

NCAA Division I Board of Directors Statement on Name, Image and Likeness and Transfer Proposals

The Division I Board of Directors supports the action taken by the Division I Council to table Division I Proposals related to name, image and likeness (Nos. 2020-6, 2020-7, 2020-8 and 2020-9) and transfer eligibility (No. 2020-11). The Board of Directors also supports the NCAA Board of Governors' resolution regarding name, image and likeness proposals.

Nothing about tabling the proposals should be interpreted as a retreat from the public positions and months of hard work to develop name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes in a manner that maintains the priorities of education and the collegiate experience, without compensation for athletics performance, thus maintaining the clear distinction between collegiate and professional opportunities.

The Division I membership continues to express strong support for changes to modernize its rules with the intent to enhance student-athlete well-being. The Division I governance structure has demonstrated its commitment to modernizing its rules through previous measures to allow student-athletes to receive additional financial aid, medical and mental health benefits, and other benefits incidental to their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

The Board of Directors remains fully committed to providing student-athletes with appropriate opportunities within the collegiate model by modernizing Division I rules related to name, image and likeness and transfer eligibility at the first practicable opportunity.