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# **Division III November Webinar**

## **Management and Presidents Council Recaps**

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# Agenda

- Management and Presidents Council updates and actions.
  - Philosophy Statement Review Working Group.
  - Developing inclusive leaders program.
  - Advisory Council updates.
  - Championship updates.
    - Women's volleyball championships format.
    - Selection criteria for rowing.
    - Tennis minimum participation.



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# Agenda

- Management and Presidents Council updates and actions (cont.).
  - Graduate student/postbaccalaureate eligibility directive.
  - Non-controversial legislation.
  - 2023 NCAA Convention format.
    - Legislative proposals.
    - Voting procedures.
- Q&A.



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# Philosophy Statement Review

- Presidents Council tasked SPFC to review the Philosophy Statement. (Aug. 2022)
- SPFC created a working group (7 SPFC members). The working group has met three times and provided a framework of concepts to the Councils.
  - Institutional responsibility and oversight.
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion.
  - Student-athlete collegiate experience.
  - Student-athlete athletics experience.
- Next steps include a membership survey (Nov.) and roundtable discussion at the Division III Issues Forum at the 2023 NCAA Convention. (Jan.)



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# Developing Inclusive Leaders

- Management Council approved a request from the Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group to create a train the trainer program.
- In collaboration with the Working Group, a third-party expert in diversity and inclusion will create a program to assist coaches and athletics administrators in the recruiting and retention of students who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color.
- Anticipate the first trainings to occur in Summer 2023 and be available to the membership during the 2023-24 academic year.



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# Division III Advisory Council

- Advisory role. Council of 29 members. Meets monthly via videoconference.
- Focused on strategies for new constitutional requirements and management of the membership identified issues.
  - [Division III bylaws, policies and initiatives chart](#). (through Aug. 31)
  - [2022-23 bylaws, policies and initiatives review chart](#).
- Presidents Council thanked the council for its efforts and collaboration with the current governance committees and confirmed its sunseting with the 2023 NCAA Convention.



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# Championships Updates

- Championships Committee provided an update on recent format changes to the women's volleyball championship.
  - Conduct all regional competitions on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. (effective 2022).
  - Adjust championship date formula to create a week between the regional and championship finals. (effective 2023)
- The Council approved an administrative regulation to amend the championship selection criteria for rowing. (effective 2023)
- The Council approved sponsoring 2024 legislation to change the minimum sports sponsorship in tennis from six to four.



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# Graduate student eligibility directive

- Presidents Council amended the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief directive for graduate student/postbaccalaureate eligibility by removing the requirement that a student-athlete must possess a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA.
- The change is effective immediately.



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# Noncontroversial Legislation

- Exempt one contest per year against a U.S. national team or the international equivalent during the team's traditional segment.
- The football spring period must be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.
- To eliminate the attestation of compliance requirement for chancellors and presidents and for athletics directors, effective in 2023-24.
- Establish roll call voting as the default voting option for Convention proposals.



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# 2023 NCAA Convention

- NCAA Convention is Jan. 11-14 in San Antonio.
- Key in-person programming
  - Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Honors Celebration.
  - Thursday, Jan. 12 - A-wide educational sessions, Special Olympics activity, Woman of the Year luncheon, State of College Sports, and delegates reception.
  - Friday, Jan. 13 - Division III Issues Forum, conference meetings, Saluting Excellence Luncheon and Division III LGBTQ of the Year Award Celebration.
  - Saturday, Jan. 14 – Division III Business Session.



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# 2023 Governance Proposals

- The governance structure is sponsoring the following proposals for the 2023 Convention.
  - Council composition and representation. *Including an amendment that student-athletes would not satisfy the conference representation requirement.*
  - Committee composition.
  - Eliminate the ISSG and CSSG requirements.
  - Conference membership requirement for new Division III members.
  - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee voting privileges.
  - Establish a new playing and practice seasons structure.
  - Use of social media in recruiting.
  - Recognizing STUNT as an emerging sport for women.



# 2023 Membership Proposals

- The membership is sponsoring four proposals and one resolution for the 2023 Convention.
  - Nominating Committee composition.
  - Conference based representation on Presidents and Management Councils.
  - Preseason acclimatization for fall sports.
  - Playing and practice season non-consecutive days.
  - Mental health hardship waiver resolution.



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# Convention Voting Procedures

- The Presidents Council sponsored two special rules of order, for consideration by the membership, establishing a one-time alternative voting process.
- It will provide delegates the opportunity to discuss similar proposals at the same time and ultimately vote on the preferred voting order.
  - Playing and practice seasons.
  - Presidents and Management Councils composition.



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# Questions?



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