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Division III February Webinar

2022 NCAA Convention Recap

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Agenda

- Council updates.
 - Division III Advisory Council.
 - Less than full-time blanket waiver.
 - Gender equity – Phase II actions.
 - Graduation rate report.
 - Division III membership survey.



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Agenda

- Board of Governors Transgender Policy.
- LGBTQ of the Year Recognition Award Program.
- 2022 legislative proposals.
- Q&A.



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Division III Advisory Council

- Formerly known as the Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
- Advisory role. 26-member council, representing 21 conferences. Met bi-weekly from Sept. to Jan. and provided feedback and guidance.
- Presidents Council tasked the Administrative Committee with reviewing the composition.
- Role and charge updated to focus on implementation strategies for new constitutional requirements and management of the membership review of current policies, initiatives and bylaws. Will meet every three weeks.



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Less Than Full Time Blanket Waiver

- Management Council approved an extension to the 2021-22 academic year blanket waiver for next year (2022-23) for student-athletes that did not use the waiver in 2021-22.
- Extending the waiver maintains a base level of enrollment thereby ensuring that Division III athletics constitutes students competing against students, while providing flexibility that supports graduation and participation.
- The Council will not extend the blanket relief for a third year.



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Gender Equity – Phase II Actions

- The Phase II report was given to the Councils during its Oct. meeting. The report was released to the membership and is located on ncaa.org. Generally, Division III is providing equitable opportunities.
- The Councils reviewed possible Phase II actions and referred the report and recommendations to the appropriate committees in the Division III governance structure.
- Possible actions include developing clear criteria for making championship funding, bracket/field size, travel party decisions that integrate gender equity principles. (Championships and SPFC)



Graduation Rate Report

- 2021 marked the second year of mandatory reporting of graduation rates for Division III.
- The Division III Federal Graduation Rate (69%) and NCAA Academic Success Rate (88%) are the highest ever recorded.
- Most sports remained steady or increased on ASR.
- Football reported an increase in both FGR and ASR.
- The Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group continues to analyze the trends and discuss the creation of membership resources.



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Division III Membership Survey

- Distributed every four to five years. Last survey was in 2018.
- One response from each institution and conference.
- The survey provides an opportunity to express opinions concerning the current and future policies and priorities of Division III.
- Distribution will occur in early Feb. Feedback will be shared with the Division III Advisory Council and key governance committees with recommendations forwarded to the Councils.
- Any proposed legislative changes would be voted on at the 2023 NCAA Convention or a future convention.



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BOG Transgender Policy

- Board of Governors updated the policy, effective immediately.
- 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.
 - Phase II: 2022-23 regular season and championships.
 - Phase III: 2023-24 full implementation.
- Resources available, including *the [Gender Identity and Student-Athlete Participation Summit Final Report](#)*.



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LGBTQ of the Year Recognition Awards

- Held the 2nd Annual [LGBTQ of the Year Recognition Award Program](#).
- 2021 LGBTQ of the Year recipients:
 - Institution: Springfield College
 - Admin./Coach/Staff: Jessica Duff, Smith College.
 - Student-athlete: Matthew McGough, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2022 recognition award nominations open Feb. 1.



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2022 Legislative Proposals

PROPOSAL NUMBER	PROPOSAL	RESULT	COUNT For-Against-Abstain
R-2022-1	PC Resolution	Adopted	427– 10 – 4

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2022-1*	PC Emergency Authority	Adopted	452 – 1 – 1
2022-2**	International SA – Use EC	Adopted	430 – 23 – 0
Motion to refer 2022-3	Use of Season - Eligibility	Referred	233 – 216 – 4
2022-4*	Division I Financial Aid	Adopted	388 – 18 – 39
2022-5	Reduce Conference AQ	Adopted	281 – 167 – 2

* Effective immediately; ** Effective August 1, 2023



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2022-6	Reduce Single Sport Conference	Adopted	327 – 123 – 3
Motion to divide 2022-7*	Football Practice Modification	Defeated	164 – 196 – 88
2022-7*	Football Practice Modification	Adopted	295 – 68 – 87
2022-8	Equestrian – Emerging Sport	Defeated	154 – 195 – 101
2022-9	Sickle Cell Waiver	Adopted	253 – 185 – 11

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Questions?



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