Division III November 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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• The PowerPoint with notes is posted on the Division III homepage, DIII Webinars Link, on ncaa.org.

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Board of Governor – Independent Members

• Association-wide proposal to add five independent, public members to the NCAA BOG. (Commission on College Basketball Reform)
  o Association-wide vote at the 2019 NCAA Convention – Thurs., Jan. 24 at 5:45 p.m. (World Marriott Center hotel)
  o Need 2/3 majority for adoption.
  o BOG sponsors.
  o Presidents Council supports proposal.

• Resources available on ncaa.org.
  o Draft Legislative Proposal.
  o Key Points.
  o Questions and Answers.

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ESports

- At the request of the NCAA Board of Governors, the NCAA continues to understand the current college esports landscape.

- Joint discussion topic at recent BOG meeting.

- Esports programs are rapidly growing on college campuses.

- The presentation given to Division I, II and III leaders provided feedback and data gathered from research led by Intersport.
ESports

• The research will play a key role in better defining the current collegiate esports landscape, including participation levels, leadership structure, and potential areas of growth.

• The NCAA will continue to evaluate how it can best support its members as they pursue and adopt esports programs.

• BOG to revisit topic in January.
Sports Wagering

• U.S. Supreme Court ruling (Spring 2018).
  o NCAA anticipates up to 30 states will legalize wagering in the next 12-24 months. Currently nine states.

• NCAA internal staff working group.
  o Goal is to keep membership informed on sports wagering-related efforts.
  o Protect student-athletes and integrity of games.
  o Review existing legislation and identify needed changes.
  o BOG to approve Association-wide Ad Hoc Committee.

• NCAA Sports Wagering FAQ on ncaa.org.
Joint Basketball Championships

• Based on recommendations that originated from the men’s and women’s Division III basketball committees and endorsed by the Championships Committee, the Councils approved one joint championship, per gender.
• Primary rationale: unequal opportunity to promote the division.
• The championships will occur between the 2019-20 and 2023-24 seasons. Specific years still to be determined.
• Championship season extended for two weeks for 2 teams.
• Cost is approx. $250K per championship. SPFC will review and recommend budget options.
NCAA Transfer Portal

- Newly created portal. On Oct. 15, Division I and II began using for all students looking to transfer.

- Division III will have a read-only access. The portal will include:
  - Student-athlete information.
  - Permission to contact.
  - Student-athlete transfer tracer.

- Access the portal via MyApps. SSO admin. assigns access.

- At its Jan. meeting, the Management Council will discuss if Division III should be more involved with the portal.
**Division III University**

- Management Council endorsed the concept of a Division III University – an online, web-based education portal for head coaches.
- Staff targeting a release date to coincide with the 2019 NCAA Convention.
- The modules will include:
  - Overview of NCAA Division III.
  - Student-athlete well-being (mental health and sexual assault prevention, alcohol education).
  - Compliance.
Captain’s Practice

• At the recommendation of ILC, Management Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to revise the definition of a captain’s practice.

• Current legislation dictates that the activity must be open and cannot be limited to members of a team.

• Eliminating the provision that the practice is “confined primarily to members of that team.”

• The legislative amendment would clarify that student-athletes could participate in an activity limited to team members provided there is no coach involvement and it is not mandatory.
LGBTQ Working Group

• Recently distributed LGBTQ nondiscrimination policy guide.

• Distributed an LGBTQ identity kit that includes a banner, posters and stickers with the ONETEAM logo.

• The LGBTQ working group is developing a training program for coaches. (May/June 2019).

• Promoting available LGBTQ resources on ncaa.org.

• Creating an LGBTQ celebration/recognition event. (TBD)
Questions?

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