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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Championships Committee

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May 29 to 31, 2012

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

2. Approval of recent reports. [Supplement No. 2]

3. Governance update.

4. Management Council/Presidents Council updates. [Supplement No. 3]

5. Update from Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [Supplement No. 4]

6. Championships budget review. [Supplement No. 5]

7. Championships travel update. [Supplement No. 6 – onsite distribution]

8. Study abroad consideration – feedback from sport committees. [Supplement No. 7]

9. Major Junior A Hockey – referral to Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee. [Supplement No. 8]

10. Revised selection criteria. [Supplement No. 9]

    a. Consideration of provisional members (years one and two, years three and four).

    b. Minimum in-region requirement (percentage) for golf and tennis.

11. Update to modifications to misconduct appeals. [Supplement No. 10 – onsite distribution]

12. Sports committee recommendations.

    a. Women's basketball. [Supplement No. 11]

    b. Men's and women's cross country. [Supplement No. 12]

    c. Football. [Supplement No. 13]

    d. Men's and women's ice hockey. [Supplement No. 14]

    e. Women's lacrosse. [Supplement No. 15]

    f. Men's soccer. [Supplement No. 16]

    g. Women's soccer. [Supplement No. 17]

    h. Men's and women's soccer. [Supplement No. 18]

    i. Women's volleyball. [Supplement No. 19]

    j. Wrestling. [Supplement No. 20]

13. Division III winter championships promotions and enhancements.

    a. Championships administration reports. [Supplement No. 21]

    b. Championships enhancements reports. [Supplement No. 22]

14. Division III winter championships Special Olympics activation. [Supplement No. 23]

15. September 2012 in-person meeting with chairs – agenda development.

    a. Sport regional alignment.

    b. NCAA Bylaw 20 and championship implications for individual-team sports.

16. Commissioners meeting.

17. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. September 9-12, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana

    b. February TBD, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    c. June TBD, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    d. Monthly teleconferences - third Tuesday of each month *excluding* January, February, June, July and September, beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern.

18. Other business.

19. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
May 29-30, 2012 MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

a. Selection Criteria – Golf and Tennis.

(1) Recommendation. That the selection criteria for men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis be revised such that contests against Division III opponents are included in the primary criteria, and contests against opponents from other classifications (i.e., NCAA Divisions I and II and NAIA) are included in the secondary criteria. Further, in the sport of tennis, that the requirement that institutions play at least 25 percent of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III opponents to be considered for selection to NCAA championships be increased to a minimum of 50 percent. For the sport of golf, the requirement will remain at 25 percent.

(2) Effective Date. 2013-14 academic year.

(3) Rationale. As with the adopted changes for team sports, the proposed revisions to the selection criteria maintain the Division III emphasis on in-region competition by requiring an institution to schedule a minimum of 50 percent of its tennis contests against in-region, Division III opponents in order to be considered for selection. For golf, this requirement will remain at 25 percent.

Institutions will continue to have the following four ways to meet the in-region requirement: 1) all competition within an institution's defined sport region; 2) all competition within an institution's geographical region per Constitution 4.13.1; 3) all competition within a 200-mile radius; and 4) all conference competition. Once the institutions that have met the 50 (tennis) or 25 (golf) percent in-region threshold have been identified, sport committees will then have the ability to rank and select teams based on each institution's full body of work against Division III opponents. Institutions will continue to have an opportunity to request a waiver of the in-region requirement.

The NCAA Division III Championships Committee noted that the percentage requirement applies only to the team selection component, not the selection of individual participants in the championships (e.g., singles and doubles players, or golfers who compete as individuals and not as members of a team).

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None. (Note: The Championships Committee reviewed the percentage of in-region contests for championship participants for golf and tennis in order to arrive at the appropriate percentages for in-region scheduling during the regular season. The committee anticipates that the proposed revision to the selection criteria will not significantly influence institutions' current scheduling practices or increase travel costs.)

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection Criteria – Last 25 Percent of the Season.

(1) Recommendation. That, in instances where sport committees have received approval from the Championships Committee to evaluate teams' won-lost percentage during the last 25 percent of the season (i.e., end-of-season performance), the criterion is included in primary criteria for consideration against Division III opponents.

(2) Effective Date. 2013-14 academic year.

(3) Rationale. For those sports that have sought approval from the Championships Committee, an analysis of the last 25 percent of the season has provided an additional criterion by which to evaluate teams. With the approved changes to selection criteria, Division III opponents are clearly differentiated from non-Division III opponents, specifically that primary criteria include only Division III opponents. By including this criterion in primary criteria, sport committees will be able to fully leverage its application when evaluating teams against Division III opponents.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Opening Remarks and Review of Schedule and Agenda. The chair, Stuart Robinson, welcomed the committee, reviewed the meeting schedule and highlighted key discussion items for the meeting.

2. **Review of Previous Reports.** The Championships Committee reviewed and approved reports for the April NCAA Division III Management Council meeting.

3. **Division III Governance Update.** Dan Dutcher and Louise McCleary provided several governance updates, including those related to the following topics: 1) the Division III identity initiative, specifically the successful completion of Division III week and Special Olympics activation at championships; 2) the recruiting working group (a 13-member group to be established); 3) sickle cell trait testing; 4) the NCAA partnership with NASPA concerning drug and alcohol education; and 5) the progress of the financial dashboard tool.

4. **Management Council and Presidents Council Update.** Jeff Martinez noted several topics of interest to the committee recently discussed by the Management Council and NCAA Division III Presidents Council, including academic reporting, legislative proposals related to football (i.e., the use of hand shields and allowable practice), and 2012-15 budget approvals. In addition, Mr. Martinez noted the discussion and approval concerning action items presented by the Championships Committee, specifically the change to primary and secondary championships selection criteria and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball championship 75th anniversary celebration scheduled for the 2012-13 academic year.

5. **Update from NCAA Championships and Alliances Staff.** Mark Lewis discussed his direction for the NCAA Championships and Alliances staff since assuming the role as Executive Vice President in early April. Specifically, Mr. Lewis offered that reporting lines for staff will become clearer to the membership such that accountability for specific championships and related issues will be apparent. In addition, the management for governance-related work for championships will be more fully coordinated by leadership within the Championships and Alliances staff, affecting such things as meeting dates to consistency in process across divisions.

6. **Update from Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** Mr. Robinson reviewed the report from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel and identified issues relating to Division III.

7. **Championships Budget Review and Travel Update.** Jeff O'Barr and Juanita Sheely provided several updates concerning the Division III championships budget and trends related to transportation expense and the effectiveness of the GoGround transportation program. The data presented prompted significant discussion concerning the approach to championships site selection. The Championships Committee took no action, but will continue discussion in the future.

8. **Study abroad consideration – feedback from sport committees.** The Championships Committee reviewed comments from sport committees concerning study abroad legislation and agreed to submit the feedback as presented by the sport committees to the Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

9. **Major Junior A Hockey – Referral to Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee.** The Championships Committee reviewed comment from the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee concerning Major Junior A Hockey and agreed to submit the feedback as presented to ILC.

10. **Update to Modifications to Misconduct Appeals.** Roberta Page provided an update regarding the work of an internal task force assigned to review the misconduct appeals process and requested that the Championships Committee review the draft document and offer feedback in advance of implementation in the 2012-13 academic year. Ms. Page noted that the task force continues to finalize some elements of the process, including defining penalties based on category type of misconduct and creating standard templates for correspondence to be used throughout the process.

11. **Officials Registration and Testing**. The Championships Committee approved the following recommendations from sport committees concerning officials registration and testing requirements for assignment to any round of NCAA championships competition:

    a. Men's and Women's Ice Hockey. That officials must be required to register with ArbiterSports and achieve a passing score of 80 percent on an online rules test in order to receive a postseason assignment for any round of the NCAA Division III Men's or Women's Ice Hockey Championships, effective 2012-13 academic year.

    b. Men's and Women's Soccer. That officials must be required to register with ArbiterSports and achieve a passing score of 80 percent on an online rules test in order to receive a postseason assignment for any round of the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championships, effective 2012-13 academic year.

    c. Women's Volleyball. That officials must be required to register with ArbiterSports by September 15, achieve a passing score of 90 percent on an online rules test by September 15, and attend a clinic in order to receive a postseason assignment for any round of the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship.

    The actions for men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball bring the sports in line with similar requirements previously approved for the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, and softball.

12. Sport Committee Recommendations.

a. Women's Basketball.

(1) Regional Ranking. The Championships Committee approved the recommendation for each region to rank eight teams except for the Northeast region, which will rank ten, effective 2012-13 academic year. The Championships Committee agreed that ranking additional teams in the regions will provide greater parity when evaluating teams for selections. The additional ranked teams will add significant value to the record versus ranked teams criterion, particularly in the West and South regions. Without the expansion of the ranked teams, the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee would rank fewer teams than actually make the field of 64, creating challenges if the majority of automatic qualifiers are ranked.

(2) Joint Hosting. The Championships Committee tabled the recommendation to eliminate the opportunity to allow institutions to host both men's and women's basketball in the preliminary rounds when it involves a doubleheader with a single gender game. Though sympathetic to the concerns raised about conflicts created when institutions attempt to host both the men's and women's events, the Championships Committee preferred to examine the issue more broadly with input from other sport committee chairs at the September 2012 in-person meeting. The Championships Committee believed the proposal would set an undesirable precedent to limit the joint hosting opportunity in only one sport and be inconsistent with instances in which the same institution hosts events in multiple sports on the same day/weekend.

(3) Informational Items. The Championships Committee accepted as information a number of items in the women's basketball committee report, including the concern about the limited number of quality officials available to work the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship and a subcommittee formed to review the concern.

b. Men's and Women's Track and Field. The Championships Committee approved the recommendation to remove the current cap of teams (five) that are allowed to advance to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships from each region, effective for the 2013-14 academic year. The Championships Committee acknowledged the support of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and noted that the championships format will still provide regional representation for fully half of the championships field (i.e., two automatic qualifying teams will continue to advance from each of the eight regions) and help to field the most competitive teams possible at the

championships. The change will not affect the selection process for individuals to the national championships.

c. Football.

(1) Required Administrator at Championship. The Championships Committee denied the request to require that, for all rounds of the NCAA Division III Football Championship, an athletic administrator attend the pre-championship meeting on site and the game. While the Championships Committee recognized the reasons that may merit separate consideration for football, it remained concerned about the reasonableness of requiring an institution to include an administrator in the travel party if the position is not specifically funded.

(2) Committee Chair. The committee approved that Brad Bankston, commissioner, Old Dominion Athletic Conference, serve as the NCAA Division III Football Committee chair, effective April 1, 2012.

(3) Selection Criteria. The Championships Committee denied the request to move the majority of secondary criteria to primary 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 Championships Committee was not compelled by the reasons to eliminate NAIA competition from the selections evaluation and expressed overall concern with the proposed effective date for the 2012 championship season.

(4) Misconduct. The committee accepted as information the issuance of a private reprimand as well as the separate public reprimand and fine of $300 to Hampden-Sydney College head football coach Marty Favret for unprofessional comments and threatening behavior exhibited towards the drug testing crew chief at the first round game of the 2011 championship. The Football Committee determined that Mr. Favret's actions violated NCAA misconduct policy and compromised the integrity of the championship.

d. Women's Lacrosse. The Championships Committee accepted as information that the pool allocations for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship were revised and that the championship will not be held jointly with Division II beginning with the 2014 championship due to the change in date formula, though the possibility of a joint championship is not ruled out for subsequent years.

e. Men's Soccer.

(1) Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Dan Rothert, head men's and women's soccer coach at Loras College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Committee, effective September 1, 2012.

(2) Automatic Qualification. The Championships Committee approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 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.

f. Women's Soccer.

(1) Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Lee Ellis, director of athletics at Principia College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee, effective immediately through September 1, 2013.

(2) Automatic Qualification. The Championships Committee approved that the following conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer 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 Athletics Conference.

g. Women's Volleyball. The Championships Committee approved a change to the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball date formula to the weekend before Thanksgiving rather than the third weekend of November, effective 2013-14 academic year. Depending on which date the first Friday falls, in some years the current date formula puts the volleyball finals two weeks before Thanksgiving which causes the volleyball regionals to conflict with conference championships in soccer and field hockey. The date formula adjustment ensures a more consistent scheduling progression for fall sports championships.

h. Wrestling.

(1) Committee Chair. The Championships Committee approved that Dick Simmons, associate director of athletics at Cornell College, serve as chair of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee, effective September 1, 2012.

(2) Site Selection. The Championships Committee approved that Cedar Rapids, Iowa be designated as the site for the 2013 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. Cornell College will serve as the host for the competition to be conducted at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena replacing the U.S. Cellular Center.

13. **Division III Winter Championships Promotions and Enhancements.** The Championships Committee reviewed reports from winter championships which highlighted the use of Division III identity signage along with several other components of championships administration. In addition, the Championships Committee expressed interest in receiving a more robust report concerning the exposure for championships through the web streaming platform (selection shows and championships) for future meetings.

14. **Division III Winter Championships Special Olympics Activation.** The Championships Committee reviewed reports of Special Olympics activation at winter championships. Particular emphasis was put on the good work that is taking place at championships and reinforcement of the idea that activation should be meaningful and impactful for the involved Special Olympic athletes and NCAA student-athletes.

15. **September 2012 In-Person Meeting with Chairs – Agenda Development.** The Championships Committee considered several topics to include as agenda items for the September 2012 in-person meeting with sport committee chairs. The suggested topics include the following:

    - General report from NCAA championships staff leadership;
    - Sport regional alignment;
    - NCAA Bylaw 20 and championship implications for individual-team sports;
    - Evaluation of regional advisory committee ranking protocol;
    - Prioritization of key considerations for championships host site selection;
    - Misconduct appeals process;
    - Requirement for administrators at championships;
    - Championships travel budget summary;
    - Number of teams to rank per region and the value of considering a team once ranked/always ranked;
    - Overview of changes to selection criteria, effective 2013-14 academic year; and
    - Additional topics as suggested in advance by sport committee chairs.

16. **Commissioners Meeting.** NCAA staff discussed talking points concerning championships matters to be shared during the upcoming meeting with the Division III Conference Commissioners Association. While the talking points will be presented in an informative way, the Championships Committee and NCAA staff look forward to receiving feedback generated through dialogue with the commissioners. Staff will share a report after the meeting with the Championships Committee to assist with preparation for the September 2012 in-person meeting.

17. **Future Meeting Dates and Sites.** The Championships Committee discussed in general terms the 2012-13 meeting schedule, including in-person meetings and scheduled

teleconferences. NCAA staff will follow up to provide additional direction regarding frequency and timing of meetings.

18. Other Business. In other business, the Championships Committee considered whether the 70 percent threshold for in-region competition (effective 2013-14 academic year) is reasonable for the sport of rowing and agreed that NCAA staff would follow up with the staff liaison to the NCAA Division III Rowing Committee to discuss the issue further. In addition, the Championships Committee approved the request from the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to place Spalding University's cross country teams in the Great Lakes region, effective 2012-13 academic year. Spalding is currently aligned with the remaining conference members in the Midwest region. However, the move to the Great Lakes region will minimize the travel to regional competition, resulting in lower travel costs and less missed class time for the student-athletes.

19. Adjournment. Prior to adjournment, Mr. Robinson reviewed the anticipated agenda items for upcoming committee teleconferences and thanked John Williams for his service to the NCAA and specifically to the NCAA Division III Championships Committee.

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Staff Liaisons: John Williams, Championships and Alliances
Jan Gentry, Championships and Alliances
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships and Alliances

May 29-30, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Tim Downes, Emory University	
Holly Gera, Montclair State University	
Kelli Hamilton, University of Minnesota, Morris	
Sue Lauder, Fitchburg State University	
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands	
Joe Onderko, Presidents' Athletic Conference	
Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior	
Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz	
Monica Severson, Wartburg College	
Other Participants	
Gary Brown, NCAA (for portions)	
Azure Davey, NCAA (for portions, via teleconference)	
Dan Dutcher, NCAA (for portions)	
Jan Gentry, NCAA	

Mark Lewis, NCAA (for portions)	
Louise McCleary, NCAA (for portions)	
Jeff Myers, NCAA (for portions)	
Jeff O'Barr, NCAA (for portions)	
Roberta Page, NCAA (for portions)	
Juanita Sheely, NCAA (for portions)	
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA	
John Williams, NCAA	