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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Championships Committee

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May 31 to June 1, 2011

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

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

3. Governance update.

   a. Special Olympics. [Supplement No. 3]

   b. Division III identity activation at championships.

      - Signage. [Supplement No. 4]

   c. Wood bats. [Supplement No. 5]

4. Management Council/Presidents Council updates. [Supplement No. 6]

5. Playing Rules Oversight Panel update.

   a. Separate rules committees. [Supplement No. 7]

   b. Basketball rules update. [Supplement No. 8] (Will post after May 23 PROP meeting)

   c. Men's volleyball substitution rule. [Supplement No. 8] (Will post after May 23 PROP meeting)

6. Transgender student-athletes. [Supplement No. 9] (David Klossner/Karen Morrison)

7. Championship bench/squad/travel party size. [Supplement No. 10]

   a. Gender equity.

   b. Medical staff.

8. Division III access to water polo championship. [Supplement No. 11]

9. Sport regional alignment and ranking. [Supplement No. 12]

10. Flexibility in bracketing practices. [Supplement No. 13]

11. Selection criteria (regional versus national). [Supplement No. 14]

12 Score reporting. (Jim Wright)

13. Bus pilot program. (Juanita Sheely)

14. Video streaming. [Supplement No. 15] (Kristen Jacob Smith/Jeramy Michiaels)

15. Championship selection shows. [Supplement No. 16] (Kristen Jacob Smith/Jeramy Michiaels)

16. Men's volleyball championship. [Supplement No. 17]

17. Sports committee recommendations.

    a. Women's basketball. [Supplement No. 18]

    b. Football. [Supplement No. 19]

    c. Field hockey. [Supplement No. 20]

    d. Rowing. [Supplement No. 21]

    e. Men's and women's soccer. [Supplement No. 22]

    f. Men's and women's swimming and diving. [Supplement No. 23]

    g. Wrestling. [Supplement No. 24]

18. Division III championships promotions and enhancements.

a. Championships winter enhancements reports (sports committee feedback). [Supplement No. 25]

b. Championships winter reports. [Supplement No. 26]

19. Pro sports sponsorship. [Supplement No. 27]

20. Meeting wrap-up.

a. Commissioners meeting.

b. NCAA staff responsibilities.

21. Future meeting dates and sites.

a. September 11-13, 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana

b. February 22-23, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

c. June TBD, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

d. Monthly teleconferences - third Tuesday of each month *excluding* January, February, June, July and September, beginning at 11 a.m. Eastern.

22. Other business.

23. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

a. **NCAA Bylaw 21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees without Championships Administration Responsibilities.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2012 NCAA Convention to modify NCAA Division III Bylaw 21.3 to include new stand-alone rules committees for the sports of swimming and diving, track and field and cross country, and wrestling. The new rules committees will consist of nine members (four Division I representatives, two Division II representatives, two Division III representatives and a secretary-rules editor). The modification will create corresponding changes to Bylaws 21.4 and 21.7.5.5.5.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. In response to a request for feedback from the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), the relevant sport committees discussed the creation of separate rules-making committees and identified several positive outcomes, including a more focused effort on the part of divisional representatives to the rules-making process and greater reach among the membership with respect to sport-focused committee composition. In addition, a move to separate rules committees underscores the importance of a rules-making process that addresses the entirety of the competition season.

The sport committees emphasize the need for regular dialogue with the new rules-making committees to allow for meaningful input in the rules-making process, including the development of rules surveys. For the sports of track and field and cross country and swimming and diving, the committees suggest that, as individuals are evaluated in the nominating process, attention be paid to expertise in the various disciplines within the sport (e.g., diving for swimming and diving; distance running, throws, pole vault, etc. for track and field and cross country).

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. $30,000 ($10,000 per committee). The rules committees will conduct one in-person meeting on an annual basis. The expense will be covered through a reallocation within the existing budget.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. **Bylaw 31.3.3.2.2 Secondary Criteria -- Ranking and Selection.**

(1) Recommendation. For football only, modify Bylaw 31.3.3.2.2 to reflect that, when all criteria are equal among teams with undefeated records in the primary criteria, the NCAA Division III Football Committee can evaluate a team's performance in the previous championship season in the secondary criteria.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The maximum number of games that a football team can play is 10. The conference schedule typically determines 80 to 90 percent of those games, which is significantly higher than any other sport. After taking into account conference games (an automatic .500 strength-of-schedule), the committee is left with only one or two games that have statistical significance within the existing criteria. Thus, the rankings/selections data provides very little objective information to use in ranking teams. The data that is available in the primary criteria for the first two rankings, and sometimes also for the third ranking, often includes only the win-loss percentage and strength-of-schedule [opponents' win-loss percentage (OWP) and opponents' opponents' win-loss percentage (OOWP)]. Limited or no data is available for in-region head-to-head competition, in-region results versus common opponents and in-region results versus ranked teams. It is also very common for fifteen or more teams to have no losses.

Under the existing selection criteria, a good team in a strong conference is at a significant disadvantage. For example, College A and College B are both 10-0. Ninety percent of their schedules reflect a .500 OOWP, since each conference has an equal number of wins and losses, even though College A plays in a strong conference and had a much tougher road getting to 9-0 than College B. Moreover, no teams in contention are willing to play College A in a 10th contest, so it is forced to schedule a weaker team, resulting in a strength-of-schedule slightly less than .500. In contrast, College B, from a weaker conference, has many opportunities to schedule a 10th contest, so it schedules and beats a decent team, resulting in a strength-of-schedule slightly over .500. Based on the data, the committee has no choice but to rank College B over College A, even though it believes that College A is superior to College B.

Permitting the committee to consider a team's performance in the previous championship season would provide an additional criterion to use to evaluate the teams and distinguish one undefeated team from another.

Unlike many sports, a football team's success is based on the performance of a significant number of players; thus the rise and fall of a team is usually not affected by the graduation of a few players. If a team has done well in the previous championship and is currently undefeated, there is a significant probability that the team's prior success is an indicator of future success.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. **Bylaw 12.6.1 Professional Sports Organizations and Bylaw 31.1.12 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2012 Convention to specify that a professional sports organization (1) may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event (e.g., regular season, conference championship, NCAA championship, other postseason competition), provided the organization is not publically identified as such; and (2) may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publically identified as such.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. In the fall of 2010, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council withdrew NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2011-2-6 regarding advertising and sponsorship by professional sports organizations for NCAA championships. The original impetus for the proposal focused solely on marketing and promotional activities and did not fully contemplate other financial arrangements that are typically associated with various contracts used in the overall championships process. For example, elements such as control of concession revenue, operation of suites and assignment of tickets are often negotiated as part of the overall agreement with a stadium or venue and host institution or conference. Inherent to these contractual issues is a mutual agreement between the NCAA, host institution or conference and facility regarding any number of operational and financial considerations that flow in both directions. In some cases, the facility used is owned or controlled by a professional sports organization (e.g., National Football League team, minor league baseball team).

Each division has been operating under a waiver for NCAA championships that have occurred since the issue was originally raised and a legislative change is necessary for future NCAA championships.

While the original issue centered on NCAA championships, the proposed legislative action item is presented to apply for any intercollegiate competition event so that institutions and conferences would not be held to a different standard than the NCAA. Each division is not required to have the same legislation for institutions, conferences and the NCAA within its own division. It is strongly advised, however, that each division agree on the same legislation for NCAA championships (competition and ancillary events) in order to ensure a consistent championships experience for student-athletes in all divisions. In particular, for combined championships such as men's lacrosse (Divisions I, II and III), women's lacrosse (Divisions II and III), and women's rowing (Divisions I, II and III), a result that has the divisions with different legislation for NCAA championships creates practical implications that would likely mean combined championships would no longer occur.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

d. **Bylaw 31.1.9.1 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures -- Financial Penalties.**

(1) Recommendation. Modify the administrative regulation contained within Bylaw 31.1.9.1 to increase the maximum penalty that may be imposed for an institution's failure to adhere to published administrative procedures for the submission of regular-season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms, from $300 to $600.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The $300 maximum financial penalty for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration has not increased since the adoption of the provision. Research suggests that $600 in today's dollars is the equivalent of $300 when the original legislation was adopted. This proposal increases the maximum fine that may be imposed without seeking prior championships committee approval. Any fine above $600 would continue to require prior championships committee approval.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Championship Bench Size Limits.

(1) Recommendation. Adjust bench size limits for the championships noted below for the 2011-12 academic year. The additional positions are to be filled at the institution's discretion with student-athletes permitted to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups (refer to Nonlegislative Action Item b). Established squad size limits (i.e., the number of student-athletes permitted to participate in a contest) will remain unchanged.

- Baseball – from 34 to 35;
- Field hockey – from 32 to 34;
- Football – from 72 to 75;
- Men's lacrosse – from 38 to 42;
- Men's and women's soccer – from 32 to 35;
- Men's and women's tennis – bench area not applicable, but the number of participants eligible for practice and pre-match warm-up changes from eight to nine; and
- Men's and women's ice hockey – due to current playing rules, bench area remains at 27 and number of participants eligible for pre-game warm-up remains at 22 (not more than 19 skaters and three goalkeepers) for the 2012 championships, but number of participants changes from 21 to 23.

(2) Effective Date. 2011-12 academic year (single championship season only).

(3) Rationale. The committee is recommending the bench size increases in response to a resolution adopted at the 2011 NCAA Convention that promised to study the appropriate number of student-athletes allowed in the bench area at various Division III championships. The Management Council should anticipate a follow-up recommendation for review during its October 2011 meeting for corresponding increases to the squad size and travel party of the applicable sports as part of the 2012-14 biennium championships budget request.

The committee suggests this two-step approach in order to respond to immediate concerns about providing additional student-athletes access to the championships experience while focusing on the interest to fully fund the experience whenever possible. And, while the committee considered an unfunded or partially funded approach to bench size expansion, it determined that a fully funded experience better controls for competitive equity and undue pressure on facilities.

By-sport recommendations were based on data compiled from previous championships, including a review of the average squad sizes of previous championship participants, and input requested from sport committees. The committee concluded that the existing limits in some sports were adequate and, as a result, did not recommend changes for those sports. As part of its analysis, the committee evaluated total championship opportunities by gender to ensure that the proposed bench size increases do not disproportionately favor one gender over the other.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Funding for the additional bench size positions will be at the institution's expense in 2011-12, since additional personnel above and beyond the squad size and travel party are not reimbursed by the NCAA. In subsequent years, the increases would be fully funded, pending budget approval.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. The two-stage approach places a punctuated emphasis on providing a quality championships experience for a greater number of student-athletes. As a result, student-athletes will have a meaningful championships experience outright rather than limiting the opportunity to those institutions that can afford it.

b. Bylaw 31.1.5 Squad Limits.

(1) Recommendation. Approve a one-year waiver of the administrative regulation contained within Bylaw 31.1.5 for those sports contained within the championships bench size limits recommendation (refer to Nonlegislative Action Item a), specifically baseball, field hockey, football, men's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis.

(2) Effective Date. 2011-12 academic year (single championship season only).

(3) Rationale. The existing bylaw limits the number of student-athletes permitted in competitive uniform at the start of the competition to the squad size established for the sport. With expanded championships access allowed

through the championships bench size limits recommendation, the permissible number of student-athletes in competitive uniform can exceed the squad size limit. A one-year waiver would allow the designation of the appropriate number of student-athletes in competitive uniform to comply with the recommendation contained within the championships bench size limits recommendation.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Team Personnel – Travel Party and Bench Size Requirement. As a part of its discussion concerning championships bench size limits, the committee also considered recommendations to accommodate non-student-athlete personnel as part of the bench area limits. Pending the approval of the forthcoming recommendation concerning squad size increases (refer to Nonlegislative Action Item a), the committee anticipates submission of a companion proposal that, by the 2012-13 academic year, will require institutions in team sports other than golf and tennis to include an athletic trainer or team physician as a member of the existing travel party. For football, the requirement will be applicable for two such positions. If an institution does not comply, then that spot(s) in the travel party will not be eligible for reimbursement. Institutions also will be allowed to include one additional medical personnel (which could be a student athletic trainer) – or two additional for football – in the bench area at the institution's expense. In addition, the committee intends to propose that an additional member of the travel party be designated for a team administrator as part of the 2012-14 biennium championships budget request. Currently, while it is required for participating institutions to bring an administrator who does not have other specified duties at the championship, that person is not funded.

2. Sport Regional Alignment and Ranking. The committee reviewed its work to date on the sport regional alignment and ranking project, noting the recent feedback received from sport committees. Several sport committees expressed concern over eliminating what appears to be obvious regional competition (e.g., State University of New York Athletic Conference institutions competing against New Jersey Athletic Conference institutions) due to the proposed sport-region boundaries as well as the disproportionate size of some regions (e.g., New England). In response to the alignment concerns, the committee discussed a de-emphasis on primary criteria in favor of a single set of criteria for contests against Division III opponents, as long as institutions meet a standard percentage of in-region competition

played (e.g. 75 percent) that is consistent with the Division III emphasis on in-region competition. The committee also reviewed feedback from sport committees regarding the number of teams that should be ranked per region. The committee intends to seek additional feedback regarding these issues from sport committees during the upcoming September in-person meeting with sport committee chairs.

3. Automatic Qualification Declaration Forms. In an effort to standardize the process and timeline for submitting the automatic qualification (AQ) declaration forms for sports across all divisions, the committee supported a recommendation to move to a single-submission date of February 1. Previously, conference offices were asked to submit the forms for the purpose of declaring AQ eligibility for the subsequent year based on a staggered schedule (i.e., December 1 for fall sports and May 1 for winter and spring sports).

4. Sport Committee Recommendations.

a. Women's Basketball. Approved that each region rank eight teams, except for the Northeast region, which would continue to rank ten teams, effective for the 2011-12 academic year.

b. Football.

(1) Primary and Secondary Criteria. Tabled the recommendation to modify primary criteria by combining it with the majority of secondary criteria, with the only remaining secondary criteria being results against Divisions I and II institutions. Results against NAIA teams would no longer be considered in the criteria. The committee will consider the recommendation further after the study of the sport regional alignment project, specifically the consideration to de-emphasize in-region (primary) criteria to establish a single set of criteria, as long as institutions meet a standard percentage of in-region competition played (e.g., 75 percent).

(2) Rankings. Approved that the total number of rankings be decreased from four to three and the first ranking not be prior to November 1.

(3) 2010 Championships Misconduct. Approved a financial penalty in the sum of $1,000 for misconduct by the head coach of a participating institution, consistent with Bylaw 31.1.8.3(i). Upon approval of this request, the NCAA Division III Football Committee will issue a public reprimand with a $1,000 fine to the institution. The institution will either accept the reprimand and fine or submit an appeal to the Championships Committee.

c. Field Hockey. Approved that Wendy Orrison, head field hockey coach and associate professor at Washington and Lee University, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Committee. Ms. Orrison has been an active member of the Field Hockey Coaches Association and a member of the committee since 2009. In addition, she served for three years as a member of a regional advisory committee prior to joining the national committee.

d. Rowing. Approved that the date for selections be standardized to the Monday after the second Sunday of May in order to always accommodate a significant late-season competition. Currently, the date is the second Tuesday in May, which creates an undesirable calendar hitch once every seven years.

e. Men's Soccer.

(1) Automatic Qualifiers. Approved that the following 41 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship: Allegheny Mountain Athletic Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Athletic Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Athletic Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

(2) Appointment of Committee Chair. Approved that Bill Brady, head men's soccer coach at Haverford College, be appointed to serve as the 2011-12 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Committee chair. Mr. Brady has been a significant contributor to the committee during his previous three years on the committee.

f. Women's Soccer.

(1) Selection Criteria. Approved that the implementation of the strength-of-schedule (SOS) multiplier for the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship be delayed for the 2011-12 season. At its recent annual meeting, the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee determined that it would review the multiplier as applied to men's soccer and evaluate it for future application at the end of the season.

(2) Automatic Qualifiers. Approved that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 championship: Allegheny Mountain Athletic Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Athletic Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Athletic Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(3) Appointment of Committee Chair. Approved that Jonathan Harper, commissioner of the Little East Conference, serve as the 2011-12 committee chair. Mr. Harper has been a significant contributor to the committee during his previous two years on the committee.

g. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving. Accepted as information a draft proposal to revise the diving selections process. The proposal would replace the existing video-qualification model currently used for NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships selections with regional qualification meets to emphasize head-to-head competition for the opportunity to advance to the championships. The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee intends to submit a formal proposal for consideration during the September 2011 Championships Committee meeting.

h. Wrestling.

(1) Conference Waiver. Approved that the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) receive a waiver to remain eligible to receive automatic qualifiers for the 2012 Division III Wrestling Championships despite a drop from seven to six conference members for the 2011-12 academic year. The committee supports the one-year waiver as it expects to review a proposal to change the championships qualifying format for the 2013 championship and beyond (refer to Sport Committee Recommendations – Wrestling, item 2).

(2) Championships Qualifying Format. Accepted as information a draft proposal to revise the wrestling championships qualifying format. The NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee intends to recommend that all qualifiers advance to the championships from one of six NCAA sponsored regional competitions. The change would coincide with an increase in the total number of student-athletes competing at the championships, from 170 to 180. The top three wrestlers from each weight class would advance to the championships, 30 from each of six regional competitions for a total of 180 qualifiers.

5. Championship Site Recommendations.

a. Field Hockey. Approved Nichols College as the host of the 2011 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship at Vendetti Field in Dudley, Massachusetts.

b. Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field. Approved the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse as the host of the 2013 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

c. Wrestling.

(1) 2013 and 2014 Site Selection. Approved Cornell College as the host of the 2013 and 2014 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

(2) 2012 Regional Site Selection.

i. Approved Augsburg College as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Wrestling Great Lakes Regional at Si Melby Hall in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ii. Approved Case Western Reserve as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Wrestling Midwest Regional at Horsburgh Gymnasium in Cleveland, Ohio.

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

a. Division III Baseball Committee. Mid-Atlantic region: Bill Stiles, director of athletics and recreation, Alvernia University.

b. Division III Women's Basketball Committee. East region: Tara Ruckh, women's basketball coach, State University of New York at Potsdam. Great Lakes region: Dixie Jeffers, women's basketball coach/senior woman administrator, Capital University.

c. Division III Field Hockey Committee. North Atlantic region: Wendy Andreatta, head field hockey coach, University of Rochester.

d. Division III Football Committee. South region: Loren Dawson, head football coach, Austin College.

e. Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee. ECAC East Hockey League: Renee Hellert, assistant director of athletics, New England College.

f. Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. Atlantic region: Mary Kate Curran, head women's track and field coach, St. Lawrence University.

g. Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Sue DuMars – Mid-Atlantic region: Pamela Samuelson, director of athletics, Susquehanna University. Immediate vacancy replacing Elise Cooper – New York region: Jonathan Penn, head women's volleyball coach, Vassar College. September vacancy – West region: Mari Burningham, head women's volleyball coach, University of Redlands.

h. Division III Wrestling Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Frank O'Brien – Midwest region: Dick Simmons, associate director of athletics, Cornell College.

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