



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 27, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

*In an effort to connect NCAA Division I Council 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.** The Division I Council took the legislative actions listed below. (See Attachment for voting results.)

- a. Softball Midyear Transfer Eligibility.** (Operational) The Division I Council introduced legislation into the 2022-23 legislative cycle to specify that in softball, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and satisfies the 2-4 or 4-2-4 transfer requirements or qualifies for an exception to the 4-4 transfer residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. The effective date of the proposal is August 1, 2023.

Rationale. This proposal decreases disruption to team cohesion and promotes stability in the championship season. Prohibiting midyear transfers will help provide clarity to championship-season rosters. Additionally, midyear transfers negatively impact the student-athlete experience for those student-athletes who remain at the transferring student-athlete's previous institution.

- b. Personnel and Recruiting Proposals.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council acted on the following four proposals developed by the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee and recommended by the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee. The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level and, if so, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete.

**1) Athletics Personnel – Coaching Limits and Off-Campus Recruiters.** The Council introduced legislation into the 2022-23 Council-governance legislative cycle to:

- a) Eliminate the volunteer coach designation, increase the number of countable coaches permitted in applicable sports;
- b) Remove “makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition” as an element of the definition of a countable coach;

- c) Eliminate the recruiting coordination functions legislation;
- d) In bowl subdivision football, amend the graduate assistant coach designation, as specified; and
- e) In championship subdivision football, women's rowing, and swimming and diving, eliminate the graduate assistant coach designation.

The effective date of the proposal is July 1, 2023.

Rationale. Current legislation permits most sports to maintain a specified number of volunteer coaches or graduate assistant coaches in addition to the number of countable coaches who may be employed. Eliminating the volunteer coach designation and significant revisions to the graduate assistant coach position will help better support student-athletes and simplify the personnel legislation. This proposal offsets the proposed elimination of the volunteer coach designation in all sports and graduate assistant coach designation in women's rowing and swimming and diving by increasing the number of individuals who may serve as countable coaches. Removing the element of making or assisting in making tactical decisions related to a sport during practice or competition significantly simplifies the legislation and relieves monitoring burdens. Maintaining the other elements of the countable coach definition preserves an integral component of coaching – providing technical or tactical instruction – and ensures the individuals who engage in off-campus recruiting activities are the same individuals who will provide on-campus coaching, which helps facilitate integrity and informed decision-making in the recruiting process. Lastly, in bowl subdivision football, the proposed amendments to the graduate assistant coach designation maintain and provide developmental positions to the coaching profession that are directly tied to the pursuit of graduate-level education.

To provide the membership with adequate time to implement the proposed changes, the Legislative Committee recommended – and the Council approved – that the proposal be considered during the Council's January 2023 meeting. Per Council policy, for a proposal to be considered in January, it must (1) be introduced by the Council, (2) be time sensitive, and (3) impact student-athlete well-being.

- 2) **Athletics Personnel – Coaching Limits – Baseball, Ice Hockey and Softball.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council introduced legislation into the 2022-23 Council-governance legislative cycle to increase, from three to

five, the number of countable coaches permitted in baseball, ice hockey and softball. The effective date of the proposal is July 1, 2023.

Rationale. This proposal reflects coaches association input to further increase the number of countable coaches permitted beyond the number currently occupied in baseball, softball and ice hockey by a volunteer coach. The recommended additional coaches are motivated by a desire to enhance student-athlete health, safety and well-being based on the student-athlete-to-coach ratio that currently exists in those sports. These increases would provide opportunities for additional coaching and overall support to student-athletes.

The Council approved a recommendation that the proposal be considered during the Council's January 2023 meeting.

- 3) **Athletics Personnel – Coaching Limits – Basketball.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Council introduced legislation into the 2022-23 Council-governance legislative cycle that in basketball permits an institution to employ up to two additional coaches who may provide technical or tactical instruction to a student-athlete but may not engage in off-campus recruiting activities. The effective date of the proposal is July 1, 2023.

Rationale. During its review of existing athletics personnel limits, the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee sought feedback from Division I coaches associations and sport oversight committees on the proper number of coaching staff required to support the needs of their respective Division I programs. This proposal incorporates feedback provided and would allow institutions to permit the same number of individuals who are currently permitted to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes via a blanket waiver to continue to do so. Blanket waivers were approved for the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 playing seasons to permit two noncoaching staff members to engage in instructional duties. The individuals hired into these two positions would be subject to legislation related to hiring an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (IAWP). This proposal provides additional support to basketball student-athletes and ensures staff members are available to assist and develop current student-athletes when the other countable coaches are recruiting off campus. Further, this proposal helps develop coaches by allowing the staff members to provide instruction to student-athletes without the pressure of engaging in off-campus recruiting activities.

The Council approved a recommendation that the proposal be considered during the Council's January 2023 meeting. It was noted that the effective date of this proposal (July 1, 2023) may need to be amended during the

January Council meeting to avoid a legislative gap that would occur if the proposal were approved, as the blanket waiver is set to expire May 31, 2023.

- 4) Recruiting – Official and Unofficial Visits.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council introduced legislation into the 2022-23 Council-governance legislative cycle to amend the official and unofficial campus visits legislation to:
- a) Remove official limit on number of official visits a prospective student-athlete (PSA) may take;
  - b) Remove institutional official visit limitations in baseball, basketball and football;
  - c) Permit actual and necessary expenses to be covered for the PSA and up to four individuals, in all sports, during an official visit; and
  - d) Permit a PSA and up to four other individuals (e.g., family members, PSA’s coach) to receive one meal, complimentary admissions to home athletics events and parking expenses during unofficial visits.

The effective date of the proposal is July 1, 2023.

Rationale. Campus visits are an integral part of the decision-making process for PSAs and those who assist them in their decisions. This proposal provides additional flexibility and support to PSAs and those accompanying prospects on visits to an institution’s campus to promote informed decision-making in the recruiting process. Retaining provisions around certain expenses that occur during campus visits helps to ensure that visits remain part of the college evaluation process but do not serve as a recruiting inducement or a celebration of a prospect’s presence on campus.

The Council approved a recommendation that the proposal be considered during the Council’s January 2023 meeting.

- 2. Noncontroversial Legislation – Recruiting Calendars – Football.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Council adopted NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2022-27 (Recruiting – Recruiting Calendars – Football – November Dead Period and January Quiet Period) as noncontroversial legislation, effective immediately, to amend the football recruiting calendars, as follows:
- a. The Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving Day (e.g., November 27, 2022; November 26, 2023; December 1, 2024; November 30, 2025) shall be an evaluation period.

- b. A four calendar-day dead period beginning the Monday immediately following Thanksgiving Day (e.g., November 28-December 1, 2022; November 27-30, 2023; December 2-5, 2024; December 1-4, 2025).
- c. A five calendar-day quiet period beginning the Wednesday immediately before the first Saturday in January (e.g., January 4-8, 2023; January 3-7, 2024; January 1-5, 2025; December 31, 2025-January 4, 2026) for transfer prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear.
- d. Eliminate the seven-day quiet period immediately before the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term that is not part of the contact period (applicable only to prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear).

The recent adoption of the notification of transfer windows warrants changes to the recruiting calendar to provide an opportunity for student-athletes and coaches to engage in conversations about future participation opportunities. The adoption of a dead period allows coaching staff members to prioritize in-person conversations with current student-athletes following the conclusion of the season before the December contact period and the opening of the Football Bowl Subdivision notification-of-transfer window. The dead period in championship subdivision football maintains alignment in fall and winter recruiting opportunities and dead periods across subdivisions.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Reports from Council Committees.**

- a. **NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee.** The Council received the following as information:
  - **Recruiting Review.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Football Oversight Committee will continue to discuss recruiting person days, recruiting during the spring (contact period, evaluation period), official visits and on-campus evaluations. Representatives from the 365-day college football calendar working group have participated in recent Comprehensive Recruiting Review Subgroup meetings. There will be additional opportunities to solicit membership feedback on the football recruiting model.
- b. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** The Council received the following as information:

- **Athletics Eligibility Model.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee reported that it has put its discussion regarding the athletics eligibility concept that would allow student-athletes to participate in five seasons of competition during a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility on hold given the ongoing work of the Transformation Committee. Accordingly, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee recommends that no other proposals regarding athletics eligibility models be introduced in this period.

2. **Report of the October 4-5 Council Meeting.** The Council approved the report of its October 4-5 in-person meeting.

*Council Chair: Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.*  
*Council Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Jennifer Fraser, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Kevin Lennon, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*  
*Leeland Zeller, Governance, Policy and Human Resources*

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference October 27, 2022</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Nicole Kendall Arrighi, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.	
Brian Barrio, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; America East Conference.	
Kelly Barsky, University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.	
Renee Baumgartner, Santa Clara University; West Coast Conference.	
Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College; The Ivy League.	
Jamie Boggs; Grand Canyon University; Western Athletic Conference.	
Don Bruce, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.	
Dan Butterly, Big West Conference (Division I conference commissioner).	
Brynn Carlson, University of Missouri; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (alternate).	
Charles Cobb, Georgia State University; Sun Belt Conference.	
Tim Coffey, Longwood University; Big South Conference.	
Tim Day, Iowa State University; FARA (alternate).	
Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.	
David Harris, University of Northern Iowa; Missouri Valley Conference.	
Chad Hawley, Big Ten Conference (alternate).	
Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.	
Angie Jabir, Siena College; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida; American Athletic Conference.	
Debbie Kirch, Northern Kentucky University; Horizon League.	
Heather Lyke, University of Pittsburgh; Atlantic Coast Conference.	

<b>NCAA Division I Council Videoconference October 27, 2022</b>
Shane Lyons, West Virginia University; Big 12 Conference.
Judy MacLeod, Conference USA (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).
Brandon Martin, University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.
Chris May, Saint Louis University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Noreen Morris, Northeast Conference.
Eddie Nunez, University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference.
Adeanah Pooler; Southwestern Athletic Conference (alternate).
Erik Price, Pac-12 Conference (alternate).
Elizabeth Rabb, Wofford College, Southern Conference.
Chrissi Rawak, University of Delaware; Colonial Athletic Association.
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; ASUN Conference.
Thomas Samuel, Southland Conference.
Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).
Alecia Shields-Gadson, Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference.
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida; Southeastern Conference.
Isaac Vance, Kent State University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (alternate).
Billy Walker, American University; Patriot League.
Katie Willett, Big East Conference (alternate).
Eric Wood, Louisiana Tech University; Conference USA.
<b>Absentees:</b>
Jason Cable, Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Patrick Chun, Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Turner Dirrigl, Canisius College; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Ami Gianchandani, Yale University; Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Mark Jackson, Villanova University; Big East Conference.
Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS conference commissioner).
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>
Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser and Kevin Lennon.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:</b>
Scott Bearby, Lydia Bell, DJ Brown, Gary Brown, Emily Capehart, Meredith Cleaver, Joni Comstock, Derrick Crawford, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Ty Halpin, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Brittney Jackson, Charnele Kemper, Felicia Martin, Ty Medd, Karen Metzger, Mario Morris, Binh Nguyen, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Jenn Samble, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Stan Wilcox and Quintin Wright.

NCAA Division I Council Voting Results  
October 27, 2022

Conference -- Voting Delegate	Conference Type	Voting Weight	October 4-5 Report	Introduce Softball Midyear Transfers	Introduce Coaching Limits	Introduce Coaching Limits -- Baseball, Ice Hockey and Softball	Introduce Coaching Limits -- Basketball	Introduce Official and Unofficial Visits	2022-27 as Noncontroversial -- FBS	2022-27 FBS	2022-27 as Noncontroversial -- FCS	2022-27 FCS
America East Conference -- B. Barrio	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
American Athletic Conference -- M. Kelly	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Atlantic 10 Conference -- C. May	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Atlantic Coast Conference -- H. Lyke	A	4		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y		
ASUN Conference -- A. Ricker-Gilbert	FCS	1	A p p r o v e d	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Big 12 Conference -- S. Lyons	A	4		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Big East Conference -- K. Willett (alternate)	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Big Sky Conference -- J. Gee	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	N	Y			Y	Y
Big South Conference -- T. Coffey	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Big Ten Conference -- C. Hawley (alternate)	A	4		Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y		
Big West Conference -- K. Barsky	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Colonial Athletic Association -- C. Rawak	FCS	1				Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Conference USA -- E. Wood	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Horizon League -- D. Kirch	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Ivy League -- J. Blackett	FCS	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference -- A. Jabir	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mid-American Conference -- J. Steinbrecher	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference -- A. Shields-Gadson	FCS	1		Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Missouri Valley Conference -- D. Harris (MVFC for FCS)	DI	1		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
Mountain West Conference -- E. Nunez	NA	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		
Northeast Conference -- N. Morris	FCS	1	Y	Y		N	Y			Y	Y	
Ohio Valley Conference -- N. Arrighi	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	
Pac-12 Conference -- E. Price (alternate)	A	4	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Patriot League -- B. Walker	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	N			Y	Y	
Southeastern Conference -- L. Tealer	A	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Southern Conference -- E. Rabb	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	
Southland Conference -- T. Samuel	FCS	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	
Southwestern Athletic Conference -- A. Pooler (alternate)	FCS	1								Y	Y	
Summit League -- B. Martin	DI	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Sun Belt Conference -- C. Cobb	NA	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
West Coast Conference -- R. Baumgartner	DI	1	Y	A	A	Y	N					
Western Athletic Conference -- J. Boggs	DI	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
IA FAR -- D. Bruce		1	Y	N	Y	Y	Y					
Division I Conference Commissioner -- D. Butterly		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
FARA -- T. Day (alternate)		1	Y	N	Y	Y	N					
FBS Autonomy Commissioner -- G. Sankey		4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
FBS Nonautonomy Commissioner -- J. MacLeod		2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
FCS Conference Commissioner -- J. Heppel (alternate)		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	
SAAC -- B. Carlson (alternate)		1		Y	Y	Y	Y					
SAAC -- I. Vance (alternate)		1	A	Y	Y	Y	Y					
<b>Yes/Adopt (Y)</b>				60	46	53	53	58	15	15	14	14
<b>No/Defeat (N)</b>				0	11	8	10	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Abstain (A)</b>				1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>No Vote Cast (Blank)</b>				3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>				64	64	64	64	64	15	15	14	14
<b>Y Percent</b>				100.0%	80.7%	86.9%	84.1%	92.1%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

A = Autonomy; NA = FBS Nonautonomy