



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL
OCTOBER 8-9, 2024, MEETING**

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.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The NCAA Division I Council took the following key legislative actions, effective on the dates specified. These actions are detailed in Attachment A and voting results are available in Attachment B.
 - a. **NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-55 – Recruiting – Transition of National Letter of Intent Program to NCAA Legislation – Contact Prohibition After Signing Financial Aid Agreement.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-55 as expedited legislation to transition the core benefits of the National Letter of Intent program into NCAA legislation and institutional athletics aid agreements. A violation of the contact prohibition of the legislation shall be processed pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 19.1.4 (Level III violation). The proposal is effective immediately.
 - b. **Proposal No. 2024-54 – Infractions Program – Violation Structure – Exception for Limited Sports Wagering Violations.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-54 as expedited legislation to specify that violations of the sports wagering activities legislation involving behaviors that compromise or are intended to compromise the integrity of collegiate contests and/or lack of institutional oversight shall be processed at the same level for the involved individual and the institution. In all other instances, violations of the sports wagering activities legislation may be processed at different levels for the involved individual and institution. The proposal is effective immediately.
 - c. **Proposal No. 2024-45 – Recruiting – Complimentary Admissions – Postseason Conference Tournament.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-45, which, in sports other than bowl subdivision football, permits a conference to provide complimentary admissions to prospective student-athletes who reside in the locale of the postseason conference tournament in a manner consistent with a visit unrelated to athletics recruitment. A conference may also provide reasonable local transportation and nominal meals and snacks in conjunction with the complimentary admission. The proposal applies to all sports except bowl subdivision football and is effective immediately.
 - d. **Proposal No. 2024-46 – Recruiting – Notification of Transfer Windows – Reduce from 45 Days to 30 Days – Basketball and Football.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-46, basketball and football, reduces, from 45 to 30 days, the duration of the notification of transfer windows for undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes. In basketball, the 30-day transfer window begins the day after the second round of the NCAA Division I basketball championship (e.g., March

24-April 22, 2025, for men's basketball, March 25-April 23, 2025, for women's basketball). In football, notification of transfer would consist of two windows—a 20 consecutive-day window beginning the Monday after the first Saturday in December (Dec. 9-28, 2024), with an exception for participants in postseason contests, and a 10-day window April 16-25. The proposal is effective immediately. The NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee will revisit and potentially recommend changes to the football notification of transfer windows for the 2025-26 academic year. For sports other than basketball and football, the notification of transfer windows may be revisited based on additional data as it becomes available.

- e. **Proposal No. 2024-50 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – First Permissible Contest Date and 22-Week Playing Season.** The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees adopted, and the council took no action on Proposal No. 2024-50, which is now considered adopted and final. The proposal creates a standard, 22-week playing season beginning the first Monday in November through the men's and women's final four. The proposal is effective August 1, 2025.
 - f. **Proposal No. 2024-51 – Championships – Eligibility for Championships – Division I Option When No Division I Championship Is Conducted – Men's Ice Hockey.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-51, which specifies that an active Division II member institution is eligible to compete in the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship if no men's ice hockey championship is conducted in Division II. With the adoption of the proposal, the opportunity for Division II institutions to participate in the Division I championship in other sports in which Division II does not offer a championship was eliminated. The proposal is effective August 1, 2025.
 - g. **Proposal No. 2024-52 – Governance and Committees – Division I Committees – Merge Competition Oversight Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee.** The council adopted Proposal No. 2024-52, which merges the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee into the NCAA Division I Sports Oversight Committee. The proposal is effective immediately.
2. **Introduction of Legislation to Modify Preenrollment Eligibility Rules for Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation to eliminate legislation by which major junior ice hockey teams are considered professional; and in men's ice hockey and skiing to permit involvement with professional teams and leagues (e.g., contracts, payments, tryouts, practice and competition) before initial full-time collegiate enrollment, provided not more than actual and necessary expenses for participation are received or guaranteed. The proposal's effective is August 1, 2025. The council will consider the proposal as expedited legislation during its November 7 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Update from NCAA President Charlie Baker.** (Fairness/Well-Being) The council received an update from President Baker on the NCAA business plan and operating expense reductions for the 2024-25 fiscal year and an update regarding efforts to address online abuse of student-athletes in connection with NCAA championships.
2. **Update and Discussion of National Division I and Association-Wide Issues.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on issues related to the proposed settlement of antitrust litigation and other legal cases.
3. **Future State of Division I.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council discussed the future governance structure of Division I and the key elements of an ideal state of the division. The council agreed that the structure should reflect the current and emerging environment of Division I while recognizing and valuing areas of collaboration that bind the membership together. The council will continue its discussion on the governance model in future meetings.
4. **Update on Comprehensive Student-Athlete Eligibility Legislation Review.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on the comprehensive review of eligibility-impacting rules for student-athletes. The council reviewed and provided feedback on preenrollment concepts related to participation with professional teams, delayed enrollment, agents and seasons of competition. The council will continue to review and discuss these concepts during upcoming meetings. Additional eligibility-related concepts will be discussed by the council on a rolling basis with anticipated completion of the review in October 2025.
5. **Updates from the NCAA Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update from the Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguard and Medical Aspects of Sports, including a summary of the committee's recent discussion on a variety of health, safety and well-being issues related to sports wagering.
6. **Update on NCAA Division I and National Collegiate Championships.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on the outlook of Division I and national collegiate championships.

7. **NCAA Relationships with Professional Sports Leagues, National Governing Bodies and Non-Profits.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received a presentation on potential policy modifications to engage with professional sports leagues, national governing bodies and non-profit entities to reflect the emerging regulatory environment. The opportunities for engagement include collaboration on joint initiatives, financial contributions, reciprocal marketing and brand building. Recommended guardrails were presented in connection with the opportunities to build relationships with professional sports leagues, national governing bodies and non-profits.

8. **Regional Representation in Sport Championship Committees.** (Fairness/Operational) Based on a recommendation from the NCAA Division I Nominating Committee, the council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to eliminate regional representation requirements in the composition of Division I sport championship committees. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. Representation on sport championship committees is based on conference affiliation. Composition requirements for many committees also specify that geographic regions must be represented. Geographic regions are based on the location of conference offices. Conference realignment and other required composition requirements (e.g., guaranteed autonomy conference representation, representation based on sport success) have resulted in limiting the potential pool of nominations due to the location of conference offices versus the locations of their member institutions. Eliminating the regional representation requirements would allow for flexibility in solicitations for vacancies and in committee appointments based national pools of candidates. Sport championship committees would have the discretion to determine how to manage evaluations and rankings during the sports seasons. Similar sports could be encouraged to collaborate on regional alignment to be as similar as possible. The Competition Oversight Committee supports this recommendation. The Nominating Committee is committed to a policy to balance regional representation as much as possible with other legislated and policy requirements. Finally, sport championship committees may appoint regional advisory committees to assist in the evaluation of teams.

9. **Reports from Council Committees.** The council received reports from its standing committees that included action and informational items. Roll-call vote results of legislative actions are available in Attachment B.

a. **Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee.**

- **Off-Campus Recruiters.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the January 2025 pilot legislative process to specify that, in men's basketball, only four countable coaches may use a recruiting-person day during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. National regulation of men's basketball countable coaches by academic recruiting period, evaluation period, and elite events is not necessary and creates an undue burden on compliance offices. The adoption of Proposal No. 2024-16 increased the number of countable coaches who may permissibly recruit off-campus from four to six, which was important for the development of coaches and the overall coaching pipeline. This proposal to permit not more than four of six countable coaches to recruit off-campus each day provides the opportunity for at least two coaches to remain available to current student-athletes for practice and/or skill instruction, while simplifying the current legislation.

b. Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee.

- 1) **Communication Strategy for Women's Basketball.** (Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee's discussion surrounding the NCAA communications strategy for women's basketball for the 2024-25 season. The strategies include communications objectives that highlight key priorities (e.g., gender equity, women's basketball performance fund), continuing to develop relationships and education with media to tell stories and report news that reflects favorably on women's basketball, and communication campaigns to expand further on existing partnerships.
- 2) **NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee Update.** (Fairness/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee provided an update on a recent meeting of the Women's Basketball Committee and approval of automatic qualification for the Division I Women's Basketball Championship.
- 3) **Update from the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received an update on the most recent meeting of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Legislation Subcommittee on several legislative and policy items, including notification of transfer windows, the first permissible contest date and length of the playing season and proposed amendments to the women's basketball recruiting calendar.
- 4) **Support for NCAA Operating Plan.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee discussed how to support the NCAA operating plan. Specific areas of discussion included growing the fan database, social media campaigns, and collaboration and initiatives with ESPN specific to women's basketball.

c. Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees.

- 1) **Basketball Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event Blanket Waiver and Review.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees recommended that the NCAA staff approve a blanket waiver of the qualifying regular-season multiple-team event legislation for the 2024-25 season. The waiver will permit more than one institution per conference to participate in a multiple-team event and permit an institution to participate in the same multiple-team event more than once every four years. Institutions may use the blanket waiver, provided their participation in a multiple-team event satisfies all other multiple-team event requirements. The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees plan to conduct a comprehensive review to adjust the current multiple-team event legislation. Legislation could be proposed for the June 2025 legislative cycle that would be effective beginning with the 2025-26 or 2026-27 season. The oversight committees will also review whether a legislative relief waiver is needed for the 2025-26 season.

- 2) **Basketball Summer League Certification.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees introduced legislation into the January 2025 pilot legislative process to move the basketball summer league certification requirements from legislation to policies and procedures under the authority of the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal would allow the NCAA Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group to administer the certification process for summer basketball leagues pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The oversight committees would have the authority to efficiently and effectively manage the summer league certification criteria without being required use the legislative process to make changes. In 2018 and 2019, for men's and women's basketball, respectively, the criteria for certification of summer recruiting events were moved from legislation to the oversight committees' policies and procedures.

d. **Division I Competition Oversight Committee.**

- 1) **Championships Enhancement Priorities.** (Well-Being/Operational) The Competition Oversight Committee reviewed potential enhancements to championships related to bracket integrity, competition quality, championship formats, access and participation, exposure, health and safety, and revenue potential. The committee will continue to discuss enhancement priorities.

- 2) **NCAA Championships Sites Selection.** (Operational) The Competition Oversight Committee discussed upcoming championships host sites for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 years and reviewed long-term championships sites hosts. In addition, the committee continued a discussion regarding nonpredetermined site hosts and the operational expectations of those championships.
 - 3) **Women's Lacrosse Video Review.** (Fairness/Operational) The Competition Oversight Committee approved a recommendation from the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Committee to use video review technology at the finals site and supported the use of video review at preliminary rounds, if available.
- e. **Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee.**
- **Request to Review Exempt Contest Legislation.** (Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee received a request to review whether the exempt contest legislation should apply to the U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy contest, which has historically been played in December after the selection of participants for postseason bowl contests and the College Football Playoff. The committee engaged in preliminary discussion and will consider the request further during a future meeting.
- f. **Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee.**
- **NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee Update.** (Operational) The council received a report on plans from the Division I Football Championship Committee to refine bracketing and the selection process for the NCAA Division I Football Championship. The committee will reveal its top 10 teams on October 30.
- g. **Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee.**
- 1) **Review of the Playing and Practice Season.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council received a report on the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Playing and Practice Season Subgroup and its review of preseason practice activities and first contest date legislation. The subgroup plans to continue its review and solicit stakeholder feedback on concepts in January 2025.
 - 2) **Review of Official Visit Legislation.** (Fairness/Well-Being) The Football Oversight Committees will review requests to amend official visit legislation in football and solicit membership feedback on potential adjustments.

h. NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.

- 1) **Legislative Moratorium Discussion.** (Academics/Well-Being/Operational) During its ongoing review of the pilot legislative processes, the Legislative Committee discussed the importance of ensuring the council's legislative efforts are strategically focused on rules changes to comport with the settlement of the student-athlete compensation cases and other Division I priorities (e.g., student-athlete eligibility review). As a result, the committee discussed the potential utility of a limited legislative moratorium beginning in January for the remainder of the 2024-25 legislative cycle to ensure the council's legislative agenda is focused on implementation of the division's key priorities. The council agreed that articulating priorities and areas of focus for the governance structure will be important in the coming months. Additional discussion will occur on this topic as developments related to the settlement continue.
- 2) **Disclosure and Compliance Certification Requirements.** (Operational) The Legislative Committee continued to discuss whether certain rules remain necessary to maintain in their current application, including the mandatory disclosure of outside income and benefits and the certification of compliance requirements. The committee agreed that some challenges of the disclosure requirement may be alleviated through education and will work with constituent entities to clarify the application. The committee will continue to monitor other requirements.
- 3) **Periodic Compliance Review Requirement.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Legislative Committee discussed the process to identify, on an annual basis, the core areas integral to serving the needs of student-athletes that should be assessed as a part of the new Division I periodic compliance review requirement. The committee will continue the review during its January meeting.

i. NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

- 1) **Division II and Division III to Division I Reclassification.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to modify the reclassification process for Division II and Division III institutions seeking to reclassify to Division I. The proposal would reduce, from four to three years, the timeline for Division II institutions reclassifying to Division I, and the timeline for Division III institutions reclassifying to Division I from five to four years, provided specific benchmarks are met. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal aims to create objective measures focusing on the Division I student-athlete experience. The resulting processes would help ensure that reclassifying members are committed to the Division I philosophy and operating principles. In addition, this legislation would increase the likelihood that such institutions will operate successful, competitive programs at the Division I level.

- 2) **Single-Sport Conference Requirements.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to establish requirements for single-sport conferences. The proposal would specify that a conference shall sponsor one sport for one gender in which an NCAA Division I or NCAA national collegiate championship is conducted and that in sports in which an NCAA Division I championship is conducted, the conference shall be composed of at least six active NCAA members, 75% of which must be active Division I members. An institution that meets the multidivision legislation to have a sport classified in Division I would count toward the 75% requirement. An entity may administer multiple single-sport conferences, either in the same sport for men and women, or for different sports; however, each sport (including different genders in the same sport) requires a separate application, application fee and annual dues. Additionally, a conference must submit a separate application for each sport if the conference did not sponsor that sport during the 2023-24 academic year. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal clarifies the single-sport application and membership process for single-sport conferences for sports, other than basketball and football, in which a Division I or national collegiate championship is conducted. It is important that these clarifications be made before the moratorium on new single-sport conferences expires in February 2025. Single-sport conferences should be limited to one sport and one gender. Further, a minimum threshold of Division I members should be established as part of the membership requirements of a single-sport conference in a sport in which a Division I championship is conducted.

- 3) **Consolidation of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee, the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and the Gender Equity Task Force.** (Well-Being/Operational). The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to consolidate the Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee, the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and the Gender Equity Task Force into one committee that shall focus on Association-wide issues regarding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. The proposal's effective date is September 1, 2025.

Rationale. Following the adoption of a new NCAA Constitution in January 2022, the NCAA Board of Governors began a review of Association-wide committees to determine the relevance of those committees and whether potential changes could occur to better align the committees' work with the requirements outlined in the new Constitution. The NCAA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committees Review Working Group was established to carry out the review of the Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, and the Gender Equity Task Force. The working group collaborated with governance and membership groups to determine how best to advance DEIB principles and initiatives through the Association. One centralized DEIB committee will be: (1) More effective and efficient with a unified, focused effort to lead on core dimensions of diversity and their intersections; (2) More recognizable and reputable across the Association for its leadership on DEIB matters and its alignment with the NCAA Constitution principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Gender Equity as well as the Board of Governors approved inclusion statement.

- 4) **Physician with Endocrinology Experience on the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.** (Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to specify that the position designated for an endocrinologist on the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports may be filled by a member the general public. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. The purpose of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports is to provide the membership with expert guidance on mental and physical health, safety and performance topics. As such, its composition reflects the need for experts with specific medical, scientific, research and sports medicine expertise. These perspectives are more relevant and more essential to the work of CSMAS than conference affiliation. Without this recommended change, limited nominations for an expert in endocrinology may be submitted for this position due to the specialized qualification required, and it may be difficult to find a qualified replacement.

j. **NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee.**

- 1) **Baseball – Length of Playing and Practice Season and Number of Nonchampionship Segment Contests.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to modify the baseball playing and practice season to

create a 45-day nonchampionship segment during which four contests with outside competition and 35 days of countable athletically related activities are permitted with no more than four hours per day or 20 hours per week and a minimum of 10 required days off, a preseason practice period beginning 35 days before the first permissible contest during which 27 days of countable athletically related activities are permissible and no countable athletically related activities may occur between the institutional winter vacation period and the start of preseason practice. The proposal's effective date is August 1, 2025.

Rationale. This proposal is the result of the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee Baseball Legislative Review Subgroup's comprehensive review of baseball playing and practice season legislation. Specifically, this proposal would create a consistent window for all baseball programs to engage in preseason practice and provide institutions with better opportunities to prioritize student-athlete well-being. Requiring more time off during the nonchampionship segment and preseason period, when paired with additional preseason opportunities, will better prepare student-athletes for the championship segment and promote overall student-athlete well-being. Additionally, this proposal would decrease the administrative burden in scheduling and alleviate roster-related challenges related to conducting intrasquad scrimmages during the nonchampionship segment. Further, existing restrictions on missed class time related to the nonchampionship segment would be maintained.

- 2) **Men's and Women's Ice Hockey – Length of Playing and Practice Season, Preseason Practice and First Contest.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions before 11 days before the first permissible contest date (Bylaw 17.14.3). Countable athletically related activities from the start of preseason practice until the first permissible contest shall be limited to eight hours per week. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the applicable NCAA championship. In addition, an institution shall provide student-athletes with five additional days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (winter break). An institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition shall not be played after the applicable NCAA championship game. The proposal's effective date is August 1, 2025.

Rationale. This proposal would create more consistency for institutions and student-athletes regarding the start and end dates to the ice hockey playing and practice season. Increasing the preseason practice period while limiting

countable athletically related activities to eight hours per week, all of which may be used for skill instruction, would enhance the preseason practice period by allowing a progressive transition into the regular season, positively impacting student-athlete health and safety and reducing the risk of injury. Further, this proposal would require five additional days off during December/January (winter break) to further promote appropriate time for recovery during the championship season.

- 3) **Women's Water Polo – First Date of Preseason Practice and Competition – Championship Segment.** (Fairness/Well-Being) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle, in women's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions in the championship segment prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship. The proposal's effective date is August 1, 2025.

Rationale. Establishing a first date of competition dependent on the date of the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship will promote consistency in the start of the 14-week championship segment. This proposal was unanimously supported at the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Convention.

- 4) **Women's Soccer – First Date of Competition and Transition Period.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the January 2025 legislative cycle to amend the women's soccer playing and practice season to reallocate 12 days from the nonchampionship segment to the championship segment, create a transition period that may begin 14 days prior to preseason practice, move the first contest date to the Wednesday before the 14th weekend before the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship, and replace the three scrimmage or exhibition contests with two exhibition contests. The proposal's effective date is July 1, 2026.

Rationale. This proposed model would alleviate the compression of contests during the championship segment and create a transition period prior to the preseason practice period which mirrors return to play protocols recommended in the Sport Science Institute guidelines in order to prioritize student-athlete well-being and reduce missed class time due to competition travel.

- 5) **National Service Academy Contact Exception.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The council introduced legislation into the

January 2025 legislative cycle to specify that authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing written and electronic correspondence, may send written and electronic correspondence beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. The proposal's effective date is immediate.

Rationale. This proposal clarifies the original intent of the current legislation due to impacts not contemplated at the time of adoption. Prior to the adoption of Proposal No. 2018-89, the first permissible date for telephone calls, written correspondence and the date permitted by the exception for U.S. Service academies were consistent with one another. Therefore, the inclusion of a legislated exception for written correspondence was not necessary. Proposal No. 2018-19 amended the exception to reflect the same date as off-campus contacts, which was prior to the date for telephone calls and written correspondence. Proposal No. 2018-93 amended the first date to contact for telephone calls and written correspondence to a date prior to off-campus contacts and the exception without amending the exception for U.S. Service academies.

10. **Report from the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** (Well-Being/Operational) The council received a report from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee related to its priorities for the remainder of the academic year. Among the priorities discussed were continued engagement with Congress on the position that student-athletes should not be employees, communication with conference and campus Student-Athlete Advisory Committees, civic engagement, student-athlete involvement in conference and national governance, and engagement with the comprehensive student-athlete eligibility review. The committee will continue to discuss the priorities at future meetings.
11. **Report from the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.** The council received a report from the Committee on Academics that included the following informational items.
 - a. **Development of the Transfer NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rates and the Graduation Passport.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Committee on Academics discussed a main area of focus on the academic impact of transferring and operationalizing the two items referred to the committee by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors – the development of a Transfer Academic Progress Rate and a Graduation Passport. The items will be used to inform future academic policy and/or legislative recommendations.
 - b. **Additional Variables Impacting Student-Athlete Academic Performance.** (Academics/Fairness/Well-Being/Operational) The Committee on Academics

discussed developing plans and determining how best to collect data on the impact of name, image and likeness, sports wagering, and conference realignment on student-athlete performance to help inform any potential policy or legislation. The committee will continue to collaborate with the National Association of Academic and Student-Athlete Development Professionals and the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association. The committee will also provide representation on the Student-Athlete Experience Committee's Baseball Legislation Review Subgroup and the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee's review of membership requirements. In addition, support will continue for the NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program and the comprehensive student-athlete eligibility review.

- 12. Report of the September Council Meeting.** The council approved the report of its September 5 meeting.

Council Chair: Josh Whitman, University of Illinois; Big Ten Conference.

*Council Liaisons: Geoff Bentzel, Division I Governance
Amanda Conklin, Division I Governance
Jennifer Fraser, Division I Governance
Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance*

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Attendees:	
Alisse Ali-Joseph,	Northern Arizona University, Faculty Athletics Representative Association.
Mark Alnutt,	University at Buffalo, the State University of New York; Mid-American Conference.
Nicole Kendall Arrighi,	Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Kelly Barsky,	University of California, Santa Barbara; Big West Conference.
Amy Beggin,	University of New Mexico; Mountain West Conference (alternate).
Jackie Blackett,	Columbia University-Barnard College; The Ivy League.
Josh Brooks,	University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference.
Don Bruce,	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; 1A Faculty Athletics Representative.
Dan Butterly,	Big West Conference (Division I Subdivision conference commissioner).
Jason Cable,	Alabama State University; Southwestern Athletic Conference.
Lisa Campos,	University of Texas at San Antonio, American Athletic Conference (alternate).
Greg Christopher,	Xavier University; Big East Conference.
Tim Coffey,	Longwood University; Big South Conference.
Christine Copper,	U.S. Naval Academy; Patriot League.
Brad Corbin,	Washington State University; Pac-12 Conference.
Steve Corder,	University of Detroit Mercy; Horizon League.
John Currie,	Wake Forest University; Atlantic Coast Conference.
Joey D'Antonio,	Coastal Athletic Association (FCS conference commissioner).
Anthony Egbo,	Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Terry Gawlik,	University of Idaho; Big Sky Conference.
Gerald Harrison,	Austin Peay State University; ASUN Conference.
Shawn Heilbron,	Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.
Brad Hurlbut,	Fairleigh Dickinson University; Northeast Conference.
Jeff Jackson,	Missouri Valley Conference.
Kimberly Johnson,	Texas Christian University; Big 12 Conference.
Doug Knuth,	Southern Utah University; Western Athletic Conference.
Jessica Kumke,	Horizon League; Committee on Academics liaison.
Lisa Liotta,	Canisius University; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Brandon Martin,	University of Missouri, Kansas City; The Summit League.
Ed McLaughlin,	Virginia Commonwealth University; Atlantic 10 Conference.
Alex Penewell,	West Coast Conference (alternate).
Meredith Page,	Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Jennifer Phillips;	James Madison University; Sun Belt Conference.
Elizabeth Rabb,	Wofford College, Southern Conference.
Allison Rich,	University of New Hampshire; America East Conference.
Greg Sankey,	Southeastern Conference (FBS autonomy conference commissioner).
Heath Schroyer,	McNeese State University; Southland Conference.
Jim Senter,	University of Texas at El Paso; Conference USA.
Alecia Shields-Gadson,	Delaware State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

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Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference (FBS nonautonomy conference commissioner).
Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League/Missouri Valley Football Conference (attended for FCS voting only).
Josh Whitman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign; Big Ten Conference.
Absentees:
Michael Kelly, University of South Florida; American Athletic Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
John Daniel, University of Cincinnati, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Charvi Greer, Tulane University, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Tiffini Grimes, Purdue University, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
John Heck, Coastal Athletic Association, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Abigail Howard, U.S. Military Academy, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Joni Stevens, the Citadel, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Al Tomlinson, University of Toledo, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Tiffany Tucker, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
Jason Young, Fairleigh Dickinson University, NCAA Pathway Program participant.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Geoff Bentzel, Amanda Conklin, Jenn Fraser, and Leeland Zeller.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Troy Arthur, Charlie Baker, Scott Bearby, Lydia Bell, Tim Buckley, Emily Capehart, Deena Casiero, Michael Cioroianu, Derrick Crawford, Danielle Day, Jon Duncan, Michele Forte-Osborne, Dan Gavitt, Brandy Hataway, Jennifer Henderson, Brian Higgins, Ethan Hite, Anthony Holman, Lynn Holzman, Charnele Kemper, Kevin Lennon, John Macrina, Jobrina Marques, Felicia Martin, Mike Massa, Karen Metzger, Mario Morris, Binh Nguyen, Susan Peal, Stephanie Quigg, Kris Richardson, Bridget Rigney, Anne Rohlman, Dave Schnase, Geoff Silver, Shelby Sonnefeldt, Liz Suscha, Jerry Vaughn, Stan Wilcox, Meghan Wright, and Quintin Wright.

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2024-45	RECRUITING -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS -- POSTSEASON CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee and NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee	In sports other than bowl subdivision football, to permit a conference to provide prospective student-athletes complimentary admissions to a postseason conference tournament, as specified.	Amended to add men's basketball. Amended to add FCS. Amended to specify that reasonable local transportation and nominal meals and snacks may be provided in conjunction with the complimentary admissions. Adopted (Final).
2024-46	RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER WINDOWS -- REDUCE FROM 45 DAYS TO 30 DAYS -- BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL	NCAA Division I Council (Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees and Football Oversight Committees)	In basketball and football, to reduce, from 45 days to 30 days, the duration of the notification of transfer windows for undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes.	Amended to specify, in football, that the 30 days will consist of a 20 consecutive-day notification of transfer window beginning the Monday after the first Saturday in December and an April 16-25 notification of transfer window. Adopted (Final).
2024-47	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S LACROSSE -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- THREE DATES OF COMPETITION DURING NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)	In men's lacrosse, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 17 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and three dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment.	Adopted (Final).
2024-48	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE -- PRESEASON PRACTICE	NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)	In women's lacrosse, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions in the championship segment before the second Saturday in January.	Adopted (Final).

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2024-49	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S WATER POLO -- FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION	NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)	In men's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition (other than an alumni scrimmage) prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Water Polo Championship.	Adopted (Final).
2024-50	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST DATE AND 22-WEEK PLAYING SEASON	NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees	In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Monday of the 22nd week prior to the Division I Men's Basketball Championship game. In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Monday of the 22nd week prior to the Division I Women's Basketball Championship game.	Adopted by WBOC. Amended by MBOC to specify that an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Monday of the 22nd week prior to the Division I Men's Basketball Championship game. Adopted by MBOC. Adopted (Final).
2024-51	CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- DIVISION I OPTION WHEN NO DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP IS CONDUCTED -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY	NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)	To specify that an active Division II member institution is eligible to compete in the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship if no men's ice hockey championship is conducted in Division II.	Adopted (Final).

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2024-52	GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES -- MERGE COMPETITION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE	NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)	To merge the Competition Oversight Committee and the Student-Athlete Experience Committee, as specified.	Amended to specify that the Preenrollment Amateurism Certification Committee shall report to the Legislative Committee. Adopted (Final).
2024-54	INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- VIOLATION STRUCTURE -- EXCEPTION FOR LIMITED SPORTS WAGERING VIOLATIONS	NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)	To specify that violations of the sports wagering activities legislation involving behaviors that compromise or are intended to compromise the integrity of collegiate contests and/or lack of institutional oversight shall be processed at the same level for the involved individual and the institution; and to specify that in all other instances, violations of the sports wagering activities legislation may be processed at different levels for the involved individual and institution.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted (Final).
2024-55	RECRUITING -- TRANSITION OF NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAM TO NCAA LEGISLATION -- CONTACT PROHIBITION AFTER SIGNING FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT	NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)	To transition elements of the National Letter of Intent Program to NCAA legislation, as specified, and to specify that an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests of an institution that provides athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes shall not communicate or make contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of athletics aid with another NCAA Division I or Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly.	Supported as expedited legislation. Adopted (Final).

