REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Constitution 3.02.3.1.2 (Membership Classification Status) - NCAA Regional Rules Seminar attendance –penalty sanction.

(1) Recommendation. Approve in concept noncontroversial legislation that adds required attendance at an NCAA Regional Rules Seminars as a potential sanction for failure to meet any membership requirement.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The committee considered a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Management Council that would require an institutional representative to attend the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars when the institution is found to have violated a membership requirement at the committee's discretion. The committee supported this sanction as part of the penalty structure. The committee noted the requirement would not be applicable in all membership requirements violations scenarios; however, attendance would likely be required when the committee determined compliance education is warranted. Additionally, the committee would determine which institutional staff member, depending on the circumstances of the violation, would be required to satisfy the condition (e.g., director of athletics, compliance coordinator, senior woman administrator).

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Institutions in violation of a membership requirement may have to pay for institutional staff member(s) to attend the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- Men's Volleyball Conference Applications Due Date. The committee considered that NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2011-5, which would establish a Division III Men's Volleyball Championship, will be voted on in January 2011. The timing of the vote would not provide for men's volleyball single-sport conferences to coordinate and submit conference application(s) by the January 15 submission deadline.

  The committee extended the conference application deadline to February 28, 2011, for single-sport men's volleyball conferences. This extension affords the committee time to review and make recommendations for the April 2011 NCAA Division III Management Council meeting. The committee will also accept automatic qualification materials and forward these materials to the Championships Committee for its review subsequent to conference application approval.

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