COSMA
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Advancing Excellence in Sport Management Education Worldwide

2026 Board of Commissioners Accreditation Actions
February 6, 2026, Meeting
February 25, 2026, Meeting (virtual)
April 24, 2026, Meeting (virtual)
September 11, 2026, Meeting (virtual)

Candidacy Status Decisions (ongoing)		
Niagara University	Bachelor of Science, Sport Management Master of Science, Sport Management	Candidacy Status granted
Georgia State University	Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Sport Administration Master of Science in Sport Administration PhD in Kinesiology, Concentration in Sport Administration	Candidacy Status granted
Lancaster Bible College	Master of Science in Sport Management	Candidacy Status granted
Accreditation Status Decisions		

Springfield College	Bachelor of Science in Sport Management	Accredited with Observations[2]
Slippery Rock University	Bachelor of Science, Sport Business	Accredited with Notes[1] and Observations[2]
University of Louisville	Bachelor of Science in Sport Administration Master of Science in Sport Administration Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development, Specialization in Sport Administration	Accredited with Notes[1] and Observations[2]
Lancaster Bible College	Bachelor of Science, Sport Management (traditional) Bachelor of Science, Sport Management (online)	Reaffirmation of Accreditation with Notes[1] and Observations[2]
Change of Scope		
Accreditation Deferred[3]		
Probation[4]		
~~University of Mount Union~~	~~Bachelor of Arts, Sport Business~~	~~Probation[4]~~
~~Winthrop University~~	~~Bachelor of Science in Sport Management~~ ~~Master of Science in Sport and Fitness Administration (online)~~	~~Probation[4]~~
	Voluntary Withdrawal	
	Accreditation Denied[5]	

[1]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.

[2]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.

[3]Accreditation Deferred: An accreditation decision will be made when all information about the program is available.

[4] Probation: May occur when an academic unit/sport management program is on Administrative Probation and fails to respond or provide sufficient documentation of requested materials or corrective behavior.

[5] Accreditation Denied: If an institution loses its national/regional accreditation, or if an academic unit/sport management program is in significant noncompliance with COSMA's accreditation principles, the Board of Commissioners may deny accreditation.