



Division III May Webinar

SAAC, Management and Presidents Councils Updates

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Agenda

- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.
- Council updates.
 - Conference council rotation.
 - 2024 Regional Rules Seminar.
 - Championship enhancements.
 - External evaluations.
 - Federated playing rules review.
 - Athletic Trainer Working Group updates.
 - 2025 Convention legislation.
 - Name, image and likeness.
 - Review of legislative concepts.
 - Post eligibility injury insurance.



SAAC Updates

Subcommittee updates.

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice – DIII & Me.
- Mental and Physical Health – Mental and Physical Health Minutes series.
- Special Olympics.
- Social Media – follow along on  @d3saac and  diisaac.



SAAC Updates

SAAC updates.

- Leadership.
- Communication – connect with your national representative.
- Division III former student-athlete representative on the NCAA Board of Governors.



Conference Rotation on Councils

- Legislation adopted at the 2023 convention requires every multi-sport conference is represented on either the Management or Presidents Council as of August 1, 2024.
- During the April meetings, the councils approved the rotation for conference representation.
- The councils also approved a Q&A document to answer questions about the implementation and application of the legislation.



2024 Regional Rules Seminar

- The councils ratified a one-time request for funds to provide live streaming of all Division III sessions at the 2024 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar.
- The live stream option will not fulfill the in-person attendance requirement in Bylaw 20.8.4.15
- The 2024 Regional Rules Seminar will take place in Las Vegas on June 12-14.



Championships Enhancements

- The Management Council approved, in concept, the following administrative regulations to enhance championships:
 - Increase the maximum bracket size for football from 32 to 40.
 - Combine pools B and C into one group of teams eligible for at-large selection team for sport champions.
 - Establish an access ratio of 1:6 to determine the size of brackets for team sports.
- The Championship Committee is continuing to solicit feedback from sport championships managers regarding championship brackets and impacts on highly ranked regional teams.



Championship Enhancements

- The councils approved, in concept, an administrative regulation to adopt the NCAA Power Index (NPI) as the metric for selecting non-automatic qualifiers for team sports.
- Implementation is for the 2024-25 academic year.
- The team sport committees are currently working to finalize the selection criteria.
- Additional educational resources, educational webinars and outreach to the membership (including coaches) will occur over the next several months.



Championship Enhancements

- The Management Council endorsed several additional championships enhancements.
 - Increase per diem to \$135 in 2024-25 and \$140 in 2025-26.
 - Men's basketball joint championship in 2026.
 - Officiating fee increases.
- All enhancements have been endorsed by the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and final actions will be taken during its June meeting. Final recommendations will be presented to the councils this summer.



External Reviews

- Deloitte conducted a review to identify ways to strengthen the financial performance, improve revenue growth, identify financial priorities, threats and recommendations to reduce risk for the division.
 - Membership webinars: May 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and May 22, noon to 1 p.m. All times Eastern.
- Lewis Rice was retained to conduct an evaluation of the Division III Enrichment Fund. The review is being conducted in three phases. Phase One – Programs, Phase Two – Grants, and Phase Three – Conference Grants.



Federated Playing Rules Process

- Summer 2023, Division III adopted a process to consider and adopt playing rules. That process had three points of emphasis.
 - Include more Division III input into the process.
 - Encourage common playing rules.
 - Work within the current process.
- The Management Council directed the national office staff to review the process, and specifically, implementation of the process, autonomy within the process, and evaluate if any modifications are needed.
- An initial report is expected summer 2024.



Athletic Trainer Working Group

- The working group provided the councils the recommendations to address concerns identified by Division III membership and athletic trainers:
 - Workload for athletic trainers (health care delivery models/expectations based on number of student-athlete, teams and venues).
 - Work-life balance (work schedule, team travel, training room hours).
 - Athletics department culture (communication/collaboration, value, compensation).
- The working group will provide the councils with revised recommendations this summer.



2025 Convention Legislation

- The Management Council approved, in concept, a legislative proposal for the 2025 NCAA Convention to add women's wrestling as a NCAA National Collegiate Championship.
- If adopted, the women's wrestling committee would begin its work after the convention to prepare for the first championship in winter 2026.



Name, Image and Likeness

- The Management Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation establishing resources for student-athletes engaging in name, image, and likeness activities that include:
 - Voluntary registry of NIL service providers.
 - Educational programming that will include contract best practices and standardized term, taxes and brand management.
- The governance structure will continue to discuss NIL to determine if additional changes are needed.



Review of Legislative Concepts

The Division III governance structure is considering potential legislative changes to the following areas:

- Transfer year-in-residence.
- Legislative process.
- Membership process – reclassifying institutions.
- Sports wagering.



Post-Eligibility Injury Insurance

- The NCAA Board of Governors approved a post-eligibility insurance program that, effective Aug. 1, 2024, will be available to all student-athletes at all member schools in Divisions I, II and III.
- The coverage will be for two years after student-athletes complete their college athletics experience and will cover injuries that occur while playing for the schools.
- The premium for this coverage will be paid by the NCAA.
- Additional information concerning this program can be found on [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org).



Questions?

