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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Championships Committee

NCAA National Office
Indianapolis, Indiana

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1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. [Supplement No. 1]

2. Approval of previous minutes. [Supplement No. 2]

   a. September meeting.

   b. October conference call.

   c. November conference calls.

3. New committee member orientation. (Stuart Robinson)

4. Division III governance update. (Dan Dutcher/Amy Huchthausen)

   - Baseball bats. [Supplement No. 19]
   - Financial dashboards.
   - Special Olympics.
   - Transgender eligility.

5. Management Council update. (Tim Downes)

6. Update from NCAA Convention. (Dan Dutcher/Amy Huchthausen)

   - Sports wagering.
   - Drug education and testing.

7. PROP update. [Supplement No. 18] (Rachel Seewald)

8. National office championships group update. (Greg Shaheen)

   a. Elite 88 recipients for the fall. [Supplement No. 3]

b. Fall 2010 championship reports. [Supplement No. 4]

c. Fall 2010 enhancement reports. [Supplement No. 5]

d. Fall 2010 champions. [Supplement No. 6]

e. Fall financial anaylsis. [Supplement No. 17] (Juanita Sheely)

9. Sports committees' recommendations.

- Men's and women's track and field. [Supplement No. 7]

10. Championships general issues.

a. Men's volleyball championship. [Supplement No. 8]

b. Analysis of sport region alignments. [Supplement No. 9]

c. Analysis of championship squad and bench size limits. [Supplement No. 10]

d. Guidelines for staff for ranking calls and selections.

e. Online selection shows.

f. Division III signage/branding at championships.

g. Waiver request of 50 percent in-region requirement. [Supplement No. 11]

h. Future championships sites. [See Appendix N in the Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual from Supplement No. 14]

i. NCAA.com. (Greg Weitekamp or Jeramy Michiaels)

j. Commissioners concerns. [Supplement No. 12]

k. Division III water polo event at National Collegiate Water Polo Championship. [Supplement No. 13]

11. Budget. [Supplement No. 14]

12. Automatic qualification and legislative review. [Supplement No. 15]

13. Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual review. [Supplement No. 16]

14. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. May 31-June 2, 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    b. September 11-14, 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    c. February TBD, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

15. Other business.

16. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

- **Bylaw 31.3.2.1.4 Automatic Qualification – Core Institution.**

  a. Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention requiring that institutions be core in only one conference for purposes of automatic qualification; and further, that the existing umbrella conference (i.e., Middle Atlantic Conferences) be permitted to retain its current structure.

  b. Effective Date. 2012-13 academic year.

  c. Rationale. Requiring that institutions be core in only one conference would establish stability in conference membership and require institutions to think more strategically about alignments other than for the purpose of acquiring championships automatic qualification. In addition, the core designation could be used to assign accountability for conference requirements and benefits (e.g., grant money, voting privileges, SAAC representation and Conference Self-Study Guide). The bylaw amendment would eliminate the possibility of the "umbrella" conference model since it would not be possible for an institution to be considered core in both the umbrella conference and one of the sub-conferences.

  d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.

  e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. **Analysis of Championship Squad and Bench Size Limits.** The committee discussed the resolution regarding championship squad and bench size limits passed at the 2011 NCAA Convention (Proposal No. 8). The committee confirmed that each team sports committee, as well as the men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis committees, should be

provided five key numbers to assist with their sport-specific discussions of squad and bench size limits: the 2010-11 NCAA squad size; the 2009-10 average squad size for all institutions sponsoring the sport; the average squad size of institutions in the championship field from 2005 to 2010; the average squad size of institutions competing at the finals site from 2005 to 2010; and the average number of participants per year in the sport for institutions competing at the finals site from 2005 to 2010. The committee directed the sports committees to provide feedback regarding the appropriate number of individuals in the squad size and bench size, and the appropriate number of non-athletes in the official traveling party, for their respective sport by April 15. The committee will review the information during their May 10 teleconference and May 31-June 1 in-person meeting and recommend appropriate adjustments in advance of the July 1 deadline for communication to the membership.

2. **Ground Transportation Pilot Program.** The committee received a report from the NCAA travel staff regarding the ground transportation pilot program with Go Ground Options. The goals of the program are cost savings, ensuring that all vendors meet the new safety standards and service to the membership. For the sports included in the pilot program during the fall championships season (i.e., Divisions I, II and III football and Division I women's volleyball), the NCAA realized savings of approximately 33 percent based on 2009-10 ground transportation costs. Some challenges (e.g., delays in communication, mechanical issues) were identified during the fall championships, and these issues are being addressed. The pilot program will be extended to the winter and spring championships seasons and include Divisions II and III men's and women's basketball; NIT postseason; Divisions I and III men's and women's ice hockey; Divisions I, II and III baseball; Divisions I, II and III men's and women's lacrosse; and Divisions I, II and III softball. If the pilot program continues successfully and cost savings continue, the pilot program will be extended to all team sports in 2011-12 and the NCAA travel staff will consider adding individual-team sports. Institutions are encouraged to utilize Go Ground Options during the regular season to benefit from NCAA discounts. The travel staff is hopeful that by 2012-13, some of the cost savings from the ground transportation program can be used to cover local transportation costs for championship participants that are not reimbursed under the current travel policies.

3. **Training for Sports Committee Members.** The committee discussed the important role sports committee members play as the chairs of their respective regional advisory committees. The committee noted the value of previous experience on regional advisory committees, committee orientation calls and committee operations manuals as part of the training for sports committee members. The committee intends to forward to the Division III Nominating Committee a strong preference for sports committee members to have previous regional advisory committee experience.

4. Waiver of Bylaw 31.3.3.2.1 – Fifty-Percent Requirement.

Gentry

a. Chapman University. The committee approved the waiver request for Chapman University for softball.

Clinkscales

b. Colorado College. The committee approved the waiver request for Colorado College for women's lacrosse.

O'Hara

c. Methodist University. The committee approved the waiver request for Methodist University for women's golf.

Bedics

d. Mills College. The committee approved the waiver request for Mills College for women's rowing.

Clinkscales
Gentry
Holman
Williams
Sheilley

e. Nebraska Wesleyan. The committee approved the waiver request for Nebraska Wesleyan University for the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball.

5. Sport Committee Recommendations.

Gentry

a. Softball. Approved that each of the eight regional sites be confirmed approximately three weeks prior to the selection of teams in order for hosts to confirm hotel reservations, prepare to host six- or eight-team regional tournaments and promote the championship. Per Division III bracketing policies, the teams selected for the championship will be assigned to regional sites based on geographic proximity to minimize flights.

Williams

b. Men's Volleyball.

(1) Appointment of Committee Chair. Approved that Louise McCleary, director of athletics at Elms College, be named as the inaugural NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee chair, effective immediately.

(2) Date Formula Change. Approved that the championship date formula be changed to the final full weekend in April (Friday-Sunday).

Clinkscales
Jarnecke
Sheilley

6. Institutional Eligibility Waivers. Approved requests for a deadline waiver per Bylaw 31.2.1.1 to restore institutional eligibility for championships for Centre College in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse and for Neumann University in the sports of men's and women's indoor track and field.

7. Championship Site Recommendations.

Sheilley

a. Men's and Women's Track and Field.

(1) 2011 Cross Country Championships Regional Site Selection. Approved the following regional site selections:

Atlantic – St. Lawrence University
Central – Wartburg College
Great Lakes – Oberlin College
Mideast – DeSales College
Midwest – Augustana College
Northeast – Bowdoin College
South – Texas Lutheran University
West – Occidental College

(2) 2012 Cross Country Championships Site Selection. Approved Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology as the host of the 2012 NCAA Cross Country Championships at LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Indiana.

(3) 2012 Outdoor Track and Field Championships Site Selection. Approved Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges as the host of the 2012 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Burns Stadium in Claremont, California.

(4) 2013 Indoor Track and Field Championships Site Selection. Approved North Central College as the host of the 2013 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Al B. Carius Track in Naperville, Illinois.

b. Men's Volleyball.

Williams

(1) 2012 Site Selection. Approved Springfield College to serve as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship at Blake Arena in Springfield, Massachusetts.

(2) 2013 Site Selection. Approved Stevens Institute of Technology to serve as the host of the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship at Canavan Arena in Hoboken, New Jersey.

8. **Sport Committee Appointments.** The Championships Committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committee. All appointments will be effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

Holman

a. Division III Baseball Committee. Midwest region: Corey Borchardt, commissioner, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

Williams

b. Division III Men's Basketball Committee (two vacancies). South region: Chris Gage, director of athletics, University of Texas at Dallas. Mid-Atlantic region: Steven Ulrich, commissioner, Centennial Conference.

Sheilley

c. Division III Women's Basketball Committee. Reappoint Suzanne Helfant, women's basketball coach, Kenyon College.

Sheilley

d. Division III Football Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Shawn McIntrye (interim replacement for deployed committee member Clayton Hendrick-Holmes): Marc Klaiman, head football coach, Anna Maria College.

Clinkscales

e. Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee. South Atlantic region: Brooke Diamond, head women's lacrosse coach, Washington and Lee University.

Clinkscales

f. Division III Men's Soccer Committee. Great Lakes region: Chris Brown, head men's soccer coach, Kenyon College. West region: Howard Patterson, vice president for student affairs, University of Texas at Tyler.

Williams

g. Division III Women's Soccer Committee. Reappoint Suzette Soboti, head women's soccer coach, University of Redlands. [NOTE: This reappointment is a result of Ms. Soboti having to step down from the committee in 2009 due to regional alignment.] Immediate vacancy replacing Sean Sullivan – South Atlantic region: Brianne Weaver, senior woman administrator/head women's soccer coach, St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Gentry

h. Division III Softball Committee. East region: Lori Mazza, director of athletics, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford.

Holman

i. Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee (two vacancies). Kim Bierwert, head swimming and diving coach/assistant director of athletics, Smith College. Kenneth Andrews, commissioner, Middle Atlantic Conferences.

Walker

j. Division III Men's Tennis Committee. West region: Christopher Bizot, head tennis coach, University of Texas at Tyler.

Suscha

k. Division III Women's Tennis Committee. Atlantic South Region: Becky Cecere, head men's and women's tennis coach, Penn State Harrisburg.

Sheilley

l. Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee (two vacancies). Great Lakes region: Paul Sargent, head men's and women's cross country/track and field coach, Franklin College. Midwest region: Mahesh Narayanan, head women's cross country coach/assistant women's track and field coach, North Central College.

Williams

m. Division III Men's Volleyball Committee (four immediate appointments). East region: Louise McCleary, director of athletics, Elms College; and Charlie Sullivan, head men's volleyball coach, Springfield College. West region: Jose Pina, head men's volleyball coach, New York University; and Gary Williams, associate athletics director, Carthage College. Reappoint Jose Pina, head men's volleyball coach, New York University. [Note: Given that the men's volleyball committee is new, the terms of the inaugural committee members are staggered to maintain a balanced rotation schedule. Mr. Pina's initial term will expire September 1, 2011.]

Holman

n. Division III Wrestling Committee. Grant a one-year term extension to Jeff Swenson, Augsburg College, due to the committee losing three of its four members. [NOTE: The committee recommends that the individual who replaces Mr. Swenson in September 2012 be appointed for a three-year team to maintain a balanced term rotation schedule for the committee.]

Halpin

o. Baseball Rules Committee. Bob Quinn, director of athletics, Loras College.

Halpin

p. Men's Basketball Rules Committee. Ed Silva, head men's basketball coach, Elms College.

Seewald

q. Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee. Paula Habel, head lacrosse coach, Allegheny College.

Committee Chair: Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz
Staff Liaisons: Jan Gentry, Championships
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships
John Williams, Championships