




Governance Hot Topics Regional Rules Seminar 2015

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Agenda



- Division III Hot Topics.
 - Budget Planning Process; 2015 Convention Voting Results; Playing and Practice Seasons Review.
- Championships Updates.
- Identity Initiative.
 - High School Promotion and Education; DIII Week; Special Olympics; Purchasing Website; and Social Media.
- Other Division III Initiatives.
 - Recruiting Working Group; Athletic Direct Report (ADR) Institute; 360 Proof; Sportsmanship Working Group; Committee Member Training Videos; You Can Play; Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.
- Legal Update.



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Budget Planning Process

- Planning for 2015-17 biennial budget cycle.
- Championships Committee and SPFC have reviewed 2015 Convention feedback.
 - Maintain current "75/25" allocation.
 - Prefer policy changes versus changing the access ratio.
 - Favor a modest membership dues increase. (e.g. \$900)
- Presidents Council has charged SPFC with developing models in the following areas for August review:
 - Using additional dollars beyond current reserve to provide "bridge" money for one-time expenses.
 - Membership dues increase. (schools and conferences).

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2015 Convention Legislation

Fifteen Proposals:

- Results: 12 adopted, one referred and two defeated.
- Three of four Recruiting Working Group proposals adopted.
- Official contact – Jan. 1 of junior year.
- Sand volleyball national championship.
- Spring football with contact – narrowly defeated.
- Championships nullification.



Playing and Practice Seasons Review

2015 Convention.

- Delegates referred Proposal No. 6 – to reduce contests by up to 10 percent.
- Referred to the Management Council's Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee for comprehensive P/P review.

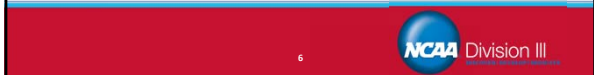
Review Process.

- Deliberate review of all rules related to playing and practice seasons.
 - Nontraditional segment, contest exemptions, contest limits, length of playing seasons and out of season activities.
- Membership and constituent outreach – summer/fall 2015.
- Proposed models to discuss at the 2016 Convention.
- Possible 2017 Convention legislation.




Championship Updates - Nullification

- Adopted at 2015 Convention.
- Eliminates subjectivity by sport committees when reviewing the impact of ineligible student-athletes and creates a standard mathematical formula to apply at the time of selections.
- Only impacts win-loss percentage and strength of schedule for the team that used an ineligible student-athlete(s).
- Reduces the possible enforcement fine.




Championship Updates
Women's Basketball Joint Championship

- 2016 – Approved for 35th anniversary celebration (Indianapolis).
- Comparable experience with men's 75th anniversary celebration (2013) and opportunity for national exposure.
- Championship game: April 4, 2016.
- On-going discussion to determine operations details.
- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee approved \$200K to fund the joint championship.

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Championship Updates
2016 Legislative Proposal – AQ Eligibility

- Year three/four provisional/reclassifying institutions to count toward two-year waiting period for AQ eligibility.
- Current requirements only allow NCAA active institutions to count.
- Currently, results against year three/four provisional and reclassifying institutions count in primary selections criteria.
- Conference would not be awarded AQ if provisional/reclassifying institution does not become an active member.

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Identity Activation

High School Education and Promotion.

- Recruiting resource – compares the three NCAA divisions.
- Collaboration with National Federation of State National High Association.
- High school athletics director e-newsletter.
- Eligibility Center website and e-news letter.


Division III week.


- April 6-12, 2015.
- April 4-10, 2016.

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Identity Activation

- Special Olympics.
- Purchasing Website.
- Social Media.

 = 19,200 fans.

 = 22,500 followers.


 = 43,000 lifetime views.



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Recruiting Working Group Recruiting Resource

- 2015 Convention – Town Hall Session on development of three-part recruiting resource.
 - Division III recruiting landscape.
 - Coach prep and tools to be successful.
 - Questions to prompt coaches and staff to discuss methods to make recruiting practices more efficient and effective.
- Distribute to membership (Summer 2015).

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Athletic Direct Report (ADR) Institute and Best Practices

- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and Management Council have approved the creation of an ADR Institute.
 - Held at the 2016 Convention for 1.5 days.
 - Commissioners will nominate ADRs to attend with full funding from the NCAA.
- Developed best practices.
- Distribute to the membership (June 2015).

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360 Proof

- Partnership with NASPA.
- Free, evidenced-based, high-risk alcohol use prevention web program for student-athletes and student-body.
- Timeline.
 - January 2015 – Division-wide rollout.
 - Over 160 schools registered.
- Considering providing links to other resources (sexual violence prevention and "street drugs").



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Sportsmanship

- Creation of Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.
- 2015 Convention Issues Forum – delegates provided feedback via straw poll voting.
- 11 member working group.
- Monthly teleconference calls and in-person meeting (May 2015).
- Recommendations presented at 2016 Convention.
- Likely focus on the stands (e.g., fans, parents).



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Committee Member Training Videos

- Division III staff initiative.
- Created by staff working group.
- One-hour educational videos.
 - Committee Liaisons (August 2014).
 - Committee Members (August 2015).
- Outcome is to provide better education and committee experience.



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SAAC's You Can Play Video

- National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) unveiled their "You Can Play" video at 2015 Convention.
- Video focuses on all student-athletes experiencing a quality and respectful participation experience, regardless of sexual orientation.
- Video is on the Division III homepage. SAAC requests the video be featured on all Division III websites.

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Diversity and Inclusion

- Strategic Matching Alliance and Ethnic Minority and Women Internship Grants. (September 15 – February 1)
- Diversity Spotlight Initiative.
- Research study comparing student-athlete diversity to general campus population.
- Creation of Diversity & Inclusion Working Group.
- Developed cohort and database of NCAA diversity and inclusion past participant. Database available if looking to diversify candidate pool.

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Legal Update

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Questions

