

Key Legislative Topics for the 2008 Convention:

- **First Aid, CPR and AED Certification**
 - a. **Recommendation.** Sponsor legislation for the 2008 Convention to require at least one coach certified in first aid, CPR, AED use and the institution's emergency plan activation policies be present at all athletically related activities.
 - b. **Effective date.** August 1, 2008.
 - c. **Rationale.** Legislation requiring CPR/AED certification strongly supports the Division III Philosophy statement, specifically the prong regarding student-athlete safety and well-being. A survey of NCAA deaths claims since 1992 reports 60 nonvehicle related deaths have been due to heart-related conditions and 83 percent of all deaths occurred during practice or conditioning. The committee feels as though the safety and well-being of student-athletes should be of utmost concern. The committee noted that Division III grant and initiative funding may be used to purchase an AED.
 - d. **Estimated Budget Impact.** CPR/AED certification will required by institutions. Division III Strategic Initiative Grant funds may be used to fund certification courses and/or AED units.
 - e. **Student-Athlete Impact.** Student-Athletes will be better protected from the illnesses addressed by these certifications.

PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- SPORTS SAFETY TRAINING

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Source: **NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)].**

Proposal Category: **Presidents Council**

Topical Area: **Personnel**

Status: **Referred - Final**

Intent:

To specify that at least one individual certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use and familiar with emergency plan activation policies shall be physically present at each required practice, competition and strength and conditioning session involving student-athletes.

A. Bylaws: **Amend 11.1 by adding new 11.1.4, page 47, as follows:**
[Division III, roll call]

"11.1 CONDUCT OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

[11.1.1 through 11.1.3 unchanged.]

"11.1.4 Sports Safety Training. At least one individual certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use and familiar with emergency plan activation policies shall be physically present at each required practice, competition and strength and conditioning session involving student-athletes."

B. Bylaws: **Amend 17.1, by adding new 17.1.11, pages 126-133, as follows:**
[Division III, roll call]

[17.1.1 through 17.1.10 unchanged.]

"17.1.11 Sports Safety Presence. All required practice, competition and strength and conditioning sessions involving student-athletes shall have physically present at least one individual certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use and familiar with emergency plan activation policies."

Rationale:

A survey of the NCAA death claims since 1992 reports 60 percent of all nonvehicle related deaths have been due to heart-related conditions and 83 percent of all deaths occurred during practice or conditioning. The goal of this proposal is to ensure that someone certified in first aid, CPR and AED is physically present at required practice, competition and strength and conditioning sessions to care for all participating student-athletes. The training should be consistent with certification from a nationally recognized organization in first aid, CPR and AED. It is important to note that Division III grant and initiative funding may be used to purchase an AED.

Estimated Financial Impact:

Minimal for certification (\$0 to \$30 per coach) since institutions can outsource the training or train their own staffs as instructors. Moreover, this is not an annual cost since first aid certification is good for three years and CPR certification is valid for one to two years. Payment for the AED may come from Division III grant and initiative funding.

Review History:

: Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Report of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Revised Supplement 1, item 1-(c), April 2006.

Convention Vote:

***Date of Vote:* January 8, 2007**

***Vote Type:* Electronic Machine**

For: 329 Against: 87 Abstain: 3