NCAA Division I Governance Structure

Board of Directors

The highest-ranking governing body for Division I, with oversight of the Division I budget, select litigation matters and infractions processes.

Cabinet

Body with legislative and policy oversight of Division I, including the management of policies, procedures and specified areas in Bylaws 8, 10, 15, 16, 21.

Sports Oversight Committees

Each Division I championship sport has a committee responsible for playing rules, championships administration and specified regulatory areas such as recruiting and playing and practice seasons. FCS football and men's and women's basketball have separate sports committee responsible only for championships administration.

Academics and Eligibility Committee

Oversees all elements of athletics and academics eligibility, including final action on routine and noncontroversial matters of general academic and athletics eligibility policy.

Membership Committee

Strategically manages membership items, including but not limited to, reclassification processes and Division I membership requirements for active Division I institutions and conferences.

Academics Eligibility Subcommittee

Shapes academic **eligibility** policy and legislation affecting student-athletes, including eligibility, two-year **and four-year** college transfer rules, progress toward degree and academic integrity. The subcommittee also reviews appeals of academics-related interpretations, decisions and waivers and oversee key academic programs like the Academic Performance Program and degree completion initiatives.

Athletics Eligibility Subcommittee

Shapes nonacademic eligibility policy and legislation affecting student-athletes, including seasons of competition, awards and benefits unrelated to specified areas, involvement with professional teams, preenrollment athletics eligibility and agents. The subcommittee also reviews appeals of athletics eligibility interpretations, decisions and waivers.

Finance Committee

Assists the Division I Board of Directors in providing oversight and approval for the Division I annual budget and allocation of Division I revenue distribution.

Infractions Process Committee

Provides guidance and oversight on key, non-case-specific enforcement and infractions strategic issues.

Committee on Infractions

An independent administrative body charged with deciding infractions cases involving NCAA member institutions and their employees.

Infractions Appeals Committee

Affirms, vacates or remands findings, conclusions or appealable penalties of the Committee on Infractions involving Level I or Level II violations.

Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee (SAAC)

Represents the voice of Division I student-athletes. Each Division I multisport conference has a student-athlete representative.

Student-Athlete Engagement Groups

Provide an opportunity for Division I football and men's and women's basketball student-athletes to share their perspectives on key initiatives, policies and legislation that impact their sport.