## HOW THE NCAA WORKS:

# Association-wide

While each NCAA division is empowered with setting its own rules and operating guidelines, some topics rise to a level affecting college sports as a whole and need a coordinated voice to guide the Association in a unified direction. For those situations, a group of committees comprising representatives from all three divisions makes recommendations that can impact the entire Association - whether a small, private Division III school or a national champion Football Bowl Subdivision program – equally.

The NCAA Board of Governors, the highest-ranking committee in the Association, implements policies by which all three divisions must abide. When the NCAA stopped allowing schools to host championships if their state governments displayed the Confederate flag, it was through a policy created by the Board of Governors.

Changes in legislation, however, require each division to take action. The Association-wide committees propose changes to the divisions, which then debate and vote on the proposals through their legislative processes. These committees explore issues impacting the health and safety of student-athletes or opportunities for women and minority groups in college sports.

# **NCAA Association-wide Committees, Descriptions and Members**

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## **ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES**

#### **Committee on Women's Athletics**

Studies and makes policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women, equity and other issues directly affecting women's athletics.

Honors

Committee

Selects recipients of awards presented at annual Honors

Celebration, including the Theodore Roosevelt and

Current or former president or chancellor

Division II Management Council member Division III Management Council member

Nationally distinguished public members

(FBS, FCS and Division I subdivision)

an Honors awardee

Scholarships for graduate school.

- Past postgraduate scholarship winner

who work daily in college sports

One member from each subdivision of Division I

Nationally distinguished public member who was

Postgraduate

**Scholarship Committee** 

- Member school and conference administrators and others

Selects student-athletes to receive NCAA Postgraduate

#### **18 Members:**

Inspiration awards

9 Members:

7 Members:

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- **3** Presidents or chancellors (one from each division) 3 Student-athletes (one from each division)
- **12** Member school and conference administrators

#### **Committee on Competitive Safeguards** and Medical Aspects of Sports

Provides expertise and leadership to the Association to promote a healthy and safe environment for studentathletes through research, education, collaboration and policy development.

#### 25 Members:

- 3 - Divisional governance representatives 3
- Student-athletes 5
- Medical doctors
- Experts representing fields of sports and medicine, including 14 a coach, two licensed mental health practitioners, two athletic trainers, a dietitian and a sport science researcher

#### **Minority Opportunities** and Interests Committee

Reviews issues related to the interests and advocacy of ethnic and racial minorities, LGBTQ or individuals who have disabilities.

#### 18 Members:

- Presidents or chancellors (at least one from each division) 3 3
  - Student-athletes (one from each division)
- 12 - Member school and conference administrators

### Walter Byers Scholarship Committee

Selects one male and one female academically and athletically distinguished student-athlete to receive scholarships.

#### 7 Members:

- Member school and conference administrators



enact legislation. But they can influence and provide guidance by recommending legislation to each division where it can be reviewed in the divisions' legislative processes.

## **Association-wide Playing Rules**

Representatives from the three divisions serve on PROP, which makes recommendations related to playing rules for specific sports.

## **Playing Rules Oversight Panel**

Oversees playing rules committees, including the final approval of rules changes.

12 Members, school and conference administrators: 6 - Division I representatives | 3 - Division II representatives | 3 - Division III representatives

Former student-athlete

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Board of Governors is the highest-ranking body in the NCAA and focuses on strategic discussions that impact the Association as a whole. The responsibilities of the board's nine voting members include:

» Providing final approval and oversight of the Association's budget, enterprise risk management, strategic planning and establishing policies related to fiduciary responsibility.

» Employing the Association's president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Board.

» Formulating policies and procedures consistent with the NCAA Constitution.

» In consultation with the leadership of the divisional governing bodies, adopting and implementing legal strategy, Association risk mitigation, and government relations and policy matters that affect the Association.

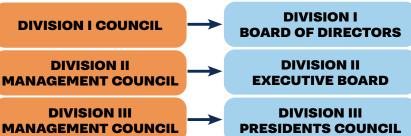
» Convening the annual Convention and may call for a special convention as needed.

#### 9 voting members:

4 - Division I, to include at least one member institution

- president or chancellor and one conference commissioner
- Division II Executive Board member
- 1 Division III Presidents Council member
- 2 Independent governors (individuals who are not currently employed or compensated by any member
  - institution or conference and shall be verified as
  - independent by the Board of Governors)

  - Graduated NCAA student-athlete (all former studentathlete representatives, voting or ex officio, shall have graduated not more than four years prior to appointment)
- 7 ex officio members:
- 3 Chairs of Division I Council, **Division II Management** Council and Division III Management Council
- 1 President or chancellor of a historically Black college or university
- 2 Graduated NCAA studentathletes (must represent each of the two divisions not represented by the voting member student-athlete)
- NCAA President 1



Each division sets rules and policies specific to its members' needs but looks to the Board of Governors for guidance on the overall strategy of the Association.