

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APRIL 24, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- 1. Legislative item.
 - Division Membership Conditions and Obligations of Membership Periodic Compliance Review Effective Date.
 - Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council adopt expedited legislation to delay the effective date, from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2027, of the membership requirement to conduct a periodic compliance review at least once every four years (see NCAA Bylaw 20.2.4.4 as adopted in NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2023-26). (Note: Based on the 30-day notice requirement for expedited legislation, the council will consider this recommendation during its June 24-25 meeting.)
 - (2) <u>Effective date</u>. August 1, 2027 (an institution's first review would need to be completed between August 1, 2027, and August 1, 2031).
 - Rationale. With significant changes to the Division I regulatory landscape (3) anticipated for implementation beginning July 1, 2025, it is premature for an institution to conduct a meaningful review of its compliance operations. Although the August 1, 2025, effective date provides an institution four years to ultimately conduct the review, recent feedback suggested that if the majority of institutions choose to delay their compliance review to the latter half of the current four-year window, conference office staff, who will likely be involved in many institutional compliance reviews, will be overburdened. Moving the start of the four-year window back to August 1, 2027, will alleviate future scheduling congestion, while helping institutional compliance operations focus their near-term efforts on adjusting to the anticipated changes to the regulatory landscape. The compliance review requirement will be more meaningful with the benefit of experience in the new landscape. Consideration of this recommendation as expedited legislation during the June council meeting will provide necessary notice to institutions that were considering conducting or beginning their periodic compliance reviews on or after August 1, 2025.
 - (4) Estimated budget. None.
 - (5) <u>Student-athlete impact</u>. Delaying the start of the periodic compliance review requirement until after institutions have had the opportunity to implement the anticipated changes to the Division I regulatory framework better positions institutions to conduct meaningful reviews of how their compliance operations help serve the needs of student-athletes.

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- 2. Nonlegislative items.
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of Proposals in the June 2025 Legislative Cycle. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee reviewed and provided initial feedback on the proposals introduced into the June 2025 Division I Council-governance legislative cycle.
- **2. Update on Division I Compliance Forms.** The Legislative Committee received an update on the development of Division I compliance forms for the 2025-26 academic year.
- **3. Approval of Legislative Committee March 6 Report.** The Legislative Committee approved the report of its March 6 meeting.

Committee Chair: Doug Knuth, Southern Utah University

Staff Liaisons: Emily Capehart, Academic and Membership Affairs

Leeland Zeller, Division I Governance

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Attendees:

Brady Barke, Southeast Missouri State University.

Matt Boyer, Southeastern Conference.

Stephanie Castera, Division I Interpretations Committee.

Brad Corbin, Washington State University.

Ellen Ferris, American Athletic Conference.

Jessica Kumke, Division I Committee on Academics.

Loretta Lamar, United States Naval Academy.

Kimya Massey, University of San Diego.

Marcos Mendez, Texas A&M University, College Station.

Julie Patridge, Southern Illinois University of Carbondale.

Braeden Pratt, Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Amanda Gray Richardson, Division I Committee for Legislative Relief.

Thomas Samual, Southland Conference.

Malone Silver, Jackson State University.

Daryl Simpson, Middle Tennessee State University.

Molly Sullivan, Butler University.

Marielle van Gelder, Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Absentees:

Stephen Corder, University of Detroit Mercy.

Jon Fagg, Division I Committee on Academics.

Loretta Lamar, United States Naval Academy.

Doug Knuth, Southern Utah University.

Kiley Strong, University of Washington.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Emily Capehart and Leeland Zeller.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Haydyn Gibson and Karen Metzger.