



Welcome to the 2006 NCAA Division III Best Practices Project. This CD holds a selection of “Best Practices” from various institutions and conference offices within Division III. It is our hope that these policies, procedures and handbooks will serve as resources for the Division III membership.

The Future of Division III - Phase II Oversight Group selected these best practices from over 98 examples submitted from member institutions and conference offices. The Oversight Group believes that the identification of these best practices can assist the membership in administering intercollegiate athletics programs that are more consistent with the Division III philosophy.

The project is divided into three distinct categories:

- Academic Success of Student-Athletes
- Cultural and Campus Integration
- Sport and Program Equity

Each category begins with a Division III broad definition followed by a series of best practices. Each “best practice” document is labeled and includes contact information for your convenience in soliciting additional information from colleagues about that policy/practice.

This project is intended to be informational. Dialogue between institutions and conference offices about specific policies and practices is greatly encouraged. A Best Practices Compilation Chart has also been included for easy identification of specific submissions by institution or conference office.

While the Division III Governance Structure has developed this initial compilation for the “Best Practices,” it is envisioned that other Division III organizations such as the College Sports Project (CSP), the National Association of Division III Athletics Administrators (NAD3AA), the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) and the Division III Commissioners Association will assume management and sustain the project to promote the good work being done by the membership in these areas. More submissions are greatly encouraged and, for the immediate future, may be submitted to the NCAA Web site:

[http://www2.ncaa.org/legislation\\_and\\_governance/committees/division3.html](http://www2.ncaa.org/legislation_and_governance/committees/division3.html)

Sincere thanks to the schools and conferences that submitted best practices! Questions or comments about the project should be directed to: Bridget Belgiovine, director of Division III, at [bbelgiovine@ncaa.org](mailto:bbelgiovine@ncaa.org).

