed the membership-sponsored legislative proposal to establish an age-based eligibility model. The group did not recommend an official position to the Division III Management Council, recognizing that the Division III Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) members will take an official position on the proposal at their November 9 meeting.

The group raised the following for the Management Council to consider:

- There is a potentially disparate impact on men's ice hockey if the age-based model is adopted given the older average age of participants. Their opportunity to participate may be significantly limited in comparison to the situation under the current rule.
 - There are unknown potential effects on overall institutional enrollment if the age-based model is adopted, especially at institutions where the dependency on student-athlete enrollment is high. The limit, based on age, would eliminate a group of potential student-athlete enrollees.
 - Given the lack of a compelling rationale from those proposing the legislation and the lack of a clear set of circumstances this proposal would resolve, the group noted the likelihood of a significant number of unknown potential effects on Division III student-athletes, institutions, conferences and the division as a whole.
5. **Future meetings.** The group reviewed the quarterly meetings for the remainder of 2026 and noted the addition of two new Division III FARA Executive Committee members joining the group following the FARA Annual Meeting.
 6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at noon Eastern.

Advisory Group Chair: Heather Schneider, Adrian College.

Staff Support: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance and Member Services

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Attendees:	
Stanton Ching, Connecticut College.	
Renee Jourdanais, Marywood University.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
Heather Schneider, Adrian College.	
Absentees:	
JoAnne Bullard, Rowan University.	
Karen Thompson-Wolfe, Westminster College (Missouri).	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Eric Hartung, Jeff Myers	