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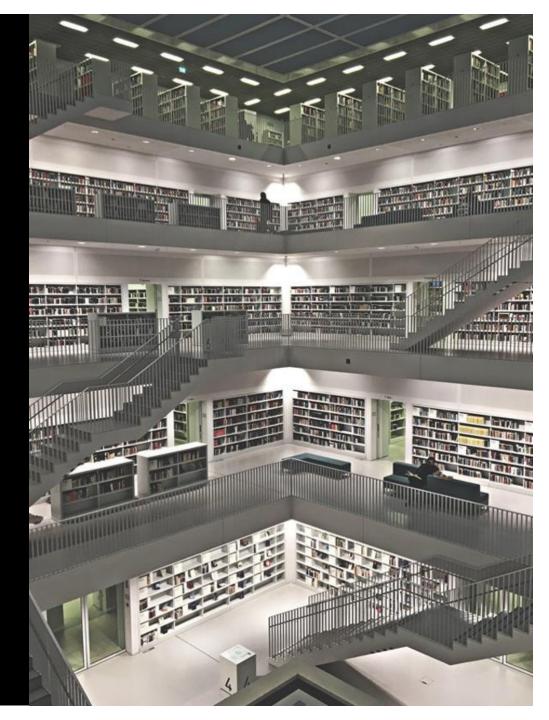
## Hot Topics in Athletics

July 28, 2021











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#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

## Presenters



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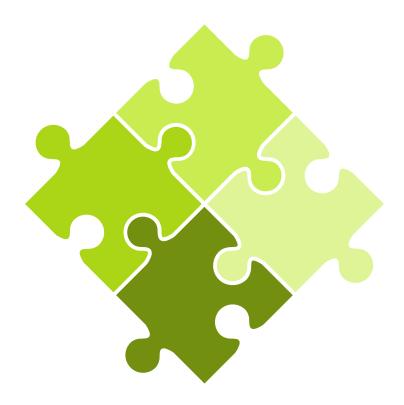
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#### **BACKGROUND**

## Objectives

In this webinar, participants will learn:

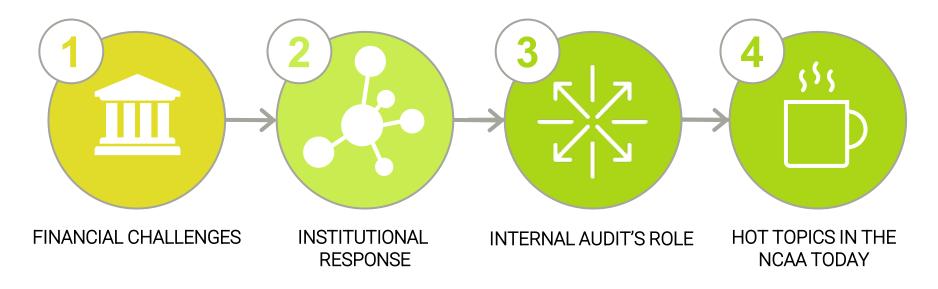
- The types of financial challenges that exist in intercollegiate athletics that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Financial, regulatory, and reputational risks associated with cutting athletic programs in response to financial challenges
- How internal audit can support the institution in its assessment of athletic policies and procedures





#### **BACKGROUND**

## Agenda





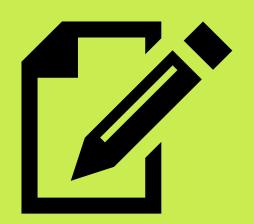


#### **POLLING QUESTION**

## Question #1

## In which athletic association is your institution a member?

- A. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
- B. National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
- C. National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
- D. Other
- E. My institution does not have an athletics program





## Background: NCAA Division I

- ✓ Sponsor at least 7 sports for men and 7 for women (or 6 for men and 8 for women) with 2 team sports for each gender
- ✓ Play 100% of the minimum number of contests against DI opponents (for sports other than football and basketball)
- ✓ Meet minimum financial aid awards for their athletics program (Note: There are maximum awards for each sport)

| NCAA Division / Subdivision |                 | Number of<br>Schools |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Division I                  |                 | 350                  |
|                             | FBS Autonomy    | 65                   |
|                             | FBS Nonautonomy | 65                   |
|                             | FCS             | 124                  |
|                             | Subdivision     | 96                   |

Source: NCAA Member Directory <a href="https://www.ncaa.org/membership-directory">https://www.ncaa.org/membership-directory</a>
Note: Membership information is based on data from the 2020-2021 academic year.



## Background: NCAA Division II

- ✓ Sponsor at least 5 sports for men and 5 for women, (or 4 for men and 6 for women), with 2 team sports for each gender
- ✓ No scheduling requirements (for sports other than football and basketball)
- ✓ Not exceed maximum financial aid awards for each sport

| NCAA Division / Subdivision |              | Number of Schools |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Division II                 |              | 309               |
| F                           | ootball      | 166               |
| ١                           | Non Football | 143               |

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## Background: NCAA Division III

- ✓ Sponsor at least 5 sports for men and 5 for women, with 2 team sports for each gender
- ✓ No scheduling requirements
- ✓ No financial aid related to student athlete athletic ability

| NCAA Division / S | Subdivision Number of Schools |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Division III      | 449                           |
| Football          | 248                           |
| Non Footba        | all 201                       |

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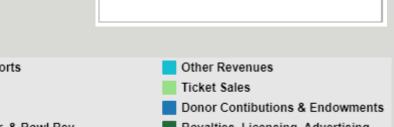
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#### FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

## Typical Revenue Sources

**NCAA Overall** \$18,908,512,469

- Institutional and government supports (36.29
- Media rights; NCAA/conference distributions and Bowl revenue (18.2%)
- Donor contributions and endowments (15.2%)
- ✓ Ticket sales (10.6%)
- ✓ Student fees (8.2%)
- Royalties, licensing, and advertising (5.8%)
- ✓ Other revenues (4.2%)
- Guarantee revenues (1.6%)



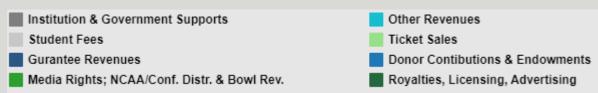
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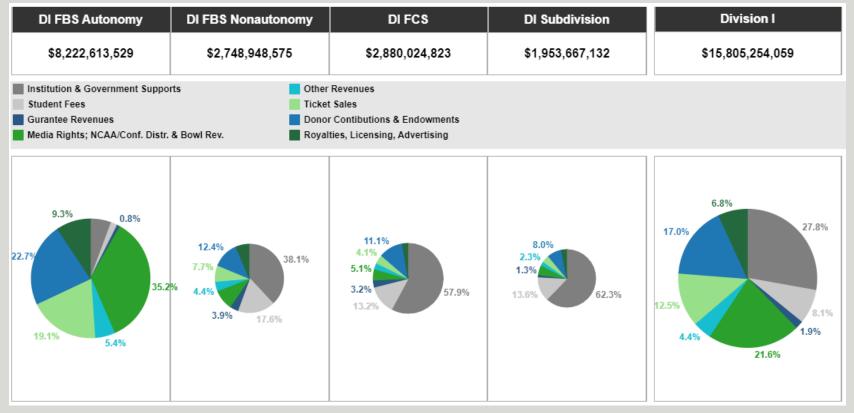
10.6%



Source: NCAA Financial Database https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/finances-intercollegiate-athletics-database Note: Data presented is from fiscal year 2019 and does not reflect challenges due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

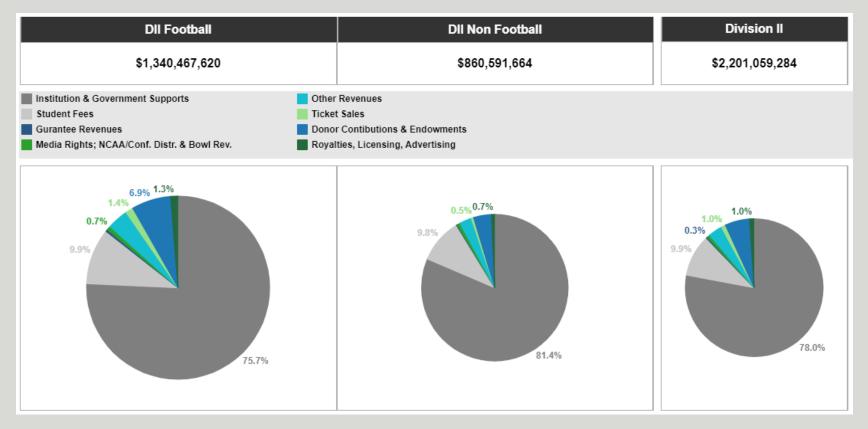


## Typical Revenue Sources - Division I



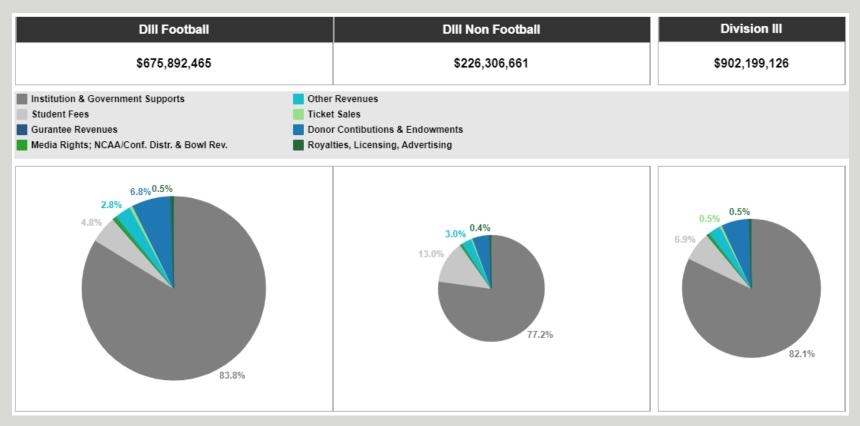


## Typical Revenue Sources - Division II





## Typical Revenue Sources - Division III





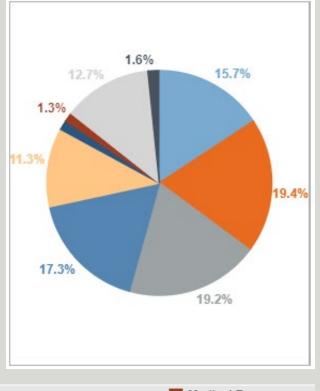
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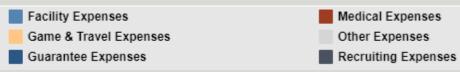
- ✓ Coach compensation (19.4%)
- ✓ Athletic student aid (19.2%)
- ✓ Facility expenses (17.3%)
- ✓ Admin. comp & severance (15.7%)
- ✓ Other expenses (12.7%)
- ✓ Game and travel expenses (11.3%)
- ✓ Recruiting expenses (1.6%)
- ✓ Guarantee expenses (1.4%)
- ✓ Medical expenses (1.3%)



#### **NCAA Overall**

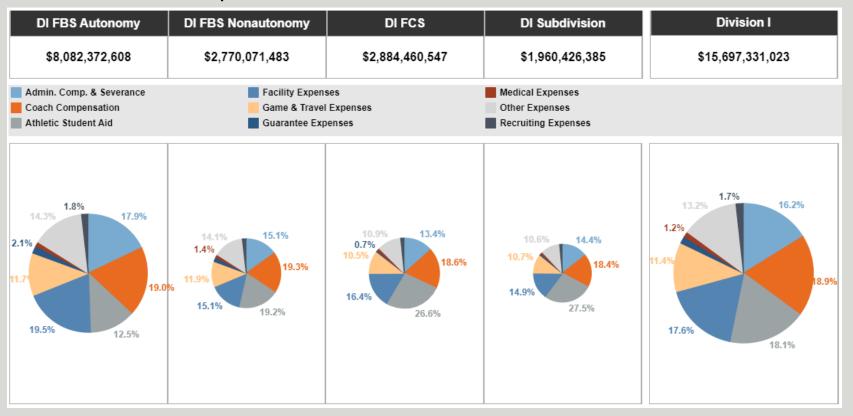
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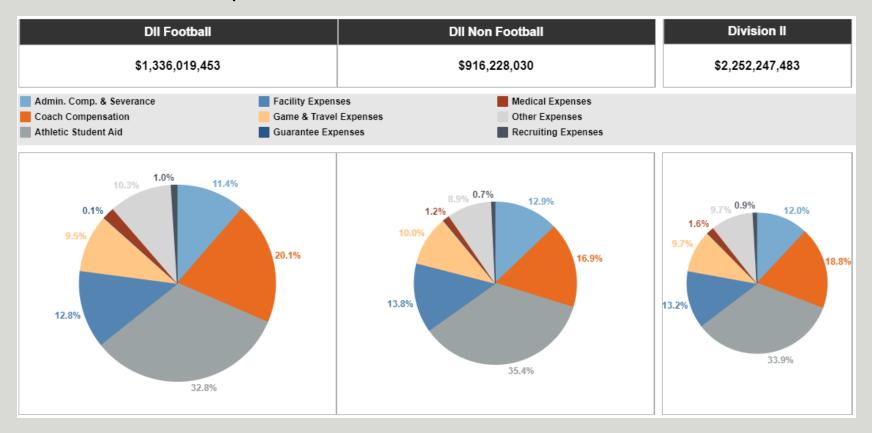


## Typical Costs to Operate – Division I





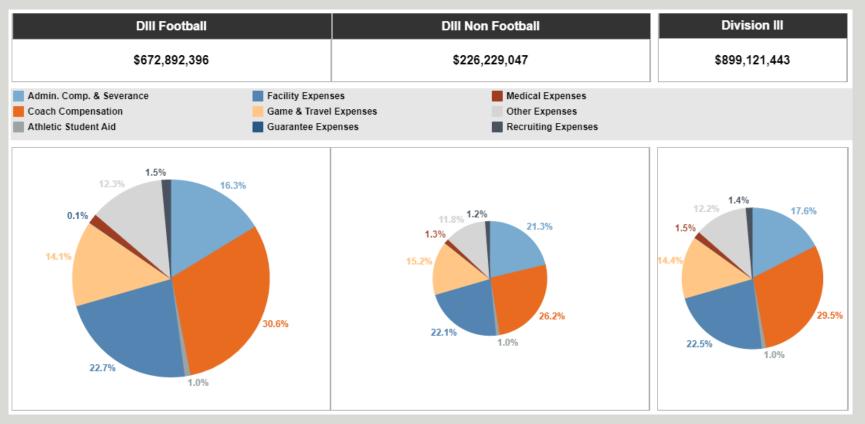
## Typical Costs to Operate – Division II



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#### **POLLING QUESTION**

## Question #2

## Which of the following had the greatest financial impact on your institution's athletic department?

- A. Decline in institutional support
- B. Reductions to NCAA distributions
- C. Reduced donor contributions
- D. Limited ticket and/or concessions sales
- E. Other





## COVID-19 challenges

Cancellation of the 2020 March Madness Tournament (and other national championships)

Most of the money the NCAA distributes to member schools comes from the television and marketing rights as well as ticket sales for the Division I Men's Basketball Championship. With the cancellation of the basketball tournament due to COVID-19, the approximately \$600 million amount budgeted for distribution was reduced to \$225 million.

Institutional response plans

In March 2020, institutions across the country transitioned to a remote learning environment. Many schools opted not to have students (or employees) return to campus in the fall. Student enrollment, already declining nationwide, suffered. Pay cuts and hiring freezes were not uncommon as institutions sought to reduce costs during the pandemic.

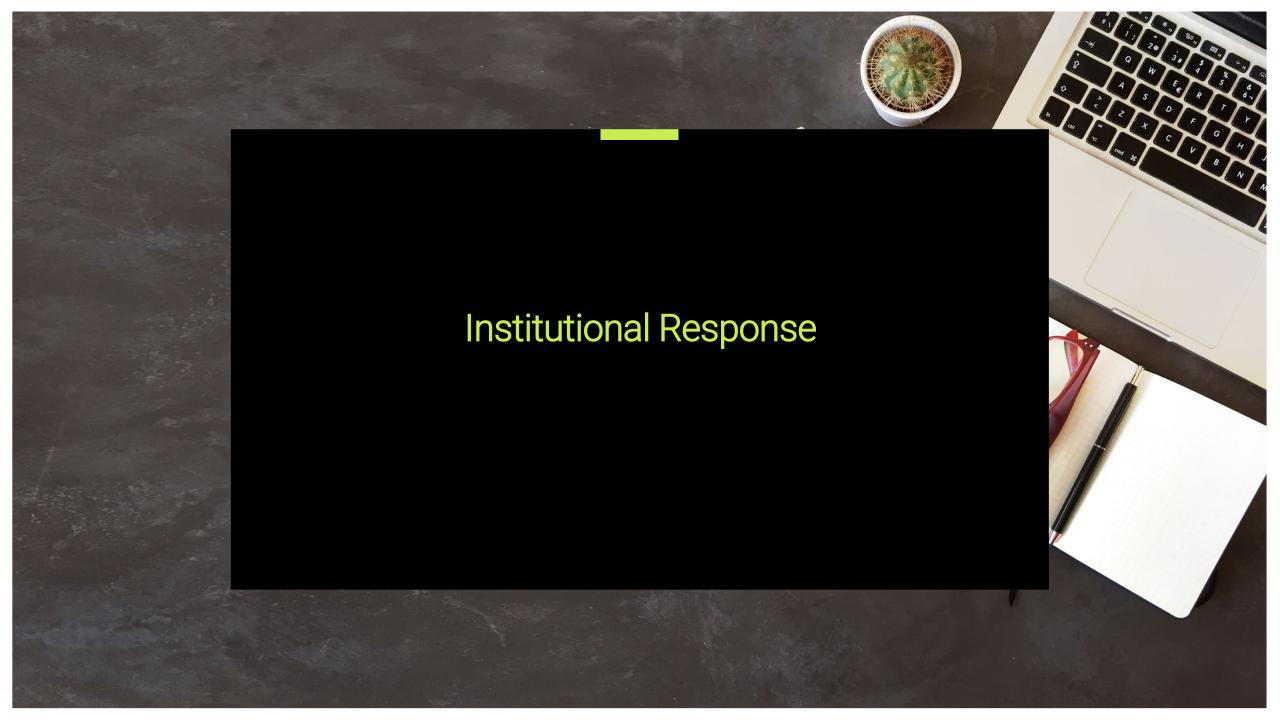
2020-2021 athletic season

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Not all athletics programs resumed competition in academic year 2021. For those that did, many saw schedule delays or adjustments including spectator limitations and the cancellation of some conference championships. The NCAA also suspended in-person recruiting until June 1, 2021.

COVID-19 safety protocols

With the resumption of educational and athletic activities, institutions implemented a variety of COVID-19 safety protocols to align with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations and to limit the spread of COVID-19 across campuses and local communities. The NCAA also released guidance that included frequent testing of athletics personnel.





#### **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE**

### Efforts to reduce costs and increase revenue

### Reduce costs

Limits on spending

Suspension of capital projects

Athletic program cuts

#### Increase revenue

Increase student fees

Build brand recognition

Expand fundraising opportunities



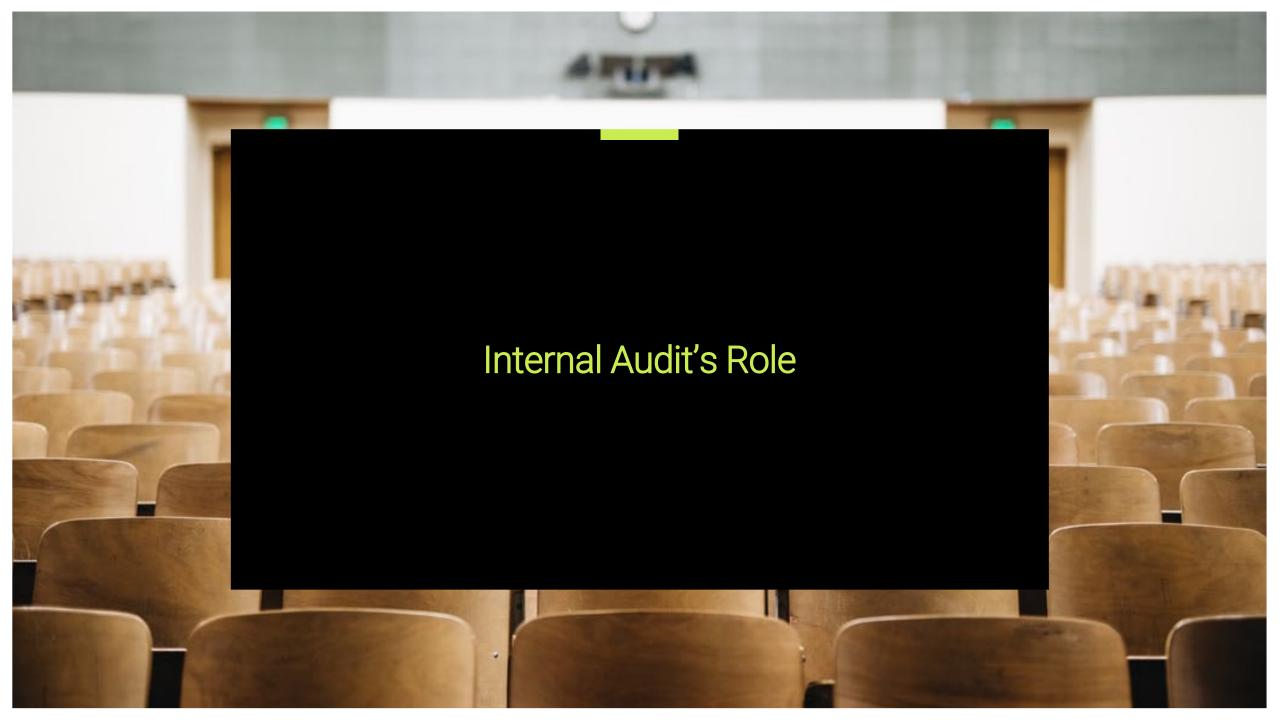
#### **POLLING QUESTION**

## Question #3

## How has your institution responded to financial challenges within athletics that were exasperated by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. Reduced team operating budgets or limited spending
- B. Eliminated programs
- C. Increased revenue-generating activities
- D. Other



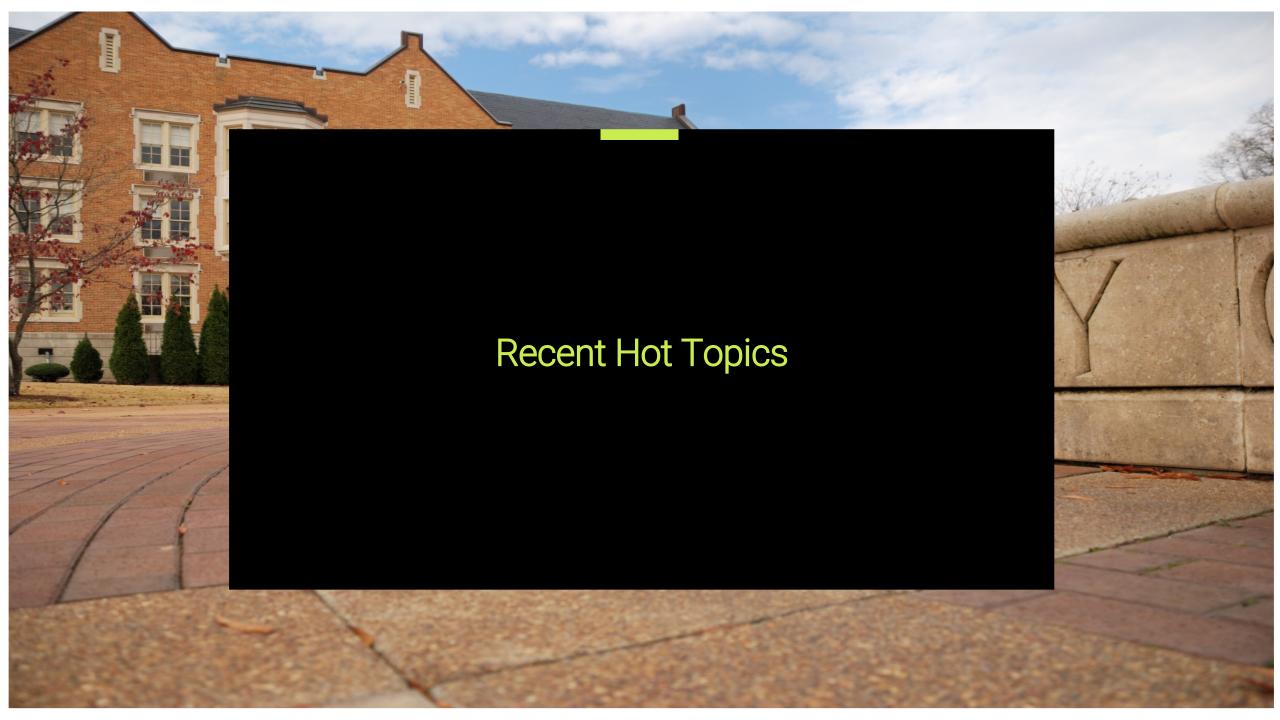




#### **INTERNAL AUDIT'S ROLE**

## How internal audit can help provide value

- Assess compliance with
  - Federal/State Regulations (e.g., Title IX)
  - NCAA bylaws (e.g., recruiting)
  - Institutional policies (e.g., use of institutional names/trademarks, COVID policies, etc.)
- Evaluate internal controls in place to support compliance or other operational objectives
- Identify real or potential risks to the athletic department and processes to mitigate those risks
- Assess direct and indirect departmental costs and revenue
- Evaluate the value proposition of athletics at the institution and make recommendations that align with strategic objectives



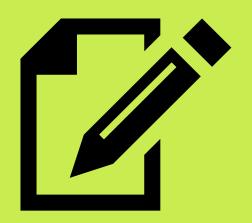


#### **POLLING QUESTION**

## Question #4

Has internal audit played a role in your institution's response to name, image, and likeness (NIL) rule changes?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I don't know





#### RECENT HOT TOPICS

## NCAA vs Alston Supreme Court Ruling

- The Supreme Court unanimously sided with former college players in a dispute with the NCAA about compensation, stating that NCAA policies violated anti-trust principles.
- The decision allows schools to provide their athletes with unlimited compensation if it is connected to their education.
  - This means athletes can be provided educational equipment such as laptops, tutoring services, study abroad opportunities, internships, and even cash rewards for academic accomplishments.
- The Court's decision in the Alston case established a framework for how NCAA rules related to compensation should be analyzed going forward – through ordinary "rule of reason" scrutiny under anti-trust laws.



Former West Virginia University running back, Shawne Alston, was the lead plaintiff for the case.



#### RECENT HOT TOPICS

## Name, Image, and Likeness Rule Change

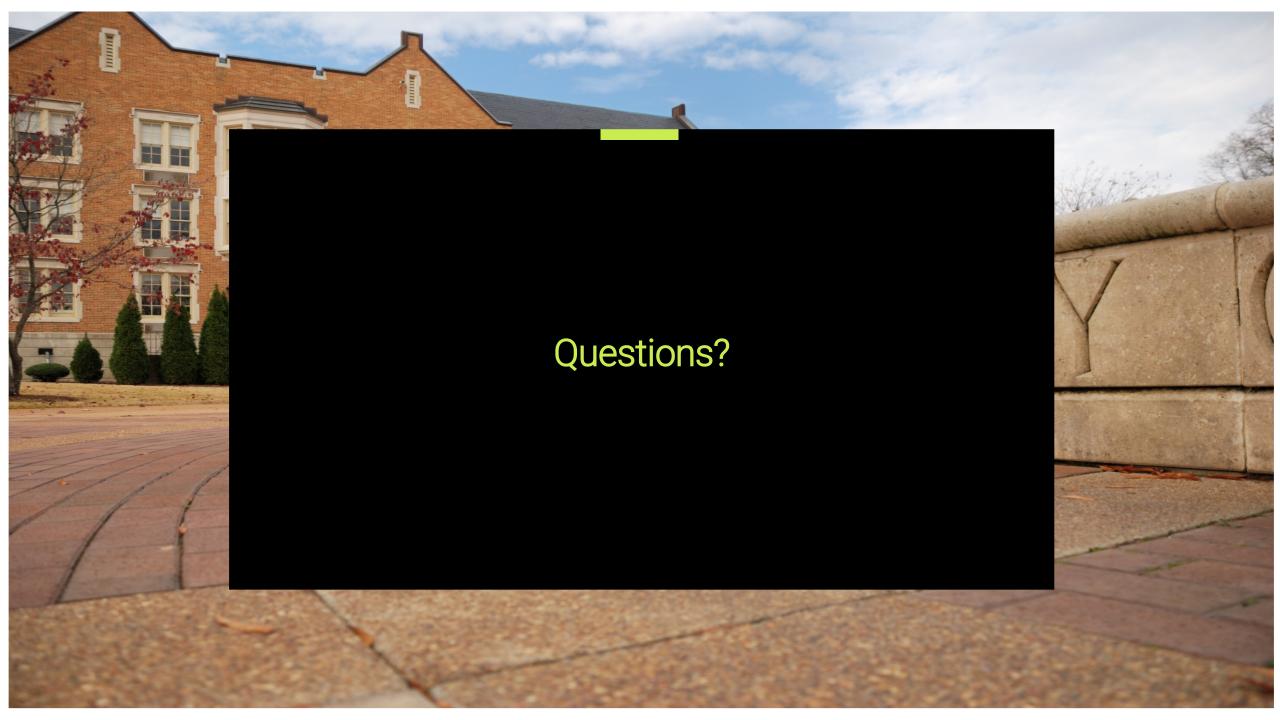
 Governance bodies in all three NCAA divisions adopted a uniform interim policy suspending NCAA name, image and likeness rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.

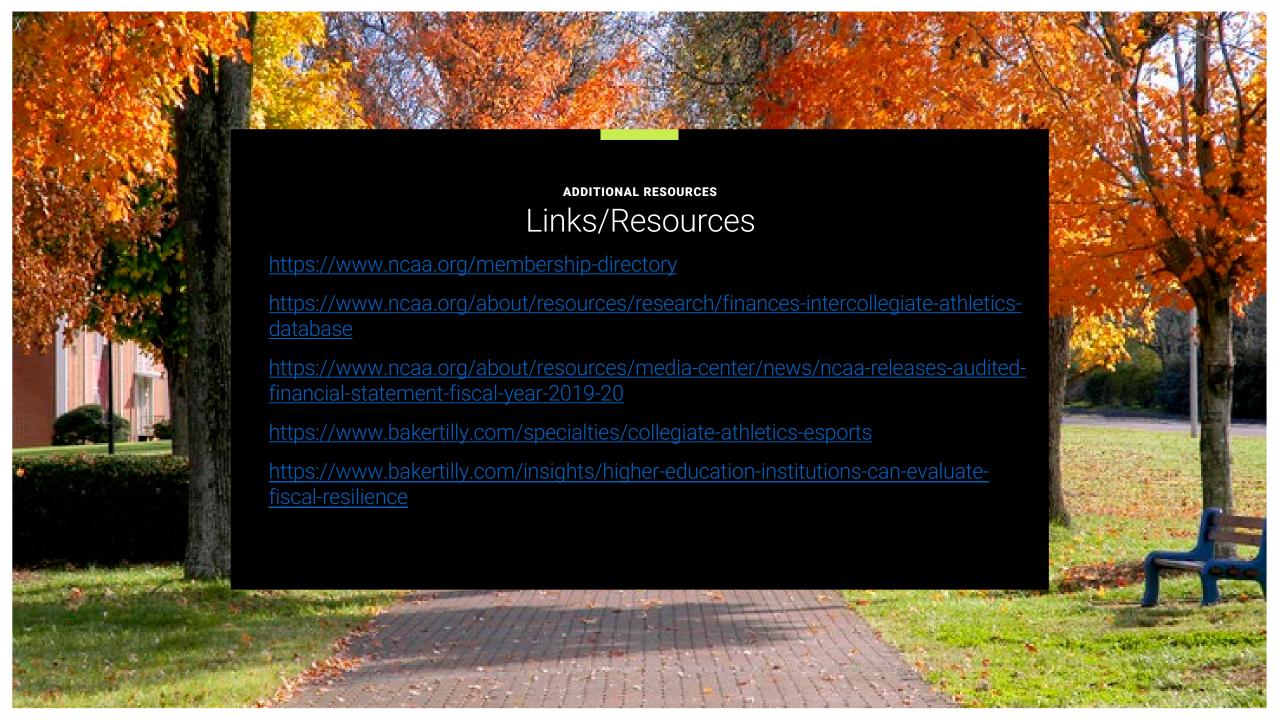
#### – What this means?

 Athletes can make money from a variety of sources including autographs, endorsement deals, appearances, and social media.

#### Potential impacts

- Tax consequences
- Need-based financial aid considerations
- Academic and/or athletic performance-related implications
- Recruitment repercussions
- Operational and compliance considerations
- Enforcement responsibility







#### **THANK YOU!**

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