Division III May Webinar
Management and Presidents Council Updates

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We will begin at promptly 1:30 p.m. (EST). Please MUTE your phone and/or the audio on your computer.
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Agenda

• Board of Governors updates.
  o Independent members.
  o esports.
  o Sports wagering.

• Sport Science Institute updates.

• NCAA Transfer Portal.

• Division III University.

• International ice hockey pilot.
BOG: Independent Members

• Association-wide vote to add five (5) public, independent members. Passed by a vote of 793-205-13 (80%).

• Solicitation of nominations. (Closed Feb. 2019)

• Next steps:
  o Review of 250 nominations by third-party search firm (Heidrick and Struggles).
  o BOG Executive Committee forwarded slate of nominees to the full BOG for a vote at its April meeting.
BOG: Independent Members

- New independent members will serve staggered three-year terms with the option to renew once.
- All independent members will receive an orientation in June.
- First BOG meeting will be in August 2019.
- Opportunity for input on new Association-wide strategic plan.
The NCAA continues to explore the current college esports landscape that is rapidly growing. Recent research provides participation levels, leadership structure, and potential areas of growth.

In January, the BOG charged staff to develop a blueprint to evaluate potential NCAA competition and structure within the framework of NCAA values.

Demo event at Men’s Final Four.

In April, the BOG agreed to formally table the discussion. Staff will continue its due diligence research.
Sports Wagering

• U.S. Supreme Court ruling (Spring 2018).
• NCAA anticipates up to 17 states will approve sports wagering this summer with up to 30 states in the next 12-24 months. NCAA internal staff working group.
  o Goal is to keep membership informed on sports wagering.
  o Protect student-athletes and integrity of games.
  o Review existing legislation and identify needed changes.

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Sports Wagering

• BOG appointed Association-wide Working Group. Three Division III reps.

• Sports Wagering Summit (March). Focus on health and safety.

• Bi-partisan federal legislation under discussion.

• NCAA Sports Wagering FAQ on NCAA.org.

• April membership mailing: “Sports Wagering Principles.”
Sport Science Institute

• NCAA Catastrophic Injury and Death Interassociation Guidelines.
  o Sportsmanship.
  o Protective equipment.
  o Acclimatization and conditioning.
  o Emergency action plan.
  o Strength and conditioning personnel guidelines.

• Mental health noncontroversial legislation.

• Independent health care: athletic trainer coverage.
NCAA Transfer Portal

- Newly created portal for Divisions I & II students looking to transfer.

- In 2018-19, Division III has read-only access. SSO administrator assigns access to the portal via MyApps.

- The portal includes:
  - Student-athlete information.
  - Permission to contact.
  - Student-athlete transfer tracer.
NCAA Transfer Portal

• At its April meeting, the Management Council approved including Division III student-athletes in the transfer portal, on a voluntary basis (i.e. permission to contact), starting with the 2019-20 academic year. At its July meeting, the Council will discuss if inclusion should be mandatory (i.e. notification of transfer).

• Staff will hold educational webinars to detail the process.

• Benefits:
  o Maintains the Division III self-release.
  o Creates a standard transfer tracer.
Division III University

- “Division III University” – an online, web-based education portal launched in January.
- The modules include existing resources, such as:
  - Overview of NCAA Division III.
  - Student-athlete well-being.
  - Compliance.
- Anticipate additional compliance modules in 2019-20 depending on budget and personnel allocations.
Ice Hockey International Pilot

- 2018-19 pilot included a review of all Division III international, first year, ice hockey prospective student-athletes (PSAs).
- Eligibility Center (EC) completed the sports participation reviews. 100% participation. NCAA paid review fee. ($135)
- Staff solicited feedback from the pilot participants.
Ice Hockey International Pilot

• Management Council reviewed feedback in April and endorsed a second year of the pilot with modifications.

• Student-athletes will complete the Eligibility Center’s certification application. A review will be triggered by an institution submitting an IRL on or after August 1.

• Student-athletes will pay the $150 certification fee with their initial registration, and the NCAA will reimburse $75 at the conclusion of the review.
QUESTIONS