



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL AND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES  
APRIL 14-15, 2021, MEETINGS**

*This document includes reports of the following: NCAA Division I Council, NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, NCAA Division I Legislative Committee and NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.*

*In an effort to connect Council and standing committee items to the NCAA pillars of academics, fairness and well-being, items included in this report have an identifying pillar. There is an additional pillar, operational, that is used to denote items that relate to maintaining a stable and efficient Division I.*

**KEY ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Actions.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational)

- a. The Division I Council adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2020-11 (Academic Eligibility – Exceptions for Transfers from Four-Year Colleges – One-Time Transfer Exception – Uniform Application), which establishes a uniform and equitable approach for student-athletes across all sports to qualify for a one-time transfer exception. The proposal is not final until the conclusion of the April 28 NCAA Division I Board of Directors meeting. Once final, the proposal would be applicable immediately to student-athletes who have not previously transferred from a four-year institution and are seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year and thereafter.

Given the timing of the Council's decision and the Board of Directors meeting, the Council approved a blanket waiver of the date by which student-athletes in fall and winter sports must provide written notification of transfer. For student-athletes to avail themselves of the one-time transfer exception for eligibility in the 2021-22 academic year, they must provide written notification by July 1, 2021. Beginning in 2022, student-athletes in fall and winter sports must notify the institution of their intent to transfer by May 1 and student-athletes in spring sports must provide notification by July 1.

A subgroup of the NCAA Division I Working Group on Transfers continues to finalize its review and recommendations pertaining to the guidelines that will be used to evaluate four-year transfer waiver requests for student-athletes who do not qualify for the amended one-time transfer exception during the 2021-22 academic year. Any recommendations to modify the existing transfer waiver guidelines will be brought to the Council during forthcoming spring meetings.

- b. The Council adopted Proposal No. 2020-13 (Division Membership – Change of Division Membership – Division III to Division I), which establishes a process by which a member of Division III may reclassify to Division I.

- c. The Council tabled Proposal Nos. 2020-16 (Administration of NCAA Championships – Nonrevenue Championships Site Assignment – Conference Opponents), 2020-17 (Automatic Qualification – Single-Sport Conferences – Grace Period and Field Selection) and 2020-18 (Automatic Qualification – Multisport Conferences – Three Core Members – Sports Other Than Basketball) due to the ongoing uncertainty of how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect sports sponsorship in the coming months and because the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum’s sustainability review over the next few months will likely address sports sponsorship and potentially the structure of some Division I championships. The Council, however, did express interest in removing Proposal No. 2020-18 from the table more quickly than the other two, as that particular proposal has a more timely impact on conferences for planning purposes.
  - d. The Council adopted two proposals related to recruiting and one proposal related to the drug-testing appellate process as noncontroversial legislation. Additional details of the Council’s legislative actions are included in Attachment A. Voting results are available in Attachment B. Standard review legislation (other than noncontroversial and emergency legislation) adopted by the Council is not final until the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting (April 28). Such legislation with an immediate effective date is effective April 28, 2021. Noncontroversial legislation is final at the conclusion of the Council meeting. Noncontroversial legislation with an immediate effective date is effective April 15, 2021.
2. **Return-to-Recruiting Activities.** The Council agreed that the current recruiting dead period will expire on May 31 and that all sports will return to their legislated recruiting calendars on June 1.

The Council approved the following additional flexibility in all sports:

- a. **Student-Athlete Participation in Recruiting Telephone and Video Calls – All Sports.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Approved a blanket waiver through the 2021-22 academic year to permit student-athletes in all sports to participate in recruiting telephone/video calls with a coach and prospective student-athlete or at the direction of a coach, with the condition that a coach may not direct a student-athlete to make calls on the student-athlete’s day off.
- b. **Staff Initiation of Telephone Calls – All Sports.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Approved a blanket waiver, effective June 1 through December 31, 2021, to permit an institutional staff member who has passed the recruiting certification exam (NCAA Bylaw 11.5) to initiate telephone calls to prospective student-athletes. The recruiting exam requirement does not apply to individuals who initiate or return telephone calls to prospective student-athletes pursuant to an

existing, legislated exception (e.g., academic advisors and compliance administrators).

The Council approved the following additional flexibility specific to football:

- a. **Telephone Calls – Football.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Approved a blanket waiver of the telephone call legislation for January through July 2022. Beginning the Sunday after the American Football Coaches Association Convention (i.e., January 16, 2022, for the class of 2023) during the prospective student-athlete’s junior year, telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete (or to family members of the prospective student-athlete) will be permitted as follows:
  - 1) In January, one call per week.
  - 2) In February, no calls.
  - 3) In March, one call per week.
  - 4) In April and May, calls may be made at the institution’s discretion.
  - 5) In June and July, one call per week.
- b. **On-Campus Evaluations – Football.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Approved a blanket waiver to permit on-campus evaluations of prospective student-athletes in football during June and July 2021 when institutional football camps and clinics are otherwise permissible. The on-campus evaluation may only be conducted during an unofficial visit after the prospective student-athlete’s scholastic season has concluded. Institutions may evaluate a prospective student-athlete on only one occasion and the prospective student-athlete must be a high school junior (class of 2022), high school senior (class of 2021), two-year college transfer or four-year college transfer. A medical examination or evaluation, conducted in accordance with the legislation applicable to basketball [see Bylaw 13.11.2.1-(g)] is required before the on-campus evaluation, and the evaluation activities (other than the medical examination or evaluation) may not exceed one hour. Additionally, all activities must be noncontact, no protective equipment may be worn by the prospective student-athlete, and the institution is not permitted to provide practice equipment or apparel for the on-campus evaluation.
- c. **Evaluation Days – Football.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) Approved a blanket waiver to increase from 42 to 56 the number of evaluation days during the fall 2021 evaluation period.

3. **Spring Sport Student-Athlete Season-of-Competition Waivers.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council directed the student-athlete reinstatement staff to provide flexibility in applying all elements of the season-of-competition waiver criteria for seasons that were impacted by COVID-19 (e.g., first-half-of-season requirement, percentage of competition). Using the existing season-of-competition waiver parameters, with some additional flexibility relevant to the impact of COVID-19, allows institutions to address circumstances in which individual relief is appropriate.
  
4. **Actions Related to the Division I Presidential Forum’s Sustainability Review.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Presidential Forum previously referred several short-term issues requiring review or action by August 2021 to the Council and standing committees for consideration. The list of referrals from the Presidential Forum included consideration of extending some relief provided in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also included a review of changes to other NCAA regulations that may enhance sustainability. One of the key items included in the short-term consideration referrals to the Council was a comprehensive review of recruiting regulations considering the change in landscape and the availability of virtual tools due to the impact of the pandemic. The Council standing committees reviewed the referrals and provided feedback for the Legislative Committee to consider. The Legislative Committee reviewed the feedback and provided recommendations to the Council.
  - a. **Extension of Blanket Waiver Regarding Use of the NCAA Student Assistance Fund.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved extending a blanket waiver to permit institutions to use the Student Assistance Fund to provide athletics aid for the 2021-22 academic year due to the impact of COVID-19. The NCAA Division I Board Directors Finance Committee supported the extension for one more year.
  
  - b. **Extension of Blanket Waiver for Virtual Camps and Clinics – Participation of Coaching Staff Member.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved the extension of a current blanket waiver through the summer of 2021 to permit an institution’s coaching staff member to participate in institutional and noninstitutional virtual camps and clinics that do not include prospective student-athletes.
  
  - c. **Extension of Blanket Waiver for Virtual Team Activities – Committed Prospective Student-Athletes.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved the extension of a current blanket waiver to permit a committed prospective student-athlete to participate in virtual team activities after completion of high school graduation or transfer academic requirements through the 2021-22 academic year. The blanket waiver applies only to virtual activities that are permissible under the current legislation and interpretations (film review and team

meetings). It does not extend the waiver that allows for eight hours of virtual nonphysical activities.

- d. **Extension of Blanket Waiver for Virtual Team Activities – Uncommitted Prospective Student-Athlete.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved the extension of a current blanket waiver to permit an uncommitted prospective student-athlete to observe but not participate in virtual team activities on a limited basis through the summer of 2021. The blanket waiver applies only to virtual activities that are permissible under the current legislation and interpretations (film review and team meetings). It does not extend the waiver that allows for eight hours of virtual nonphysical activities.
5. **Review of NCAA Committee Member Appointment Process.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council referred to the NCAA Division I Nominating Committee a request to review and provide recommendations related to a Report on the NCAA Committee Member Appointment Process completed by the 3 Fold Group. The NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity requested a review of the NCAA committee member appointment process. The 3 Fold Group conducted the appointment process review and compiled an analysis for consideration. Recommendations will be provided to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee for review.

#### **ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **NCAA Division I Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group Update.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on the work of the Name, Image and Likeness Legislative Solutions Group, particularly the ongoing effort surrounding a third-party administrator for name, image and likeness activities. The legislative framework for NIL activities includes a requirement that information related to such activities must be disclosed. The disclosure requirements are intended to provide support to student-athletes, monitor booster involvement, ensure integrity of the recruiting process and identify activities that may not align with the values of the NCAA, conferences or institutions. The Legislative Solutions Group recommended that the Council approve specified policy directives relating to the use of a third-party administrator. The Council tabled the recommendation pending additional review. The Council will reconsider the matter as soon as possible.
2. **Summer Benefits – Basketball and Football.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council approved a blanket waiver of Bylaw 16 benefits and expenses legislation for the

summer of 2021 to allow additional flexibility to provide football and basketball student-athletes with funds up to the amount that would have been received through summer athletics financial aid to cover meals, lodging and expenses (other than tuition/fees and books) through a summer athletics scholarship.

**3. Blanket Waiver Request for Additional Financial Aid Exemptions.** (Fairness/Well-Being) The Council did not support a request from the Southeastern Conference to approve a blanket waiver that would extend, for one year, the previous Council action permitting an institution to exempt the athletics aid of a student-athlete during the student-athlete's final season of eligibility while enrolled at the same institution if the student-athlete received a COVID-19 related season-of-competition waiver or eligibility extension.

**4. Reports from Council Committees.** The Council received reports from its standing committees that included recommended actions and informational items.

a. **Legislative Committee.**

(1) Sustainability Review. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received a report from the Legislative Committee regarding its review of feedback from various standing committees and student-athlete groups related to the Presidential Forum's sustainability review of the Division I collegiate model. In addition to the several actions taken as noted above, the Legislative Committee also recommended the following areas for additional or future review:

General Short-Term Concepts.

- Review minimum institutional financial aid requirements (consider relief on case-by-case basis for the 2021-22 academic year).
- Review requirement that Football Bowl Subdivision institutions must average at least 15,000 in actual or paid attendance at football games.
- Review sports-sponsorship requirements (the committee recommends additional Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee review).

Short-Term Recruiting Concepts.

- Recommendation to the Football Oversight Committee to consider whether the current waiver that permits an institution to make

telephone calls to high school juniors should be extended through August 1, 2021.

- Recommendation that proposals be developed for the 2021-22 legislative cycle related to the recruiting waivers noted above that were extended (e.g., telephone calls, prospective student-athlete participation in virtual team activities, participation in virtual camps/clinics that do not include prospective student-athletes).
- Recommendation that the guidance related to livestream or on-demand video from recruiting/scouting services be codified through an official interpretation and that a proposal be developed for the 2021-22 legislative cycle to include NCAA certification of streaming services to limit undue influence and document expenses.
- Recommendation that sport oversight committees review sport-specific concepts (e.g., reductions in recruiting opportunities, reduction of the duration of official visits).
- Recommendation for longer-term review of the following recruiting concepts: additional quiet and dead periods; reduction of the number of official visits a prospective student-athlete may take; establish (or reduce) limits on the number of official visits an institution may provide; and prerecorded messages from coaches at meetings/banquets involving prospective student-athletes.

(2) NCAA Publications. (Operational) The Council received a report that the NCAA will not print NCAA Division I Manuals for the 2021-22 academic year (PDF versions of the Manuals are provided online). Also, as supported by the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, legislation across all divisions will be updated to reflect the inclusive values of the Association (e.g., legislation will be adjusted to remove pronouns or changed to “they” rather than “he or she”).

- b. **Football Oversight Committee.** The Council received an update on the Football Oversight Committee’s discussions regarding potential changes to the playing and practice season legislation that governs the preseason for health and safety purposes in advance of the 2021 season. The Football Oversight Committee confirmed that it will not recommend adjustments to the legislated summer access period for 2021. In addition, the beginning of the 2021 preseason practice period will remain 29 days prior to an institution’s first scheduled contest and the period will include 25 practice opportunities. The Football Oversight Committee expects to present

concepts to the membership for feedback following its April 22 meeting with anticipated Council action on final recommendations during the May 19 Council meeting.

c. **Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.**

- (1) Sickle Cell Solubility Test Waiver or Release. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council introduced into the 2021-22 legislative cycle a proposal that would eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test. The proposal would be effective August 1, 2022.

Rationale. Student-athlete privacy and institutional management of the care of trait-positive student-athletes have evolved since the adoption of the original sickle cell testing legislation, which currently permits student-athletes to sign a written release opting out of test participation. Since there is now an opportunity for schools to efficiently and effectively manage the administrative and privacy burdens historically tied to testing, the benefits related to the appropriate monitoring of sickle cell trait-positive student-athletes support the idea of mandatory testing across institutions.

- (2) Emerging Sports for Women. (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council discussed a recommendation from the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee to introduce a proposal into the 2021-22 legislative cycle that would establish STUNT as an emerging sport for women. After discussion of concerns raised by Council members, it was determined that additional information would be gathered for the Council's consideration regarding the recommendation during a future meeting.
- (3) Championships Access for Institutions Reclassifying to Division I. (Fairness/Operational) The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed a recommendation forwarded to the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee by the ASUN Conference specific to championships access for institutions that are reclassifying to Division I and recommended that the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee refer the ASUN recommendation to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee for consideration as part of its ongoing and holistic review of the membership reclassification process.

5. **Division I Championships Update.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update on championships administration and operations through the winter sport championships, as well as on improvements in testing protocols that have been implemented in advance of the fall sport and spring sport championships. The Council also



discussed the process used to determine whether a potential championship host can demonstrate its ability to provide an environment of anti-discrimination where the dignity and safety of participants and spectators will be safeguarded. (The anti-discrimination policy can be accessed [here](#) and the associated questionnaire is available [here](#).)

6. **Update from the Division I Nominating Committee.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update from the Nominating Committee's February videoconferences, including an overview of committee demographic data and a planned review of best practices for committee appointments.
7. **Update from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.** (Academics/Operational) The Committee on Academics provided an update on its strategic priorities, including NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate operations (e.g., impact of transfers, fairness in calculations, application of the rate), standardized testing requirements and initial-eligibility requirements. The committee also provided an update on institutions qualifying for the new academic unit in the Division I revenue distribution formula.
8. **Update from the Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee noted its appreciation of the efforts the Division I Working Group on Transfers took to achieve desired outcomes to date. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also noted that it will be making presentations to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and the newly established NCAA Division I Board of Directors Infractions Process Committee to provide input on pertinent matters.
9. **Update on the Division I Presidential Forum Sustainability Review.** (Operational) The Council received an update regarding the Presidential Forum's review of the sustainability of the Division I collegiate model, including a summary of membership input to date, and identification of recommendations that may have an immediate impact (some of these areas were noted during the Legislative Committee's presentation) and priorities for longer-term deliberation. The Presidential Forum recommends the longer-term priorities be addressed after it is understood how external influences such as the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the *Alston* case and likely Congressional action related to the conduct of intercollegiate athletics will impact the broader sustainability discussions and provide additional context from which they can continue.
10. **Update from the Board of Governors Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council received an update from the Campus Sexual Violence Policy Implementation Task Force. The Task Force recommendations are that the NCAA Board of Governors: (1) Amend the sexual violence prevention policy language to clarify its intent and reduce confusion over terminology; (2) Approve the task force's recommended policy checklist and corresponding implementation timeline; (3) Support the collection of sample policies and procedures from members

schools and conferences to share in an accessible format; and (4) Direct NCAA staff to fulfill additional resource needs related to the expanded policy items, including educational resources for student-athletes, coaches and administrators on campus sexual violence. The task force will present its recommendations to the Board of Governors during its April 27 meeting.

- 11. Update from NCAA President Mark Emmert.** (Operational) The Council received an update from President Emmert regarding several important issues facing the Association and Division I, including the retention of Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP to evaluate the NCAA's championship policies and procedures to ensure equitable operations, statements from the Board of Governors on [voting rights](#) and [transgender participation](#), and the ongoing interaction with lawmakers related to the NCAA's proposals on student-athlete name, image and likeness.
- 12. COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel Update.** (Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA's chief medical officer, Dr. Brian Hainline, provided an update from the COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel and noted the successful completion of 23 NCAA championships thus far with limited COVID-19 related issues. Dr. Hainline also discussed progress on research and best practices in the concussion space, particularly in football. Finally, Dr. Hainline referenced the recently issued statement from the Board of Governors regarding transgender participation and noted that the NCAA has had specific and comprehensive policies regarding transgender participation since 2010.
- 13. Legal Update.** (Operational) The Council received a privileged and confidential update from Scott Bearby, vice president of legal affairs and general counsel, related to ongoing legal matters, including a summary of the March 31 U.S. Supreme Court hearing in the *Alston* case.
- 14. Reports from Recent Council Meetings.** The Council approved reports from its March 17 and 24 and April 1 videoconferences.

*Council Chair:* Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League  
*Council Liaisons:* Amanda Conklin, Law Policy and Governance  
Diane Dickman, Law, Policy and Governance  
Jennifer Fraser, Law, Policy and Governance  
Kevin Lennon, Law, Policy and Governance  
Leeland Zeller, Law, Policy and Governance

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference April 14-15, 2021</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Gary Barta, University of Iowa; Big Ten Conference.
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.
Jason Cable, Southwestern Athletic Conference (alternate).
Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania; The Ivy League.
Lisa Campos, University of Texas at San Antonio; Conference USA.
Kim Capriotti, Faculty Athletics Representatives Association representative.
Patrick Chun, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.
Ted Gumbart, ASUN Conference (Division I conference commissioner).
Ken Halpin, Winthrop University; Big South Conference.
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.
Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; America East Conference.
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.
Brad Hostetter, Atlantic Coast Conference (alternate).
Mark Jackson, Villanova University; Big East Conference.
Maisha Kelly, Bucknell University, Patriot League.
Doug Knuth, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Caroline Lee, Southeastern Louisiana University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Justice Littrell, University of Northern Colorado; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati; American Athletic Conference.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
Martin Newton, Samford University; Southern Conference.
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.
Jill Redmond, Atlantic 10 Conference (alternate).
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).
Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Justin Sell, South Dakota State University; The Summit League.

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference April 14-15, 2021</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Paula Smith, University of California, Irvine; Big West Conference.
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.
Wyatt Sutton, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (alternate).
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.
Rich Tiner, Belmont University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).
Greg Walter, Missouri Valley Conference (alternate).
Jaunelle White, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Horizon League.
John Williams, Southland Conference.
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.
<b>Absentees:</b>
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference (for a portion of the meetings).
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference (for a portion of the meetings).
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference (for a portion of the meetings).
Ingrid Wicker McCree, North Carolina Central University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Jennifer Williams, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
Gary Brown, contractor.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, Kevin Lennon and Leeland Zeller.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>
Troy Arthur, Scott Bearby, DJ Brown, Jackie Campbell, Emily Capehart, Michael Cioroianu, Meredith Cleaver, Shauna Cobb, Joni Comstock, Jon Duncan, Mark Emmert, Dan Gavitt, Derrick Gragg, Brian Hainline, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Sarah Hebbard, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Michelle Hosick, Charnele Kemper, Abbey Markey, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Karen Metzger, Binh Nguyen, Sarah Otey, Susan Peal, Leigh Ann Price, Donald Remy, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Brad Rochman, Jen Roe, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Cari Van Senus, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.

## NCAA Division I Council April 2021 Legislative Actions

Proposal Number	Title	Source	Effective Date	Intent	Council Action
2020-11	ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- UNIFORM APPLICATION	NCAA Division I Council (Working Group on Transfers)	Immediate; applicable to transfer student-athletes seeking eligibility during the 2021-22 academic year.	To revise the one-time transfer exception to apply to all sports, as specified.	Adopted.
2020-13	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III TO DIVISION I	NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)	06/01/2021	To establish a process by which a member of Division III may reclassify to Division I, as specified.	Adopted.
2020-16	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS - ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- NONREVENUE CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE ASSIGNMENT -- CONFERENCE OPPONENTS	NCAA Division I Council (Championships Finance Review Working Group)	08/01/2021	To eliminate the requirement that conference opponents shall be avoided in the second round of nonrevenue championships.	Tabled.
2020-17	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS - AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- SINGLE SPORT CONFERENCES -- GRACE PERIOD AND FIELD SELECTION	NCAA Division I Council (Championships Finance Review Working Group)	08/01/2021	To reduce, from two years to one year, the grace period that allows a single-sport conference to remain eligible for automatic qualification following the withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six institutions; further, in sports sponsored by fewer than 50 institutions, to specify that if the number of conferences that meet automatic-qualification criteria exceed 50 percent of the field, the sport committee is granted the authority to select the field in the manner it deems to be in the best interests of the championship and sport.	Tabled.
2020-18	EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS - AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION --	NCAA Division I Council (Championships	08/01/2021	In sports other than basketball, to define a "core member" as an institution that has been an active member of Division I the preceding eight years or has	Tabled.

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	MULTISPORT CONFERENCES -- THREE CORE MEMBERS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL	Finance Review Working Group)		sponsored the sport at the Division I level the preceding eight years; further, to specify that for a multisport conference to be considered eligible for automatic qualification in a particular sport, the conference must include at least three core members and must complete a one-year continuity-of-competition period during which at least three core members conduct conference competition together, as specified.	
2021-1	RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY BEFORE COMMITMENT -- TELEPHONE CALLS WITH MULTIPLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES	NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)	Immediate.	To specify that an institution may conduct a telephone call with multiple prospective student-athletes who have not signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or from whom the institution has not received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.	Supported as noncontroversial. Adopted.
2021-2	RECRUITING -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS -- DIGITAL TICKETING	NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)	Immediate.	To permit an institution to issue complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete or high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved through digital ticketing, as specified.	Supported as noncontroversial. Adopted.
2021-3	COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS -- APPEALS OF DRUG-TESTING PENALTIES	NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)	Immediate	To allow the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or designated subcommittee) discretion in its oversight of the drug-testing appellate process, as specified by the committee's policies and procedures; further, to specify that the committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any authority.	Supported as noncontroversial. Adopted.

Conference -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	3/17, 3/24 and 4/1 Reports	Waiver of Telephone Calls Legislation - FBS	Waiver of Telephone Calls Legislation - FCS	Waiver - SA Participation in Telephone Calls	Waiver - Initiation of Telephone Calls	Waiver - On-Campus Evaluation - FBS	Waiver - On-Campus Evaluation - FCS	Waiver - Evaluation Days - FBS	Waiver - Evaluation Days - FCS	Additional Financial Aid Exemptions	Table III: TPA Policy Recommendation	Remove 2020-21 From the Table	Divide 2020-21	2020-21 - Elements Other Than Dates	2020-21 - Notification Dates	Waiver of Notification of Transfer Dates	2020-13	Table 2020-16	Table 2020-17	Table 2020-18	Consider 2021-1 and 2021-2 as Noncontroversial	2021-1 and 2021-2	Waiver - Use of SAF	Waiver - Virtual Camps/Clinics	Waiver - Virtual Team Activities - Committed PSAs
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May/J. Redmond (alternate)	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke	A	4												Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	e	p	Y	Y	Y	N	p	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	p	p	p
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	a	r	Y	N	Y	Y	r	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	r	r	r
Colonial Athletic Association -- C. Rawak	FCS	1	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	e	v	Y	Y	Y	Y	v	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	v	v	v
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	e	Y	Y	Y	Y	e	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	e	e	e
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1												Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2												Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- W. Sutton (alternate)	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris/G. Walter (alternate)	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4												Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Cable (alternate)	FCS	1												Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y			
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2												Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1												Y	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1												Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4												A	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y		Y	Y			
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2												Y	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (Pioneer for FCS)		1												Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
SAAC -- C. Lee		1												Y	Y	Y	A		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1												Y	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Yes/Adopt (Y)														60	55	64	54		51	64	64	53	63	64			
No/Defeat (N)														0	7	0	9		9	0	0	6	0	0			
Abstain (A)														4	2	0	1		4	0	0	1	0	0			
No Vote Cast (Blank)														0	0	0	0		0	0	0	4	1	0			
Total														64	64	64	64		64	64	64	64	64	64			
Y Percent														100.0%	88.7%	100.0%	85.7%		85.0%	100.0%	100.0%	89.8%	100.0%	100.0%			

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	Conference Type	Voting Weight	Waiver - Virtual Team Activities - Uncommitted PSAs	Spring Sport Season-of-Competition Waivers - Direction to Staff	Waiver - Summer Benefits - FBS	Waiver - Summer Benefits - FCS	Waiver - Summer Benefits - Basketball	Consider 2023.3 as Noncontroversial	2023.3	Introduce Sickle Cell Solubility Test Proposal	Refer Committee Appointment Report to Nominating Committee
<b>Conference -- Voting Delegate</b>											
America East Conference -- S. Heilbron	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
American Athletic Conference -- M. McKinley	NA	2						Y	Y	Y	
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May/J. Redmond (alternate)	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke	A	4						Y	Y	Y	
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4						Y	Y	Y	
Big East Conference -- M. Jackson	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Big South Conference -- K. Halpin	FCS	1	A	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	A
Big Ten Conference -- G. Barta	A	4	p	p	p	p	p	Y	Y	Y	p
Big West Conference -- P. Smith	DI	1	r	r	r	r	r	Y	Y	Y	r
Colonial Athletic Association -- C. Rawak	FCS	1	o	o	o	o	o	Y	Y	N	o
Conference USA -- L. Campos	NA	2	v	v	v	v	v	Y	Y	Y	v
Horizon League -- J. White	DI	1	e	e	e	e	e	Y	Y	Y	
Ivy League -- G. Calhoun	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- P. Schlickmann	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2						A	A	Y	
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- W. Sutton (alternate)	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris/G. Walter (alternate)	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Mountain West Conference -- D. Knuth	NA	2						Y	Y	Y	
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Ohio Valley Conference -- R. Tiner	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Pac-12 Conference -- P. Chun	A	4						Y	Y	Y	
Patriot League -- M. Kelly	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4						Y	Y	Y	
Southern Conference -- M. Newton	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Southland Conference -- J. Williams	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- J. Cable (alternate)	FCS	1						Y	Y	Y	
Summit League -- J. Sell (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2						Y	Y	Y	
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1						Y	Y	Y	
IA FAR -- K. Zorn		1						Y	Y	Y	
Division I Conference Commissioner -- T. Gumbart		1						Y	Y	Y	
FARA -- K. Capriotti		1						Y	Y	Y	
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4						Y	Y	Y	
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2							Y	Y	
FCS Conference Commissioner -- P. Viverito (Pioneer for FCS)		1						Y	Y	Y	
SAAC -- C. Lee		1						Y	Y	Y	
SAAC -- J. Littrell		1						Y	Y	Y	
		<b>Yes/Adopt (Y)</b>						60	62	63	
		<b>No/Defeat (N)</b>						0	0	1	
		<b>Abstain (A)</b>						2	2	0	
		<b>No Vote Cast (Blank)</b>						2	0	0	
		<b>Total</b>						64	64	64	
		<b>Y Percent</b>						100.0%	100.0%	98.4%	

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
APRIL 7, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**Note: This document does not include items incorporated in the NCAA Division I Council report.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of 2020-21 Council-Governance Proposals.** The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee reviewed its previously established positions on the 2020-21 Council-governance proposals. The Legislative Committee received an update that the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee recommended that the Council table NCAA Division I Proposal Nos. 2020-16, 2020-17 and 2020-18 due to the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect sports sponsorship, as well as the ongoing NCAA Division I Presidential Forum's sustainability review.
- 2. Review of NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Report.** The Legislative Committee received the Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement report from its April 1 videoconference.
- 3. Review of NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee Report.** The Legislative Committee received the Modernization of the Rules subcommittee report from its March 4, 18, 25 and April 1, 2021, videoconferences.
- 4. Update from the NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee.** The Legislative Committee received an update from the Division I Interpretations Committee.
- 5. Approval of Legislative Committee March Report.** The Legislative Committee approved the report of its March 12 videoconference.

*Committee Chair: Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati, American Athletic Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons: Anne Rohlman, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance*

<b>NCAA Division I Legislative Committee April 7, 2021, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference.	
Carray Banks, Norfolk State University.	
Matt Burgemeister, Atlantic Coast Conference.	
Jeremiah Carter, University of Minnesota.	
Daniel Feig, University of South Carolina Upstate.	
Tim Gleason, University of Oregon.	
Jennifer Heppel, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.	
Rick Christensen, NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement chair.	
Stephen LaPorta, NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief chair.	
Maggie McKinley, University of Cincinnati (chair).	
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University (vice chair).	
Shannon Strahl, Gonzaga University.	
Matt Boyer, Division I Interpretations Committee chair.	
Larry Williams, University of Akron.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Kailyn Myshrall, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.	
Shalini Shanker, Colorado State University.	
Ted White, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Anne Rohlman and Leeland Zeller.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Scott Bearby, Emily Capehart, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Sarah Hebbard, Ty Medd and Brad Rochman.	



**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 7, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Review of the January 5 and March 16, 2021, reports of the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.** The NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed and accepted the reports as submitted.
- 2. Legal update.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update from the NCAA director of law, policy and governance.
- 3. Update from the NCAA Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update from the Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group staff on current issues related to implementation of the NCAA agent certification program.
- 4. Update on the NCAA Division I Presidential Forum Review of Sustainability.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update on the long-term timeline and short-term modernization of rules associated with the Division I Presidential Forum review of sustainability.
- 5. NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed informational items from the February 2021 meeting of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Specifically, the update included information on emerging playing and practice season issues generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, drug testing issues, and concussion safety protocol.
- 6. NCAA Sport Science Institute.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update on the activity of the Sport Science Institute related to COVID-19 operations, concussion information, and the mental health and gender identity summits.
- 7. Membership Reclassification.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee reviewed data associated with institutions reclassifying from Division II to Division I.
- 8. Update on the Institutional Performance Program.** The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee received an update on the Institutional Performance Program upcoming 2021 data research series.
- 9. Committee reports.** The committee reviewed the following reports:
  - a. NCAA Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee, January and February 2021 reports.
  - b. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 2021 report.

- c. NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics, February 2021 report.
- d. NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, February 2021 report.

**10. Future meetings.**

- a. June 11; and
- b. October 5-7.

*Committee Chair: Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons: Shauna Cobb, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs*

<b>NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee April 7, 2021, Videoconference</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>
Patrick Chun, Washington State University.
Mark Jackson, Villanova University.
Leon Krapf, North Carolina State University; NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh.
Nicki Moore, Colgate University.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
LaRee Sugg, University of Richmond.
Richard Tiner, Belmont University.
Sheryl Turner-Watts, University of South Carolina Upstate.
Kurt Zorn, Indiana University.
<b>Absentees:</b>
None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>
None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Shauna Cobb and Sarah Otey.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>
Troy Arthur, Amanda Conklin, Jennifer Fraser, Sandy Parrot, John Parsons, Greg Pottorff, Jennifer Samble, Anne Rohlman and Darin Van Vlerah.