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Division III November Webinar

Management and Presidents Councils Update

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Agenda

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 - 2025 Convention Proposals.
 - Federated Playing Rules Process Updates.
 - Key Non-controversial Legislation.
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Management Council Updates



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2025 Convention Proposals

- The governance structure is sponsoring the following convention proposals:
 - Amend the legislative process.
 - National Collegiate Championship for women's wrestling.
 - Waiver for reclassifying institutions.



2025 Convention Proposals

- The following membership proposals have been submitted for the 2025 Convention:
 - Composition of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
 - Multi-sport conference minimum size requirements.
 - Federated playing rules exemption.



2025 Convention Proposal Referral

- The Presidents Council referred the governance proposal that would provide an exception to allow a graduated student to participate while enrolled at an accredited non-member institution to the Management Council.
- The proposal will not be presented to the membership for a vote at the convention.
- The Management Council was instructed to continue to study the proposal.



Federated Playing Rules Process

- The council discussed the findings from the review of the federated playing rules process.
- The findings of the review:
 - Confirmed that the process was implemented.
 - There was some inconsistency among the committee members involved in the process in their understanding of the process and the ability to federate a playing rule.
 - Membership response rates to playing rules surveys remain low.
 - Desire for more membership voices in the process for certain playing rules.



Federated Playing Rules Process

- In response to the findings from the review the council made the following changes to the Division III process.
 - Establish a standard orientation for the committee members involved in the process.
 - Develop a policies and procedures resource.
 - Create a subcommittee of the Management Council that will provide additional oversight and guidance of playing rules that have a budgetary impact and/or impacts a fundamental Division III principle.



Key Non-Controversial Legislation

- The council approved, in concept, several proposals. Three impact the governance structure:
 - Require all terms on Division III committees be four-years, including presidents and chancellors.
 - The position on CSMAS designated for a physician with expertise in endocrinology may be filled by someone “on the staff” or a member of the “general public”.
 - Consolidate the CWA, MOIC, the BOG Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity and the Gender Equity Task Force into one comprehensive committee that will focus on Association-wide issues regarding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.



Athletic Trainer Working Group

- The working group released its final recommendations.

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- The council sunset the working group.
- The council will continue to assess the effectiveness of the working group's recommendations.



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Athletic Communications Working Group

- A working group has been created to update the “Guide to Strategic Athletics Communication on Campus”.
- Anticipate a membership survey of Division III sports communication professionals to understand the current work environment and workloads.
- Anticipate completion and updated resource by Summer 2025.



Championships Updates

- Initial approval for the 2028 Division III Women's Basketball Championship to be part of the Women's Final Four.
- The request must still be approved by Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and the Division III Presidents Council.



Championships Updates

- The council considered and provided feedback to the Championship Committee regarding a request to move the date of the Division III soccer championships.
 - Effective beginning with the 2026 championships.
 - Would move the championship one week later.
- The Championship Committee will continue to discuss.



Championships Live Streaming

- All hosts must live stream. Will be reimbursed \$1,000 per day.
- Signed an agreement to have huddle work with hosts of all rounds of fall championships (i.e., field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball). No pay wall. Links will be available on ncaa.com.
- ESPN+ will provide live streaming of all rounds of football championship and the quarter, semi and finals for women's volleyball. These links will only be available on ESPN+.
- All links will have the OTT app to enhance viewing on mobile devices and TVs.



Presidents Council Updates



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Sports Betting

- The council received updates from a recent CSMAS meeting regarding sports betting. Key takeaways include:
 - Generally, policy prohibitions are ineffective.
 - Unclear how deregulation would impact gambling behaviors.
 - Changing culture and legal landscape create challenges for prevention of betting on professional sports.
 - Ethical implications (collegiate vs. professional).
 - Harm reduction strategies are and will remain important.



Sports Betting

- The council engaged in a joint conversation with the Presidents Advisory Group on the topic of possible deregulation that would permit betting on professional sports.
- The council will continue to discuss the current sports betting legislation at future meetings.



Sports Science Updates

- Deena Casiero, NCAA chief medical officer, shared the goals for SSI which include:
 - Continued focus on health, safety and performance as part of the Association-wide decision-making process.
 - Enhancing relationships with sports medicine professionals.
 - Developing practical guidance based on the needs of the membership.



Sports Science Update

- Development of additional cannabis resources to include:
 - One-pager of common myths.
 - Tips to move to a harm-reduction strategy.
 - Updating the substance misuse toolkit.
- Updated mental health best practices document effective August 1, 2024, is currently available.



Questions?



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