Division III Championships
National Office Dialogue

Agenda

• Budget Planning for Championships
• Eligibility for Championships
• In-Region Competition Requirement Changes for 2014-15
• Host Site Selection
• Joint Championship for Women’s Basketball
• Playing Rules Changes with Financial Impact
• Impact of Ineligible Student-Athletes on Championships Selections

Budget Planning

• DIII Championships By the Numbers:
  – 75 percent of Division III budget allocated to championships.
  – Of that, 75 percent spent on travel and per diem.
  – Revenue increasing by 2-3 percent annually (per conditions of contracts with NCAA broadcast partners).
  – Travel expense outpacing revenue ($1.6M deficit over 2011-12 and 2012-13).
Budget Planning

• **What are we doing about it?**
  – Rollback of planned increases to per diem rate and number of total days reimbursed for team sport (estimated $1.2M).
  – March 2014 championships budget survey to 20% sample of membership and all sport committee members.
  – Evaluate policy and possible legislative changes to establish balanced budget (may include a change to the Division’s reserve policy).

• **Some concepts for consideration:**
  – Reduce travel party size.
  – Eliminate host per diem.
  – Require a minimum of four days from selections to the first date of competition.
  – In brackets with byes, conduct first-round competition at venue of the second-round host.
  – Establish a cost-sharing model with participating institutions.
  – Change to the access ratio (e.g., from 1:6.5 to 1:7.5) – requires a legislative change.

Budget Planning

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Eligibility for Championships

• Confirm sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport.
• Satisfy in-region competition requirements.
• Satisfy Bylaw 20 minimum sport sponsorship requirements.
• Institutions as members of more than one conference:
  – Declare conference for participation every three years.
  – Count only in that conference's AQ process.
  – Agree to participate in NCAA championship unless advised the sports committee of decision not to participate before the start of the season.

Eligibility for Championships

• Countable Competition
  – For championship selection purposes, only competitions against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of its competition against varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions, will count.
  – Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams will be excluded.

In-Region Competition

• At least 70 percent of scheduled competition against in-region opponents to be eligible for selection; 50 percent for tennis; and 25 percent for golf.
• For championships eligibility, not sport sponsorship requirements.
In-Region Competition

In-region definition, institutions must be:
• located in the same established sport region or geographical region;
• within a 500-mile radius of one another; or
• members of the same conference (conference postseason excluded from calculation).

In-Region Competition

• Changes for 2014-15.
  – Years 1 and 2 provisional/reclassifying institutions CAN count as an in-region opponent in the calculation (assuming at least one of the in-region definitions is met).
  – For spring NCAA championships, competition against out-of-region opponents over one official vacation period (e.g., Spring Break) may be exempted from the calculation.

In-Region Competition

• Waiver process.
  – NCAA Bylaw 31.3.3.1.2.1.1 – one-year waiver on a sport-by-sport basis.
  – Explanation of rationale, scheduling plan, and two-year scheduling history.
  – Submit no later than December 31 of the year before the championship.
Host Site Selection

• 523 sites awarded in 82 of 89 championships for the 2014-18 seasons.
• Sport committees reviewed 1,984 bid submissions.
• Greater efficiencies for planning and housing arrangements for participating schools.
• Process for predetermined preliminary rounds to be reevaluated (regional baseball, cross country, diving and wrestling).

Joint Championship Women’s Basketball

• 2016 – Approved in concept for 35th anniversary celebration (Indianapolis).
• Comparable experience with men’s 75th anniversary celebration (2013) and opportunity for national exposure.
• Anticipated game day: April 4, 2016 (preliminary round format to be determined).
• Ongoing discussion to determine logistics, including competition venue and schedule.

Playing Rules Changes with Financial Impact

• 2014 Convention Resolution – Delay Implementation of Playing Rules with a Financial Impact or Facility Modification. Overwhelming vote to pass this resolution.

• Playing Rules Oversight Panel Action – Directive to rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay before proposing any rules change that has a financial or facility impact. Any rules change affecting student-athlete safety will continue to be made without delay.
Selections – Impact of Ineligible Student-Athletes

Current policy:
• Forfeiture as penalty from NCAA Enforcement for competing with an ineligible student-athlete.
  – Does not change official NCAA team record.
  – No defined impact on team’s consideration for championship selection.

Proposed policy:
• Division III Championships Committee reviewing nullification with associated fine structure as a possible model.
  – Nullification applied by the sport committee at the time of selection.
  – Proven system that has worked in Division II.

Participant Feedback