

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MAY 5, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Referral from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports regarding sickle cell solubility testing.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee discussed a referral from the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) on whether to issue an official interpretation regarding the application of the sickle cell solubility test legislation (NCAA Bylaw 17.1.5.1 -- sickle cell solubility test). Recent inquiries prompted CSMAS to review current guidance regarding the types of tests that satisfy the sickle cell solubility test legislation. As a result of the review, CSMAS recommended that each division issue an official interpretation to provide clarity and properly reflect the current application of the legislation.

The committee determined that only the results from a sickle cell solubility test satisfies the requirements of NCAA legislation and recommended issuing the following official interpretation to provide clarity for the membership:

Sickle Cell Solubility Test (II).

The committee determined that only results from a sickle cell solubility test satisfy the requirements of NCAA legislation. Results from other types of sickle cell screening do not meet the legislation.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.1.5.1 (sickle cell solubility test).]

The committee also received an update that staff will archive the six existing educational columns tied to the sickle cell solubility test legislation and create one updated educational column based on CSMAS's recommendation.

2. **Review of NCAA Division I Proposal No. ER-2025-2 (recruiting -- definitions and applications -- athletics aid agreement signing dates -- football).** The committee reviewed Division I Proposal No. ER-2025-2 and discussed whether a similar change was warranted in Division II. Under the National Letter of Intent program, the signing dates for football midyear two-year college transfers aligned in Divisions I and II. When the National Letter of Intent program was eliminated, the intent was to incorporate the current signing date formulas into legislation. However, current legislation does not reflect the signing date formula used for the 2024-25 academic year. Division I Proposal No. ER-2025-2 updated Division I's signing date formula for football midyear two-year college transfers to reflect the current application. The committee determined that a similar legislative change was necessary noting that making a similar editorial revision in Division II will clarify the

signing date formula for football midyear two-year college transfers and reflect the intent of the initial proposal.

3. **Review of draft membership feedback survey related to Division II Bylaw 15 (financial aid).** The committee reviewed the draft survey questions that will be used to gather feedback from the membership regarding potential concepts to amend Bylaw 15. The survey questions will be shared with the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators to assist with gathering membership feedback. The committee will review the feedback during its September 3 videoconference.
4. **Subcommittee assignment.** The committee appointed Jennifer Mercurio, deputy athletic director/senior woman administrator, Florida Institute of Technology, to the Legislative Review Subcommittee, effective immediately.
5. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. May 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern time, videoconference.
 - b. September 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Eastern time, videoconference.
 - c. November 17-18, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - d. March 10-11, 2026, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Staff Liaison(s): *Committee Chair: Audra Kedy, Great American Conference*
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs
Rachel Denton, Academic and Membership Affairs
Megan Villanueva, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee May 5, 2025, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Matt Green, Flagler College.	
Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman's University.	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
Jennifer Mercurio, Florida Institute of Technology.	
Dustyn McKenney, Western Oregon University.	
Santee Mott, Texas Woman's University.	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University.	
Deborah Rodgers, Tuskegee University.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.	
Melissa Thacker, Cameron University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Rachel Denton, Chelsea Hooks and Megan Villanueva.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Maritza Jones, Terri Steeb Gronau, Molly Hansen, Angela Red and Anne Rohlman.	