



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 16, 2022, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **Legislative Items.**
 - a. **Recruiting – Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athlete Exceptions.**
 - 1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that a student-athlete who will fulfill the conditions of an exception for a transfer from a four-year college set forth in NCAA Bylaw 14.5.5.2 other than the one-time transfer exception may initiate the notification of transfer process at any time by providing the student-athlete's institution with a written notification of transfer and completing an educational module related to transferring.
 - 2) Effective Date. Immediate.
 - 3) Rationale. Absent a limited exception, NCAA Proposal No. 2022-20 requires all Division I student-athletes to comply with initiating notification of transfer during their sport-specific window or after the final window for their sport closes and before August 1. Additionally, compliance with the notification of transfer windows is a requirement to use the one-time transfer exception beginning with championship seasons that will first be conducted during the 2023-24 academic year. Permitting student-athletes who are positioned to qualify for a more limited four-year transfer exception (e.g., discontinued sport exception, nonrecruited/nonscholarship exception) to initiate notification of transfer at any time is consistent with the division's approach to allow student-athletes access to these transfer exceptions regardless of their previous transfer history. Undergraduate student-athletes seeking to use the one-time transfer exception, or otherwise would not qualify for another four-year transfer exception would still be required to enter the NCAA Transfer Portal during their sport-specific window or after the final window for their sport has closed. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.
 - 4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
 - 5) Student-Athlete Impact. Increased flexibility for student-athletes to enter the transfer portal.

b. Financial Aid – Counter – Undergraduate Four-Year Transfers – Athletics Aid Awarded in Academic Year of Initial Enrollment.

- 1) Recommendation. That the Division I Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that only an undergraduate four-year transfer awarded athletically related financial aid in the academic year of initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be a counter for the period of the award (see Bylaw 15.3.3.3) unless a provision of Bylaw 15.5.1.2.1 is met.
- 2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- 3) Rationale. Confining the application of the financial aid provisions associated with undergraduate four-year transfers to those students who receive aid in the academic year of initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is consistent with ensuring a financial aid commitment is made to those transfer student-athletes to whom athletics scholarships are offered, without disincentivizing institutions from providing aid that becomes available at a later time to nonscholarship transfer student-athletes. This proposal would allow available aid to be first provided to a transfer student-athlete during the second, or later, academic year or enrollment without triggering the requirement to continue to provide aid for the remainder of the student-athlete's period of eligibility. Further, limiting the application of the financial aid provisions in this manner is consistent with the additional financial aid parameters associated with autonomy financial aid legislation. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.
- 4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- 5) Student-Athlete Impact. Aligns financial aid legislation regarding reduction or cancellation for all student-athletes who matriculate to the certifying institution without an athletics scholarship.

c. Recruiting – Official and Unofficial Visits – Remove Proposed Elimination of Sport-Specific Institutional Official Visit Limitations.

- 1) Recommendation. That the Division I Council modify Proposal No. 2022-32 to remove the proposed elimination of sport-specific institutional official visit limitations that apply to baseball, basketball, and football.

- 2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- 3) Rationale. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee received feedback from sport oversight committees to maintain an overall institutional official visit limitation in their respective sports. The committees also acknowledged that the limitations likely need to be adjusted. To provide sufficient time for the impacted sports to determine the best way to structure institutional limits around official visits moving forward, the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee recommends this aspect of Proposal No. 2022-32 be removed, thereby allowing the current limits to remain in place until changes to the numerical limits can be proposed.
- 4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- 5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Request for Standing Committee Feedback on Institutional Official Visit Limits.** In addition to the recommended legislation modification to Proposal No. 2022-32, the Legislative Committee requests the sport oversight committees and the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee continue to work to identify the best way to structure institutional limits around official visits moving forward. The Legislative Committee notes it could consider using the modernization legislative track to advance modifications to the institutional official visit limits as soon as the committees identify the appropriate numbers. The committees are encouraged to expedite their reviews and recommendations such that legislative changes could be considered in the spring and be effective as of August 1, 2023.
2. **Application of Proposal No. 2022-20.** The Legislative Committee received an update regarding the Division I Council's discussion on application scenarios related to Proposal No. 2022-20. The Legislative Committee committed to continued discussions on application challenges and potential legislative and/or interpretative changes that do not impinge on the principle of accountability and would enhance student-athlete well-being.
3. **Review of Proposals Scheduled for Consideration by the Division I Council During its January Meeting.** The Legislative Committee received feedback from various Council standing committees regarding the proposals scheduled for consideration by the Council during its January meeting that were introduced by the Legislative Committee and deferred potential modifications to the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee. Further, the Legislative Committee took a position of support for Proposal No. 2022-34 and took no position on Proposal Nos. 2022-35 and 2022-38.

4. **NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Report.** The Legislative Committee received an informational report from the Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
5. **Approval of Legislative Committee November Report.** The Legislative Committee approved the report of its November 17 videoconference.

Committee Chair: Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University, ASUN Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Emily Capehart, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA Division I Legislative Committee December 16, 2022, Videoconference
Attendees:
Brady Barke, Southeast Missouri State University.
Jackie Blackett, Columbia University-Barnard College (vice chair).
Matt Boyer, NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee chair.
Matt Burgemeister, Atlantic Coast Conference.
Jeremiah Carter, University of Minnesota.
Rick Christensen, NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement chair.
Ashley Cozad, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
Daniel Feig, University of South Carolina Upstate.
Jeremy Jordan, Temple University.
Jessica Kumke, Horizon League.
Stephen LaPorta, NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief chair.
Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University.
Thomas Samuel, Southland Conference.
Shalini Shanker, Colorado State University.
Molly Sullivan, Butler University.
Absentees:
Lisa Archbald, Northeast Conference.
Jennifer Heppel, NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.
Julie Owen, Kansas State University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Emily Capehart and Leeland Zeller.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Karen Metzger and Ty Medd.