

# COSMA

EXCELLENCE IN SPORT  
MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Advancing Excellence in Sport Management Education Worldwide

## 2023 Board of Commissioners Accreditation Actions

February 1-2, 2023, Meeting  
February 23, 2023, Virtual meeting  
September 29, 2023 Meeting

<b>Candidacy Status Decisions (ongoing)</b>		
Hiram College	Bachelor of Science in Sport Management	pending
Southern Connecticut University	Bachelor of Science in Sport Management	pending
Springfield College	Bachelor of Science in Sport Management Master of Science or Master of Education in Sport Management	pending
<b>Accreditation Status Decisions</b>		
University of Mount Union	Bachelor of Arts in Sport Business	Accreditation Deferred***
Davenport University	Bachelor of Business Administration, Sport Management	Accreditation Deferred***
Elon University	Bachelor of Science in Sport Management	Accreditation with Notes* and Observations**
American Public University System	Bachelor of Science in Sports Management Master of Science in Sports Management	Accreditation with Notes*
<b>Change of Scope</b>		
NONE TO DATE		
<b>Probation****</b>		
NONE TO DATE		

\*Notes represent areas in which COSMA's Accreditation Principles have not been fully met. The academic unit/sport management program is required to take action on Notes and has up to two years to eliminate the deficiencies identified in the Notes. Until the COSMA Board of Commissioners determines that these deficiencies have been eliminated, the progress made in ameliorating the deficiencies must be addressed each year in the academic unit/sport management program's Annual Report to COSMA.

\*\*Observations are suggestions for improvement that are intended to assist the academic unit/sport management program in achieving excellence in sport management education. Action on observations is recommended, but not required.

\*\*\*When an academic unit/sport management program seeking reaffirmation of accreditation is found to be in noncompliance with a number of COSMA principles, the Board of Commissioners may defer action until its next scheduled meeting (approximately 4-6 months). The academic unit/sport management program will continue to hold their accredited status through this process. A deferral is, in effect, a ruling of no action on accreditation at that time and, therefore, the action cannot be appealed. There are two major reasons for a deferral action: first, the deficiencies are extensive; and/or second, adequate information concerning compliance with principles was not included in the self study document or other related documents. Often, extensive deficiencies indicate adequate information has not been provided.

\*\*\*\*When the academic unit/sport management program is placed on probation, the academic unit/sport management program will be notified and requested to respond to the issues that caused it to be placed on probation. The issues must be remedied within the time frame specified by the COSMA Board of Commissioners; this time frame will not exceed one year.