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# **Division III May Webinar**

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

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# Agenda

- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.
  - Working group updates.
  - Student-athlete representation per the new NCAA Constitution.
- Management Council updates and actions.
  - Division III membership survey.
  - Division III Advisory Council.
  - Sport Science Institute updates.
  - NCAA campus sexual violence policy.
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# Agenda

- Presidents Council updates and actions.
  - Representative to BOG per the new NCAA Constitution.
  - Division III philosophy statement.
  - Referral of proposal 2022-3 (only competition triggering use of a season).
- Q&A.



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# SAAC Working Group Updates

- Mental and physical health.
  - Mental health social media campaign, May 2-5.
- Special Olympics.
  - 10th anniversary - decade duels.
  - Division III Week donation.
- Diversity and inclusion.
  - Social media campaigns (e.g., Black History, Women's History and LGBTQ Pride).



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# Student-Athlete Representation

- New NCAA Constitution requirements.
  - Student-athlete representatives on the Presidents Council and Board of Governors.
- Process to select BOG representative.
  - Seek applications from the Division III membership via Program Hub.
  - SAAC executive group will review applications with national SAAC.
  - Final recommendations sent to PC Nominations Subcommittee for final selection, subject to PC approval.



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# Division III Membership Survey

- Distributed every four to five years. Last survey was in 2018.
- The survey provided an opportunity to express opinions concerning the current and future policies and priorities of Division III.
- 83% response rate from institutions and a 100% response rate for conferences.
- Division III bylaws, policies and initiatives chart details the survey feedback. Located on [ncaa.org](http://ncaa.org), Presidents Council homepage.
- Any proposed legislative changes would be voted on at the 2023 NCAA Convention or a future convention.



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# Division III Advisory Council

- Formerly known as the Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
- Advisory role. 29-member Council. Meets every three weeks.
- 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.



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# Division III Advisory Council

Key priority items include the following:

- The Council approved a new process to submit annual athletics finance reporting.
- Review the current composition and representation on governance committees and Councils. A Council subgroup will research the issue and report back to the full Council at the July meeting with potential next steps.
- Consider elimination of Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guides (ISSG and CSSG) as a mandatory reporting requirement.
- Examine the current Division III social media bylaws for possible deregulation.



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# Division III Advisory Council

Key priority items continued:

- Consider a new requirement that Division III members entering the new membership process be in a multi-sport conference.
- Examine budget expense allocation policy and provide more funding to the 28 Division III national championships.
- Update the division's strategic plan.
- Review championships experience to ensure gender equity.
- Examine the playing and practice season structure.
- Discuss graduate eligibility and redshirting.



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# Sport Science Institute Updates

- Cannabinoid policy. The Management Council approved non-controversial legislation, in concept, to amend the drug testing policy related to a positive test for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids.
- Mental Health Advisory Group. CSMAS created an advisory group to update the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document.



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# NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded the campus sexual violence policy (April 2020). Association-wide task force developed [operational guidelines and best practices](#) (Summer 2021).
- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements.
- Division III [education session](#) (2022 convention).
- A Management Council subgroup was created to research and provided recommendations. Talking points and FAQ document was sent to the DIII membership (April 2022).



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# Presidents Council Updates

- Approved a new process to select the Division III Presidents Council representative to the Board of Governors for a two-year renewable term.
- Discussed the existing Division III philosophy statement at the request of Management Council, as the division continues to comprehensively review its strategic priorities during the current transformational period. Tasked SPFC will overseeing a review.
- After receiving an update from ILC regarding Proposal No. 2022-3, the Council agreed with the committee's decision to not recommend any legislative change until the division's philosophy statement is reviewed.



# Questions?



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