



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 10-11, 2026, IN-PERSON MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

a. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.6.5 -- Recruiting -- Athletics Aid Agreements -- Contact on Day of Signing -- On-Campus Press Conference and Celebratory Events.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit on-campus contact on the day of signing once a prospective student-athlete signs an athletics aid agreement or other written form of commitment to attend the institution.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2026.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the legislation prohibits any in-person, on- or off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete (PSA) on the day the PSA signs an athletics aid agreement or other written form of commitment to attend the institution. The legislation also prohibits the attendance of a PSA at activities related to the signing of a commitment to attend the institution. However, Bylaw 13.7.4.1 (press conferences and celebratory events) permits a PSA who has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid to attend an institution's press conference and celebratory event provided the event does not occur during the signing date dead period. Amending Bylaw 13.6.5 will eliminate confusion and provide clarity for the membership regarding the permissible attendance of a PSA at institutional press conferences and celebratory events on the day of signing.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.1.10 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel -- Increase Size of Logo to Four Square Inches.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to increase the size of the permissible manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark to four square inches.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2026.

(3) Rationale. Currently, the legislation permits a student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) to bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed 2 1/4 square inches in area (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. With the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 (name, image and likeness activities -- use of commercial trademarks or logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel -- additional trademarks or logos), increasing the maximum size of the normal trademark or logo to four square inches will create consistency across the Association. Specifically, having the same size restrictions for logos as Division I and Division III will prevent manufacturers from having to navigate different requirements in creating uniforms.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative item.

- **Request for Feedback Regarding Use of Commercial Logos Concept -- Division II Athletics Directors Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators and NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council request that the Athletics Directors Association, Conference Commissioners Association, Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provide feedback on whether amending Bylaw 17.1.10 (use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel) as follows is appropriate:

Equipment:	One (1) manufacturer's normal label or trademark. One (1) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo in non-NCAA championships competition.
Uniforms and Apparel (including pre- and post-game):	One (1) manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark.

	<p>Two (2) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logos in non-NCAA championships competition.</p> <p>One (1) additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo during a conference championship.</p> <p>Name of the corporate sponsor (sole title sponsor of the competition).</p>
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- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. With the adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2025-35, the committee is requesting feedback on whether a similar change is appropriate in Division II.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete well-being. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding direct institutional name, image and likeness.** The committee continued its discussion regarding direct institutional name, image and likeness (NIL) and discussed whether the NIL legislation should be amended. Specifically, the committee discussed whether the legislation should outline what is permissible and impermissible as it relates to NIL activities and reviewed educational resources to assist with the discussion. The committee will continue its discussion at its June 16-17 videoconference.
2. **Discussion regarding Division I transfer windows.** The committee received an overview of Division I notification of transfer windows and recent changes, as well as an overview of the committee's recent discussions regarding the Division II notification of transfer legislation. The committee also began its initial discussions on whether transfer windows are appropriate for Division II. To better assist with this discussion, the committee directed staff to gather sport-specific data on when Division II student-athletes are entering the Transfer Portal.

Further, the committee reviewed letters from the NCAA Division II Football Committee and Division II Football Coaches Connection group requesting the adoption of emergency legislation to create a transfer window in football that mirrors the current Division I football transfer window. Specifically, the committee discussed a potential effective date if the

NCAA Division II Executive Board decides to adopt emergency legislation to create a transfer window in football that mirrors the current Division I football transfer window. The committee recommended a June 1, 2026, effective date, to provide notice to current Division II football student-athletes. The committee noted a transfer window promotes recruiting equity across both Divisions I and II but also recognized the impact on the ability of current Division II football student-athletes to provide written notification of transfer if a sudden change to a January 2-16 transfer window is legislated. The committee will continue its discussion, including whether transfer windows for all Division II sports are appropriate, at its June 16-17 videoconference.

3. **Discussion regarding Division II legislation adopted at the 2026 NCAA Convention.** The committee received an update and provided feedback regarding the referral of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2026-6 (eligibility -- athletics eligibility -- seasons of competition: 10-semester/15-quarter rule -- five seasons of competition in 10-semesters/15-quarters). The committee will continue the discussion during its May or June videoconference.
4. **Discussion regarding use of commercial logos.** The committee received an update on the recent adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 and discussed potential concepts. Based on its discussion, the committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.1.10 to increase the size of the permissible manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark to four square inches. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1b.] The committee also discussed next steps regarding membership feedback on potential concepts for the use of commercial logos. Specifically, the committee recommended that the Athletics Directors Association, Conference Commissioners Association, Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee assist with gathering feedback. [See Nonlegislative Action Item.] The committee will continue its discussion at its June 16-17 videoconference.
5. **Discussion regarding the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee's Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee priority two and three items.** The committee continued its discussion on Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) and reviewed membership feedback on potential concepts. Based on feedback, the committee recommended amending Bylaw 17.4.6.3-(j) (annual exemptions -- region challenge event) to permit a region challenge event to occur at any time after the first permissible contest date and eliminating Bylaw 17.4.6.4-(b) (discretionary exemptions -- USA club team). The committee will review a legislative draft of all Bylaw 17 recommendations and make a final legislative recommendation during its May or June videoconference with an anticipated August 1, 2026, effective date. [See Attachment.] Further, the committee reviewed membership feedback regarding amending Bylaw 17.1.6.3.1 (sports other than football) to eliminate the limit of four hours per week on team activities. The committee requested that staff draft a potential concept for deregulation to assist the committee's continued discussion during its May or June videoconference.

6. **Discussion regarding Proposal No. NC-2027-4 (financial aid -- books and supplies).** The committee discussed a potential change to the effective date of Proposal No. NC-2027-4 in response to feedback received from member institutions regarding the proposal's impact on campuses; however, the committee determined that a change was not appropriate at this time but will continue to monitor the impact of the proposal's effective date and whether a change is necessary. The committee noted institutions may file individual waivers if their equivalency limitations are exceeded due to the adoption of the proposal.
7. **Approval of November 17-18, 2025, videoconference meeting report, January 22, 2026, February 6, 2026, and February 13, 2026, electronic vote reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 17-18, 2025, videoconference meeting report and January 22, 2026, February 6, 2026, and February 13, 2026, electronic vote reports.
8. **Review of December 17, 2025, electronic vote report of the Legislation Committee Legislative Review Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed and approved the Legislative Review Subcommittee's December 17, 2025, electronic vote report.
9. **Review of February 9, 2026, videoconference meeting report from the Legislation Committee Interpretations Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed and approved the Interpretations Subcommittee's February 9, 2026, videoconference meeting report. The committee also recommended noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.6.5 (contact on day of signing). [See Legislative Action Item No. 1a.]
10. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the most recent Board of Governors meeting.
11. **Update from the Executive Board and NCAA Division II Management Council winter 2026 meetings.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the Executive Board and Management Council winter 2026 meetings.
12. **Update regarding the Division II Operating Plan.** Staff provided an overview of the Division II Operating Plan that was released in January 2026 and highlighted the items that fall under the committee's purview.
13. **Notice of chair elections.** The committee received notice that it will need to elect a new chair of the committee during its June 16-17 videoconference. The committee also received notice that it will need to elect a new chair of the Legislative Review Subcommittee via an electronic vote.
14. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. May 4, 2026, 4 to 5 p.m., Eastern time, videoconference.

- b. June 16-17, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.
- c. September 10, 2026, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern time, videoconference.
- d. November 9-10, 2026, videoconference; timing to be determined.
- e. March 9-10, 2027, videoconference; timing to be determined.

Committee Chair: Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University
Staff Liaison(s): Rachel Denton, Division II Governance and Member Services
Chelsea Hooks, Division II Governance and Member Services
Megan Villanueva, Division II Governance and Member Services

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee March 10-11, 2026, In-Person Meeting	
Attendees:	
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos (Management Council chair).	
Darcey Dorris, Central State University.	
Matt Green, Flagler College.	
Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Shane Hansen, Northwestern Oklahoma State University.	
Drew Howard, Florida Southern College.	
Jennifer Mercurio, Florida Institute of Technology.	
Laura Dahlby Nicolai, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.	
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University.	
Deborah Rodgers, Tuskegee University.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Melissa Thacker, Cameron University.	
Absentees:	
Connor Fournier, Minnesota State University, Mankato.	
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Darius Satterfield, Elizabeth City State University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Rachel Denton, Chelsea Hooks and Megan Villanueva.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Charnele Kemper, Taylor Koper, Angela Red, Rachel Seewald and Jared Tidemann.	



**NCAA Division II Legislation Committee
Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons)
Priority Two and Three Items**

DIVISION II BYLAWS	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
Bylaw 17.02.1 (countable athletically related activities). Bylaw 17.02.17 (voluntary athletically related activities).	Amend.	(1) Place the subsections of Bylaw 17.02.17 under Bylaw 17.02.1; (2) Simplify Bylaw 17.02.17 to state that no coaches may be present during a voluntary athletically related activity; and (3) Determine via educational column or official interpretation that social media interactions (e.g., likes, retweets) do not trigger countable athletically related activities (CARA).
Bylaw 17.4.6.3-(j) (annual exemptions -- region challenge event).	Amend.	To permit a region challenge event to occur at any time after the first permissible contest date.
Bylaw 17.4.6.4-(b) (discretionary exemptions -- USA club team).	Eliminate.	In basketball, to eliminate the discretionary exemption against a USA club team.
Bylaw 17.4.9.2 (maximum number of student-athletes on outside team) and Bylaw 17.11.10.1.1 (out-of-season, noncollegiate, amateur competition).	Eliminate.	In basketball and football, to eliminate the limit on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate on an outside team.
Bylaw 17.4.9.5 (celebrity sports activity).	Eliminate.	In basketball, to eliminate Bylaw 17.4.9.5 due to the legislation being duplicative.
Bylaw 17.33.1.4.1 (additional basketball restriction).	Eliminate.	In basketball, to eliminate the restriction that an institution uses their once-in-four-years foreign tour opportunity if they participate in a contest per Bylaw 17.4.6.6 (once-in-four-years exemption -- contests in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada).
Bylaw 17.33.1.5 (eligibility of student-athletes).	Amend.	Permit an ineligible student-athlete to go on a foreign tour and participate in practice sessions but not competition, provided the student-athlete is eligible for practice.
Bylaw 17.33.1.7 (maximum number of contests/competition dates).	Amend.	Amend Bylaw 17.33.1.7 to consolidate the permissible contests/dates of competition limit during a foreign tour for basketball and all other sports.
Bylaw 17.33.2 (sanctioned outside-team tours).	Eliminate.	Eliminate the legislation regarding participation in international competition while on an outside team because participation on an outside team is already governed in other areas of the legislation.

DIVISION II BYLAWS	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
Figure 17-4 (future winter break periods).	Amend.	Amend Figure 17-4 to clarify that it is impermissible to provide travel expenses during the legislated winter break period; however, an institution may continue to provide permissible benefits outlined in Bylaw 16.5 (housing and meals).
Various sport-specific bylaws (annual exemptions -- celebrity sports activity).	Amend.	Eliminate the restriction that only two players from an institution's team may participate in a celebrity sports activity.
Various sport-specific bylaws (limitations on countable athletically related activities and transportation -- winter break).	Amend.	Reorganize the legislation to consolidate sport-specific references to the winter break legislation and place all regulations regarding the winter break period under Bylaws 17.02.18 (winter break) and 16.8.2 (nonpermissible).
Various sport-specific bylaws (noncollegiate, amateur competition -- in season).	Amend.	Reorganize the legislation to remove sport-specific references regarding participation on an outside, amateur team during an institution's playing season because the legislation is already captured in Bylaw 14.4.7 (outside competition, effects on eligibility).
Various sport-specific bylaws (equipment issue, squad pictures).	Eliminate.	For all sports, to eliminate the equipment issue and squad pictures legislation given the Bylaw 16 deregulation.