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# **Division III August Webinar**

## **SAAC, Management and Presidents Council Recaps**

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# Agenda

- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.
  - Working group updates.
  - Joint meeting with Management Council.
- Management Council updates and actions.
  - Sport Science Institute updates.
  - NCAA Convention format.
  - Noncontroversial legislation.
  - International student-athlete eligibility.
  - 2023 Convention proposals.



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# Agenda

- Management Council updates and actions.
  - Budget enhancements for 2022-23.
  - Championships updates.
- Presidents Council updates and actions.
  - Division III philosophy statement.
  - New Council members.
- Q&A.



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# SAAC Updates

- Working group updates.
  - Social media.  @d3saac and  diiisaac
  - SAAC University.
  - Special Olympics – moved to committee priority.
    - Completed celebration of 10th anniversary.
- Joint meeting with Management Council.
  - Roundtable discussions.
  - Special Olympics activity.



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# Sport Science Institute Updates

- CSMAS has explored physical and mental health promotion, sport-related injury and illness, performance and training readiness and as well as education and policy.
- Cannabinoid policy. The Council approved non-controversial legislation, in concept, to amend the drug testing penalty related to a positive test for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids (education vs. punitive).
- Mental Health Advisory Group. CSMAS created an advisory group to update the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document.



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# Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy

- Board of Governors updated the policy in Jan. 2022. The new policy incorporates sport-by-sport eligibility requirements that align with the Olympic movement.
- The policy will be implemented in three phases:
  - Phase I: 2022 winter and spring NCAA championships. Complete.
  - Phase II: 2022-23 academic year.
  - Phase III: 2023-24 full implementation.
- Currently 18 states have signed bills banning transgender student-athlete participation and another 30 have introduced legislation.



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# Noncontroversial Legislation

- Participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment.
- Financial Aid – Bylaw 15 updates.
- Composition of CSMAS.
- Duties of ILC.



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# International Student-Athlete Eligibility

- During the 2022 Convention, the membership adopted a proposal that requires all international prospective student-athletes initially enrolling at a Division III institution on or after August 1, 2023, will need a final amateurism decision by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- First-year students, students transferring to Division III institution for the first time, male practice player and exchange students are all included.
- The Eligibility Center has created a newsletter and a series of webinars to assist institutions.



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# 2023 NCAA Convention

- NCAA Convention is Jan. 11-14 in San Antonio.
  - Registration opens on Sept. 13.
- Key in-person programming
  - Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Honors Celebration.
  - Thursday, Jan. 12 - A-wide educational sessions, Special Olympics activity, Woman of the Year luncheon, State of College Sports, and delegates reception.
  - Friday, Jan. 13 - Division III Issues Forum, conference meetings, Saluting Excellence Luncheon and Division III LGBTQ of the Year Award Celebration.
  - Saturday, Jan. 14 – Division III Business Session.



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# 2023 Governance Proposals

- The governance structure is sponsoring the following seven proposals for the 2023 Convention.
  - Committee and Council composition and representation.
  - Eliminate the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) and Conference Self-Study Guide (CSSG) requirement.
  - Conference membership requirement for new Division III members.
  - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee voting privileges.
  - Establish a new playing and practice seasons structure.
  - Use of social media in recruiting.
  - Recognizing STUNT as an emerging sport for women.



# 2023 Membership Proposals

- The membership is sponsoring five proposals for the 2023 Convention. To date, it includes the following:
  - Nominating Committee composition.
  - Conference based representation on Presidents and Management Councils.
  - Preseason acclimatization for fall sports.
  - Playing season using combination of weeks and days.
  - Playing and practice season non-consecutive days.



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# Division III Budget

- The Councils approved new budget enhancements for championships and the Enrichment Fund (formerly non-championships) for 2022-23.
  - Championships enhancements include bracket increases, a day of rest in select sports, reimbursement for local ground transportation, no conference opponent in the first round and per diem increases.
  - New Enrichment Fund budget initiatives include funding for the Conference Grant Program to support diversity, equity and inclusion, and an increase to the annual salary for the Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship, effective Sept. 2023.



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# Championships Updates

- Championships Committee will continue its evaluation of selection criteria specifically access ratios and AQ process.
- Evaluating current bracketing policies and the student-athlete experience at NCAA championships.
- The Council approved an Executive Regulation to allow student-athletes who are not part of the squad size to be in uniform in the bench area. Championships Committee, with input from sport committees, will maintain current bench size limits.



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# Presidents Council Updates

- At the Presidents Advisory Group meeting conducted roundtable discussion on the Division III Philosophy Statement and pending review.
- Identified three 2023 legislative proposals as presidential in nature.
  - Institutions entering the new member process must receive an offer of membership from a Division III multi-sport conference.
  - Council and committee composition and representation.
  - SAAC vote at the Division III Business Session.
- Elected two new members, appointment effective immediately.



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# Questions?



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