

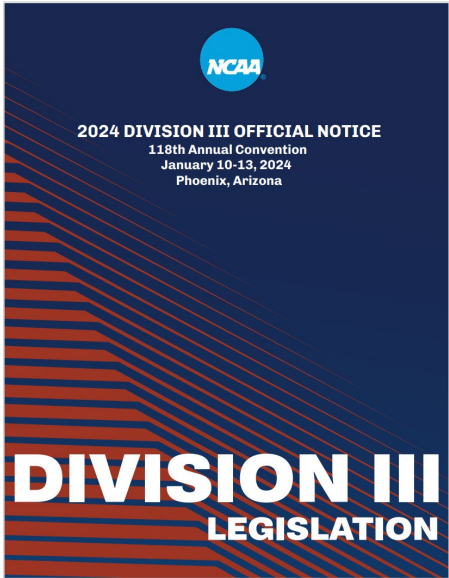


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# 2024 NCAA Convention Proposals & Other AMA Updates

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# Convention Resources.



## Legislative Actions and Issues



2024 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals  
Question and Answer Guide  
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Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee

*Please note this is the first edition of the 2024 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide. Future editions may be developed as questions are presented to the NCAA staff or the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee. On release of subsequent editions of this guide, newly approved questions and answers will be shaded in gray.*

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# Presidential Grouping



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement.

Current.

- The Division III Philosophy Statement (Bylaw 20.11) articulates **principles that represent a commitment to Division III** membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.
- The current statement consists of **18 principles**.
- The statement has not been substantively revised **since 2012**.



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement.

Proposed.

- A working group within the **Division III Strategic Planning & Finance Committee** drafted proposed changes to the current version of the Philosophy Statement, with extensive input from the membership.
- The proposed changes consider elements already contained in the NCAA Constitution while articulating **fundamental principles** of the division and would replace the existing Philosophy Statement **in its entirety**.
- Would amend the Philosophy Statement, **only**.



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement.

Proposed.

Proposal 2024-1 Philosophy Statement Language	Current Philosophy Statement (Bylaw 20.11)
The purpose of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual members to determine their own unique objectives and programs. The philosophy statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.	The purpose of the NCAA is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual institutions to determine their own special objectives and programs. The above statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.
Division III members affirm the purposes and fundamental policy of the NCAA, as set forth in Constitution Article I with emphasis on:	<i>This section does not appear in the current statement.</i>
Division III members shall establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's activities are conducted with the appropriate primary emphasis on the student-athlete's academic experience.	<i>This section does not appear in the current statement.</i>
Division III intercollegiate athletics shall be conducted in a manner designed to protect, <u>support</u> and enhance the physical and mental health and safety of student-athletes.	<i>This section does not appear in the current statement.</i>
Division III members shall be committed to the creation of diverse and inclusive environments with respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person.	<i>This section does not appear in the current statement.</i>
Division III athletics shall be conducted in a manner free of gender bias.	<i>This section does not appear in the current statement.</i>



# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement.

## Amendment-to-Amendment.

- **2024-1-1.**

- To amend the proposal to retain the language from the current philosophy statement regarding the focus of Division III athletics as a four-year undergraduate experience.

- **2024-1-2.**

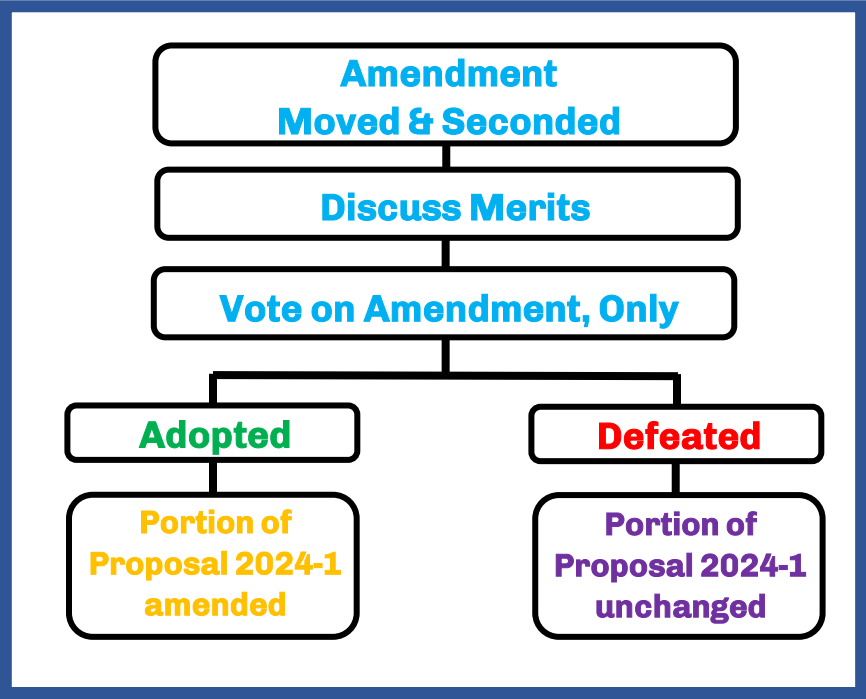
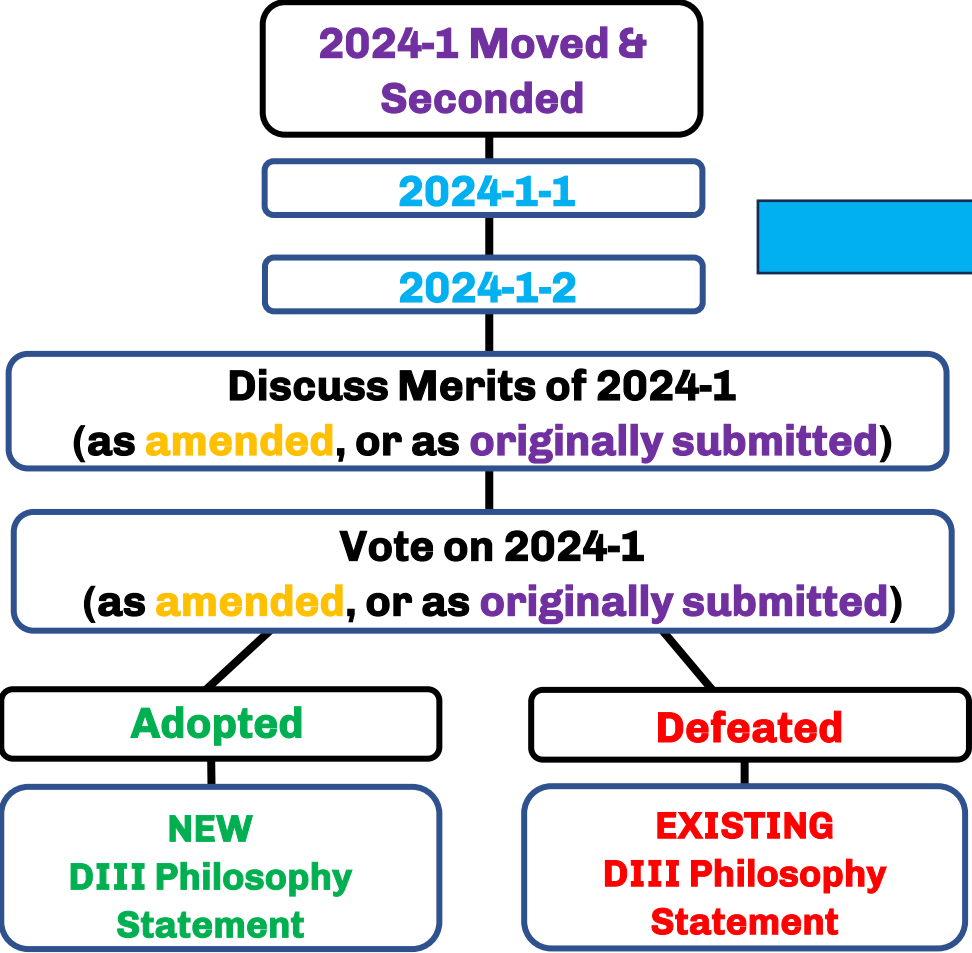
- To amend the proposal to retain the language from the current philosophy statement regarding awarding of financial aid to student-athletes.

> Division III does not award financial aid to any student based on athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance.



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# 2024-1 DIII Philosophy Statement.



# General Grouping



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# 2024-2 Amendment-to-Amendment Period.

Current.

- The membership submits legislative proposals annually by July 15. **Between July 15 and September 15**, the initial sponsors may amend their original idea – by **either expanding or restricting** – the proposal.
- Between **September 15 and November 1** additional amendments may be offered to change the proposal, however only those that further **restrict the proposal** are permitted (Bylaw 9.3.1.3).



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# 2024-2 Amendment-to-Amendment Period.

Proposed.

- During the period of time between September 15 and November 1, sponsors of the original proposal would be permitted to offer amendments to **either expand or restrict** proposal.



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# 2024-3 Minimum Participants in Tennis.

Current.

- As a **condition of DIII membership**, institutions must sponsor a minimum number of sports during each academic year.
- For individual sports, successful sponsorship of a sport includes both a **minimum number of contests** and a **minimum number of participants** at those contests.
- In tennis, that means at least **ten** contests with at least **six** participants (Bylaw 20.11.3.8).



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# 2024-3 Minimum Participants in Tennis.

Proposed.

- The **minimum** number of participants to permit a tennis match to be counted for sports sponsorship purposes would decrease from **six** to **four**.



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# 2024-4 Stunt as an Emerging Sport.

## Current.

- An **emerging sport** is a women's sport, recognized by the NCAA, which is intended to help institutions provide more athletics opportunities for women and see if the sport grows to championship level.
- To stay on the list, emerging sports must gain championship status **within 10 years** or show steady progress toward that goal (Bylaw 20.02.6.1).
- If an institution sponsors an emerging sport as a varsity team, it **must** apply the NCAA constitution and Division III bylaws, interpretations and other legislation to the team.
- Stunt is an emerging sport in Division I & Division II, but **not in Division III**.



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# 2024-4 Stunt as an Emerging Sport.

Proposed.

- Stunt would be **added to the emerging sports list** in Division III and legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership would be established.



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# Other AMA Updates



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# Mental Health Hardship Waiver.

Pilot Program for 2023-24 and 2024-25 Academic Years.

- The Division III Management Council approved a pilot program specific to **hardship waiver requests** asserting a student-athlete's **mental health** condition.
- The pilot program will allow conference offices to work with the national office to collect information to determine if **legislative change** is warranted.
- Only requests for seasons charged during the **2023-24** and **2024-25** academic years will be processed through the pilot program.



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# Mental Health Hardship Waiver.

- Student-athlete cannot compete in more than **one-third** of the playing season.
- All competition must occur during **first half** of playing season.
- Contemporaneous or **noncontemporaneous** medical documentation from a **licensed practitioner** who is qualified to provide mental health services.
  - Must demonstrate that the student-athlete's mental health condition occurred **during the season in question**, occurred before completion of the **first half** of the traditional playing season, and **prevented** the student-athlete from competing in more than **one-third** of the traditional playing season in that sport.

(see [Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices](#))

Mental health condition occurs



Hardship waiver submitted to conference office \*



Approved



Denied



May appeal to SAR staff



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# Mental Health Hardship Waiver.


## What Will Be Reported.


- Number of **approved** and **denied** hardship waivers asserting a mental health condition.
- Specific to **approvals**:
  - > Whether the documentation was contemporaneous or noncontemporaneous.
  - > The licensure of the practitioner who provided the documentation.
- Specific to **denials**:
  - > Which criteria were not met (i.e., legislated limit, first-half requirement, documentation).



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# Start Date Calculator.

 **DIII Playing/Practice Season Tool**



First Practice Date Calculator

Academic Year

2024-2025

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Sport

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Sport segment

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Start day of classes

08/01/2024

First practice

Calculate Season Start Date



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# Questions?



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