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Division III August Webinar

SAAC, Management and Presidents Councils Updates

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Agenda

- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Updates.
- Council Updates.
 - FY27 and FY28 Budget.
 - DIII Analysis.
 - Convention Legislation.
 - Eligibility.
 - Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
 - Championships Alcohol Policy.
 - Senior Campus Leadership.
 - Athletic Trainer Connect.



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SAAC Updates



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SAAC Updates

- Hot Topics.
- Legislation.
- Empowering the student-athlete voice and preparing for the future.
 - Connect with your National SAAC representative.



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SAAC Updates

- Subcommittee updates.
 - SAAC 101.
 - DIII Download.
- Working Groups.
 - Policies and procedures.
 - Virtual Town Hall.
- Special Olympics partnership.
- Follow us on X (@d3saac) and Instagram (@diiisaac)



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Council Updates



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FY27/FY28 Budget

- The councils approved the division's budget for FY27 and FY28. The new budget becomes effective September 1, 2026.
- Enhancements include:
 - Provide photographers at NCAA individual team championships.
 - Increase championship per diem, officiating fees and bracket expansions
 - Women's wrestling championship (2028) and joint women's basketball championship (2028)
 - Development of new Division III PSAs.
 - Continue stipends for live-streaming, health and safety grants and Mental Health First Aid training. New grant for athletics communication.



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Division III Analysis

- The Presidents Council approved the recommendation from the working group to refer.
 - 12 items to various Division III committees.
 - 9 items to the working group.
 - 5 items to the membership.
- The working group will provide additional guidance to select committees regarding the various options.
- The working group is also working on “case studies” to help the membership and committees discuss and evaluate options regarding age-based eligibility, NIL, and membership segmentation.



2027 Convention Proposals

- The governance structure sponsored two proposals:
 - Flag football National Collegiate Championship.
 - Agents before initial enrollment.
- The membership has submitted seven proposals.
 - MC/PC composition
 - Two concerning the legislative process.
 - Age-based eligibility.
 - Two related to Spring football.
 - Track and Field playing season.



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Age-Based Eligibility

- The Management Council issued an official interpretation clarifying how Division III will evaluate a transfer from a division or institution that does not recognize the use of a season.
- Waivers and transfers for non-Division III institutions processed pursuant to Division III legislation and guidelines.
- Council engaged in a discussion of how to help the membership consider and evaluate the Division III age-based proposal.



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Student-Athlete Reinstatement

- The Management Council approved a change to the committee's sports wagering guidelines that would allow for a reduced penalty if:
 - The student-athlete's first violation.
 - The violation does not involve integrity concerns.
 - The student-athlete engages in appropriate clinical evaluation or support.



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Championships Alcohol Policy

- The councils provided feedback to the Championships Committee about the current policy that prohibits the sale of alcohol at Division III championships except during joint championships held at the same site.
- The Championships Committee is considering whether to recommend a change to the policy and is developing a survey to seek membership feedback.



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Senior Campus Leadership Initiative

- The Presidents Council approved an initiative to increase the engagement and education of campus senior leaders (president/chancellors and athletics direct reports).
- The initiative provide virtual and in-person opportunities for senior campus leaders to meet to discuss issues and topics being consider within the Division III governance structure.



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Athletic Trainer Connect Program

- The Management Council supported the continued consideration of a program designed to enhance the engagement with Division III athletic trainers.
- The staff will conduct an outreach to the membership to gain feedback on the concept.
- The council will review the concept at its October meeting.



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Questions?



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