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• Board of Governors updates.
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  o Name, image and likeness.
  o Sports wagering.

• Championship updates.
  o Joint basketball championships.
  o Championship site selection and bid process.

• Sport Science Institute (SSI) strategic priorities.

• NCAA Injury Surveillance Program.
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• Attestation and certification of rules compliance.
• 2020 NCAA Convention Legislation.
• NCAA Transfer Portal.
• Division III updates.
  o Division III University.
  o Ice hockey international certification pilot.
• Senior Woman Administrator resources.
• Working group updates.
• Division III Identity Initiative.
The NCAA explored the current college esports landscape, which is rapidly growing, for more than a year. Research provided participation levels, leadership structure, and potential areas of growth.

In January, the BOG charged staff to develop a blueprint to evaluate potential NCAA competition and structure within the framework of NCAA values.

In April, the BOG agreed to formally table the discussion.

Staff will continue its due diligence research.
Name, Image and Likeness (NIL)

- May, BOG created an Association-wide working group to study name, image and likeness issues.
- Trigger: State (California) and federal draft legislation.
- Review existing NCAA NIL legislation and recent waiver trends.
- Sought membership feedback and will submit final report to BOG in October.
- Division III will determine its best course of action. Possible legislation at 2021 NCAA Convention.
Sports Wagering

• U.S. Supreme Court ruling (Spring 2018).
• NCAA anticipates up to 17 states will approve sports wagering by this summer with up to 30 states total in the next 12-24 months.
• NCAA internal staff working group.
  o Goal is to keep membership informed on sports wagering.
  o Protect student-athletes and integrity of games.
  o Review existing legislation and identify needed changes.
Sports Wagering

- At the April meeting, the BOG rescinded the ban on holding championships and events in states with legalized sports betting.
- Bi-partisan federal legislation under discussion.
- 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, before 2024-25.
  o 2020 – men in Atlanta.
  o 2023 – women in Dallas.

• Primary rationale: unequaled opportunity to promote the division.

• Championship season extended for two weeks for 2 teams.

• Cost is approx. $250K per championship. SPFC approved funds from Division III Identity Initiative budget.
Championships Site Selection and Bid Process

- NCAA is currently seeking bids for 86 of its 90 national championships for 2022-26.

- Bids accepted at ncaa.org/bids.

Timeline:
- Feb. 3 – bid responses due.
- March to Sept. – committee deliberations, recommendations and approvals.
- Oct. 23 – hosts/sites announced.
Sport Science Institute

• NCAA Catastrophic Injury and Death Interassociation Guidelines.
  o Sportsmanship.
  o Protective equipment.
  o Acclimatization and conditioning.
  o Emergency action plan.
  o Strength and conditioning personnel guidelines.

• Independent health care: athletic trainer coverage.

• Health and Safety Survey. (Pilot in 2019-20)
Injury Surveillance Program

• What is the NCAA ISP? Benefits in participating.
• Perceived obstacles, current and potential participation rates.
• In 2018-19, increased participation from 10% to 23%.
• Next steps include:
  o Continue to enhance communication.
  o Encourage institutions to submit data on two sports, of their choosing.
  o Quarterly reports to conference commissioners.
Attestation of Compliance

• In April, the Management and Presidents Councils approved noncontroversial legislation regarding annual certification of rules compliance.

• Annually by October 15, presidents/chancellors shall attest to understanding the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities. Athletics directors shall certify student-athletes have met specified conditions for NCAA competition.

• The attestation will be accessed via the NCAA’s Learning Portal.

• Failure to attest results in individual students and teams being ineligible to compete in national championships and institutional members may not serve on a committee or Council for the year.
2020 Key Governance Convention Legislation

• Allow the use of provisional institutions in year three and four of the new member process to establish the seven institutions necessary to be granted conference status. Four of the seven must be active members.

• Specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. Sponsored by MOIC.

• Add women’s wrestling and acrobatics and tumbling as emerging sports for women.
2020 Key Membership Convention Legislation

• Reduction in provisional and reclassifying membership process.

• Allowance of out-of-season leadership programming.

• Provide snacks and nutritional supplements incidental to participation.
NCAA Transfer Portal

• At its April meeting, the Management Council approved including Division III student-athletes in the transfer portal, on a voluntary basis.

• The portal includes:
  o Student-athlete information.
  o Permission to contact.
  o Student-athlete transfer tracer.

• Compliance benefits:
  o Maintains the Division III self-release.
  o Creates a standard transfer tracer.
Division III University

• “Division III University” – an online, web-based education portal launched in January.

• The modules include existing resources, such as:
  - Overview of NCAA Division III.
  - Student-athlete well-being.
  - Compliance.
  - Gameday the DIII Way.

• In August, access expanded to associate/assistant ADs, FARs, athletic trainers and compliance directors.
Ice Hockey International Pilot

- Management Council endorsed a second year of the pilot with modifications.

- Student-athletes will complete the Eligibility Center’s certification application. A review will be triggered by an institution submitting an IRL on or after August 1.

- Student-athletes will pay the standard certification fee with their initial registration, and the NCAA will reimburse 50% at the conclusion of the review.

- In April, the Council will review the pilot feedback.
Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) Resources

• NCAA Office of Inclusion released two resources, located on NCAA.org, as part of an action plan developed based on the findings of an Association-wide study of the SWA.
  o The first resource clarifies the designation and why it’s important.
  o The second resource provides discussion questions about the designation that include commentary on what success looks like. The designation is to be used by ADs, conference commissioners, SWAs and other relevant campus leaders.

• Still confusion around the designation.

• 70% of Division III institutions have zero to one female administrator(s).
Gameday the DIII Way

- Gameday the DIII Way is a Division III-specific game environment standard to improve fan behavior and overall game environment and experience.

- Resources are available on the Division III Sportsmanship page. Online modules available in Division III University.

- Goals for 2019-20:
  - Encourage campuses and conference offices to invite a facilitator to conduct the training.
  - Hold two Ambassador trainings (Dec. and June).
  - Create NCAA championship public service announcements.
  - Request RACs and sport committees watch the online module.
LGBTQ Working Group

- Last year, distributed LGBTQ nondiscrimination policy guide, LGBTQ identity kit that includes a banner, posters, and stickers with the ONETEAM logo and distributed lapel pins at Convention.

- Developed a facilitator training program and trained 30 individuals (May 2019). Holding a second facilitator training in December.

- Creating an LGBTQ celebration/recognition event (2020 and 2021 NCAA Conventions).
Identity Initiative

- Launched a Division III Instagram account. (Nov. 2018)
- Purchasing website.
- Special Olympics partnership.
- D3SIDA recognition award.
  - Three awards each year ($1,500).
- Strategic Communications guide.
Questions