

Action Items – Division III Membership Meetings

2017 NFHCA Annual Convention

Moderated by Beth Gottung, Division III Group Representative

The Division III Membership took action on the following items during the Division III Membership Meetings held January 4-5, 2017 during the 2017 NFHCA Annual Convention:

1. It was moved and seconded to convene the Division III Membership Meetings for the 2017 NFHCA Annual Convention.

89	In Favor
0	Opposed
0	Abstentions

Motion Passed

2. It was moved and seconded to approve the Division III Membership Meeting Action Items from the 2016 NFHCA Annual Convention.

89	In Favor
0	Opposed
0	Abstentions

Motion Passed

3. It was moved and seconded to no longer allow a coach to vote for her/his own team when submitting the weekly voting ballot for the National Coaches Poll.

59	In Favor
20	Opposed
10	Abstentions

Motion Passed

4. It was moved and seconded to move the nomination deadline for the 2017 All-Region / All-American program to Monday, November 13th.

76	In Favor
5	Opposed
9	Abstentions

Motion Passed

5. It was moved and seconded to have the Division III Membership participate in and commit to full open film exchange for the 2017 season.

86 In Favor
0 Opposed
1 Abstention

Motion Passed

6. It was moved and seconded that the Division III Membership supports the use of TeamXStream as the group's open film exchange vendor of choice.

74 In Favor
5 Opposed
6 Abstentions

Motion Passed

7. It was moved and seconded that the Division III Membership is in support of the NFHCA entering into a 3-year agreement with TeamXStream.

70 In Favor
8 Opposed
11 Abstentions

Motion Passed

8. It was moved and seconded to hold the 2017 Division III Senior Game in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the NCAA Joint Championships.

79 In Favor
5 Opposed
4 Abstentions

Motion Passed

9. It was moved and seconded to adjust the nomination deadline for the 2017 Senior Game so that the deadline is one week earlier than in 2016.

85 In Favor
0 Opposed
1 Abstention

Motion Passed

10. It was moved and seconded to support the proposal of moving to two 10-minute overtime periods.

9	In Favor
90	Opposed
0	Abstentions

Motion Failed

11. It was moved and seconded to change the name of the Coach of the Year Award to the Coaching Staff of the Year Award.

71	In Favor
3	Opposed
7	Abstentions

Motion Passed

12. It was moved and seconded to require the host institution to provide a minimum of 50 balls and 25 cones to the visiting team for pregame activities. The balls provided must be of the same quality used by the host institution during pregame.

64	In Favor
7	Opposed
7	Abstentions

Motion Passed

13. It was moved and seconded to institute video review during all rounds of the Division III NCAA Championship.

80	In Favor
4	Opposed
4	Abstentions

Motion Passed

14. It was moved and seconded to continue to have the nominating coach rank any nominated goalkeepers amongst any field player nominations. This ranking is to be used as a tool by the selection committee.

69	In Favor
2	Opposed
1	Abstention

Motion Passed

15. It was moved and seconded to have the NFHCA Office publicize the names of those institutions that do not submit an All-Region Voting Ballot within the All-Region press release. A letter shall also be sent to the Athletic Director of any coach who does not submit an All-Region Voting Ballot.

79 In Favor
4 Opposed
2 Abstentions

Motion Passed

16. It was moved and seconded to require each All-Region Selection Committee to rank any selected goalkeepers at the end of the All-Region ranking, unless the goalkeeper is that region's Player of the Year, in which case the goalkeeper shall be ranked #1.

84 In Favor
4 Opposed
1 Abstention

Motion Passed

17. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Division III Membership Meetings.

85 In Favor
0 Opposed
0 Abstentions

Motion Passed

The Division III Membership participated in the following discussions and made the following recommendations during its January 4-5, 2017 meetings:

1. The Division III Membership recognized that the 2017 NFHCA Annual Convention is the final meeting for Beth Gottung, current Division III Group Representative. Michelle Andre (Rowan University) will be taking over as the Division III Group Representative effective the conclusion of the 2017 NFHCA Annual Convention.
2. The Division III Membership discussed the concept of no longer allowing a coach to vote for her/his team when submitting a weekly voting ballot for the National Coaches Poll. The group voted to support this concept effective the 2017 season.
3. The Division III Membership discussed All-Region voting and the weight of the nominating coach's ranking of her/his nominees. The group also discussed the ability of committee members to reach out to nominating coaches to get feedback on nominee rankings as well as the All-Region Selection Committee's ability to overturn a nominating coach's ranking based on All-Region Voting Ballot results. The group voted to adjust the nomination deadline in 2017.

4. Kelly Whitaker from the NCAA addressed the Division III Membership. The following issues were reviewed:
 - The information addressed within the Division III Field Hockey Bulletin was reviewed.
 - The process used to assign umpires for the Division III Championship was discussed.
 - The steps necessary to submit a proposal for an NCAA Rules Mod change were reviewed.
 - Field availability and options for the 2017 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship in Louisville, KY were reviewed.
5. The Division III Membership discussed the adoption of full Open Exchange effective the 2017 season as well as the services provided by TeamXStream. The group supported the move to full Open Exchange in 2017 as well as the continuation of a business relationship with TeamXStream for the 2017, 2018, and 2019 seasons.
6. The Division III Membership discussed the pros and cons of hosting the 2017 Division III Senior Game in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the Joint Championship. The group expressed its commitment to encouraging athletes to attend the game in Louisville. Coaches were encouraged to begin conversations with potential nominees in late September. The group voted to adjust the Senior Game nomination deadline by one week so that selections can occur earlier, providing selected athletes with additional time to make travel arrangements.
7. The Division III Membership reviewed the 2017 NCAA Legislative Proposals that are currently under consideration.
8. The Division III Membership discussed the move to two 10-minute overtime periods. The group did not support this change.
9. The Division III Membership discussed the concept of changing the name of the Coach of the Year Award to the Coaching Staff of the Year Award. The group voted to support this change. The group also proposed the creation of an Assistant Coach of the Year Award.
10. The Division III Membership discussed the concept of requiring the host institution to provide balls and cones to the visiting institution for pregame activities. The group voted to support this policy.
11. The Division III Membership discussed umpire development and recruiting as well as the NFHCA's intention to form an Umpiring Committee in hopes of positively impacting recruitment, training and evaluation.
12. The Division III Membership discussed the addition of video review to all rounds of the NCAA Tournament. The group voted to support this policy and supported the concept of using a system similar to the one used by Division I.
13. The Division III Membership discussed the creation of a weather policy stipulating that a regular season game would be considered complete when 60 minutes of the game have been played. Participating coaches and umpires must agree that the game can no longer continue. The group took a straw vote and did not support this weather policy.

14. The Division III Membership discussed the All-Region / All-American program:

- How much weight should be given to the nominating coach's ranking versus the weight given to the results of the All-Region Voting Ballot?
- Should we continue the practice of requiring the nominating coach to rank any goalkeeper nominees along with field player nominees?
- What type of penalty should be instituted when a coach fails to submit an All-Region Voting Ballot?
- How should the All-Region Selection Committee handle the ranking of a goalkeeper within the All-Region ranking?