



Division III November Webinar

Management and Presidents Councils Meeting Updates

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Agenda

- Management and Presidents Councils updates.
 - Constitution Committee updates.
 - 2021 Special Convention.
 - 2022 NCAA Convention format.
 - Legislative proposals.
 - Championship updates.
 - Baseball and softball resolution.
 - 2022 women's basketball broadcast.

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- Management and Presidents Councils Updates (continued).
 - Gender equity review.
 - Campus sexual violence policy.
 - Transgender student-athlete participation.
 - Sport Science Institute updates.
 - Cannabinoid policy discussion.
 - Mental Health Advisory Group.
 - Management Council slate of nominees – new voting process.
- Q&A.

BOG Constitution Committee

- Due to the changing college sports landscape (e.g., Alston ruling, NIL), BOG determined it is time to reimagine the NCAA.
- BOG created a Constitutional Committee. The charge is to review the current principles of the NCAA constitution. (Five Division III representatives).
 - Creation of a Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
- Membership input is being sought. Draft concepts presented to the membership in Nov. during the Special Convention (virtual). Final recommendations given to the BOG by mid-Dec.
- At the 2022 NCAA Convention (Jan. 20), there will be an A-wide vote and division specific sessions to address any changes to the constitution.

2021 NCAA Special Convention

- NCAA Special Convention is Mon., Nov. 15.
 - Virtual format.
 - Noon to 5 p.m. (Eastern)
 - 12 to 2:30 p.m. – Division III session.
 - 3 to 5 p.m. – Association-wide session.
 - Registration open until Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. (Eastern). No fee.
- Review of draft constitution concepts and feedback opportunities.
- Only appointed delegates may speak, and only appointed voting delegate may vote on straw poll questions.

2022 NCAA Convention

- NCAA Convention is Jan. 19-22 in Indianapolis.
 - Registration is now open.
- Key in-person programming.
 - Honors celebration – Wed., Jan. 19.
 - Association-wide educational sessions, Special Olympics activity, Association-wide Business Session, Delegates reception – Thurs., Jan. 20.
 - Division III Issues Forum, conference meetings, LGBTQ Award Celebration – Fri., Jan. 21.
 - Division III Business Session – Sat., Jan. 22

2022 Governance Proposals

- The Governance structure is sponsoring three proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following:
 - Make modifications to football practices.
 - Establish an emergency legislative process.
 - Eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.

2022 Membership Proposals

- The membership is sponsoring six proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following (presidential grouping):
 - Criteria for determining season of eligibility.
 - Require the NCAA Eligibility Center to certify amateur status of international student-athletes.
 - Permit Division III institutions with Division I sports to apply Division I financial aid legislation.

2022 Membership Proposals

- Membership proposals – general grouping:
 - Reduce minimum number of member institutions for a single sport conference.
 - Reduce the conference AQ minimum to six institutions.
 - Establish equestrian as an emerging sport for women.

Championship Updates

- Baseball and softball resolution.
- Broadcast of the 2022 Division III Women's Basketball Championship game.
- Joint women's basketball championship is scheduled for 2023 in Dallas.

Gender Equity Review

- Board of Governors announced a comprehensive review of all championships (March 2021) and hired the law firm of Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP.
 - Evaluating practices and policies and providing recommendations.
- Phase I report provided to the BOG during its August meeting. The Phase II report was given to the Councils during its Oct. meeting. Both reports were released to the membership and are located on ncaa.org.
- Presidents Council reviewed the reports. Generally, Division III is providing equitable opportunities.
- The Council endorsed a process to refer the reports and recommendations to the appropriate committees in the Division III governance structure.

Campus Sexual Violence Policy

- BOG expanded campus sexual violence policy (April 2020).
- Creation of Association-wide task force.
 - Developed [operational guidelines and best practices](#) (Summer 2021).
- Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements (May 2023).
- Attestation still required in May 2022 (due May 15).
- Division III [education session](#) (Jan. 2021), Association webinar (Fall 2021) and Division III education session (Jan. 2022).

Transgender Student-Athlete Participation

- NCAA has conducted a year-long review of the NCAA existing transgender student-athlete participation policy adopted in 2011.
- SSI will release foundational statements from the gender identity summit. (Anticipate Nov./Dec.)
- Currently 9 states have enacted legislation prohibiting transgender participation and another 38 states have introduced legislation.
- The BOG released a resolution to address how the NCAA can maintain an inclusive environment at events in 2021-22 and beyond. It also approved an updated nondiscrimination form that will be sent to all hosts.

Sport Science Institute Updates

- Cannabinoid policy. Survey sent to the membership this fall to get feedback on cannabinoid use. CSMAS will evaluate the survey results to help inform its review of current NCAA policy.
- Mental Health Advisory Group. CSMAS created an advisory group to update the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document.

Management Council Slate of Nominees

- The Management Council approved a noncontroversial proposal from the Interpretation and Legislation Committee that permits the new slate of Management Council members be confirmed by electronic vote by Division III director of athletics and conference commissioners.
- The nomination process will remain the same, and the Division III Nominating Committee will continue to review and select the nominations.
- The new electronic vote will replace the in-person paddle vote that occurs during the Division III Business Session.
- The new slate of Council members will be sent for approval, via email, this November.

Questions?

- All questions, must be submitted via your computer, using the following instructions:
 - Click on the chat icon.
 - Type in message and click send.