



Division III

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2013 NCAA Convention

DIVISION III LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

SAAC & THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- ✖ The NCAA **Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** strives to enhance the total student-athlete experience by . . .
 - + promoting opportunity for all student-athletes;
 - + protecting student-athlete well-being; and
 - + fostering a positive student-athlete image, while maintaining the tenants of the Division III philosophy.

SAAC & THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- ✖ Division III National SAAC has 24 members.
- ✖ Each member represents two conferences.
- ✖ American Southwest Conference and Southern Collegiate Athletic Association shared representative is . . .
 - + Dalaine Whitlock, Soccer SA, Concordia-Texas
 - + *Second year of three-year term (Fall '11-Fall '14)*

SAAC & THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- ✖ The opinion of the student-athlete is important to the NCAA member institutions in all three Divisions and the national staffs.
- ✖ The Division III National SAAC representatives solicit campus SAAC feedback on legislative proposals during October and November.
- ✖ National SAAC speaks for the Division III student-athlete on the Convention floor.

2013 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Second Publication of Proposed Legislation
September 21, 2012

LEGISLATION



2013 NCAA CONVENTION

DIVISION III SECOND
PUBLICATION OF
PROPOSED
LEGISLATION

107th Annual Convention
January 16-19, 2013
Grapevine, Texas

NO. 2-1

- ✖ **PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL – INCREASE COMPOSITION TO 18 MEMBERS – AMEND REPRESENTATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**
- ✖ **Intent:** To increase the Presidents Council membership from 15 to 18 members and amend the specific representational requirements regarding the enrollment and public/private status of the institutions being represented as well as the gender composition of the Council.

NO. 2-2

- ✘ **AMATEUR STATUS – BEFORE INITIAL, FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT – PRIZE MONEY BASED ON TEAM PERFORMANCE**
- ✘ **Intent:** To specify that before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept payment based on the individual's or his or her team's place finish or performance, or given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus) from a team, provided the combination of such payments and expenses provided to the individual does not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses.

NO. 2-3

- ✘ **PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION/INSTITUTIONAL FUNDRAISERS**
- ✘ **Intent:** To permit prospective student-athletes to participate in institutional fundraisers prior to their initial collegiate enrollment provided the prospect has graduated and has forwarded the paid acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.

NO. 2-4

- ✗ **RECRUITING – ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS – ALL FORMS OF PRIVATE ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE PERMITTED**
- ✗ **Intent:** To specify that any form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messages, text messages or facsimiles), including private communication through a social networking site, may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or PSA's parents or legal guardians), provided the correspondence is sent directly to the PSA (or his/her parents or legal guardians) and is private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of public chat rooms, message boards, or public communication through a social networking site).

NO. 2-5

- ✖ ELIGIBILITY – RECOGNIZED FOREIGN EXCHANGE OR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM – TRANSFER AND OUTSIDE COMPETITION EXCEPTION
- ✖ **Intent:** To specify that if a Division III student-athlete participates in athletics while engaging in a study abroad or foreign exchange program that is recognized by his or her institution, then the student-athlete shall not trigger the outside competition legislation or the transfer legislation if the student-athlete returns to his or her home institution; further, to specify that a student-athlete participating in such a program shall not trigger the use of a season of participation.

NO. 2-6

- ✘ **ELIGIBILITY – FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS – EXCEPTIONS – TRANSFER FROM A DIVISION III INSTITUTION – CHANGE FROM SEASON OF PARTICIPATION TO ANY PARTICIPATION**
- ✘ **Intent:** To specify that a four-year college transfer student from a Division III institution would have to satisfy a transfer exception or sit a year in residence, if the transfer student has ever participated (practiced or competed) at a Division III school, regardless if the student used a season of participation.

NO. 2-7

- ✖ **AWARDS AND BENEFITS – SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – CONFERENCE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**
- ✖ **Intent:** To permit NCAA member conferences to provide an award granting a scholarship for graduate school to one male and one female student-athlete that have excelled in the classroom, in athletics and the community, and who have exhausted their eligibility.

NO. 2-8

- ✖ **CONFIRMATION OF SICKLE-CELL TRAIT STATUS**
- ✖ **Intent:** To require confirmation of sickle-cell trait status for all student-athletes not later than the 2014-15 academic year, including mandatory confirmation of status of all incoming student-athletes (first year and transfers) in the 2013-14 academic year. Further, to provide education regarding sickle-cell trait for all students-athletes and provide additional mandatory education for those that do not confirm their status.

NO. 2-9

- ✘ **FOOTBALL – FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD – THREE-HOUR RECOVERY PERIOD**
- ✘ **Intent:** In football, to establish that on any day during the five-day acclimatization period, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between all sessions.

NO. 2-10

- ✖ **FOOTBALL – OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – USE OF HANDSHIELDS**
- ✖ **Intent:** To permit the use of hand shields during the spring football strength and conditioning period.

NO. 2-11

- ✖ **ICE HOCKEY – FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST DATE – NOVEMBER 1**
- ✖ **Intent:** In ice hockey, to specify that a member institution shall not play its first contest (game, exhibition or scrimmage) against outside competition in ice hockey before November 1.

NO. 2-12

- ✖ **TENNIS – FALL PERIOD – EXCEPTION TO PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON – INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL SMALL COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP**
- ✖ **Intent:** To specify that an institutional coaching staff member may coach a student-athlete who has qualified for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Small College Championships even if the activity occurs outside the declared playing season.

NO. 2-13

- ✖ **DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY & GRANT FUNDING – INSTITUTIONS RECLASSIFYING FROM DIV. III TO DIV. II**
- ✖ **Intent:** To stipulate that a Division III member institution is ineligible for Division III championships and Division III grant funding once it commences the Division II reclassification process.

IMPORTANT DATES

✕ Now to November 2:

- + Campus SAAC discuss proposed legislation and positions on each proposal.
- + Ask questions – Dalaine Whitlock (Div. III SAAC); Athletic Director; Faculty Athletics Representative; Amy Carlton (ASC commissioner).
- + Return position document to Dalaine Whitlock by stated deadline.
- + Division III SAAC Meeting November 8-9-10

IMPORTANT DATES

✕ Mid-November – December

- + Review Division III SAAC Legislative Positions and Compare to Your Campus SAAC Positions.
- + Revise or Maintain Campus SAAC Positions.
- + Communicate Campus SAAC Positions to the SAAC Advisor, Faculty Athletics Representative; Athletics Director, President at Your Institution.
- + Communicate Campus SAAC Positions to Dalaine Whitlock.

IMPORTANT DATES

✕ January 1-18

- + Campus Administrators Finalize Institution's Vote on the Individual Legislative Proposals.
- + Convention Programming and Meetings January 16-18 in Grapevine, Texas

IMPORTANT DATES

✕ January 19

- + NCAA Convention, Division III Business Session
- + Division III Membership Vote on Proposals
 - + Each Active Member Institution and Conference May Vote on the Proposals.
- + If Approved, Proposals Take Effect Immediately or August 1, 2013 or Other Designated Date.

IMPORTANT DATES

× Post-Convention

- + Campus Athletics Administrators Review Approved Legislation with SAAC, Coaches and Staff.
- + Legislative Proposal Cycle for Convention 2014 Begins During Spring with July 15 Deadline for Submission of New Proposals.
 - × Proposals come through individual institutions or conferences. All must be co-sponsored to move forward for consideration by the Division as a whole.

QUESTIONS?



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