

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Action Items.

a. Modification of Wording Based on Intent – NCAA Bylaw 15 (financial aid).

- (1) Recommendation: Amend all provisions in NCAA Bylaw 15, which refer to the 'financial aid office' to 'financial aid office, regular college agency, office or committee.'
- (2) Effective Date: Immediate.
- (3) Rationale: Institutional entities that oversee financial aid packaging often include departments, offices or committees that are outside the financial aid office. This modification based on intent ensures that all possible on-campus entities that oversee financial aid packaging are encompassed in the application of financial aid legislation.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact: None.

b. Modification of Wording Based on Intent – Bylaw 20.11 (Division III membership requirements).

- (1) Recommendation: Amend Bylaw 20.11-(b) to state that Division III institutions shall "award no financial aid on the basis of athletics ability, participation or performance."
- (2) Effective Date: Immediate.
- (3) Rationale: This modification based on intent further clarifies the division's philosophy on financial aid packaging within the NCAA Division III Philosophy Statement to specify that no institution shall award financial aid based on athletics ability, participation or performance making the language consistent with provisions in Bylaw 15.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact: None.
- (5) Student-athlete Impact: None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **2006-07 Financial Aid Reporting Process – Level II Review Results.** The committee reviewed 91 institutional financial aid reports at the Level I review based on the four-percent variance threshold and three new filters. At the Level I review, the NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee accepted 23 institutions' financial aid reports; accepted with conditions 38 institutions' financial aid reports; and forwarded 30 institutions to Level II review.

The committee reviewed 30 institutions' financial aid reports and written justifications for financial aid variance at the Level II review and took the following actions:

- Approved 25 institutions' financial aid variance and written justification;
 - Approved with conditions one institution's financial aid variance and written justification; and
 - Forwarded four institutions to NCAA enforcement services for apparent violations of Division III financial aid legislation.
2. **Sport-Group Analysis as Level I Review Filter for the 2007-08 Financial Aid Reporting Process.** The committee revisited the concept of using sport-specific analysis as an additional Level I review filter beginning with the 2007-08 reporting process. This additional filter will assist the committee in identifying distinguishable patterns of financial aid packaging within specific sports. The committee confirmed with the NCAA staff and NCAA research consultants that use of the sport groups as a Level I review filter is scientifically defensible. The committee approved the use of sport-group analysis as a Level I review filter beginning with the 2007-08 financial aid reporting process.
3. **2006-07 Division III Financial Aid Reporting Process Educational Initiatives.** The committee reviewed the reporting process timeline and noted NCAA staff and committee members will co-present at upcoming educational outreach sessions, including the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars in May and June 2007, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Convention in July 2007 and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors Convention in September 2007.

