



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 5, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **New NCAA Division I Governance Structure.** The NCAA Division I Board of Directors adopted the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group's package of recommendations (Attachment A). The recommendations streamline decision-making, increase student-athlete representation, maintain the tie between athletics and academics and decentralize certain regulatory areas.

Specifically, the Board of Directors adopted the following proposals as expedited legislation:

- NCAA Division I [Proposal No. 2025-21](#), to establish a new Division I governance structure and;
- [Proposal No. 2025-22](#), to federate the NCAA playing rules committee and eliminate the associated legislation for Division I.

Voting results:

- Consider as Expedited Legislation. For: 23 (Blais, Boyce, Bruzina, Davis, Emmanuel, Khosla, Livingstone, Marrero, McPhee, Mearns, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Poser, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Stenger, Taylor, Whitman); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0; Not Present: 1 (Bravman).
- Merits of Proposals. For: 21 (Blais, Boyce, Bruzina, Davis, Emmanuel, Livingstone, Marrero, McPhee, Mearns, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Poser, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Stenger, Taylor, Whitman); Opposed: 2 (Khosla, Reed); Abstentions: 0; Not Present: 1 (Bravman).

The board also adopted a resolution (Attachment B), which specifies that the following commitments will be maintained for at least five years from August 5, 2025, barring: (a) Changes to the intercollegiate athletics landscape that cause disruption in the efficient administration of the division or the Association; (b) Circumstances in which significant values are at stake for the division or the Association; or (c) Issues are identified that could cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or Division I membership:

- Current Division I institutions and conferences that remain in compliance with the membership standards in place at the time of the adoption of the Decision-Making Working Group's recommendations by the Board of Directors will retain their active Division I membership status.
- There shall be no additional changes to subdivisional representation or voting weights in the revised governance structure, including that weighted voting will not apply to decisions related to the administration of championships.

The recommendation from the Decision-Making Working Group was that the above commitments would be maintained for at least three years and the proposed resolution did not include references to the threshold of a two-thirds majority vote of the Division I membership to amend legislation related to access to national championships and revenue distribution. The Board of Directors amended the proposed resolution to include those provisions and the five-year commitment.

Voting results:

- Amend the Resolution. For: 18 (Bruzina, Davis, Emmanuel, Khosla, Livingstone, Marrero, McPhee, Mearns, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Poser, Reed, Rogers, Sandoval, Sands, Stenger, Taylor); Opposed: 5 (Blais, Boyce, Pines, Ross, Whitman); Abstentions: 0; Not Present: 1 (Bravman).
- Resolution as Amended. For: 23 (Blais, Boyce, Bruzina, Davis, Emmanuel, Khosla, Livingstone, Marrero, McPhee, Mearns, Noland, Page, Pietruszkiewicz, Pines, Poser, Reed, Rogers, Ross, Sandoval, Sands, Stenger, Taylor, Whitman); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0; Not Present: 1 (Bravman).

Lastly, the board approved a series of referrals to the new governance structure, including a review of the infractions process and a systematic review of the legislation to decentralize rules that will not remain as national standards. (See Attachment A for a list of additional referrals.) The board added a referral to the NCAA Division I Administrative Committee to determine whether to codify a policy to preclude duplication of conference representation on sports oversight committees and championships subcommittees. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

2. **Moratorium on New Applications for Reclassification.** The Board of Directors adopted emergency legislation ([Proposal No. R-2025-1](#)), which establishes a moratorium on new applications for reclassification from Division II and Division III to Division I. The moratorium shall be in place until February 2027 and does not apply to institutions that have received a written invitation or letter of interest from a conference or have submitted a written letter of interest to join a conference before August 5, 2025. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

The Decision-Making Working Group recommended and the Board of Directors referred a review of the reclassification process requirements to the new NCAA Division I Membership Committee, acknowledging the shifting intercollegiate landscape and its impact on current Division I members. It is anticipated that the Membership Committee will be asked to finalize its review of the membership reclassification standards by January 2027, prior to the opening of the application window in February 2027 for schools applying for Division I membership by the June 1, 2027, deadline.

3. **House Injunction Implementation Update.** The Board of Directors adopted [Proposal No. 2025-23](#) as emergency legislation. The proposal identifies additional areas in which other rules and further clarification related to the *House* injunction are necessary, including regulations regarding benefits cap accounting and roster limitations. In addition,

the board received an update on editorial revisions that have been made to the injunction-related legislation pursuant to the authority previously provided to the NCAA staff. The revisions are included in [Proposal No. ER-2025-8](#).

4. **Introduction of Legislation to Amend the Basketball Performance Funds.** Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee, the Board of Directors introduced legislation to codify recommended adjustments to the revenue distribution formula for the men's and women's basketball performance funds to add units for the semifinals and finals of the championships. Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 20.01.3 (Revenue Guarantee) and its subsections, changes to the revenue distribution formulas require a vote of the Division I membership for approval. The introduced proposal will be considered by the membership during the 2026 NCAA Convention. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)
5. **Congressional Engagement Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on recent congressional engagement including the "Saving College Sports" executive order and a summary of the SCORE Act.
6. **Update from the College Sports Commission.** The Board of Directors received an update from Bryan Seeley, chief executive officer of the College Sports Commission, which included an overview of the work the CSC has done since the *House* settlement was approved in June along with CSC staffing updates.
7. **NCAA President's Report.** The Board of Directors received an update from President Baker regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I.
8. **NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The Board of Directors received an update on the Board of Governors upcoming meeting and provided feedback on key agenda items.
9. **Legal Update.** The Board of Directors received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, chief legal officer, related to ongoing legal matters.
10. **Report of the June Board of Directors Meeting.** The Board of Directors approved the report of its June 23 meeting. (*Unanimous voice vote.*)

Board of Directors chair: Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Atlantic Coast Conference

Staff Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance
Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance
Jenn Fraser, Division I Governance
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance

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Attendees:	
Janna Blais, Northwestern University; Women Leaders in College Sports.	
Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi; Southeastern Conference.	
Pam Bruzina, University of Missouri, Columbia; FARA.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas; ASUN Conference.	
Josh Emmanuel, University of Incarnate Word; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Pradeep Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Big West Conference.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University; Big 12 Conference.	
Kyle Marrero, Georgia Southern University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Sidney McPhee, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.	
Geoff Mearns, Ball State University; Mid-American Conference.	
Brian Noland, East Tennessee State University; Southern Conference.	
Meredith Page, Radford University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	
Chris Pietruszkiewicz, University of Evansville; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Darryll Pines, University of Maryland, College Park; Big Ten Conference.	
Susan Poser, Hofstra University; Coastal Athletic Association.	
Mark Reed, Loyola University Chicago; Atlantic 10 Conference.	
Philip Rogers, East Carolina University; American Athletic Conference.	
Quinton Ross, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.	
Brian Sandoval, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.	
Tim Sands, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Harvey Stenger, Binghamton University; America East Conference.	
Jaime Taylor, Lamar University; Southland Conference.	
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Division I Council.	
Absentee:	
John Bravman, Bucknell University; Patriot League.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Jessica Presnall, Big 12 Conference.	
Bryan Seeley, College Sports Commission.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Leeland Zeller.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker, Abbey Bales, Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Casiero, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Haydyn Gibson, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Higgins, Lynn Holzman, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Mario Morris, Emma Potter, Stephanie Quigg, Bridget Rigney, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Lynda Tealer and Meghan Wright.	



Final NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group Report

Background

In January, the Board of Directors appointed the Decision-Making Working Group to develop a new way of making decisions in Division I. The working group used feedback from the Division I membership, affiliate organizations and ideas from the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee to guide its discussion and assist in the development of concepts and recommendations.

During its first meeting, the working group established a **guiding statement** to reference while developing concepts: *“Representation, authority and governance structures should reflect practical realities. Student-athlete voice and representation need to be a feature of the future structure. The future structure should be flexible, defensible, adaptable, predictable, accessible, straightforward and be boldly different from the model that exists today. Aspirationally, a condition of membership will be a consent to be governed, and the reimagined structure should be credible and regain public trust. Finally, each subdivision should have independence to make decisions that directly affect their unique circumstances.”*

While developing initial concepts, the working group was guided by **key planks of reform**:

- The governance structure should be streamlined and have fewer layers, allowing decisions to be made more quickly.
- Committees should be smaller and have the opportunity to make decisions within their purview.
- Conferences should be empowered to fill committee vacancies with preferred candidates.
- The number of student-athletes on committees should increase.
- Each Division I championship sport should have a single committee responsible for legislation governing recruiting and playing and practice seasons, and for championships administration and playing rules in the sport. Each sport oversight committee should have authority to determine what is best for the sport.

The recommendations in this report demonstrate the working group’s commitment to **reinforcing the tie between college athletics and the academy, protecting athletics opportunities and providing a sustainable environment for the division**.

In addition, the working group underscored the importance of preserving the current division dominant legislation (revenue distribution and championships access) and processes. Voting on division dominant legislation must occur at an annual or special Convention, is subject to the one-institution-one-vote standard and requires at least a two-thirds majority vote of all Division I delegates present and voting. **No changes to the division dominant legislation were considered by the working group.**

Streamlined Governance Structure

In the current governance structure, there are over 44 Division I committees with 528 Division I committee members. The new structure includes 30 committees with 487 Division I committee members. Such a structure ensures less bureaucracy and faster decision-making.

An enhanced representative structure will be developed for each committee. Committee representatives will be assigned groups that they will represent and be expected to engage with

prior to and after meetings. NCAA staff will develop the representative models and start working on outreach and engagement for the committee members who are assigned the respective groups.

In the new streamlined structure, the working group proposed the following committees:

- **The Division I Board of Directors** will remain as the highest-ranking governing body for Division I with oversight of the Division I budget, select litigation matters and infractions processes.
- **The Administrative Committee** is the body with legislative and policy oversight, including the management of policies, procedures and specified areas in Bylaws 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21.
- **The Academics and Eligibility Committee** will report to the Administrative Committee and—via two subcommittees—will have oversight over academics generally, and minimum standards for academic and athletics eligibility.
- **The Membership Committee** will strategically manage membership items, including, but not limited to, reclassification processes and Division I membership requirements for active Division I institutions and conferences.
- **The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** will continue to represent the voice of Division I student-athletes. Each Division I multisport conference will continue to have a student-athlete representative.
- **Sport-Specific Oversight Committees** will report to the Administrative Committee and will have authority over legislation governing playing and practice seasons, recruiting (subject to Administrative Committee review), and authority over Division I playing rules and championship administration. Sport oversight committees already exist in football (Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision) and men's and women's basketball.

In the structure, approximately 65% of the votes are weighted to autonomy conferences on governance committees and applicable sport oversight committees. If fewer than four autonomy conferences sponsor a sport, the votes of autonomy conference representatives and success conference representatives are combined to reach approximately 65% of the votes.

The working group concluded that if members with weighted votes are aligned on an item, they will hold the majority of votes. Should a member with a weighted vote disagree with the other members with weighted votes, at least one committee member with a single vote must join the remaining members with weighted votes in order to secure the majority.

Increased Student-Athlete Voice

From Congress to campus, the need to increase the student-athlete voice was shared. In response to this feedback, the working group increased the number and voting percentage of student-athletes on committees, with an emphasis on including men's and women's basketball and football student-athletes. With approval of the new structure, student-athlete representation more than doubled, with student-athletes serving on almost every committee in the new structure.

In collaboration with the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the working group recommended SAAC report to the Board of Directors, develop a form to gather student-athlete

feedback and increase its collaboration with the current football and men's and women's basketball connection groups.

Meredith Page, Chair of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and NCAA Decision Making Working Group Member:

The student athlete voice has never been more important, and I am incredibly proud to have served as the student-athlete representative on the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group. This group was charged with a task that was both timely and necessary: modernizing the Division I decision-making structure to ensure that the NCAA governance process reflects the complexity and urgency of today's college sports landscape, while preserving the foundational commitment to student-athletes and the academy.

From the beginning, we approached this work with intention. We addressed structural, communication, and decision-making challenges. More importantly, we centered the principle that student-athletes are not just recipients of decisions; they must be critical contributors to them. Whether about structure or voting, the message stayed consistent: student-athletes must have a clear, consistent, and respected voice.

This new governance model brings a transformational increase in student-athlete representation across Division I, including:

- *A substantial rise in the number of high-profile-sport athletes serving on NCAA committees.*
- *Division I SAAC reporting to the NCAA Board of Directors, providing student-athletes with direct access to the highest level of governance.*
- *The formal integration of the NCAA Football, Men's Basketball, and Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Groups into the governance structure and Division I SAAC's efforts.*
- *Expanded opportunities for student-athletes to serve on sport-specific committees.*

Together, these changes embed student-athlete perspectives deeply into Division I governance and set a new standard for meaningful engagement.

While this proposal is a step forward, it is not a final destination. Reform is not a single moment; it is a sustained commitment. As the national level decentralizes, it is essential that student-athletes expand their access, influence, and representation at the conference and subdivisional levels.

To every student-athlete...your voice matters, it mattered through this process, and it will matter even more as we move forward. I'm honored to have played a role in this process, and I look forward to watching this new era of Division I governance take shape.

Our passion will drive us, but it's our impact that will define us.

Sport Specific Approach

Currently, football, men's basketball and women's basketball have oversight committees with authority to adopt legislation, subject to review by the NCAA Division I Council, related to the sport in the following areas:

- Conduct of athletics personnel (NCAA Bylaw 11);

- Recruiting (Bylaw 13);
- Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17);
- Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship (Bylaw 31); and
- Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors.

The working group recommended that Division I championship sports consolidate their administrative structures and mirror this approach by establishing a single committee for each sport that is responsible for **legislation governing recruiting, playing and practice seasons, championships administration and playing rules**. Championship subdivision football and men's and women's basketball each have a separate sport committee responsible only for championships administration.

This approach streamlines the decision-making process and promotes a cohesive approach to governance. With the elimination of the current Division I Sports Oversight Committee, the recommendation would empower each sport oversight committee to make decisions within its specific areas of responsibility. The composition of each sport oversight committee includes autonomy conferences, success conferences and at-large representatives, among others.

Success in team sports is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships—excluding the First Four in men's and women's basketball. Success in individual-team sports is defined as total number of points scored by a conference in the previous five NCAA championships.

Weighted voting on sport oversight committees will only apply to regulatory and nonchampionship administrative issues and **will not** apply to championship administration decisions. Championship administration decisions include:

1. **Selection criteria;**
2. **Selection of teams and individuals;**
3. **Competition format;**
4. **Selections of sites (nonpredetermined and predetermined);**
5. **Selection of officials;**
6. **Institutional and individual eligibility questions;**
7. **Date formulas and schedules;**
8. **Squad size (i.e., the student-athletes eligible to compete; if applicable, by sport);**
9. **Awards program;**
10. **National statistics program; and**
11. **Misconduct and failure to adhere to policies and procedures.**

National Standards and Emphasis on Decentralization

In addition to revising the current governance structure, the working group also discussed possible areas for decentralization. The working group coalesced around the following regulatory topics as “national standards”:

- Minimum athletics eligibility rules (e.g., outside activities, period of eligibility, transfer eligibility);
- Institutional control, ethical conduct (e.g., sports wagering);
- Minimum academic standards (e.g., eligibility, full-time enrollment, academic performance program, progress toward degree);
- Minimum membership requirements;
- National championships administration by sports oversight committees;
- Recruiting regulations; and
- Regular season start and end dates.

The working group recommended decentralizing other regulatory areas that are currently applicable to all of Division I. Decentralization will allow subgroups (subject to a risk assessment), conferences or institutions to establish regulations in areas that are no longer identified as national standards.

The working group also recommended a modification to the 11 areas of legislation currently designated as areas of autonomy to allow those areas to be acted on by each subdivision. Importantly, this recommendation included a requirement that subdivisional proposals will be subject to a risk assessment.

Legislative processes associated with decentralization will be developed by each subgroup, subject to review by the Administrative Committee.

Effective Dates

The below effective dates apply for the future governance structure:

- September 1: Board of Directors, Board Executive Subcommittee, Administrative Committee, Membership Committee, all sport oversight committees and playing rules subcommittees to align with Divisions II and III.
- November 1: Academics and Eligibility Committee.
- January 15, 2026: Board of Directors Finance Committee.

Referrals and Commitments

The working group outlined certain topics and priorities for new committees to discuss. Some referrals included requests to determine committee meeting cadence and review the relationship between the Board of Directors and Board of Governors. Additional referrals are included in the working group’s PowerPoint.

The working group's final recommendations included the following commitments, which, for a period of at least five years, will be maintained, barring: (a) Changes that would cause disruption in the efficient administration of the division or Association; (b) Circumstances in which significant values are at stake; or (c) Issues identified that could cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or Division I membership. The commitments are:

- (1) Current Division I institutions and conferences that remain in compliance with the membership standards in place at the time of the adoption of the recommendations by the Board of Directors will retain their Division I status.
- (2) There shall be no additional changes to subdivisional representation or voting weights in the revised governance structure.

The Board of Directors adopted a resolution to emphasize the importance of these commitments.

Transition Committee

To facilitate the prompt and orderly population of committees in the new governance structure, the working group identified representatives of a Transition Committee. Comprised of individuals from the membership, the Transition Committee will provide guidance on items related to committee appointments and address issues or questions that arise related to the implementation and/or operation of the new governance structure. Adoption of the working group recommendations included the appointment of the Transition Committee.

Conclusion

Each recommendation is rooted in keeping student-athletes and the commitment to academics at the forefront of Division I intercollegiate athletics. The working group deliberated a variety of impactful items in a short period of time. While this report includes multiple recommendations, the working group is aware there is still much to be discussed.

Every recommendation was thoughtfully considered and formally voted on by the working group. While not all votes were unanimous, members agreed to advance the final package, confident in the thorough review process and the ample opportunities provided to share individual perspectives. The group's collaborative approach—through in-person sessions, virtual meetings, and one-on-one staff consultations—fostered a well-rounded and inclusive ideation process.

While this is a time of change, this is also an enormous opportunity. The working group looks forward to the implementation of a new structure that provides the membership the opportunity to make well-informed decisions more quickly and with less bureaucracy.

Members of the Division I Decision-Making Working Group

Members of the Division I Decision-Making Working Group include:

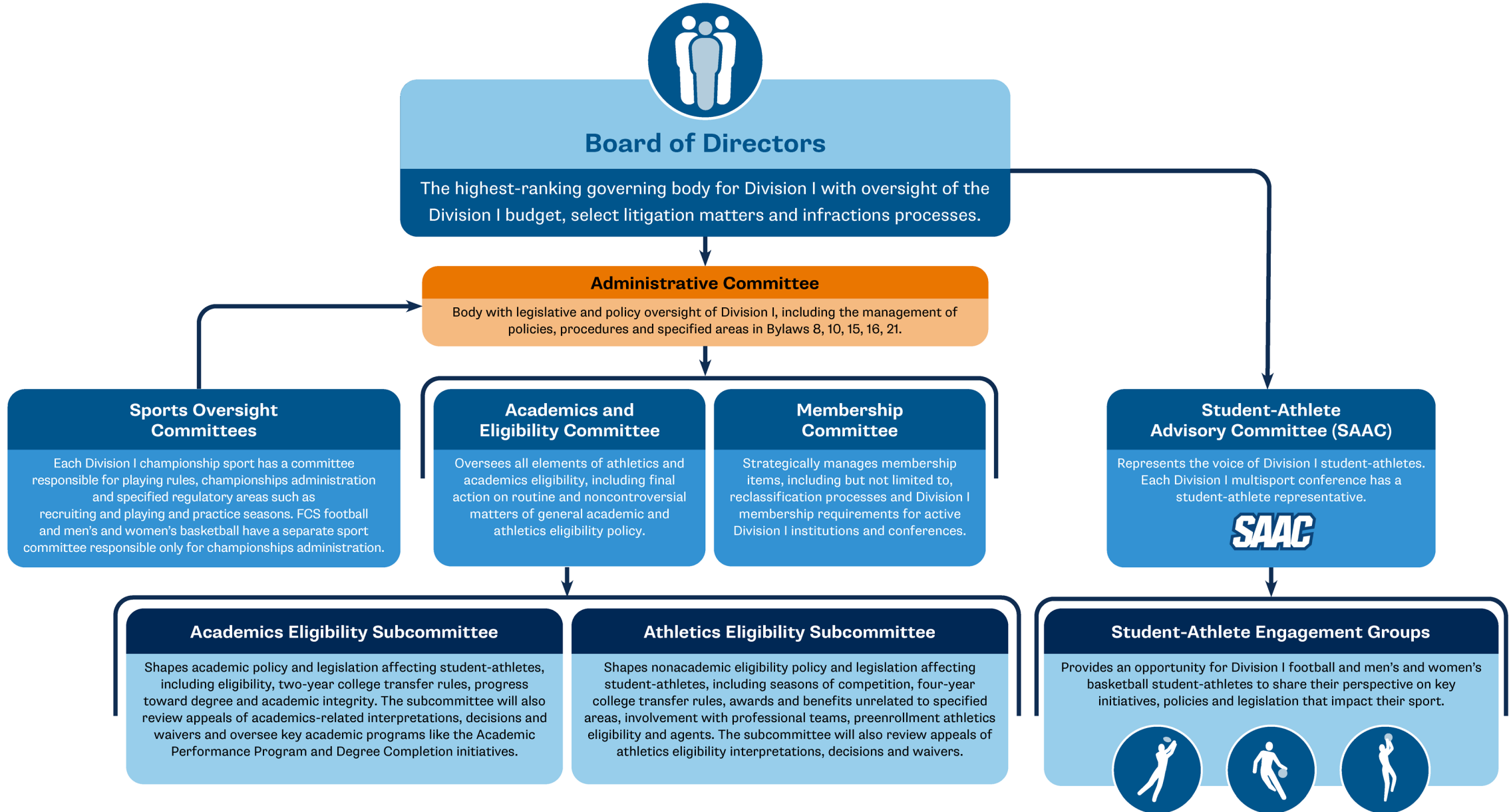
- Glenn Boyce, Chancellor, University of Mississippi – Southeastern Conference
- Janet Cone, Director of Athletics, University of North Carolina Asheville – Big South Conference
- Bubba Cunningham, Director of Athletics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – Atlantic Coast Conference
- Houston Davis, President, University of Central Arkansas – ASUN Conference

- Keith Gill, Commissioner - Sun Belt Conference
- Travis Goff, Director of Athletics, University of Kansas – Big 12 Conference
- Colleen Hanycz, President, Xavier University – Big East Conference
- Jennifer Heppel, Commissioner - Patriot League and CCA22
- Linda Livingstone, President, Baylor University – Big 12 Conference
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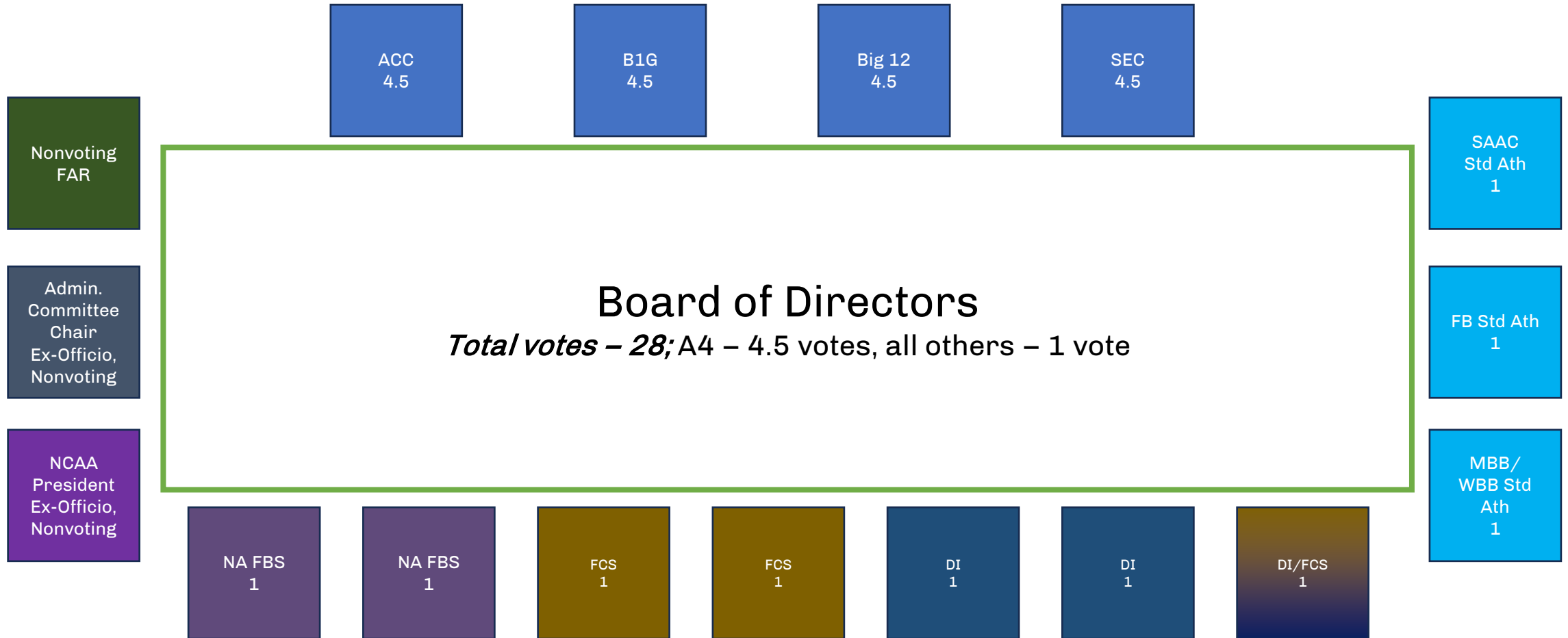


Division I Decision-Making Working Group Final Recommendations

NCAA Division I Governance Structure



Board of Directors Composition – 17 Members, 14 Voting



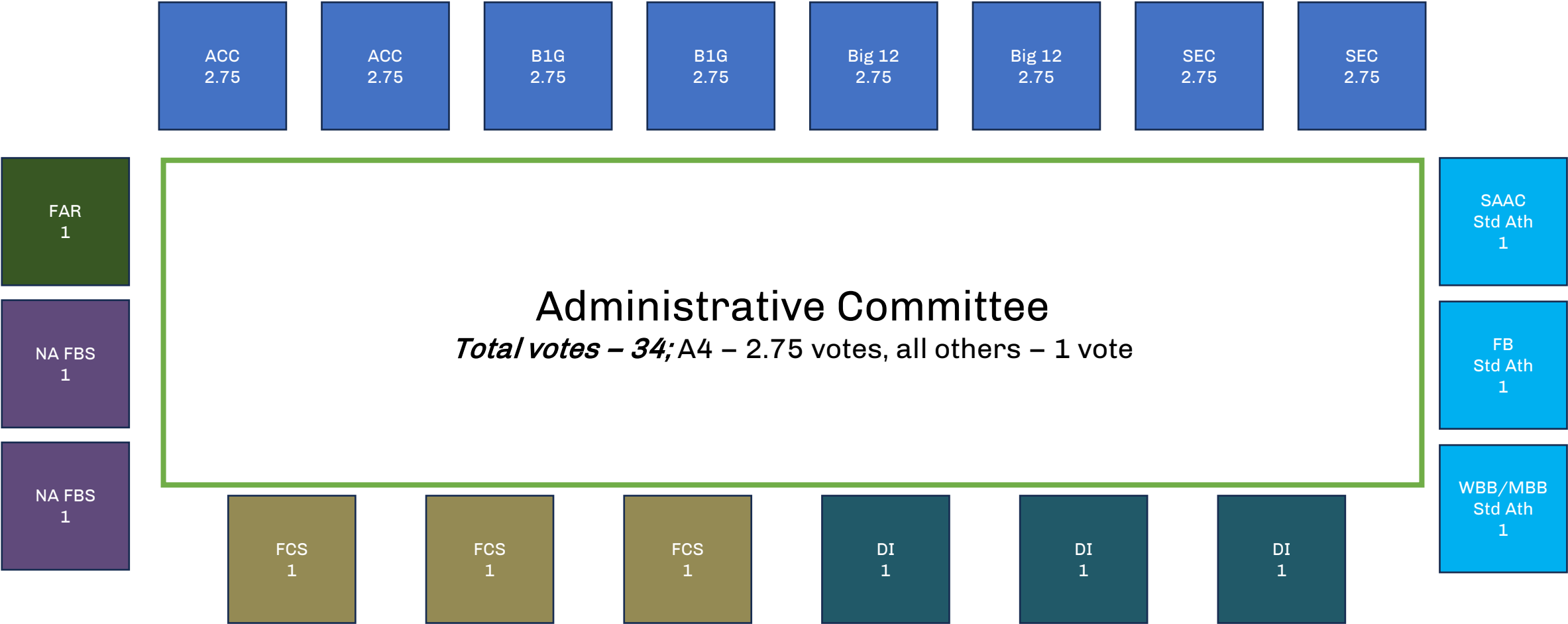
Preferred student-athlete composition: At least one must be “high profile” (e.g., recruited and receiving direct NIL payments from school).

Board of Directors

Duties and Responsibilities: Overall governing body for Division I with the authority to ratify, amend or defeat any legislative or policy decisions made by the Administrative Committee. The board shall have responsibility for financial oversight of the Division I budget and Division I litigation. It shall also serve as the final authority on academic policies and non-case specific infractions items.

1. Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in intercollegiate athletics and its relationship to higher education;
2. Review and set parameters that guide and determine present and future decisions, embracing general goals and acceptable procedures;
3. Delegate to the Administrative Committee responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate;
4. Receive and act upon reports from the Administrative Committee, Academics and Eligibility Committee, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee;
5. Review and ratify policies and procedures governing the infractions program;
6. Approve an annual Division I budget;
7. Approve regulations providing for the expenditure of funds and the distribution of income consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 20.01.3; and
8. Collaborate with NCAA staff, as necessary, to determine how the national office can best serve the Division I membership.
 - Advise the Board of Governors concerning the employment of the NCAA president and concerning the oversight of the president's employment.

Administrative Committee – 20 Members, 20 Voting



Preferred student-athlete composition: At least one must be “high profile” (e.g., recruited and receiving direct NIL payments from school).

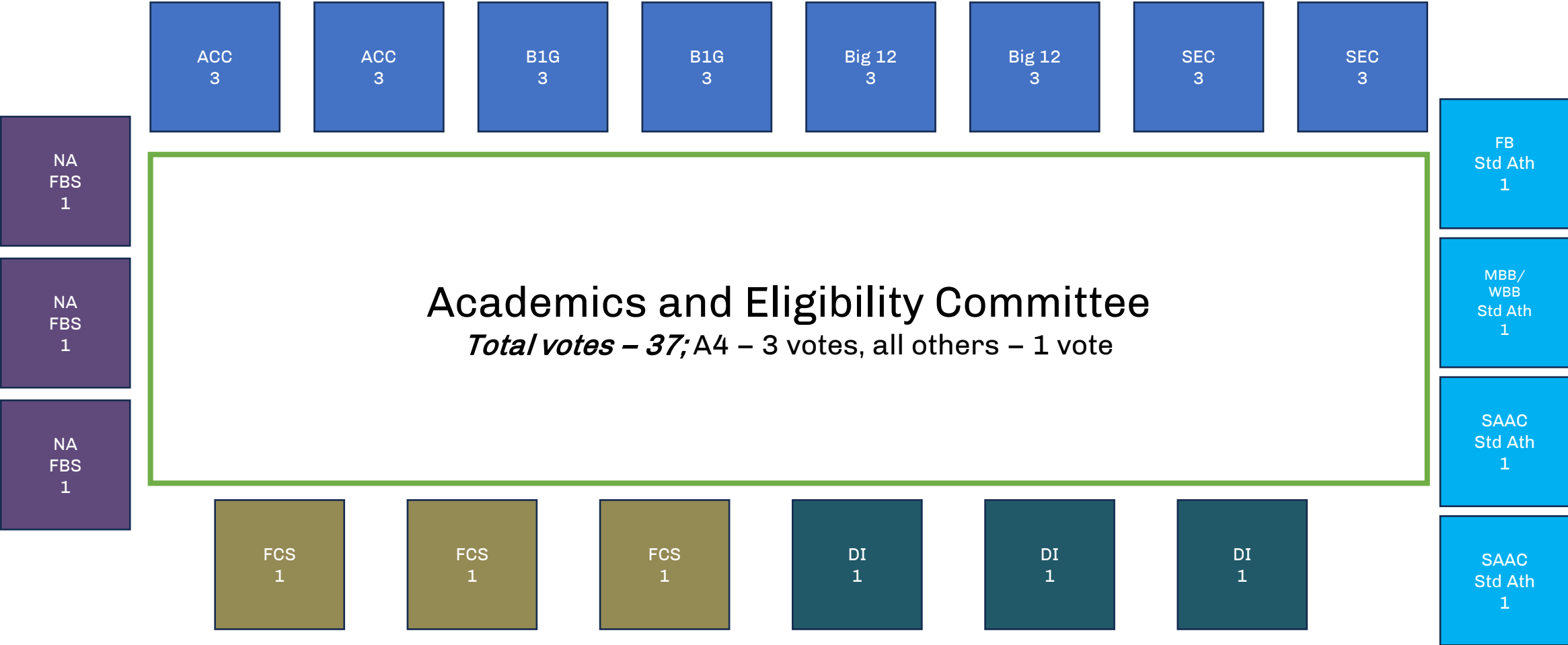
Administrative Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: Legislative oversight, policies and procedures, other bylaws (8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 unless included in the settlement).

1. Along with the Board of Directors, provide strategic direction on key issues impacting Division I;
2. Take final action on matters delegated to it by the Board of Directors;
3. Provide strategic direction to, and review and act on recommendations from the Academics and Eligibility Committee and Membership Committee;
4. Oversee the appointment of members of the Administrative Committee;
5. Oversee Division I membership requirements and processes;
6. Elect institutions to active Division I membership and approve reclassifying institutions within Division I [e.g., Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) to Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS)];
7. Receive and act upon reports from Association-wide committees;
8. Monitor and track the effectiveness, operations and policies and procedures of Division I committees; and
9. Oversee interpretations of Division I bylaws.

Some of the Administrative Committee's work may be done in a subcommittee designed to address matters of a routine or administrative nature (e.g., review of Administrative Committee meeting agendas, appointment of new members to the Administrative Committee) between regularly scheduled Administrative Committee meetings.

Academics and Eligibility Committee – 21 Members, 21 Voting

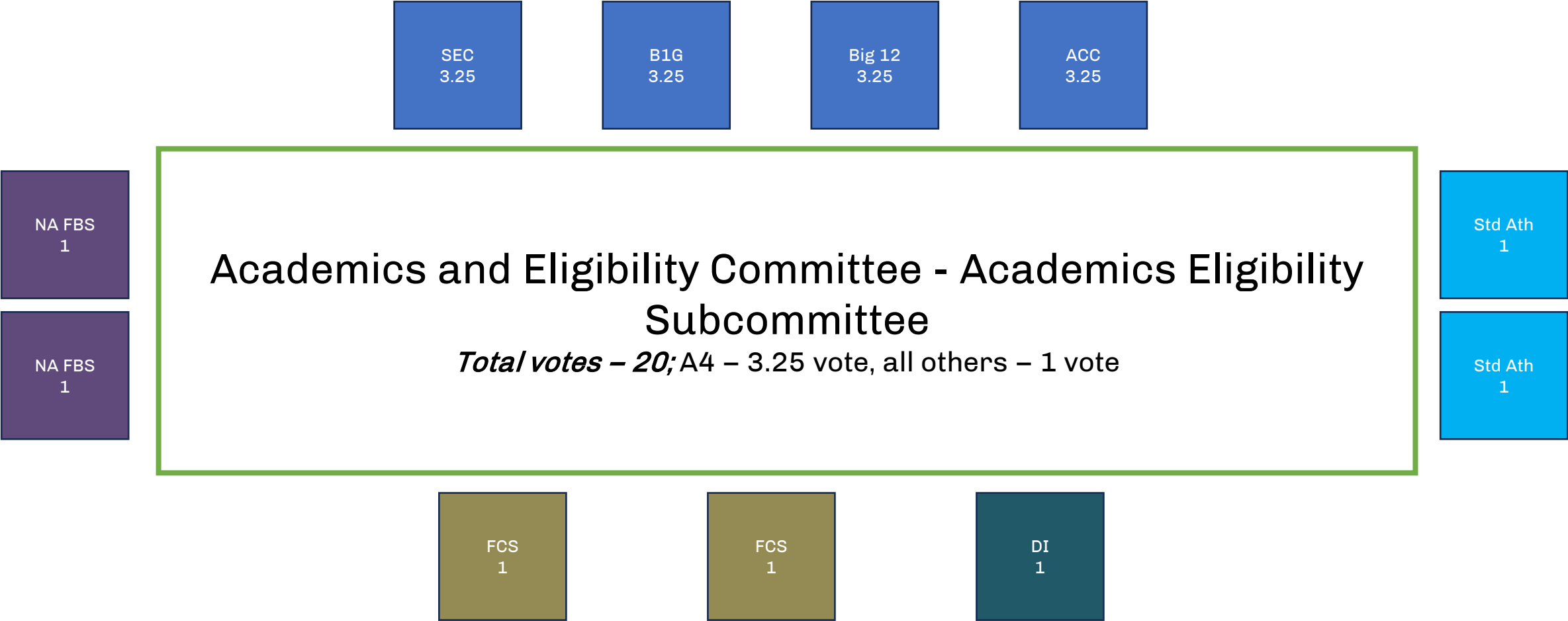


Composition Requirements: Two FARs from Autonomy conferences and two from the remaining conferences.

Preferred student-athlete composition: At least one must be “high profile” (e.g., recruited and receiving direct NIL payments from school).

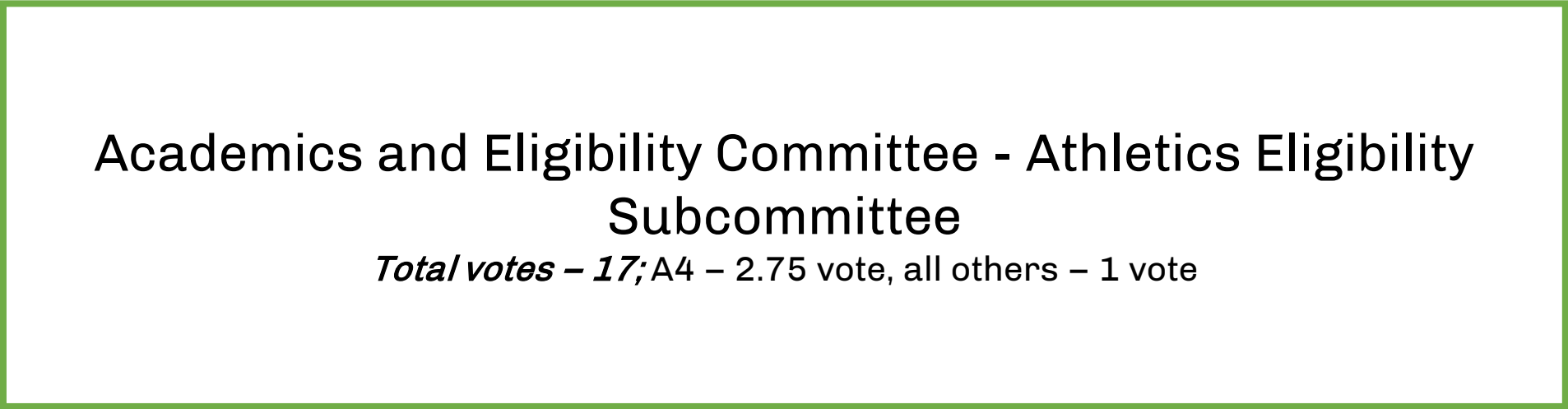
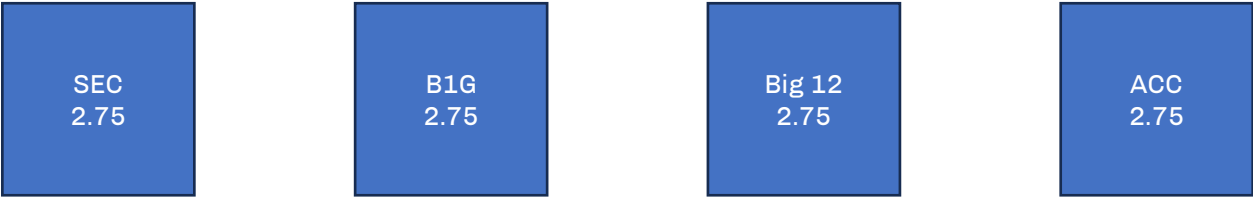
Academics and Eligibility Committee – Academics Eligibility Subcommittee

11 Members, 11 Voting



Academics and Eligibility Committee – Athletics Eligibility Subcommittee

10 Members, 10 Voting



Academics and Eligibility Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: All elements of athletics and academic eligibility.

The committee has the authority to take final action on routine and noncontroversial matters of general academic and athletics eligibility policy, subject to oversight by the Administrative Committee. The scope and breadth of duties of the Academics and Eligibility Committee requires a subcommittee structure.

The **Academic Eligibility Subcommittee** shall:

1. Study issues and make policy or legislative recommendations concerning academic matters that impact student-athletes;
2. Be responsible for review and consideration of the portions of the legislation that relate to principles of sound academic requirements;
3. With oversight from the Administrative Committee, make legislative and policy recommendations related to:
 - a. Initial eligibility;
 - b. Two-year college transfers;
 - c. Progress toward degree; and
 - d. Academic integrity.
4. Perform all duties directly related to interpretations, including determining interpretations, identifying interpretations to be incorporated into the Division I Manual, modifying interpretations, reviewing interpretations issued by the academic and membership affairs staff and responding to requests from member institutions to interpret bylaws in the areas listed in No. 3 above;
5. Review and act upon appeals of staff decisions on initial eligibility, two-year college transfer and progress-toward-degree waivers, maintain associated waiver guidelines and provide annual reports on waiver decisions to the Administrative Committee;
6. Receive and act upon reports from the High School Review and International Student Records Committees;

Academics and Eligibility Committee

The **Academic Eligibility Subcommittee** shall:

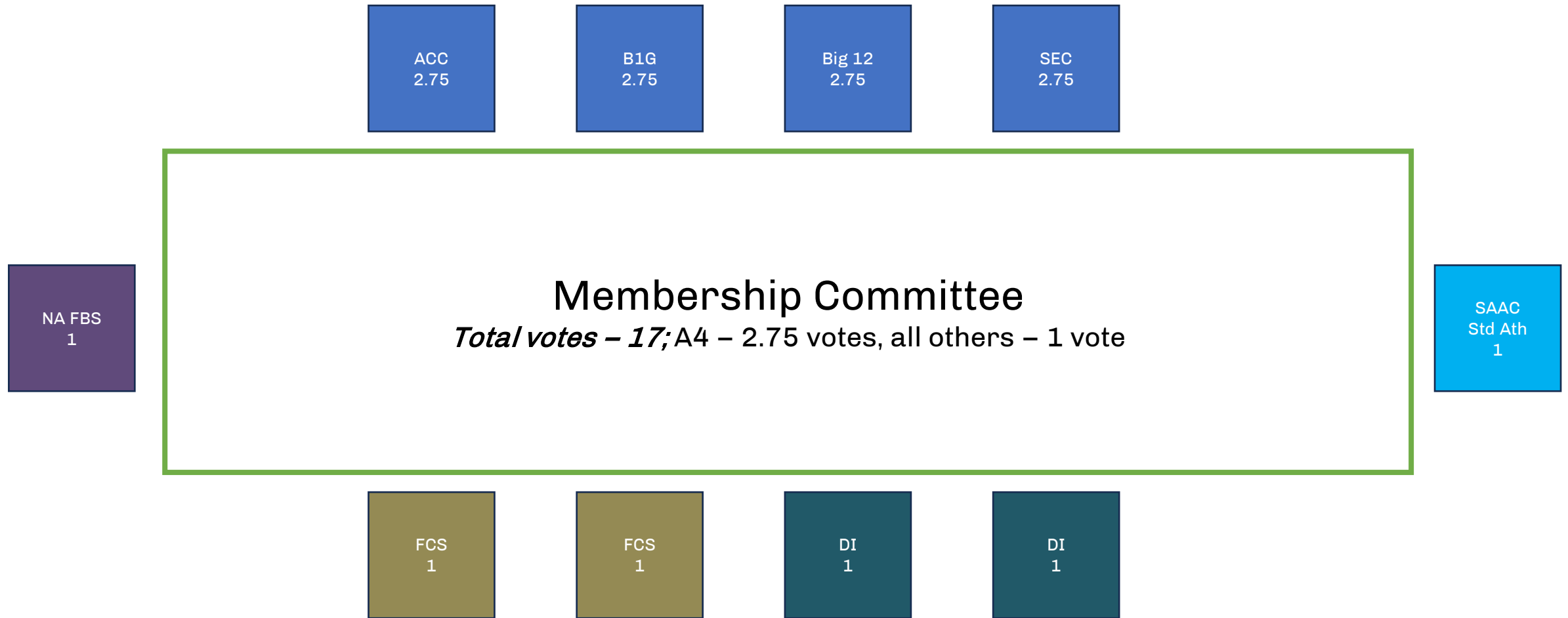
7. Manage the Academic Performance Program and Graduation Passport Program;
8. Perform all duties directly related to the administration of the APP, including interpretations of APP legislation and policies, hearing appeals (or waiver requests) of institutions or teams subject to penalties or loss of access to postseason and any other matters of appeal pursuant to the legislation and policies and procedures of the APP;
9. Oversee activation of the Academic Values-Based Revenue Distribution and monitor the academic metrics upon which distribution is based;
10. Oversee the Degree Completion program;
11. Oversee the Accelerating Academic Success program;
12. Maintain relationships between the Association and the nation's two-year colleges as represented by established regional and national organizations; and
13. Administer and oversee any other academic matters not otherwise specified, as directed by the Administrative Committee.

Academics and Eligibility Committee

The Athletics Eligibility Subcommittee shall:

1. With oversight from the Administrative Committee, make legislative and policy recommendations related to:
 - a. Four-year college transfers;
 - b. Period of eligibility and seasons of competition;
 - c. Awards and benefits unrelated to the House settlement;
 - d. Involvement with professional teams;
 - e. Preenrollment athletics eligibility; and
 - f. Professional sports agents.
2. Perform all duties directly related to interpretations, including determining interpretations, identifying interpretations to be incorporated into the Division I Manual, modifying interpretations, reviewing interpretations issued by the academic and membership affairs staff and responding to requests from member institutions to interpret bylaws in the areas listed in No. 1 above;
3. Maintain the previously approved request list for student-athlete reinstatement;
4. Review and act upon appeals of staff decisions on legislative relief waiver requests related to the areas outlined in No. 1 above and provide annual reports of legislative relief waiver decisions to the Administrative Committee; and
5. Review and act upon appeals of staff decisions on student-athlete reinstatement requests and provide annual reports of reinstatement decisions to the Administrative Committee.

Membership Committee – 10 Members, 10 Voting



No conference personnel are permitted to serve on the committee.*

**The working group proposed this prohibition due to potential conflicts of interest that could arise.*

Membership Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: Division I conference and school membership requirements.

1. Oversee the reclassification policies and processes for schools reclassifying to Division I:
 - a. Review and consideration of membership applications;
 - b. Review and consideration of annual reports from institutions in the membership process; and
 - c. Make recommendations regarding the election of institutions to active Division I membership.
2. Oversee and manage conference membership requirements:
 - a. Review and consider applications for conference membership; and
 - b. Monitor conference membership requirements and make recommendations regarding the membership status of conferences that fail to comply with requirements.
3. Oversee and manage institutional membership requirements; and
 - Monitor compliance with institutional membership requirements and make recommendations regarding the membership status of institutions that fail to comply with requirements.
4. Manage additional membership issues, as necessary.



Sports Oversight Committees

Sport Oversight - Universal Questions

The following questions were discussed by the working group. The text in **red** are working group responses to the questions.

- Where separate sports oversight committees are established for each gender of a particular sport, can those committees have membership based on sponsorship or do the committees for both genders need to be the same size? **Sport sponsorship should dictate size of the committee.**
- Because there is benefit to having administrators engaged in championship selection, but rules subcommittee work benefits from the perspective of coaches and other nonadministrators, should the general approach to managing rules subcommittee work include the use of subcommittees that are permitted to include outside individuals, like coaches, to review playing rules issues? **Each sport oversight committee should have a rules subcommittee, which may include individuals who are not on the overall committee.**
- Who determines the composition of the playing rules subcommittee of each sport oversight committee? **Each sport oversight committee is empowered to determine the composition of its playing rules subcommittee. For sport oversight committees of each gender (basketball, lacrosse and soccer), oversight committees should give due weight to equity.**
- Can committees have outside members who are also voting members (e.g., coaches association, USOPC reps, etc.)? **No. Committees may invite subject-matter experts to meetings, as needed.**

Sport Oversight - Universal Questions

- Should weighted voting on sport oversight committees apply only to regulatory issues and not championship administrative issues? **Yes. Weighted voting should only apply to regulatory and nonchampionship administrative issues.**
- Could one criterion for the student-athlete representative be that the student-athlete's school has participated in the postseason in the last few years? **Yes.**

Context for Sport Oversight Committees

When fewer than four autonomy conferences sponsor a sport, the votes of autonomy conferences and success conferences will be combined.

The working group concluded that if autonomy conferences and success conferences are aligned on an item, they will hold the majority of votes. Should a member from an autonomy conference or success conference defect, the remaining autonomy and success conferences will require the vote of another committee member to secure the majority.

In accordance with this principle, the weighted voting percentage for sport oversight committees may fluctuate between approximately 59-65%.

For committees in which fewer than four autonomy conferences sponsor a sport and the combined autonomy and success seats outnumber the at-large and student-athlete seats, weighted voting will not be applied. This principle generally applies to committees with fewer members.

Sports Oversight Committee Topics

Weighted Voting

- Weighted voting will apply to regulatory and nonchampionship administrative issues.

Examples of Regulatory and Nonchampionship Administrative issues

- Playing rules changes and modifications:
 - No weighted voting in the playing rules subcommittees; playing rules subcommittees will forward recommendations to the oversight committees
- Legislation and policies in the following areas:
 - Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;
 - Conduct of athletics personnel;
 - Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season;
 - Playing and practice seasons; and
 - Recruiting.
- Interpret legislation and policies in the areas noted above.

Please note, this slide was prepared in response to questions from the Council. The DMWG did not review these specific details but did specify that weighted voting will not apply to any decision pertaining to championships administration.

Sports Oversight Committee Topics

Unweighted Voting

- Unweighted voting will apply to championship administration decisions.
- Some issues will be addressed by the full oversight committee while others will remain under the authority of the championship subcommittee.

Full Oversight Committee Areas	Championship Subcommittee Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection criteria• Approval of automatic qualifiers and related waivers• Competition format (bracket size, seeding/pairing principles, and bracketing principles)• Selection of predetermined sites• Date formulas• Travel party, bench size, and squad size (i.e., the student-athletes eligible to compete)• Awards program• National statistics program• Administer drug testing program in conjunction with NCAA championship events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection of teams and individuals• Selection of nonpredetermined sites• Bracket and field determinations (e.g., assignment of seeds, pairings, field/draw assignment)• Selection of officials• Institutional and individual eligibility questions concerning championship selections• Misconduct and failure to adhere to policies and procedures

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Sports Oversight Committee Topics

Weighted vs. Unweighted Voting

- Examples – Women's Soccer
 - Weighted voting (action by the full oversight committee):
 - Add two weeks to the playing season.
 - Further, shift the start of the postseason to one week later (change to championship date formula) to help manage the addition of two weeks to the season.
 - Unweighted voting (action by the full oversight committee):
 - Expand the field from 64 to 72 teams.
 - Unweighted voting (action by the championship subcommittee):
 - Select 32 first round sites.
- Examples – Baseball
 - Weighted voting (action by the full oversight committee):
 - To permit the use of the double first base in postseason competition.
 - Unweighted voting (action by the full oversight committee):
 - Change seeding principles to 50% of the selected field (from 25%).
 - Unweighted voting (action by the championship subcommittee):
 - Apply a penalty for baseball championship misconduct.

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Committee Composition Key

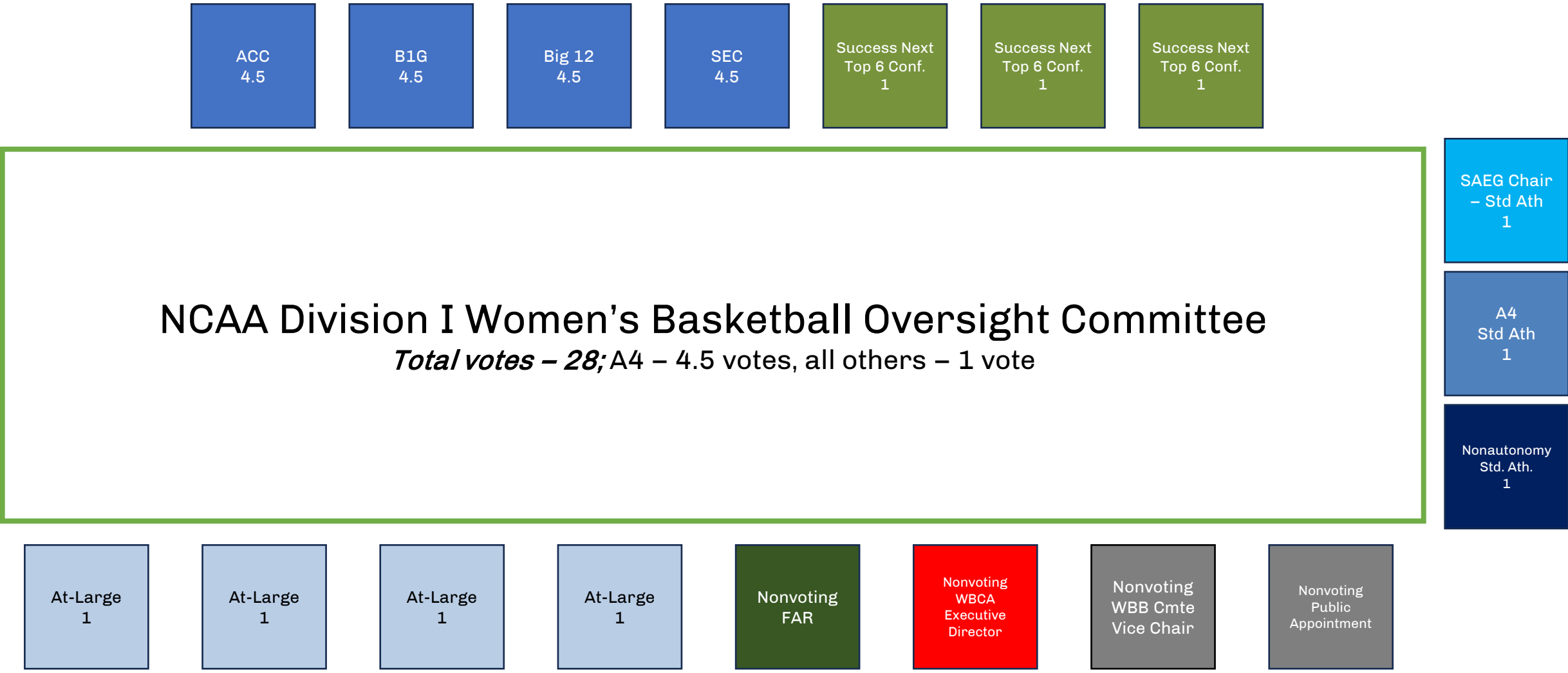
SEC	B1G	Big 12	ACC	Autonomy Conferences
A4 Comm	Autonomy Conference Commissioner			
A4 Std Ath	Autonomy Conference Student-Athlete			
A4 HC	Autonomy Conference Head Coach			
NA FBS	Nonautonomy Football Bowl Subdivision			
NA FBS Comm	Nonautonomy Football Bowl Subdivision Commissioner			
FCS	Football Championship Subdivision			
FCS Comm	Football Championship Subdivision Commissioner			
DI	Division I Subdivision			
DI Comm	Division I Subdivision Commissioner			

CCA2 2	FCS and Division I Subdivision Conferences	Non-voting CFP	Nonvoting Member from College Football Playoffs
S	Success	Non-voting Rules Editor	Nonvoting Secretary-Rules Editor Member
AL	At-Large from remaining conferences	Non-voting Officials Coord.	Nonvoting Coordinator of Officials/Assignor
AL Comm	At-Large Commissioner from remaining conferences		
AL HC	At-Large Head Coach from remaining conferences	FAR	Faculty Athletics Representative
HC	Head Coach	Non-Voting Coach Assoc	Nonvoting Coaches Association
Success Top 7 Conf.	Basketball Specific – Success from Top 7 Conferences	Std Ath	Current Student-Athlete
Non-autonomy	Basketball Specific – Nonautonomy	At-Large Std Ath	Current At-Large Student-Athlete
WBOC Member	Basketball Specific – Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Member	Former Std Ath	Former Student-Athlete



Women's Basketball Oversight Committee

Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Composition – 18 Members, 14 Voting



Composition Requirements: Each subgroup of tiles must include one head coach.

Women's Basketball Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee shall:

1. Maintain appropriate oversight of women's basketball;
2. Oversee playing rules governing women's basketball;
3. Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in women's basketball;
4. Adopt legislation and policies related to women's basketball in the following areas:
 - a. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;
 - b. Conduct of athletics personnel;
 - c. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship;
 - d. Playing and practice seasons; and
 - e. Recruiting.
5. Provide feedback to relevant committees regarding the impact of policy and legislative changes in areas not listed above;
6. Make recommendations to the Academics and Eligibility Committee on academic issues, seasons of competition and general eligibility requirements;
7. Interpret legislation and policies related to women's basketball as noted in No. 4 above;

Women's Basketball Oversight Committee

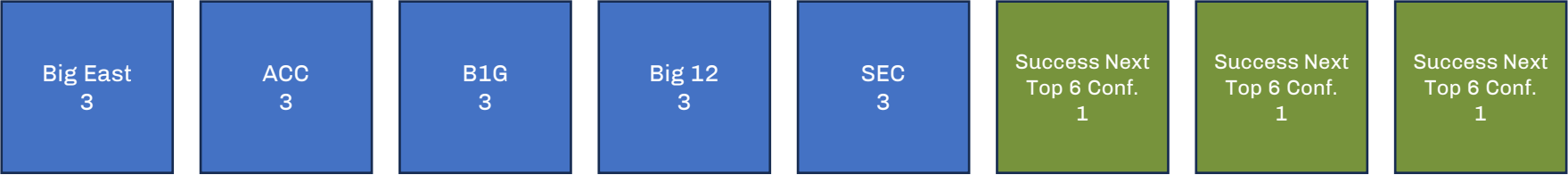
Duties and Responsibilities: The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee shall:

8. Enhance the development and public perception of women's basketball;
9. Prioritize enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience (academically and athletically), and in doing so, promote student-athletes' personal growth and leadership development;
10. Work in conjunction with appropriate governance entities to provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of women's basketball student-athletes; and
11. Review and provide approval of recommendations from the Women's Basketball Committee, including team selection procedures and championship site selection, and process other issues related to the administration and conduct of the championship.



Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Composition – 20 Members, 15 Voting



NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee
~65% Weighted Voting for A4 Conferences and Big East Conference
Total votes – 25; A4 and Big East – 3 votes, all others – 1 vote



Composition Requirements: Each subgroup of tiles must include one head coach.

Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee shall:

1. Maintain appropriate oversight of men's basketball;
2. Oversee playing rules governing men's basketball;
3. Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in men's basketball;
4. Adopt legislation and policies related to men's basketball in the following areas:
 - a. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;
 - b. Conduct of athletics personnel;
 - c. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship;
 - d. Playing and practice seasons; and
 - e. Recruiting.
5. Provide feedback to relevant committees regarding the impact of policy and legislative changes in areas not listed above;
6. Make recommendations to the Academics and Eligibility Committee on academic issues, seasons of competition and general eligibility requirements;
7. Interpret legislation and policies related to men's basketball as noted in No. 4 above;

Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

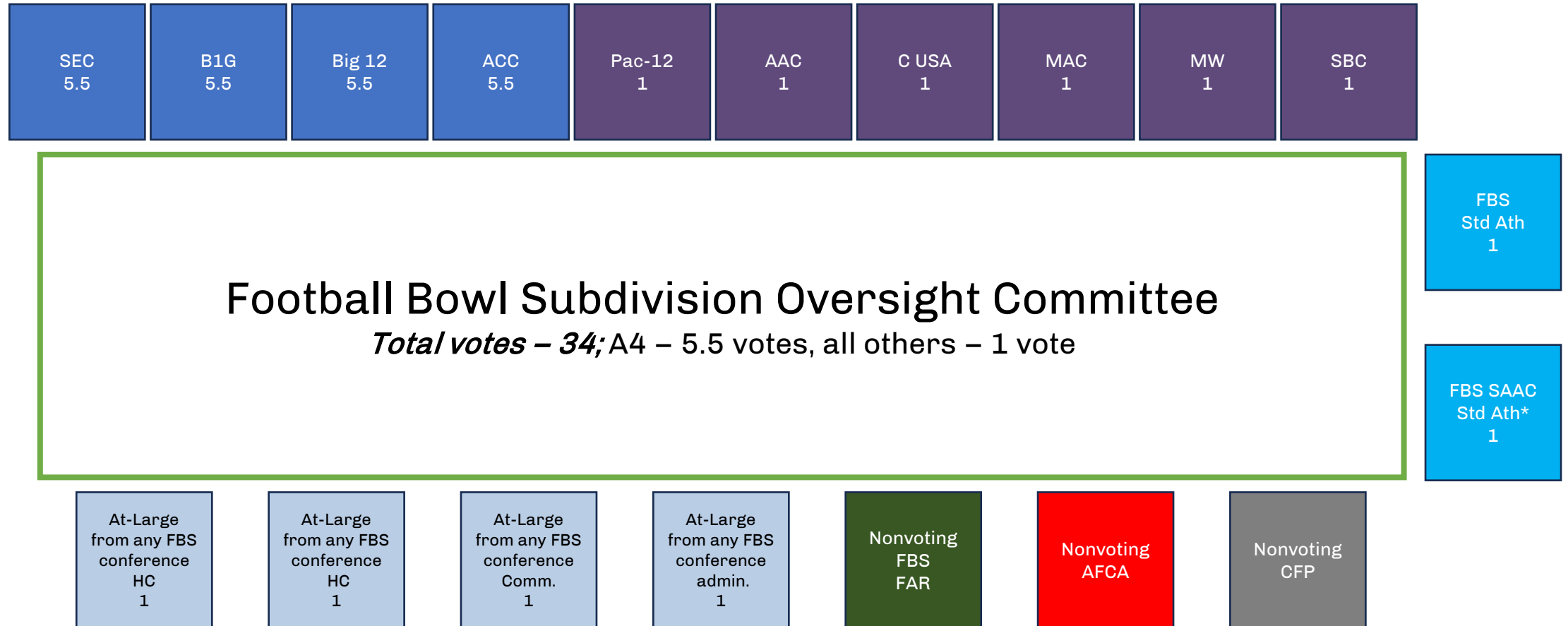
Duties and Responsibilities: The Men's Basketball Oversight Committee shall (cont.):

8. Enhance the development and public perception of men's basketball;
9. Prioritize enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience (academically and athletically), and in doing so, promote student-athletes' personal growth and leadership development;
10. Work in conjunction with appropriate governance entities to provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of men's basketball student-athletes; and
11. Review and provide approval of recommendations from the Men's Basketball Committee, including team selection procedures and championship site selection, and process other issues related to the administration and conduct of the championship.



Football Oversight Committees

Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee – 19 Members, 16 Voting



Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee shall:

1. Maintain appropriate oversight of bowl subdivision football;
2. Oversee playing rules governing bowl subdivision football;
3. Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in bowl subdivision football;
4. Adopt legislation and policies related to bowl subdivision football in the following areas:
 - a. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;
 - b. Conduct of athletics personnel;
 - c. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and postseason bowls, as applicable;
 - d. Playing and practice seasons; and
 - e. Recruiting.

Oversight committee action in these areas is not final until after the next Administrative Committee meeting.

5. Provide feedback to relevant committees regarding the impact of policy and legislative changes in areas not listed above;
6. Make recommendations to the Academics and Eligibility Committee on academic issues, seasons of competition and general eligibility requirements;
7. Interpret legislation and policies related to bowl subdivision football as noted in No. 4 above;

Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee shall (cont.):

8. Enhance the development and public perception of bowl subdivision football;
9. Prioritize enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience (academically and athletically) and in doing so, promote student-athletes' personal growth and leadership development;
10. Work in conjunction with appropriate governance entities to provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of student-athletes;
11. Supervise procedures related to postseason bowls; and
12. Review and decide requests for legislative relief from the application of all postseason bowl game requirements.

Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 15 Voting



Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee shall:

1. Maintain appropriate oversight of championship subdivision football;
2. Oversee playing rules governing championship subdivision football;
3. Address future issues, challenges, opportunities and outcomes, focusing on strategic topics in championship subdivision football;
4. Adopt legislation and policies related to championship subdivision football in the following areas:
 - a. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;
 - b. Conduct of athletics personnel;
 - c. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship;
 - d. Playing and practice seasons; and
 - e. Recruiting.

Oversight committee action in these areas is not final until after the next Administrative Committee meeting.

5. Provide feedback to relevant committees regarding the impact of policy and legislative changes in areas not listed above;
6. Make recommendations to the Academics and Eligibility Committee on academic issues, seasons of competition and general eligibility requirements;
7. Interpret legislation and policies related to championship subdivision football as noted in No. 4 above;

Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Duties and Responsibilities: The Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee shall (cont.):

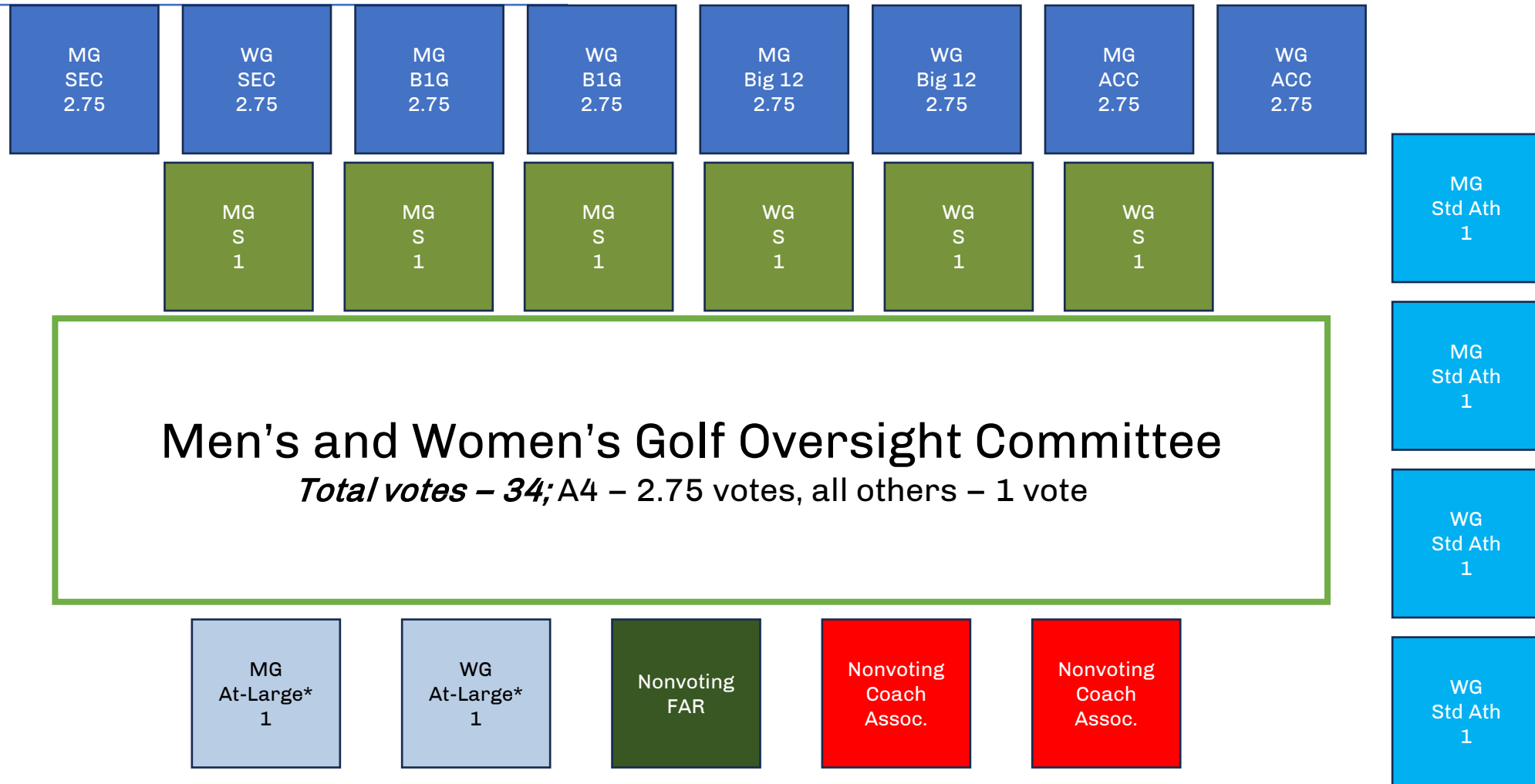
8. Enhance the development and public perception of championship subdivision football;
9. Prioritize enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience (academically and athletically) and in doing so, promote student-athletes' personal growth and leadership development;
10. Work in conjunction with appropriate governance entities to provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of football student-athletes;
11. Supervise selection procedures for the Division I Football Championship; and
12. Review recommendations from the Football Championship Committee and process other issues related to the administration of the Division I Football Championship.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Sponsorship</i>	<i>Comm. Size</i>
<i>MW Golf</i>	<i>M-306/ W-277</i>	<i>23</i> (A4-8; SU-6; AL-2; SA-4)
<i>MW Tennis</i>	<i>M-243/W-311</i>	<i>23</i> (A4-8; SU-6; AL-2; SA-4)
<i>MW T&F/XC</i>	<i>MI-277- I/MO-302/ MXC-328 WI-324/ WO-352-O/WXC-359</i>	<i>20</i> (A4-4; SU-4; AL-4; SA-4)
<i>MW Swim & Dive</i>	<i>M-137/W-200</i>	<i>18</i> (A4-4; SU-4; AL-4; SA-3)
<i>W Soccer</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>18</i> (A4-4; SU-3; AL-3; SA-4)
<i>W Volleyball</i>	<i>344</i>	<i>18</i> (A4-4; SU-3; AL-3; SA-4)
<i>Softball</i>	<i>307</i>	<i>18</i> (A4-4; SU-3; AL-3; SA-4)
<i>Baseball</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>18</i> (A4-4; SU-3; AL-3; SA-4)
<i>M Soccer</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>15</i> (A4-2; SU-3; AL-3; SA-3)
<i>W Lacrosse</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>14</i> (A4-3; SU-3; AL-2; SA-2)
<i>Rowing</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>12</i> (A4-4; SU-3; AL-2; SA-1)
<i>Field Hockey</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>12</i> (A4-2; SU-3; AL-2; SA-1)
<i>M Wrestling</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>12</i> (A4-3; SU-2; AL-2; SA-1)
<i>M Lacrosse</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>12</i> (A4-2; SU-3; AL-2; SA-1)
<i>M Ice Hockey</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>11</i> (A4-1; SU-3; AL-2; SA-1)



Sports Sponsored by All Autonomy Conferences

Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee – 23 Members, 20 Voting

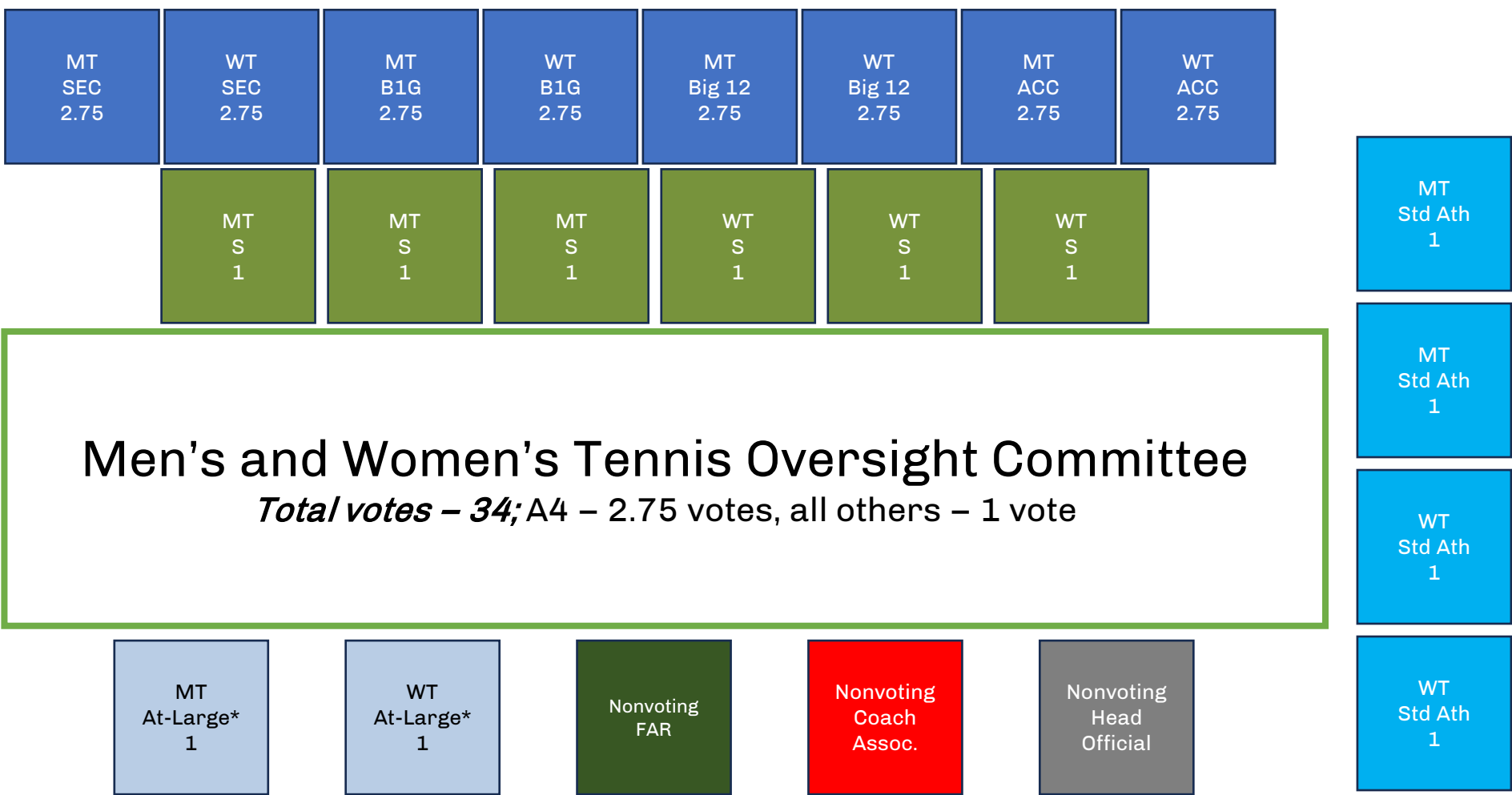


Men's Golf Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committee; all men's A4 reps, all men's success reps, and men's AL rep.

Women's Golf Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Men's and Women's Golf Committee; all women's A4 reps, all women's success reps, and women's AL rep.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*

Men's and Women's Tennis Oversight Committee – 23 Members, 20 Voting

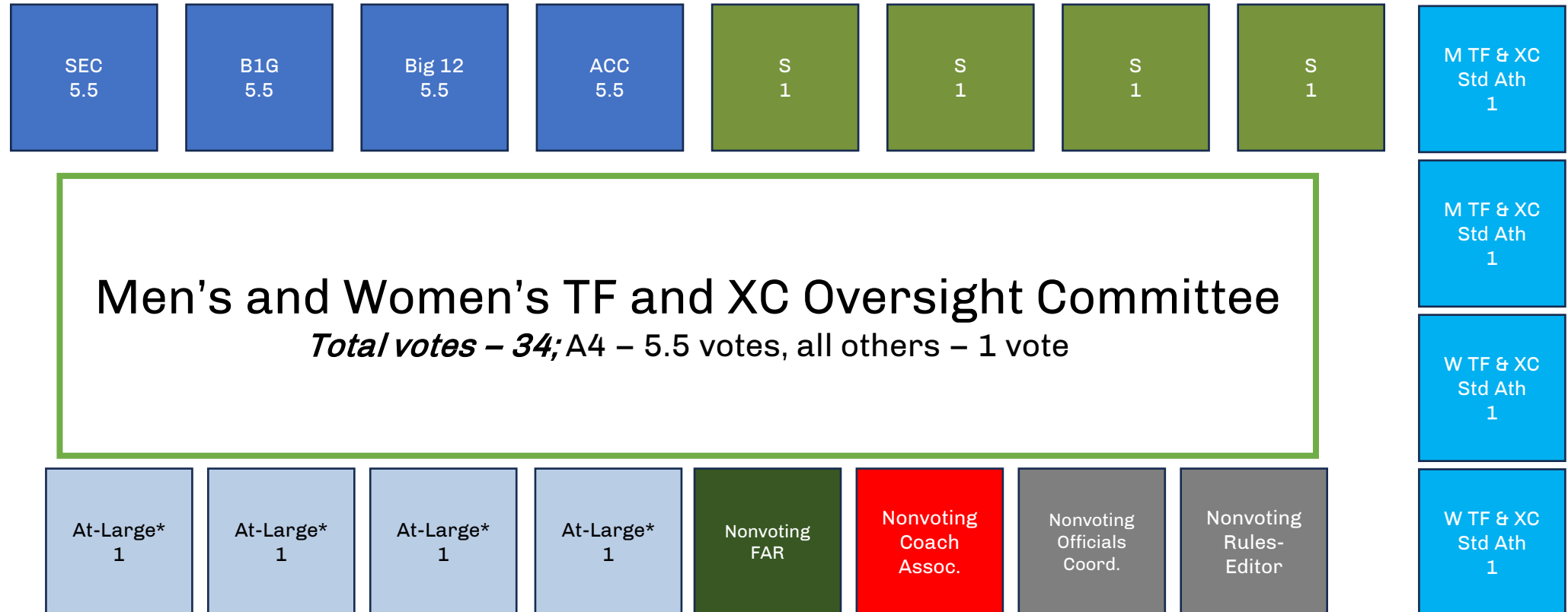


Men's Tennis Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee; all men's A4 reps, all men's success reps, and men's AL rep.

Women's Tennis Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Committee; all women's A4 reps, all women's success reps, and women's AL rep.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

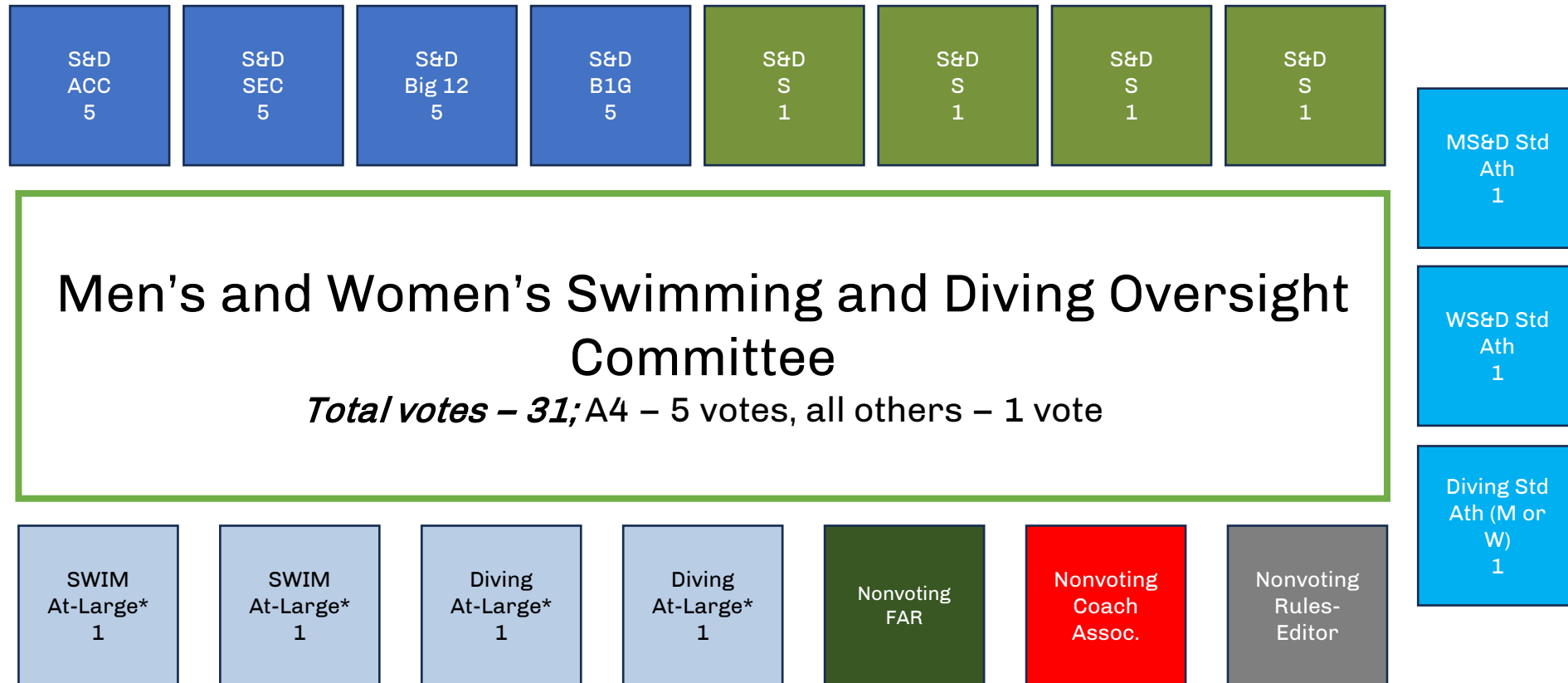
Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee – 20 Members, 16 Voting



Track and Field and Cross Country Championship Subcommittee shall include 12 members from Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 15 Voting



Swimming and Diving Championship Subcommittee shall include 12 members from Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

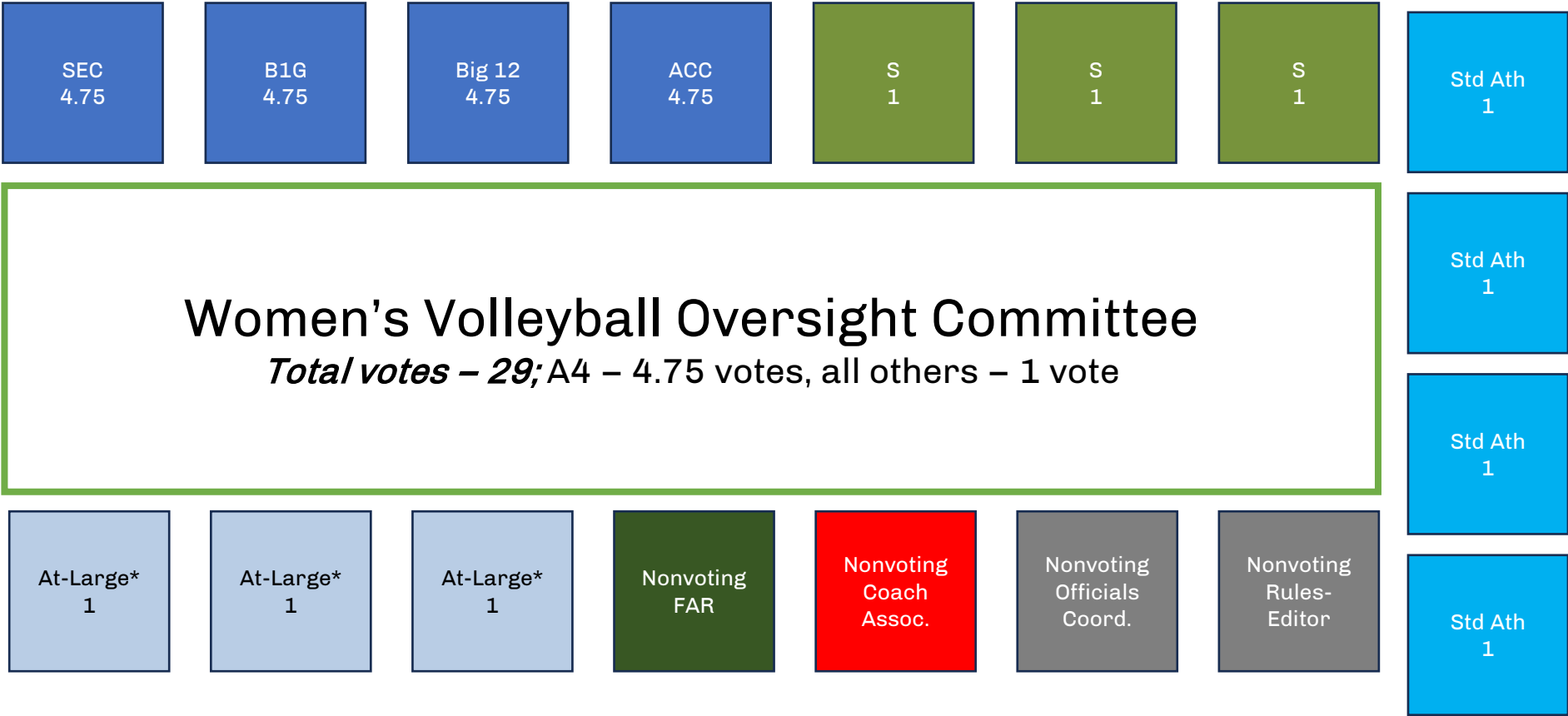
Women's Soccer Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 14 Voting



Women's Soccer Championship Subcommittee shall include 10 members from Women's Soccer Committee; all women's A4 reps, all women's success reps, and all women's AL rep.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 14 Voting



Women's Volleyball Championship Subcommittee shall include 10 members from Division I Women's Volleyball Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*

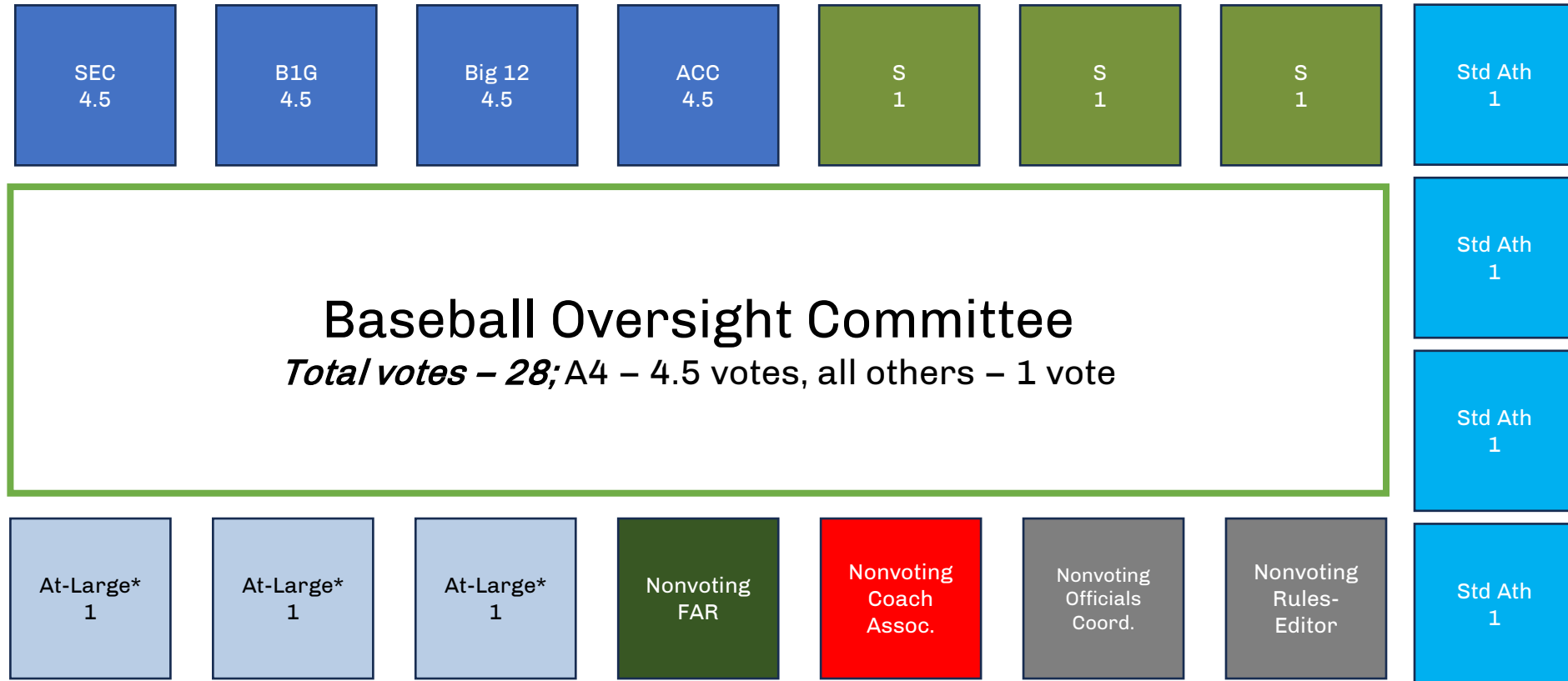
Softball Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 14 Voting



Softball Championship Subcommittee shall include 10 members from Division I Softball Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

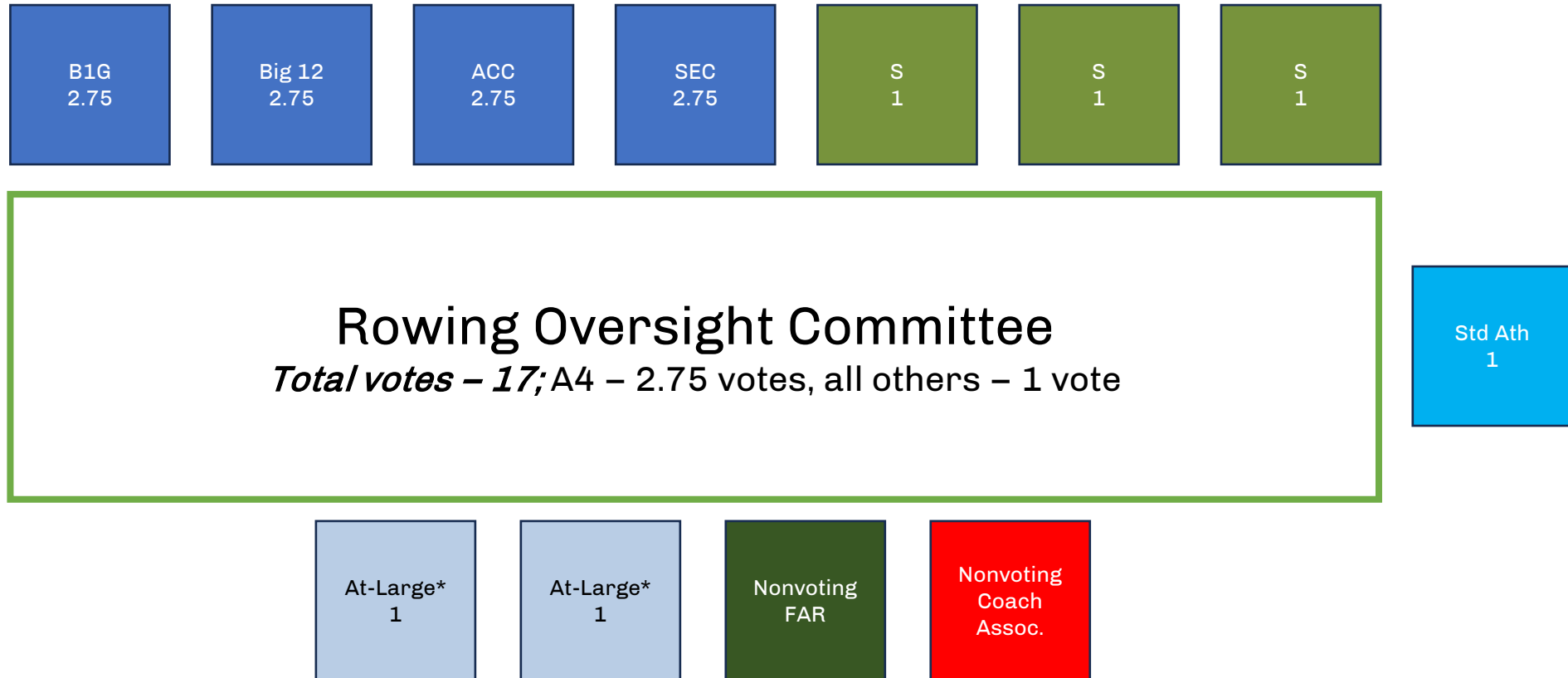
Baseball Oversight Committee – 18 Members, 14 Voting



Baseball Championship Subcommittee shall include 10 members from Division I Baseball Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*

Rowing Oversight Committee – 12 Members, 10 Voting



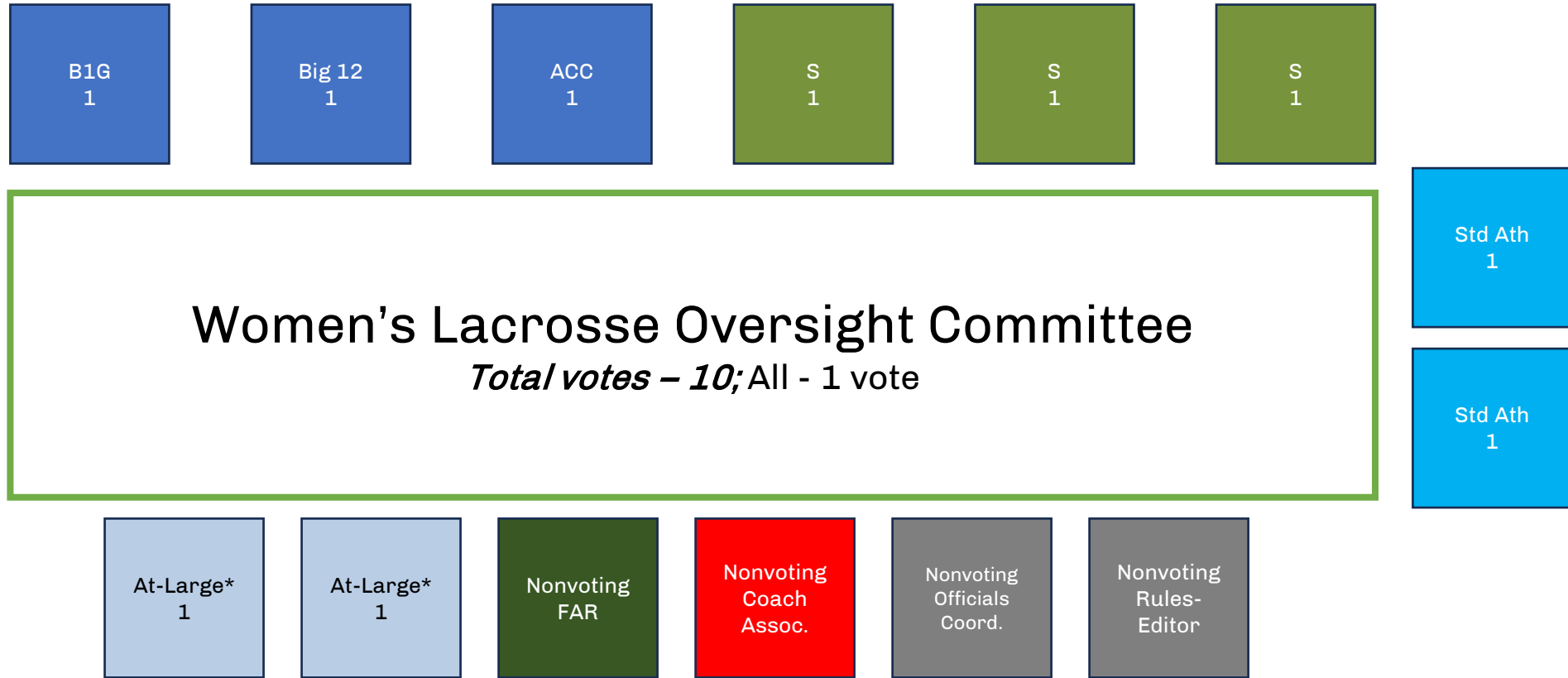
Rowing Championship Subcommittee shall include 9 members from Division I Rowing Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.



Sports Sponsored by Three Autonomy Conferences

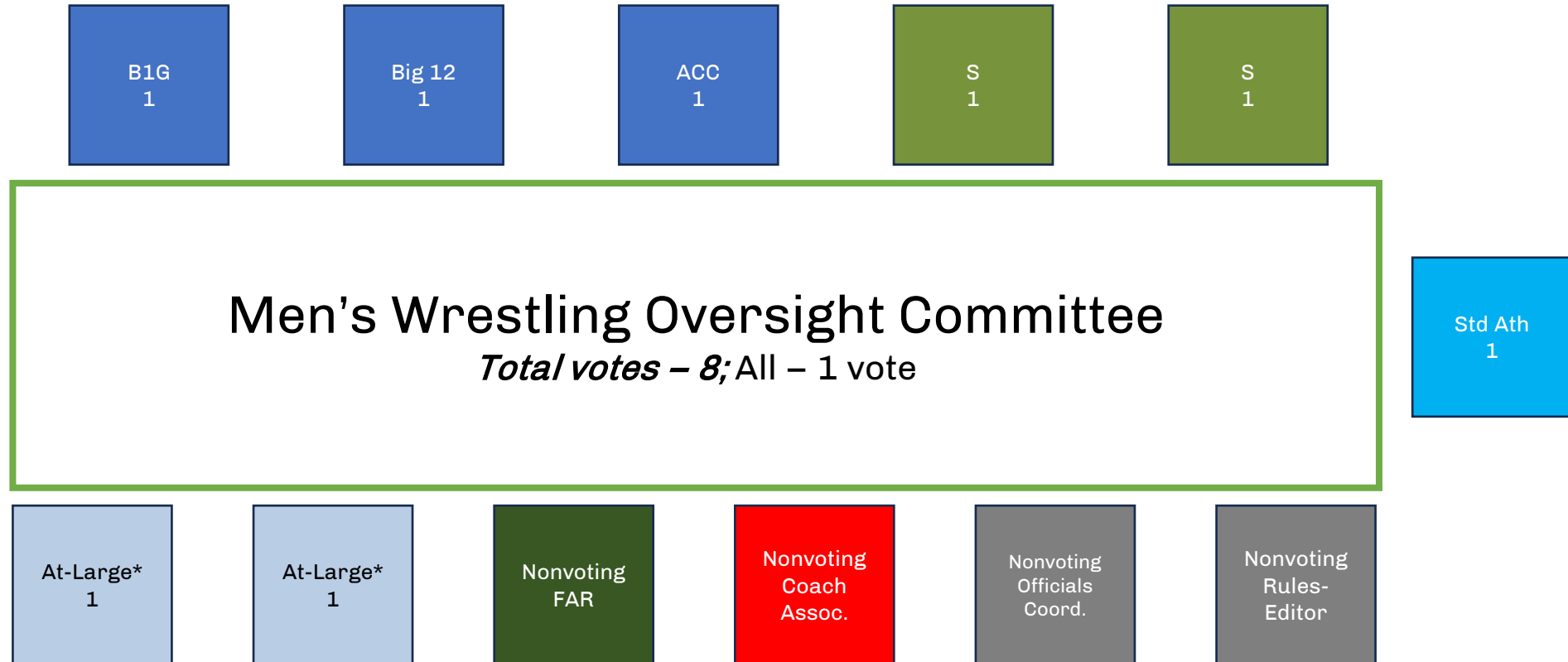
Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee – 14 Members, 10 Voting



Women's Lacrosse Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Women's Lacrosse Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*

Men's Wrestling Oversight Committee – 12 Members, 8 Voting



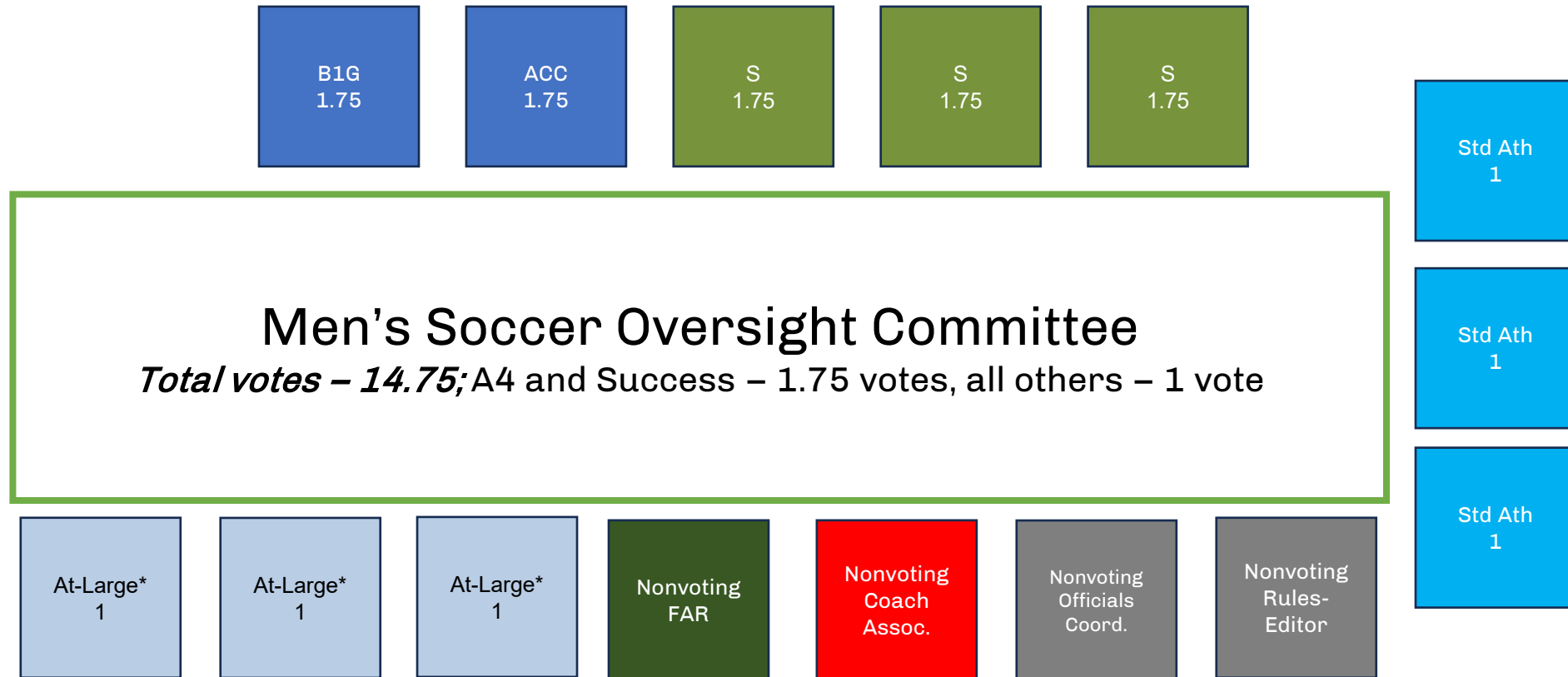
Men's Wrestling Championship Subcommittee shall include 7 members from Division I Men's Wrestling Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*



Sports Sponsored by Two Autonomy Conferences

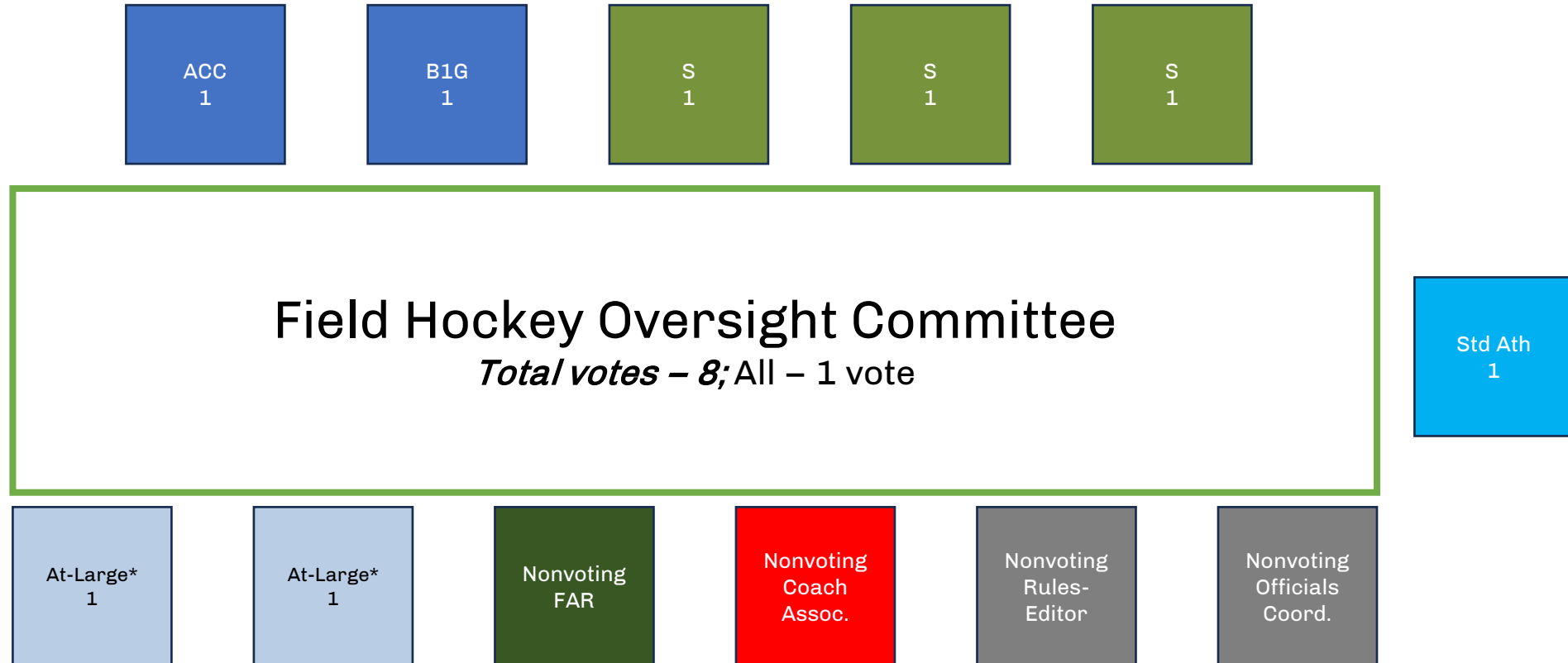
Men's Soccer Oversight Committee – 15 Members, 11 Voting



Men's Soccer Championship Subcommittee shall include 8 members from Division I Men's Soccer Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*

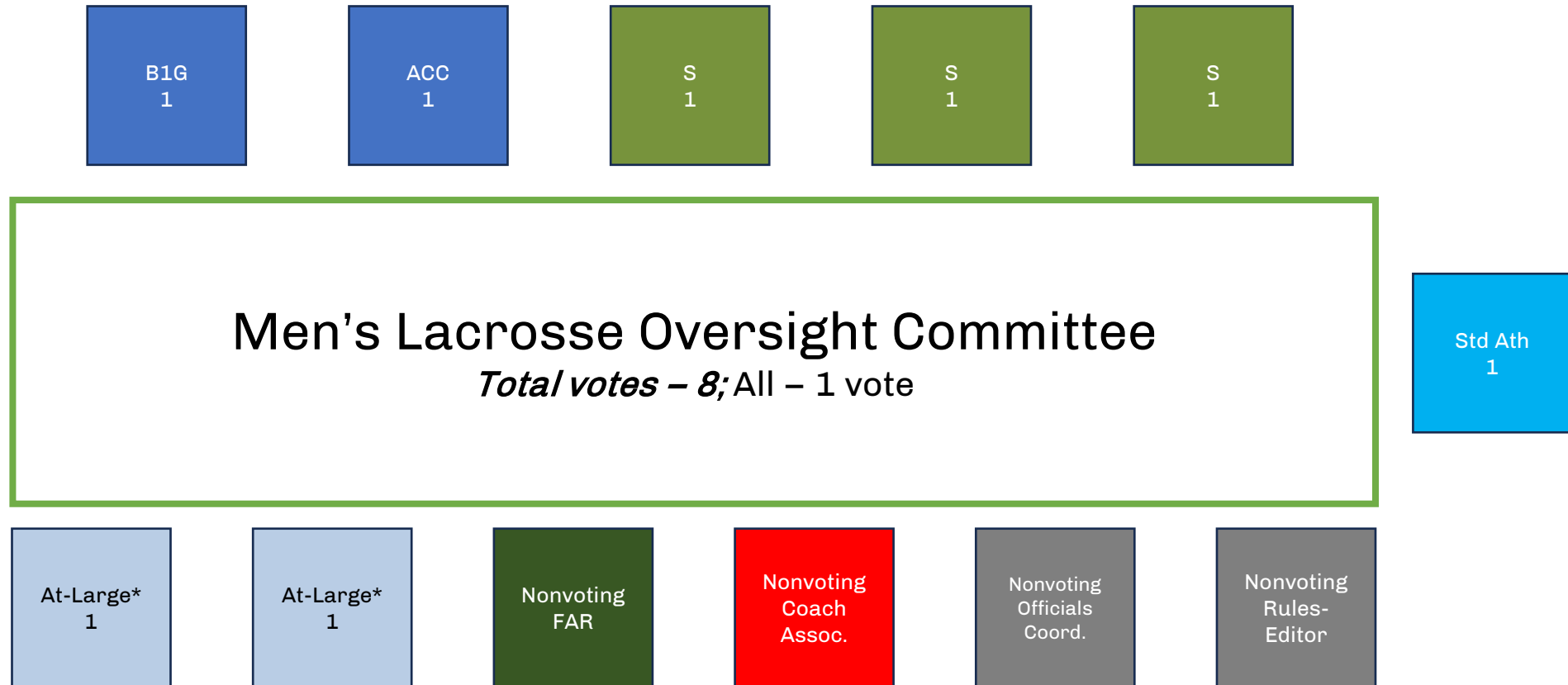
Field Hockey Oversight Committee – 12 Members, 8 Voting



The Field Hockey Championship Subcommittee shall include 7 members from the Division I Field Hockey Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

*At-Large from remaining conferences.

Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee – 12 Members, 8 Voting



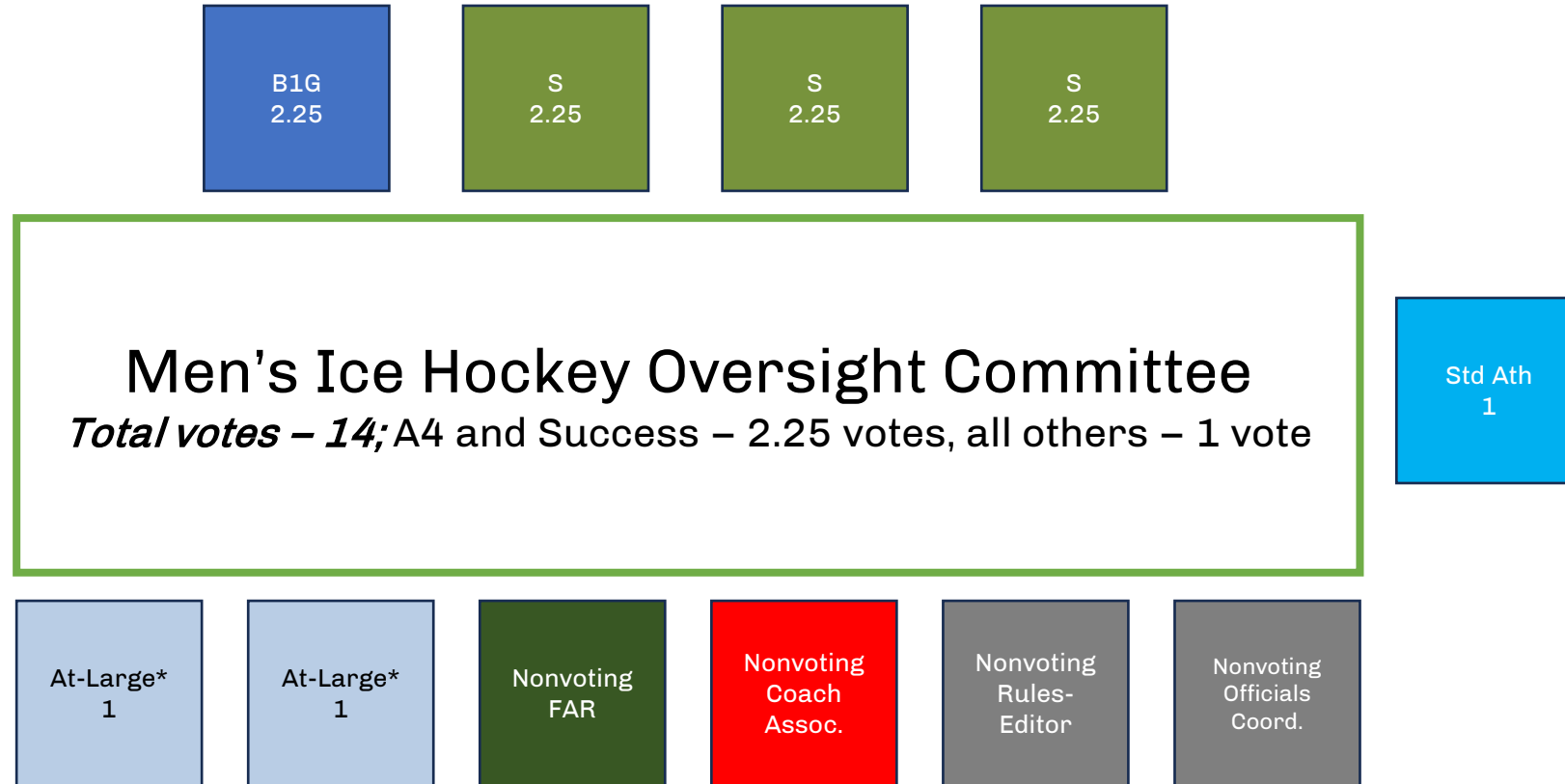
Men's Lacrosse Championship Subcommittee shall include 7 members from Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.

**At-Large from remaining conferences.*



Sport Sponsored by One Autonomy Conference

Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee – 11 Members, 7 Voting



*Men's Ice Hockey Championship Subcommittee shall include 6 members from Division I Men's Ice Hockey Committee; all A4 reps, all success reps, and all AL reps.
At-Large from remaining conferences.



Legislative Topics

Working Group Recommendations

- Topical areas to be designated as National Standards, applicable to all of Division I and decentralization of all other areas.
- Legislative processes for National Standards should be similar to current pilot processes. Maintain sport oversight authority.
- Expansion of areas of autonomy to each subdivision. Separate legislative processes for these areas to be established.
- Sports oversight committees: weighted voting will not apply to championship administration decisions.

National Standards

Division dominant provisions related to championships access and revenue distribution are already national standards that require a two-thirds majority vote of the Division I membership to modify.

- Minimum athletics eligibility rules (e.g., outside activities, period of eligibility, transfer eligibility).
- Institutional control, ethical conduct (e.g., sports wagering).
- Minimum academic standards (e.g., eligibility, full-time enrollment, academic performance program, progress toward degree).
- Minimum membership requirements.
- National championships administration by sports oversight committees.
- Recruiting regulations.
- Regular season start and end dates.

Current Areas of Autonomy

- Athletics Personnel.
- Insurance and Career Transition.
- Promotional Activities Unrelated to Athletics Participation.
- Recruiting Restrictions.
- Preenrollment Expenses and Support.
- Financial Aid.
- Awards, Benefits and Expenses.
- Academic Support.
- Health and Wellness.
- Meals and Nutrition.
- Time Demands.

Areas for Decentralization

- In-season competitions (e.g., tournaments).
- Number and responsibility of staff (e.g., coaches, scouts).
- Playing and practice schedules (e.g., organization of preseason practice).

Current Legislative Processes

- Three legislative cycles per year, tied to in-person council meetings.
- Two paths by which Division I rules may be changed:
 - Oversight Committee Process.
 - Legislation for which the oversight committees have authority.
 - Standard Legislative Process.
 - Other areas of legislation (not under oversight committee authority).

Current Process for Sport Oversight Committees

- Sport oversight committees are provided authority to adopt legislation related to the sport in the following areas:
 - Conduct of athletics personnel (NCAA Bylaw 11);
 - Recruiting (Bylaw 13);
 - Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17);
 - Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship (Bylaw 31); and
 - Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors.
- Legislation adopted in the specified areas is not considered final and effective until the conclusion of the specified Division I Council meeting.

Process for Sport Oversight Committees

Legislative Cycle	Introduction Deadline	Publication Date	Sport Oversight Committee Action	Council Review
October 2024 (Fall)	July 10, 2024	July 17, 2024	Week of August 18	October 8-9, 2024
January 2025 (Winter)	October 17, 2024	October 24, 2024	Week of December 1	January 15, 2025
June 2025 (Spring)	March 26, 2025	April 2, 2025	Week of May 4	June 24-25, 2025

Proposals must be introduced at least 90 days before a council meeting. Proposals are published within seven days of the introduction deadline.

Initial comment period before sport oversight action.

Comment period before council review. Action published by Wednesday of the following week.

Current Standard Legislative Process

- Three meetings per year in which proposals are considered.
- A sport oversight committee or the Division I Council may introduce legislative proposals for consideration by the council.
 - Oversight committees: Bylaws outside of specific authority.
 - Council: All Division I legislation.
- Reviewed by the Division I Legislation Committee.
- Opportunities for membership feedback and amendments up through final action.

Standard Legislative Process

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Comment period before council review. Action published by Wednesday of the following week.



Revised Structure Effective Dates

Effective Dates

Committee	Effective Date
Board of Directors	September 1
Board Executive Subcommittee	September 1
Administrative Committee	September 1
Membership Committee	September 1
All Sport Oversight Committees	September 1
All Playing Rules Subcommittees	September 1
Academics and Eligibility Committee	November 1
Board Finance Committee	January 15, 2026



Referrals for New Structure

Referrals

- **To Board of Governors:**
 - Evaluate options related to alternative organizational structures.
 - Establish a legal affairs advisory group and determine the group's relationship with the Board of Governors and divisional presidential governance committees.
 - Revise composition and discuss relationships with Division I.
- **To Legal Affairs Advisory Committee:**
 - Establish a process to define liability and delegate cost of litigation to applicable school/conference.
- **To NCAA Division I Board of Directors:**
 - Establish an expectation to monitor effectiveness of the revised structure and develop a consultative process for any changes that is transparent, collaborative and inclusive of the full breadth of the DI membership.
 - Assign Division I members to the four designated voting seats on the Board of Governors and appoint members to the newly constituted Division I Board.
 - Define autonomy status such that criteria are established and explore the feasibility of an autonomy subdivision.
 - Work with the football oversight committees and other key constituents to reevaluate football and its relationship to the NCAA structure.
 - Determine the infractions process.

Referrals, continued

- **To Administrative Committee:**
 - Develop the legislative processes and meeting cadence for revised structure.
 - Determine whether standardized committee appointment and nomination processes should be developed.
 - Cross divisional review of National Collegiate Championship Committee composition and duties.
- **To Membership Committee:**
 - Evaluate the membership reclassification standards to determine whether any adjustments should be made.
- **To All Committees:**
 - Discuss specifics around topics designated for national regulation. For example, recruiting activities and elements of progress toward degree.
 - Identify responsibilities that could be transitioned to offset committee workloads.

Board of Governors Timelines

1. Consultative process. The consultative process will be amended to require formal recommendations from a divisional presidential body when a BOG matter directly affects a division (e.g., legal, financial).
 - **Effective Date:** Immediate. The new process will be used for any BOG items following the August 2025 meeting. If something were to occur before October 2025, the new process would be implemented. More likely to occur with any agenda items that will be on the October 29, 2025, meeting and going forward.
2. Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee (BOGFAC) Composition. The board will increase the size of the BOGFAC from six to 11 members to add representatives from Division I who are campus or conference practitioners (e.g., financial experts, athletics directors or conference commissioners).
 - The Board of Governors will codify that the BOGFAC and the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee shall meet jointly when issues impact Association-wide and Division I budget matters.
 - **Effective Date:** Immediate to establish the enabling policies. The new Board of Directors will appoint the new DI individuals to BOGFAC for approval by the BOG at its October 29 meeting. Orientations with new members to occur in the fall/early winter. Expanded committee's first meeting will be January 2026.

Board of Governors Timelines

3. Board of Governors Executive Committee. The BOG will eliminate the Executive Committee and create a Compensation Subcommittee. The Compensation Subcommittee will oversee the NCAA's Compensation Philosophy for executive compensation.
 - **Effective Date:** Immediate. BOG Executive Committee will sunset and the new Compensation Subcommittee will meet prior to the October 29 BOG meeting and will make recommendations to the BOG for approval at its October meeting. This new structure will then continue going forward.
4. Creation of a Board of Governors Advisory Group with a focus on risk trends affecting higher education and athletics. The Board of Governors shall determine the composition of the advisory group in consultation with the divisional presidential bodies, NCAA president and NCAA chief legal officer.
 - **Effective Date:** Immediate to establish the enabling policies. Work with OLA and DI conferences to appoint individuals for approval by the BOG at its October 29 meeting. First meeting to occur sometime late fall/early winter.



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**NCAA Division I Board of Directors Resolution: Commitments to Membership Requirements,
Subdivisional Representation and Championships**

“Whereas, NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics has experienced a period of foundational change and threats to its mission to provide an opportunity for student-athletes to participate in sports under standards that support their well-being and development in a vital co-curricular element of their educational experience;

“Whereas, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors appointed the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group and charged it with developing a new governance structure for Division I;

“Whereas, it was imperative that a new decision-making governance structure be developed that would allow Division I institutions and conferences to meet future needs and expectations of student-athletes;

“Whereas, the Decision-Making Working Group’s recommendations will streamline decision-making, empower committees, increase student-athlete representation, maintain the tie between athletics and academics and decentralize certain regulatory areas;

“Whereas, per NCAA Bylaw 18.01.3, access to national championships is guaranteed at least at the level provided as of August 1, 2014, and a two-thirds majority vote of the membership is required to lower the level of access;

“Whereas, per Bylaw 20.01.3.2, changes to revenue distribution funds, formulas and policies require a two-thirds majority vote of the membership;

“Whereas, concerns have been raised regarding the potential for changes to the current Division I membership standards and potential additional changes to representational structure of Division I governance and the recommended system of weighted voting;

“Whereas, concerns have been raised regarding championships access and sport committee or subcommittee decisions (e.g., structure of brackets and placement of teams in brackets), and expansion of championships field sizes;

“Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following commitments will be maintained for at least five years from August 5, 2025, barring: (a) Changes to the intercollegiate athletics landscape that cause disruption in the efficient administration of the division or the Association; (b) Circumstances in which significant values are at stake for the division or the Association; or (c) Issues are identified that could cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or Division I membership:

- (1) Current Division I institutions and conferences that remain in compliance with the membership standards in place at the time of the adoption of the Decision-Making Working Group’s recommendations by the Board of Directors will retain their active Division I membership status.*
- (2) There shall be no additional changes to subdivisional representation or voting weights in the revised governance structure, including that weighted voting will not apply to decisions related to the administration of championships.*

“Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that no expansion of championships field sizes will occur without an opportunity for full membership discussion and feedback.