



COLLEGE CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS AND WISCONSIN
STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

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NAME

1. CCIW Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

PURPOSE

1. The mission of the CCIW SAAC is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by taking an active role in the decision-making process involving student-athlete well-being, supporting and understanding student-athlete needs, as well as how those needs affects the conference and its unification. The CCIW SAAC will maintain the philosophies upheld by the CCIW and NCAA Division III athletics.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. Three student-athletes will serve as executive officers. CCIW institutions will nominate student-athletes. From there, the conference office staff will select the members.
2. The executive officers will work with the conference office in setting meeting agendas, record and distribute meeting minutes, maintain attendance records, assist in the coordination of conference-wide service projects, and maintain an accurate record of conference SAAC members contact information.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Two student-athlete members will represent each institution on the CCIW SAAC. These members will serve as a liaison between the conference and their institution.
 - a. The two members will be nominated and selected by the institution's SAAC.
 - b. One representative of a women's team and one representative of a men's team must represent the institution.
 - c. To be nominated, the student-athlete must have completed at least one season of participation their sport and have at least one season of participation remaining.

- d. Members will serve until graduation, or until they choose to step down from their position.
- e. Members must be actively involved in their sport, eligible for competition per NCAA and CCIW rules, and must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

MEMBERSHIP DUTIES

1. Each member is expected to participate in all meetings, service projects, as well as any other initiatives conducted by the CCIW SAAC.

MEETINGS

1. Meetings will be held at least three times during the academic year. Meeting dates will be set at the preceding meeting; other meeting dates may be set with the consultation of the members.
 - a. Student-athlete members are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings. If a student-athlete is unable to attend, they must notify the CCIW office in advance.
 - b. In addition to the student-athlete representatives, the SAAC advisor or the Athletics Director, should also be in attendance.
 - c. At least six institutions must be present to have a quorum.

AMENDMENTS

1. Each institution may cast one vote.
2. The CCIW SAAC must have a majority vote of the nine institutions on any amendments to the constitution.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC PARTNERSHIP

1. CCIW SAAC members are encouraged to participate in the NCAA Division III partnership with Special Olympics on their individual campuses.
2. The conference will host an initiative each year with Special Olympics and any student-athlete representatives not in season are strongly encouraged to participate.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Diversity and inclusion are essential to the fulfillment of our CCIW mission. We value inclusive excellence in competition, learning, and programming. We are deeply committed to promoting and maintaining a civil community that facilitates opportunities for shared understanding and expression of individual and collective truths. Moreover, we resolve to create and uphold a community that is respectful of all persons despite differences in age, class, creed, disability, educational background, gender identity, national origin, parental status, race, religion, and other dimensions of diversity.