



## A G E N D A

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Legislation Committee

Palmer Pierce Rooms B & C  
NCAA National Office  
Indianapolis

November 5-6, 2018

1. Welcome and announcements. (Cherrie Wilmoth)
2. Review of September 26 teleconference report to the NCAA Division II Management Council. [Supplement No. 1] (Wilmoth)
3. Update from the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and Management Council October 2018 meetings. (Karen Wolf)
4. Review the NCAA Legislative Review Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee teleconference reports. (Keith Vitense)
  - a. October 5, 2018, teleconference [Supplement No. 2a]; and
  - b. October 9, 2018, teleconference. [Supplement No. 2b]
5. 2019 NCAA Convention preparation.
  - a. 2019 NCAA Convention Division II Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. [Supplement No. 3] (Wolf)
    - Identification of procedural issues.
  - b. Review of 2019 NCAA Convention Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide. [Supplement No. 4 to be distributed prior to meeting.] (All)

*Note: The committee will review and approve the question and answer guide for the 2019 Convention. Review assignments are as follows:*

*Proposal No. 2019-2 - Keith Vitense  
Proposal No. 2109-3 - Brent Heaberlin  
Proposal No. 2019-4 - Molly Belden  
Proposal No. 2019-5 - Peggy Davis  
Proposal No. 2019-6 - Chris Gregor  
Proposal No. 2019-7 - Scott Young  
Proposal No. 2019-8 - Jessica Chapin  
Proposal No. 2019-9 - Darnell Smith*

- c. Membership-sponsored proposals not properly co-sponsored. [Supplement No. 5] (Chelsea Crawford)
  - d. Update on notification of transfer recommendation. [Supplement No. 6] (Wolf)
    - Demonstration of transfer portal. (Susan Peal)
  - e. Update regarding the donations from institutional staff members proposal. [Supplement No. 7] (Wolf)
6. Discussion with Stan Wilcox, executive vice president of regulatory affairs.
7. NCAA Division II Culture of Compliance Think Tank.
- a. Review of feedback from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on contact restrictions at specified sites legislation. [Supplement No. 8] (Crawford)
  - b. Discussion regarding the player/trading cards legislation. [Supplement No. 9] (Geoff Bentzel)
  - c. Review of legislative referrals. [Supplement No. 10] (Bentzel and Crawford)
  - d. Discussion on potential reorganization of NCAA Bylaw 13.5. [Supplement No. 11] (Wolf)
8. Review of feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee regarding individual sport student-athletes participating in individual workout sessions during an institutional vacation period. [Supplement No. 12] (Crawford)
9. NCAA Division II University update:
- a. Discussion regarding the required educational modules for the 2019-20 academic year. (Crawford)

*Note: Please review all modules in Division II University prior to the meeting to come with ideas as to which should be required for 2019-20.*
  - b. Review of Division II University policies and procedures and question and answer document. [Supplement Nos. 13a and 13b] (Bentzel)
  - c. Discussion regarding Division II University and next steps. (Crawford)

10. Discussion regarding implementation of new financial aid legislation. (Wolf)
11. Discussion regarding student-athletes receiving financial aid from an outside sports team. [Supplement No. 14] (Melissa Marchini)
12. Review of legislation regarding men's ice hockey and the United States Hockey Association. [Supplement No. 15] (Wolf)
13. Discussion regarding Division I to Division II football transfers and seasons of competition. [Supplement No. 16] (Bentzel)
14. 2018-19 Division II priorities. [Supplement No. 17] (Maritza Jones)
15. Future meeting dates.
  - a. March 11-12, 2019, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis, Indiana).
  - b. June 20-21, 2019, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis, Indiana).
  - c. November 2019 date to be determined; (Indianapolis, Indiana).
    - (1) November 4-5, 2019 (Monday/Tuesday); or
    - (2) November 11-12, 2019 (Monday/Tuesday).
16. Other business.
17. Adjournment.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative Items.**
  - **None.**
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
  - **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of the June 2018 NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Meeting Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the June 2018 in-person meeting report.
2. **Review of the July/August 2018 NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council Summary of Actions.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the July/August 2018 Presidents Council and Management Council quarterly meetings.
3. **Discussion Regarding Legislation Committee Positions on 2019 NCAA Convention Division II Proposal Nos. 2-4 (1-1), 2-5 (1-2), 2-8 (1-3) and 2-9 (1-4).** In August, the Presidents Council and Management Council referred the following membership-sponsored proposals to the Legislation Committee for review. The committee agreed to take the following positions on the proposals:
  - a. Proposal No. 2-4 (1-1) Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics – Institution’s Sports Camps and Clinics – Definition – Football and Basketball – Elimination of Timing Restrictions – Prohibition of Student-Athlete Employment at Institutional Camps and Clinics During the Winter Break. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Chris Gregor, St. Martin’s University, recused himself from the vote on this proposal.]
  - b. Proposal No. 2-5 (1-2) Eligibility – Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility – Additional Application of Outside-Competition Regulations, Sports Other Than Basketball – Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution – Exception – Medical Services. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Scott Young, University of Indianapolis, recused himself from the vote on this proposal.]

- c. Proposal No. 2-8 (1-3) Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations – Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities – Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of Playing Season – Sports other than Football – Four Hours of Team Activities. The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted its recent review of this legislation, and agreed that based on survey data from the membership, a legislative change was not necessary or supported at this time. [See Attachment]

[Note: Darnell Smith, University of Central Oklahoma, recused himself from the vote on this proposal.]

- d. Proposal No. 2-9 (1-4) Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities – Spring Practice – 36-Consecutive Calendar Days. The committee agreed to support the proposal due to the additional flexibility it provides institutions.

[Note: Scott Young, University of Indianapolis, recused himself from the vote on this proposal.]

#### **4. Future Meeting Dates.**

- a. November 5-6, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis).
- b. March 11-12, 2019, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis).
- c. June 20-21, 2019, in-person meeting; (Indianapolis).

*Committee Chair:* Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

*Staff Liaisons:* Geoff Bentzel, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee September 26, 2018, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Molly Belden;	Northeast-10 Conference.
Peggy Davis,	Virginia State University.
Chris Gregor,	St. Martin's University.
Brent Heaberlin,	Lenoir-Rhyne University.
Diana Kling,	Peach Belt Conference.
Scott Larson,	Lubbock Christian University.
Pennie Parker,	Rollins College.
Josh Shapiro,	Colorado Mesa University.
Darnell Smith,	University of Central Oklahoma.
Keith Vitense,	Cameron University.
Cherrie Wilmoth,	Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
Scott Young,	University of Indianapolis.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Bailey Koch,	Augustana University (South Dakota).
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>	
Geoff Bentzel, Chelsea Crawford, and Karen Wolf.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Melissa Marchini and Stephanie Quigg Smith.	



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 5, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- **Review of NCAA Division II Publicity Legislation.** The subcommittee engaged in an overall review of the publicity legislation. The subcommittee requested staff draft a potential reorganization of NCAA Bylaw 13.10 (publicity) for the committee's review at their November 2018 in-person meeting. [See Attachment] Additionally, the subcommittee agreed to discuss publicity of voluntary workouts for current student-athletes on a future teleconference.

*Subcommittee Chair: Keith Vitense, Cameron University*

*Staff Support: Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs*

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Legislative Review Subcommittee October 5, 2018, Teleconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference.	
Jessica Chapin, American International College.	
Diana Kling, Peach Beach Conference.	
Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.	
Keith Vitense, Cameron University.	
Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Chelsea Crawford and Karen Wolf.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	

**13.10.1 Publicity During Recruiting Contact.** A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) any recruiting contact made between an institution's coaching staff member and a prospective student-athlete, a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus or a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest). [D]

**13.10.1.1 Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit.** A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. [D]

**13.10.1.2 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete.** An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [D]

**13.10.1.3 Game Broadcast/Telecast.** A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution's intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college players. [D]

**13.10.2 Comments Prior to Signing.** Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. [D]

**13.10.2.1 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms.** An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests.

**13.10.2.2 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services or Publications.** Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services or publications before the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

**13.10.2.3 Announcer for High School Broadcast.** A member of an institution's coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member's sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national



teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. *(Revised: 1/10/95, 1/11/00 effective 8/1/00, 6/22/11, 4/26/18)*

**13.10.3 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete.** It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide) once the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. **[D]** *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/11/94, 1/13/03 effective 8/1/03, 6/22/11, 4/14/15, 7/17/18)*

**13.10.4 Media Release Regarding Signing.** Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or after the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Such communications, which are not limited in number or content, may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion. **[D]** *(Revised: 1/14/97, 1/9/06, 8/25/08, 6/22/11, 1/17/15, 4/14/15)*

**13.10.4.1 Press Conferences and Celebratory Events.** It is permissible for an institution to hold press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings for the purpose of making such an announcement. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may attend institutional press conferences and celebratory events provided the event does not occur during a dead period (see Bylaw 13.02.4.4). Any benefits provided to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with press conferences or celebratory events are subject to Bylaw 13 restrictions. **[D]** *(Revised: 6/22/11, 1/17/15, 4/14/15)*

# LEGISLATION

## 2019 NCAA CONVENTION

### DIVISION II SECOND PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
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## Second Publication of Proposed Legislation

### 113th Annual Convention

This publication presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division II legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the September 1 deadline in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA Division II Manual. No attempt has been made to place them in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the Convention agenda. Each proposal is accompanied not only by the traditional statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale.

**The order of the membership-sponsored proposal(s) contained in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation has changed in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. The order of the four proposals in the second publication will change in the Official Notice. The numeral 2 has been placed in front of the proposal number to help identify its position in the second publication. In addition, for each proposal that appeared in the initial publication, a parenthetical follows the proposal number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.**

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2019 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Presidents Council, have until 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have eight sponsors from active member institutions in Division II. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by at least one member conference (on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions) in Division II. It should be noted that an amendment-to-amendment of a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may only be sponsored by the Board of Governors. It should also be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation; however, information will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Refer to Appendix B for information about how to request an interpretation.

This publication represents the second of three publications dealing with Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of Constitution 5. The third publication will be as follows:

**November 15** - Official Notice of the 2019 Convention. This publication will contain all Division II legislation for the Convention and proposed legislation sponsored by the Board of Governors, including all amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline.

## 2018-19 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Constitution 5, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

**July 15:** Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division II membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person.

**July 15:** Legislation Committee Review. The committee reviews proposals by the membership and works with the primary contact person for each amendment to ensure that the proposal meets the intent of the sponsor, to ensure that the placement of the amendment is consistent with the organizational integrity of the Manual, and to edit the intent and rationale statements of the sponsors for clarity and brevity.

**August 8:** Presidents Council Consideration. The NCAA Division II Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

**August 15:** Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

**August 15-September 15:** Sponsor-Modification Period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Also, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should inform the primary contact person.

**September 1:** Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

**September 15:** Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original proposal.

**September 23:** Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all Division II membership-sponsored proposals (as modified) and includes all proposals sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council and all proposals sponsored by the Board of Governors.

**September 23-November 1:** Amendment-to-Amendment Period. The Division II Presidents Council as well as the membership (see Constitution 5.3.5.3) may submit amendments to the Division II proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. An amendment-to-amendment of a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may only be sponsored by the Board of Governors. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the circularized amendment and the current provisions.

**November 1:** Deadline for all resolutions and amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council and Board of Governors are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if it deems such action necessary.

**November 15:** Mailing and Posting of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division II proposed legislation, Board of Governors sponsored legislation, resolutions and properly submitted amendments-to-amendments.

**January 23-26, 2019:** NCAA Convention. All delegates have the opportunity to download the NCAA Events app prior to arriving at the Convention. The NCAA Events app contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information.

### Division II Legislation Committee

Chair - Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference  
Jessica Chapin, American International College  
Peggy Davis, Virginia State University  
Chris Gregor, Saint Martin's University  
Brent Heaberlin, Lenior-Rhyne University

Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference  
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## 113th Annual Convention

### Legislative Proposals Submitted by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and by the Division II Membership

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Further, all amendments with an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, will contain in the rationale statement reasons for such an effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **bold** and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]

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## Board of Governors

The discussion and vote on 2019 NCAA Convention Division II Proposal No. 2-1 will occur immediately after the Plenary Session at the 2019 NCAA Convention Thursday, January 24, 2019. The schedule calls for the Association-Wide Business Session to begin at 5:45 p.m. Eastern time in Grand Ballroom 7-8 at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

### No. 2-1 ORGANIZATION -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

**Intent:** To amend legislation related to the NCAA Board of Governors, as follows: (1) Increase the number of members from 20 to 25 by adding five independent voting members; (2) Define an independent member; (3) Specify that an independent member shall be appointed to a three-year term that is renewable for an additional three-year term, and that an independent member who has served two terms shall not serve further; (4) Specify that the Board of Governors shall issue a call for nominations when a vacancy for an independent member occurs; and (5) Specify that the Board of Governors shall serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 4.02, as follows:

[Dominant provision, all divisions, common vote]

#### 4.02 Definitions and Applications.

[4.02.1 through 4.02.3 unchanged.]

**4.02.4 Independent Member of the Board of Governors. An independent member of the Board of Governors shall be an individual who is not salaried by an NCAA member institution, conference or affiliated member, and shall be verified as independent by the Board of Governors.**

[4.02.4 renumbered as 4.02.5, unchanged.]

**B. Constitution:** Amend 4.1, as follows:

[Dominant provision, all divisions, common vote]

#### 4.1 Board of Governors.

4.1.1 Composition. The Board of Governors shall consist of ~~20~~ **25** members. The NCAA president and the chairs of the Division I Council and the Division II and Division III Management Councils shall be ex officio nonvoting members, except that the NCAA president is permitted to vote in the case of a tie among the voting members of the Board of Governors present and voting. The other ~~16~~ **21** voting members of the Board of Governors shall include:

[4.1.1-(a) through 4.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Two Division II presidents or chancellors from the Division II Presidents Council; ~~and~~

(e) Two Division III presidents or chancellors from the Division III Presidents Council; ~~and~~

**(f) Five independent members (see Constitution 4.02.4).**

4.1.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Board of Governors shall:

[4.1.2-(a) through 4.1.2-(k) unchanged.]

(l) Review and coordinate the catastrophic-injury and professional career insurance (disability injury/illness) programs; ~~and~~

(m) Compile the names of those individuals associated with intercollegiate athletics who died during the year immediately preceding the annual Convention; ~~and~~

**(n) Issue a call for nominations when a vacancy for an independent member occurs on the Board of Governors; and**

**(o) Serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members of the Board of Governors.**

#### 4.1.3 Election/Term of Office.

[4.1.3.1 unchanged.]

4.1.3.2 ~~Terms~~ **Term of Office.**



- (a) **President or Chancellor Members.** The terms of *service office* of **president or chancellor** members of the Board of Governors shall coincide with their service on the applicable divisional presidential governing body, unless otherwise specified by that governing body.
- (b) **Independent Members.** **An independent member of the Board of Governors shall be appointed to a three-year term that is renewable for an additional three-year term. An independent member who has served two terms shall not serve further on the Board of Governors.**

[4.1.3.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Board of Governors (Commission on College Basketball Association-Wide Issues Topical Working Group).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Rationale:** The Commission on College Basketball recommended that the NCAA restructure its highest governance body, the Board of Governors, to include at least five independent members with the experience, stature and objectivity to assist the NCAA in re-establishing itself as an effective, respected leader and regulator of college sports. One independent member will also serve on the Board of Governors Executive Committee. The current Board of Governors includes 16 institutional presidents or chancellors representing each division as voting members, the chairs of the Division I Council and the Division II and III Management Councils as ex-officio nonvoting members, and the NCAA president (who may vote in case of a tie). Like public companies, major nonprofit associations typically include outside board members to provide objectivity, relevant experience, perspective and wisdom. Board members with those qualities will provide valuable insight to the NCAA as it works towards the restoration of public confidence in college basketball and college sports in general. The Board of Governors will issue a formal call for nominations to fill vacancies; appoint the Board of Governors Executive Committee as the nominating committee; and serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members.

**Additional Information:**

**Question No. 1:** What entity will serve as the nominating committee to vet the nominated individuals and recommend a slate of independent members for full approval by the Board of Governors?

**Answer:** The Board of Governors Executive Committee.

**Question No. 2:** What is the composition of the Executive Committee?

**Answer:** The Executive Committee includes representation of all three divisions. Specifically, the committee includes the chair and vice chair of the Board of Governors (who must represent different divisions) and the members of the Governors who are the chairs of each divisional presidential body (Division I Board of Directors, Division II Presidents Council, Division III Presidents Council). When the chair or vice chair of the Board of Governors also serves as the divisional chair, then the vice chair from that division also serves on the Executive Committee. It is also the intent that the lead independent member will serve on the Executive Committee.

**Question No. 3:** What will be the duties and responsibilities of independent members?

**Answer:** Independent members will have the same duties and responsibilities of all governors. See Constitution 4.1.2 (duties and responsibilities). In addition, independent members will be responsible for meeting current Board of Governors policies and procedures regarding the duty of care, duty of loyalty, and duty of obedience.

**Question No. 4:** Will each independent member have full voting rights on the Board of Governors?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 5:** What is the time and date for the vote on this proposal?

**Answer:** The discussion and vote will occur at the 2019 NCAA Convention on Thursday, January 24, immediately after the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports. The Association-wide Business Session will begin at 5:45 p.m. in Grand Ballroom 7-8 at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

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## Membership

### No. 2-2 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT SURVEY

**Intent:** To specify that an active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport; further, to establish a penalty for failure to submit the survey.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

#### 3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.19 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.20 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.**

**3.3.4.20.1 Failure to Submit Survey. An institution that fails to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey by the applicable deadline shall forfeit receipt of Division II institutional enhancement funds in the following academic year.**

[3.3.4.20 renumbered as 3.3.4.21, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Injury Surveillance Program Task Force)].

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019, for completion of the survey; August 1, 2022, for implementation of the penalty for failure to complete the survey.

**Rationale:** Currently, there are no other publicly available tools for obtaining student-athlete health and safety information. This legislation will allow real-time visualization of emerging standards of care for the administration of sports medicine programs. During the 2017-18 academic year, the Division II Injury Surveillance Program Task Force discussed the benefits of a potential health and safety survey to gather important data specific to Division II. The task force reviewed the data collection process for Division I and conducted a pilot survey of selected Division II institutions. The task force believes Division II will benefit from this annual data collection and the information will be made available to Division II schools and conferences via the Institutional Performance Program (IPP). An institution that fails to submit the data on an annual basis, shall forfeit receipt of enhancement funds in the following academic year. However, the task force agreed to delay implementation of the penalty for three years, until August 1, 2022. The process of administering the survey will be overseen by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, in collaboration with the Sport Science Institute.

No. 2-3 PERSONNEL -- COACHES CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT -- REGULATIONS -- ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT -- CERTIFICATION ADMINISTRATION -- REQUIRED COMPLETION OF EDUCATIONAL MODULES

**Intent:** To amend Bylaw 11.6.1.1.1 (certification administration), as follows: (1) to require all coaches to annually complete specific educational modules as determined by the Legislation Committee; (2) to prohibit off-campus recruiting until the coach successfully completes the required educational modules; and (3) to prohibit the directing, supervising or observing of countable athletically related activities until the coach successfully completes the required educational modules.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.6, as follows:

11.6 ~~Certification to Recruit Off Campus~~**Coaches Certification Requirement.**

11.6.1 Regulations. The provisions of this section apply to all sports.

11.6.1.1 Annual Certification Requirement. ~~Only those coaches who have been certified may contact or evaluate any prospective student-athletes off campus.~~ Certification must occur on an annual basis.

11.6.1.1.1 Certification Administration. Such certification procedures shall be established by the ~~NCAA national office in a standardized format and administered for its member institutions by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the NCAA national office or the conference office that administers the National Letter of Intent for that institution. Such certification procedures shall include a requirement that the coaches shall have passed a standardized national test covering NCAA recruiting legislation, including Bylaw 13 and other bylaws [e.g., Bylaws 15.5 (terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid) and 14.3 (freshman academic requirements)] that relate to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes as a condition for being permitted to engage in off-campus recruiting.~~**Legislation Committee and shall include a requirement that coaches complete designated educational modules as a condition before being permitted to:**

**(a) Engage in off-campus recruiting of prospective student-athletes; and**

**(b) Direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.**

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2019, for certifications of coaches for the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, prior to being able to engage in off-campus recruiting, a coach must pass the annual coaches certification test. During the 2015-16 academic year, various committees through the Division II governance structure supported the development of a comprehensive online coaches' education program that will deliver legislative and health and safety related content. This recommendation accounts for the new online coaches' education program, Division II University, and would require coaches to successfully complete specific educational modules every year before being permitted to recruit off campus and direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.

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## Recruiting

No. 2-4 (1-1) RECRUITING – SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS – INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS – DEFINITION – FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL – ELIMINATION OF TIMING RESTRICTIONS – PROHIBITION OF STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT AT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS DURING THE LEGISLATED WINTER BREAK

**Intent:** To eliminate the timing restrictions for football and basketball camps and clinics; further, to prohibit student-athlete employment at an institutional camp or clinic during the legislated winter break.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.12, as follows:

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 unchanged.]

~~13.12.1.1.2 Football and Basketball. An institution's football or basketball camp or clinic may be conducted only during an institution's summer-vacation period.~~ [D]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.5 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2 Student-Athletes.

[13.12.2.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.2 Employment in Own Institution's Camp or Clinic. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ its student-athletes as counselors in camps or clinics, provided the student-athletes do not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution's playing season in the sport (see Bylaw 17.1.1). [D]

**13.12.2.2.2.1 Exception - Winter Break. A student-athlete may not be employed at an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break (See Bylaw 17.02.18).**

[13.12.2.3 through 13.12.2.4 unchanged.]

13.12.2.5 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. [D]

[13.12.2.5.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.5.2 Other Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics. An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade). ~~In the sports of football and basketball, participation in such camps/clinics is limited to the institution's summer-vacation period.~~ [D]

[13.12.2.5.2.1 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.02.18, as follows:

17.02.18 Winter Break. The winter break shall be a seven-consecutive-calendar-day period from December 20 through December 26. When December 20 falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the winter break shall be a seven-consecutive-calendar-day period that begins on the following Monday. When December 20 falls on a Monday, the winter break shall be a seven-consecutive calendar-day period that begins on the following Tuesday. During the winter break, a student-athlete **may not be employed at institutional camps and clinics**, may not participate in any countable athletically related activities and may not participate in any voluntary athletically related activities on campus unless the facility is open to the general student-body. (See Figure 17-4.)

**Source:** Great Northwest Athletic Conference and East Coast Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Football and basketball should not be treated differently than other sports in hosting and participating in camps and clinics. Restricting football and basketball camps to an institution's summer-vacation period prevents football and basketball coaches at quarter institutions from working some camps and clinics if a quarter institution's summer-vacation period begins and ends later than a semester institution. Additionally, a quarter institution's summer-vacation period may not align with high school summer-vacation periods and may affect the number of camps and clinics that could be hosted by a quarter institution or attended by its staff. Finally, amending the legislation to specify that student-athletes may not be involved with institutional camps and clinics during the legislated winter break period is consistent with Division II's "Life in the Balance" philosophy because it ensures that student-athletes will have time away from campus during the winter break. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to hold institutional camps and clinics during spring 2019.

**Position Statement(s):** *Championships Committee:* The Championships Committee agreed to support the proposal noting that it provides all sports an equal opportunity to grow through camps and clinics during a period accessible for local youth, and builds in protection for the legislated winter break. The committee noted that the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees also support the proposal.

*Football Committee:* The Football Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.

*Legislation Committee:* The Legislation Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

*Men's and Women's Basketball Committees:* The Men's and Women's Basketball Committee agreed to support the proposal. This proposal aligns all sports with equal opportunity to grow their sport through camps and clinics during a period of time accessible for local youth. It also provides universities on the quarter system potentially equal opportunity in hosting camps and clinics compared to semester-based institutions. The restriction of student-athlete employment at these events during the mandatory winter break period will provide current student-athletes with necessary time away from campus and prevents coaches or administrators from encouraging athletes to stay on campus.

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## Eligibility

### No. 2-5 (1-2) ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- ADDITIONAL APPLICATION OF OUTSIDE-COMPETITION REGULATIONS, SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL -- COMPETITION AS INDIVIDUAL/NOT REPRESENTING INSTITUTION -- EXCEPTION - MEDICAL SERVICES

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete competing as an individual/not representing the institution may receive medical services from their institution's medical personnel at a competition site.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 14.02.10, as follows:

14.02.10 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution:

[14.02.10-(a) through 14.02.10-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition (See Bylaw 14.7.3.4-(c)-(1) for an exception for medical services for a student-athlete competing unattached); or

[14.02.10-(d) unchanged.]

[14.02.10.1 through 14.02.10.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.3.4, as follows:

14.7.3.4 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, provided the student-athlete:

(a) Is academically and athletically eligible for intercollegiate competition;

(b) Represents only himself or herself in the competition; and

(c) Does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team.

(1) Exception - Medical Services. A student-athlete competing as an individual may receive medical services from their institution's medical personnel (e.g., athletic trainer, team physician) at a competition site.

[14.7.3.4.1 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.02.8, as follows:

17.02.8 Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution:

[17.02.8-(a) through 17.02.8-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, room or entry fees) from the institution for the competition (See Bylaw 14.7.3.4-(c)-(1) for an exception for medical services for a student-athlete competing unattached); or

[17.02.8-(d) unchanged.]

[17.02.8.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Current legislation does not permit a student-athlete competing unattached to receive expenses from an outside team, including the institution. Student-athletes who are competing unattached and require medical attention before, during or after an event should not be restricted from receiving medical services from their institution's medical staff who may also be present at the event. These student-athletes should be permitted to receive medical attention from individuals who have prior knowledge of their body and previous injuries. This proposal aligns with the health and safety priorities of the NCAA. The immediate effective date will allow student-athletes to receive medical services from their institution's medical personnel at events during spring 2019.

**Position Statement(s):** *Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and Legislation*  
*Committee:* The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and Legislation  
Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

No. 2-6 ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- VALIDITY OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS -- PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

**Intent:** To amend Bylaw 14.1.2.1 (pre-enrollment academic misconduct) to define and clarify pre-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.2, as follows:

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, ~~it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-athlete is based~~ **an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record**. ~~Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete's high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.~~

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, **representative of athletics interests** or a current or former institutional staff member, ~~which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, shall not engage in the following conduct~~ **shall not:**

- (a) ~~Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts~~ **Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores)** for a prospective student-athlete; **and**
- (b) ~~Failure to provide complete and accurate~~ **Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete** information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or an institution's admissions office **institution** regarding an individual's **a prospective student-athlete's** academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores); ~~or.~~
- (c) ~~Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations.~~

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019, for student-athletes enrolling in an NCAA Division II institution on or after August 1, 2019.

**Rationale:** Following a review of post-enrollment academic misconduct, the Academic Requirements Committee reviewed pre-enrollment academic misconduct. Current process permits reviewing high schools, programs and courses (NCAA High School Review Committee), as well as the validity of academic credentials (NCAA Student Records Review Committee). In addition, current process permits investigating potential institutional involvement in violations of NCAA legislation. This proposal extends the application of pre-enrollment academic misconduct to representatives of athletics interests, similar to post-enrollment academic misconduct, emphasizing institutional accountability and the importance of academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Further, it clarifies which academic credentials are subject to the pre-enrollment academic misconduct analysis, recognizing that misconduct may involve any component of a prospective student-athlete's academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores).

No. 2-7 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- SERVICE EXCEPTIONS

**Intent:** To specify that participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government are exempt from the application of the participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following his or her high school graduation date shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period



after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2.

[14.2.4.2.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual's high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

14.2.4.2.2.1 ~~U.S. or Canadian Armed Services Exceptions.~~ Participation in organized competition ~~per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted during time spent on active duty in the U.S. or Canadian Armed Services~~ **in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.**

[14.2.4.2.2.2 through 14.2.4.2.2.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

**Effective Date:** April 1, 2019, for a student-athlete enrolling during the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, a student-athlete's participation in organized competition is exempt during their time spent on active duty in the U.S. or Canadian Armed Services. However, if an international student-athlete not from Canada participates in any organized competition while serving in their country's military, the student-athlete uses a season of competition for each year in which he or she participates in such organized competition. This application unfairly penalizes a student-athlete who spent time serving his or her country. A student-athlete who engages in this type of service, whether voluntary or required, should not be penalized by using a season of competition for participating in any organized competition during their time of service. Additionally, student-athletes participating in official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government should not be penalized for their service. Broadening the exception recognizes these important forms of service.

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## Playing and Practice Seasons

### No. 2-8 (1-3) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS – TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON – SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL – FOUR HOURS OF TEAM ACTIVITIES

**Intent:** In sports other than football, to permit a student-athlete to participate in a maximum of four hours of team activities as part of the permissible eight hours of countable athletically related activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.3.1, as follows:

17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

- (a) In winter championship sports, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than ~~two~~four hours per week may be spent on team activities, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(1) through 17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

- (b) In spring championship sports, from September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the day before the institution's declared start date of the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than ~~two~~four hours per week may be spent on team activities;

- (c) In fall championship sports, from the beginning of the institution's second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) through the day before the institution's declared start date of the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than ~~two~~four hours per week may be spent on team activities;

- (d) In National Collegiate Championships sports, from the beginning of the institution's academic year through the day before the institution's declared start date of practice, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than ~~two~~four hour may be spent on team activities; and

- (e) Following the institution's final contest or date of competition in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, a student-athlete is prohibited from engaging in countable athletically related activities for a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period. Between the end of the 14-consecutive-calendar-day break period or the end of the nonchampionship segment, and one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than ~~two~~four hours per week may be spent on team activities. For the first permissible date of activities outside of the playing season, refer to the sport-specific legislation.

**Source:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, outside of the playing season during the academic year in sports other than football, a student-athlete may participate in weight training, conditioning and team activities for a maximum of eight hours with no more than two hours of team activities per week. According to the 2015 GOALS study, of the 6,700 Division II student-athletes surveyed, only 11-percent of male student-athletes and 20-percent of female student-athletes preferred devoting less time in their schedules to athletic activities. Nearly half of Division II student-athletes indicated they preferred spending more time in organized off-season practices or workouts, while only about 15-percent indicated they preferred spending less time in organized off-season practices or workouts. This proposal will increase the permissible time for team activities, but not increase the overall permissible time for countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season during the academic year.

**Position Statement(s):** *Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports:* The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports agreed to take no position on this proposal.

*Legislation Committee:* The Legislation Committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted its recent review of this legislation, and agreed that based on survey data from the membership, a legislative change was not necessary or supported at this time.

**No. 2-9 (1-4) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SPRING PRACTICE -- 36-CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS**

**Intent:** In football, to amend the spring practice period to permit 15 practice sessions within a period of 36-consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.10.8, as follows:

17.10.8 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except for the following:

[17.10.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Spring Practice. Fifteen postseason practice sessions (including intrasquad scrimmages) and the spring game are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 15 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or review of game film. Practice sessions must meet the following conditions:

- (1) All practice sessions must be conducted within a period of ~~29~~**36**-consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather.

[17.10.8-(b)-(2) through 17.10.8-(b)-(9) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 17.10.8 unchanged.]

[17.10.8.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Great Lakes Valley Conference and Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Current legislation permits 15 practice sessions in 29-consecutive calendar days. To complete 15 practices in a 29-day period, teams schedule four to five practices per week. Adding seven additional days to the spring practice period will allow institutions to conduct three practices each week instead of four. Fewer practices per week could reduce fatigue and provide additional time for student-athletes to recover from injuries. Additionally, extending the spring practice period by seven days will provide institutions the ability to make scheduling adjustments for spring break, inclement weather, and situations where multiple sports teams are using the same facilities and field(s). For example, an institution's football, lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, and field hockey teams may all use the same field(s) during the spring practice period. Conducting fewer practices per week during the spring practice period also promotes student-athlete well-being and is consistent with Division II's "Life in the Balance" philosophy. The immediate effective date will provide institutions with an additional seven days during the 2019 spring practice period.

**Position Statement(s):** *Championships Committee and Legislation Committee:* The Championships Committee and Legislation Committee agreed to support the proposal due to the additional flexibility it provides institutions. *Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports:* The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports agreed to take no position on this proposal. *Football Committee:* The Football Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.

## Appendix A

### Legislative Proposal Number Changes

This appendix lists proposals that are included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives their corresponding numbers in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Please note that not all proposals that appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation were included in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

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## Appendix B

### Request for Interpretation

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contact persons at [kwolf@ncaa.org](mailto:kwolf@ncaa.org) or [gbentzel@ncaa.org](mailto:gbentzel@ncaa.org), not later than November 21, 2018. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.

**Agenda Item No. 5b (Supplement No. 4): Review of 2019 NCAA Convention  
Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide.**

**To be distributed prior to meeting.**

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2019-

**Title:** RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY -- COMMENTS PRIOR TO SIGNING -- EXCEPTION - ACTIONS THAT INDICATE APPROVAL OF CONTENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS -- CONTENT CREATED BY INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

**Convention Year:** 2019

**Date Submitted:** February 20, 2018

**Status:** Withdrawn

**Effective Date:** 06/15/2019

**IPOPL Number:**

**SPOPL Number:**

**Source:** West Virginia State University

**Category:** Membership Proposal

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To permit an athletics department staff member to take actions (e.g., "like", "favorite", republish) on social media that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by an institutional staff member, provided the content was not generated at the direction of a coaching staff member.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.4.4.3 Additional Regulation Social Approval on Public Social Media Site, as follows:

13.4.4.23 Additional Regulations -- During Conduct of Athletics Contest. Electronically transmitted correspondence may not be sent to a prospective student-athlete [or his or her relatives or legal guardian(s)] during the conduct of any of the institution's intercollegiate athletics contests in that sport from the time the institution's team reports on call at the competition site at the direction of the coach until the competition has concluded and the team has been dismissed by the coach.

**Rationale:** Bylaw 13 recruiting has not kept up with social media. A Division 2 Compliance office does not have the resources to monitor social media and to determine the originator of a post that may involve multiple web sites.

**FAQ:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Co-sponsorship - Conference:**  
None

**Co-sponsorship - Institution:**  
None

**Additional Information:**

**Legislative References**

Legislative Cite	Title
13.4.4.2	Additional Regulations -- During Conduct of Athletics Contest.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2019-

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON EIGHT HOURS AND TRYOUT EXCEPTION DURING THE 14-DAY BREAK

**Convention Year:** 2019

**Date Submitted:** February 20, 2018

**Status:** Withdrawn

**Effective Date:** 03/01/2019

**IPOPL Number:**

**SPOPL Number:**

**Source:** West Virginia State University

**Category:** Membership Proposal

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** In sports other than football, to amend the out-of-season weekly hour limitations as follows: (1) eliminate the limitation of two hours of skill-related instruction within the weekly limitation of eight hours of out-of-season athletically related activities; (2) limit countable athletically related activity to two hours per day out-of-season; and (3) permit a student-athlete to participate in one two-hour tryout with a prospective student-athlete or currently enrolled student per week of the 14-consecutive-calendar-day period following the institution's final contest or date of completion in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In, as follows:

17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

- (a) In winter championship sports, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, in which the coach can use the hours at their discretion, as long as students do no more than 2 consecutive hours in one day: **[D]**

[17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(1) through 17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

- (b) In spring championship sports, from September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the day before the institution's declared start date of the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, in which the coach can use the hours at their discretion, as long as students do no more than 2 consecutive hours in one day **[D]**

[17.1.6.3.1-(c) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

**(1) TRYOUT DURING 14 DAYS OFF A current student athlete with eligibility remaining can participate in 1 tryout per every 7 days during the 14 days off against current student or prospective student athletes. The tryout will be no longer than 2 hours in length [D]**

**Rationale:** The current NCAA rules allows for 8-hours in which the coach can have 2 hours of skill instruction and 6 hours of weights and conditioning. This maybe ideal for certain sports, wrestling and football, however, sports such as baseball, softball and basketball need less weights and more skill/team instruction before the season.. The 14 day dead period can handcuff a team ability to have a tryout against current team members when taking into account the current calendar and opposing institutions recruiting the psa. A school advancing in the playoffs may not have a window to have a tryout compared to another institution whose season ended early.

**FAQ:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Co-sponsorship - Conference:**

None

**Co-sponsorship - Institution:**

None

**Additional Information:**

**Legislative References**

Legislative Cite	Title
17.1.6.3.1	Sports Other Than Football.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2019-

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FOOTBALL -- ELIMINATION OF SKILL INSTRUCTION GROUP SIZE

**Convention Year:** 2019

**Date Submitted:** June 20, 2018

**Status:** Not Properly Sponsored

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**IPOPL Number:**

**SPOPL Number:**

**Source:** Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

**Category:** Membership Proposal

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** In football, to eliminate the restriction on the number of student-athletes that may participate in skill instruction outside of the playing season during the academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend Effective Date, as follows:

**17.1.6.3.2 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted, as follows:**

- (a) A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on review of game film and individual skill instruction;**
- (b) During individual skill instruction, not more than eight student-athletes from the team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time. More than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling of student-athletes between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction. The use of footballs and field equipment (e.g., shields, bags) is permissible; however, the use of protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not permissible; and**
- (c) Following the institution's final contest in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, a student-athlete is prohibited from engaging in countable athletically related activities for a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period.**

**See Bylaw 17.10.5 for the first permissible date of nonchampionship segment practice sessions.**

[17.1.6.3.2 through 17.1.6.3.6 renumbered as 17.1.6.3.3 through 17.1.6.3.7, unchanged.]

**Rationale:** Currently, if a program has more than eight student-athletes in a position group, then those student-athletes must complete their skill instruction in separate groups of eight. This proposal would permit student-athletes of the same position, regardless of number, to complete their two hours of skill instruction together. Further, this would ensure that all those student-athletes would learn position-specific information at the same time and together. This would provide an ease of burden on student-athletes and coaches.

Limited facilities availability and staffing at the Division II level require the skill instruction with only eight student-athletes to be spread out during the day, which means that student-athletes are practicing at inconvenient times and coaches are spending considerable hours on the field. This is also an ease of burden on compliance administrators since they would no longer have to track the groups of eight student-athletes.

**FAQ:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Co-sponsorship - Conference:**

None

**Co-sponsorship - Institution:**

None

**Additional Information:**

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## **Recruiting - Contacts and Evaluations - Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes - Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Notification of Transfer**

### **Background:**

At its June 2018 meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee recommended sponsorship of a 2019 NCAA Convention proposal to replace the "permission to contact" legislation with a "notification of transfer" model for four-year college transfers, similar to a proposal adopted by NCAA Division I in June 2018 and effective October 15, 2018. The NCAA Division II Management Council was supportive of the concept, but the NCAA Division II Presidents Council voted to table the concept and to discuss further at its October 2018 meeting. Below is the excerpt from the July/August 2018 Summary of Actions:

### **2019 NCAA Convention Legislation - NCAA Division II Bylaws 13.1.1.2 and 15.5.4.1 - Recruiting and Financial Aid - Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes - Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes - Notification-of-Transfer - Permissible Reduction or Cancellation of Athletics Aid.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a demonstration of a new online system developed by the NCAA national office staff to track Divisions I and II transfer information. After discussion and review of the transfer portal, the Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2019 Convention to amend Bylaws 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) and 15.5.4.1 (reduction or cancellation permitted) as follows: (1) To replace "permission-to-contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification-of-transfer" model; (2) To specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer in the transfer database within seven consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification-of-transfer; and (3) To specify that institutional athletics aid may be reduced or canceled for the following term or academic year if the student-athlete provides written notification-of-transfer to the institution; however, the student-athlete's athletics aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification-of-transfer is received, effective immediately, for any four-year college transfer student-athlete during the 2019-20 academic year and thereafter.

This proposal presents a notification-based alternative to replace the existing permission-to-contact model and improve the recruiting environment associated with four-year college transfer student-athletes. Pursuant to a notification model, a student-athlete would be permitted to explore transfer opportunities at another institution once written notification is provided. Once a notification-of-transfer has been submitted, the student-athlete would be entered into a portal of student-athletes who have provided notification of their interest in transferring. Such a system would provide more transparency for coaches and student-athletes. Separating access to athletics aid from a permission-to-contact or notification model enhances student-athlete well-being because a student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid at a new institution would be based on the general legislative requirements applicable to all student-athletes. Finally, adopting legislation that would allow an institution to reduce or cancel a student-athlete's institutional athletics aid at the end of a term after notification-of-transfer should be permitted to address roster and budget

issues. Additionally, it is recognized that fairness to and the well-being of the student-athletes who remain at their institutions need to be considered.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council voted to table this concept. The Council agreed to discuss the concept at its October meeting. The Presidents Council voted that the Division II membership would still be able to use the NCAA Transfer Portal with the current permission-to-contact legislation.

### **Conclusions:**

1. The Division II Legislation Committee recommends 2020 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; further, the committee recommends amending Bylaw 15.5.4.1 (reduction or cancellation permitted) to specify that athletics aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award or reduced or not renewed for the following academic year if the recipient provides written notification-of-transfer to the institution; however, the student-athlete's financial aid may not be reduced or canceled until the end of the regular academic term in which written notification-of-transfer is received.
2. The Legislation Committee recommends 2020 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; further, the committee recommends amending Bylaw 15.5.4.1 (reduction or cancellation permitted) to specify that athletics aid may not be reduced or canceled during the period of the award in which written notification-of-transfer is received.
3. The Legislation Committee does not recommend 2020 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model.
4. The Legislation Committee requests additional membership feedback (e.g., NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association, NCAA Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators, Athletic Directors Association, Faculty Athletic Representatives Association) on a potential change to the permission-to-contact and financial aid legislation.

### **Associated References:**

*Division I Legislation, effective 10/15/2018.*

**13.1.1.3 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.** An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification-of-transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.2-(f).]

**13.1.1.3.1 Notification-of-transfer.** A student-athlete may initiate the notification-of-transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification-of-transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification-of-transfer from the student-athlete. [D]

*Division II Legislation.*

**13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.** An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. (See Bylaw [13.1.6](#) for legislation regarding contacts and Bylaw [13.1.3.1](#) for legislation regarding telephone calls). If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Permission-to-contact is not required for a student-athlete at an NAIA institution; however, the Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete. [D]

*Division III Legislation.*

**13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes.** An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact in any manner (e.g., in-person contact, telephone calls, electronic communication, written correspondence) with the student-athlete of another NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining written permission to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer. If permission is granted, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days (see Bylaw [13.02.1](#)) of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Written permission may be granted by: **[D]** (*Revised: 1/10/91, 1/16/93, 1/11/94, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/9/06, 10/17/06, 1/12/11*)

- (a) The first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director); or (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/04*)
- (b) The student-athlete, if the student-athlete attends a Division III institution (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2.1). (*Adopted: 1/14/02 effective 8/1/04*)

**13.1.1.2.1 Self-Release.** Using a form made available by the NCAA national office, a student-athlete who attends a Division III institution may issue, on his or her own behalf, permission for another Division III institution to contact the student-athlete about a potential transfer. The student-athlete shall forward this form to the director of athletics at the institution of interest. Contact between the student-athlete and institution may occur during the 30-day period beginning with the date the permission-to-contact form is signed by the student-athlete. An additional form must be issued for contact to occur or continue beyond the initial 30-day period. (*Adopted: 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, Revised: 1/10/05*)



**NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.1.3 – Amateurism – General Regulations – Permissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Actual and Necessary Expenses from an Outside Amateur Sports Team or Organization – Donations from Outside Sponsors – Institutional Staff Members.**

**Background:**

During its March in-person meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee recommended sponsorship of legislation for the 2019 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.1.3 (permissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment), to permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member to participate as a member of an outside team.

During its April in-person meeting, the NCAA Division II Management Council approved the recommendation and referred it to the NCAA Division II Presidents Council. At its April in-person meeting, the Presidents Council approved the proposal in concept, but requested the Legislation Committee have further discussions on potential challenges associated with the recommendation, particularly in situations where an institutional staff member is also a booster. The Legislation Committee ultimately determined that institutional staff member status would trump booster status and permit an institutional staff member who is also a booster to donate to a student-athlete seeking to participate as a member of an outside team. The Management Council expressed concerns about whether an athletics department staff member should be permitted to donate to student-athletes and the Presidents Council ultimately withdrew its sponsorship of the proposal.

Below is the excerpt from the July/August 2018 Summary of Actions:

**Amateurism – General Regulations – Permissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Actual and Necessary Expenses from an Outside Amateur Sports Team or Organization – Donations from Outside Sponsors – Institutional Staff Members**, which permits a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member to participate as a member of an outside team, effective August 1, 2019.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council withdraw its sponsorship of this proposal and refer it back to the Division II Legislation Committee to further analyze whether athletics staff should be included in the concept.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council voted to withdraw its sponsorship of the proposal.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Division II Legislation Committee recommends 2020 Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 12.1.3 (permissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment) to permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member, including an athletics department staff member, to participate as a member of an outside team.

2. The Legislation Committee recommends 2020 NCAA Convention legislation to amend Bylaw 12.1.3 (permissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment) to permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member, except an athletics department staff member, to participate as a member of an outside team.
3. The Legislation Committee does not recommend a legislative change to amend Bylaw 12.1.3 (permissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment).

## NCAA Bylaw 13.1.7.2 – Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site

### **Background:**

During its June in-person meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee recommended the NCAA Division II Management Council refer a legislative concept to amend NCAA Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition) to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on whether to eliminate the restriction on contact with a prospective student-athlete at the site of competition during a multiday event until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. During its July in-person meeting, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the legislative referral. Below is the excerpt from the July 13-14, 2018, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee report:

### **Bylaw 13.1.7.2 – Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition**

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Division II Legislation Committee requested feedback from SAAC on two referrals. The second referral pertained to NCAA Bylaw 13.1.7 (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition site). The legislative concept would eliminate the restriction of a coach contacting a prospective student-athlete at the site of competition during a multiday event until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility. Over half of the committee present opposed this concept. Those student-athletes believe if a prospective student-athlete is aware that a coach is attending the event to recruit, it could create additional pressure and anxiety on the prospective student-athlete during competition. Those in support stated that the concept creates flexibility for a coach with limited budget dollars to recruit more and reach more potential student-athletes. They also stated this concept could benefit prospective student-athletes by giving them more opportunities to interact with coaches that are recruiting them.

### **Conclusion:**

1. The Legislation Committee **recommends** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition) to allow an institutional coaching staff member to contact a prospective student-athlete at the end of a multiday event.
2. The Legislation Committee **does not recommend** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition).

**Associated References:**

**13.1.7.2 Practice or Competition Site.** Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete before any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following:

- (a) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete at any site before the contest on the day or days of competition;
- (b) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time the prospective student-athlete reports on call (at the direction of the prospective student-athlete's coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g. traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition even if such competition-related activities are initiated before the day or days of competition;
- (c) Contact shall not be made after the competition until the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility;
- (d) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete involved in competition that requires more than one day of participation (e.g., a basketball tournament) until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility; and
- (e) Contact with a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians at the site of competition is permissible during a contact period following June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.)



**Legislative History and Discussion Document**  
**NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 – Amateurism – Promotional Activities – Permissible –**  
**Player/Trading Cards**

**Issue:**

In December 2017, the Division II Culture of Compliance Think Tank identified legislative concepts for review by the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee. The think tank recommended the elimination of NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 (player/trading cards) via noncontroversial legislation. According to the think tank, Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 falls under the scope of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions) and a separate reference to player/trading cards should be eliminated. The Legislation Committee reviewed the recommendation at its March 5-6, 2018, in-person meeting and requested a legislative history on why Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 contains a restriction on the sale of player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture.

**Legislative History:**

Proposal No. 121 (No. 2-33) (promotional activities – player/trading cards) was adopted at the 1994 NCAA Convention. The proposal rationale stated as follows: "Concern has been expressed regarding entities that are selling trading cards that contain the names or pictures of student-athletes. There is a sense that the sale of such cards blurs the line between college and professional athletics and creates an undesirable image of intercollegiate athletics. This proposal will eliminate such concerns by precluding all entities (e.g., institutions; conferences; charitable; educational and nonprofit organizations; and national or international sports governing bodies) from selling player/trading cards that bear the names or pictures of student-athletes with remaining eligibility. It will remain permissible for such entities to distribute such cards free of charge for positive purposes (e.g., drug education)."

During the convention proceedings, it was noted that the selling of trading cards exploits the student-athlete, who must now pay to be certified to play college athletics, and blurs the line between college and professional athletics but does not prohibit cards for community service projects.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Division II Legislation Committee **recommends** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 (player/trading cards).
2. The Division II Legislation Committee **does not recommend** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.5.1.1.6 (player/trading cards).

**Associated References:**

*Division II Legislation.*

**12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions.** A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency (e.g., the armed services) may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/10/92, 10/19/15)*

- (a) The specific activity or project in which the student-athlete participates does not involve cosponsorship, advertisement or promotion by a commercial agency except as follows: *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/91, 1/9/06)*
  - (1) Identification (e.g., graphics, voice over, on-screen test) of the commercial entity must explain the commercial entity's affiliation with the permissible entity (e.g., entity is the official sponsor of the institution/event); *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*
  - (2) The appearance or description of the commercial product(s)/service(s) and/or the commercial entity's logo(s) may be included, but may not exceed 25 percent of the total promotional activity. Further, language or action included in the promotion may not directly encourage the use or purchase of the commercial product or service (e.g., "drink this product") with which the commercial entity is associated; *(Adopted: 1/9/06)*
  - (3) An advertisement on an institution's wallet-size playing schedule that includes the name or picture of a student-athlete may include language other than the commercial product's name, trademark or logo, provided the commercial language does not appear on the same page as the picture of the student-athlete; *(Adopted: 7/17/18)*
- (b) The student-athlete does not miss class; *(Revised: 1/11/89)*
- (c) The student-athlete may accept actual and necessary expenses from the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency related to participation in such activity; *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 10/19/15)*
- (d) The student-athlete's name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency; *(Adopted: 1/10/92)*

- (e) Any commercial items with names or pictures of student-athletes (other than items specified per Bylaws 12.5.1.6 and 12.5.1.7) may be sold only by the member institution, member conference or NCAA, through outlets controlled by the member institution, member conference or the NCAA or outlets controlled by the charitable or educational organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event); *(Adopted: 1/16/93, Revised: 1/9/96, 1/12/04 effective 8/1/04, 1/21/17)*
- (f) The student-athlete signs a release statement authorizing the use of his or her name, image or appearance in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section; and *(Revised: 1/11/89, 1/10/92, 10/19/15, 1/21/17)*
- (g) The institution provides educational material(s) to a representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency regarding restrictions on the use of a student-athlete's name, image or appearance. *(Adopted: 1/21/17)*

**12.5.1.1.6 Player/Trading Cards.** A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture. *(Adopted: 1/11/94 effective 8/1/94, Revised: 10/19/15).*



**NCAA Division II Culture of Compliance Summit  
Legislative Concept Recommendations  
December 12-13, 2017, In-Person Meeting**

*Concepts to Potentially Consider as Presidents Council-Sponsored Convention Legislation*

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
12.1.3-(b)-(1) (permissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment)	Amend	Permit faculty and staff to donate (be more inclusive with the people listed).	Difficult to track and monitor on campus. Student-athletes have relationships with faculty and staff on campus.	March 2018	Recommended 2019 Convention legislation.
12.5.1.1-(a) (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions)	Eliminate	N/A	Is prior approval necessary? If so, why? If not, then eliminate.	March 2018	Recommended 2019 Convention legislation. (Combine with elimination of prong (c) of Bylaw 13.11.3.5)
12.5.3-(a) (media activities)	Amend	Add language to include "participation is at the discretion of the institution" as opposed to the legislation stipulating that it must be a student-athlete who is academically eligible.	This should not be legislated. Rather it should be at the institution's discretion.	March 2018	Recommended 2019 Convention legislation.
13.02.4 (contact and evaluation periods)	Amend	All sports should be treated with the same recruiting calendar and not have restrictions, except dead periods (e.g., quiet and evaluation period).	Football and basketball should not have restrictions. All sports should be treated the same.	March 2018	
13.02.4.2 (evaluation period)	Eliminate	N/A	All sports should be treated the same. Eliminating can help Division II schools with limited budgets.	March 2018	
13.02.4.3 (quiet period)	Eliminate	N/A	All sports should be treated the same. Eliminating can help Division II schools with limited budgets.	March 2018	



BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.1.4 (recruiting calendars)	Amend	Change recruiting calendar and have it the same across all sports. All times should be contact period, except 48 hours prior to the signing period is a dead period.	Gives coaches more flexibility in recruiting throughout the year.	March 2018	
13.1.4.1 (waiver of contact period)	Eliminate	N/A	Based on elimination of Bylaw 13.1.4.	March 2018	
13.4.1 (printed recruiting materials)	Amend	To specify that recruiting materials may be sent out at any time.	An institution may provide information on the school but cannot provide any recruiting information.	March 2018	No action. Encourages early recruiting.
13.4.1.1.1 (recruiting materials – exceptions – permissible date)	Eliminate	N/A	Based on amendment of Bylaw 13.4.1.	March 2018	No action. Encourages early recruiting.
13.4.1.1.2 (recruiting materials – exceptions – reproducing printed recruiting materials in any electronic format)	Eliminate	N/A	Based on amendment of Bylaw 13.4.1.	March 2018	No action. Encourages early recruiting.
13.4.1.2 (responding to prospective student-athlete's request)	Amend	Eliminate June 15 date, but include that a prospective student-athlete can respond to such request at any time.	Based on amendment of Bylaw 13.4.1.	March 2018	No action. Encourages early recruiting.
13.4.3.1 (recruiting advertisements)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remove "not," and allow high school recruiting advertisements in game programs or intramurals, but not in recruiting scouting services.</li><li>Separate Bylaw 13.4.3.1 into two bylaws or potentially a prong (a) and (b).</li></ul>	This should be permissible.	March 2018	No action. Concern about potential recruiting advantage.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.7.2.2 (unofficial (nonpaid) visit – home games outside the community)	Amend	Increase the maximum of number of complimentary admissions from three to five.	The change will make this legislation consistent with the complimentary admissions legislation.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate this bylaw and change base bylaw to “home contests”.
13.11.2.4 (permissible activities – local sports club)	Amend	Expand the radius restriction.	Expanding the radius will help those institutions located in remote locations.	March 2018	
13.11.3.5 (tryout exceptions – private lessons)	Amend	Allow all sports to have access to this legislation and eliminate prong (c).	There is no consternation among institutions within the membership regarding this legislation and their inability to provide private lessons.	March 2018	Recommended 2019 Convention legislation. (Combine with elimination of prong a of Bylaw 12.5.1.1)
13.14 (use of recruiting funds)	Amend	Add language to permit coaches to be compensated while working at a local sports club and allow them to recruit.	Coaches should be able to recruit and get paid while working at a local sports club.	March 2018	No action. Permitting this would be a tacit endorsement of a local sports club.
13.14.4 (slush funds)	Amend	Add an exception.	Add in an exception that includes sports camps and clinics that includes language similar to Bylaw 13.14.4.1.	March 2018	No action. Permitting this would be a tacit endorsement of a local sports club.
13.15 (precollege expenses)	Amend	Potential reorganization.	Potentially look at reorganizing this section.	March 2018	Referred discussion to Legislative Review Subcommittee.
15.2.2.1 (financial aid from outside sources – parents and legal guardians)	Amend	Include language to permit family members, including aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.	Student-athletes should be permitted to receive financial aid from a family member.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit “relatives or legal guardian(s)” to provide financial aid.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
16.1.1.4 (awards – after completion of athletics eligibility)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Permit a coach to provide a graduating senior with a gift of nominal value. However, the gift may not include cash or a gift card/certificate.</li><li>Amend title.</li></ul>	A coach should be able to provide a graduating student-athlete with a gift to show his or her appreciation for the student-athlete and his or her contribution to the team without it violating the legislation. Would want to adjust the title to clarify that this is only appropriate to provide to a student-athlete who is going to graduate immediately (e.g., if student-athlete has exhausted his or her eligibility in the fall, coach cannot provide him or her a gift in December if the student-athlete is going to graduate in the spring).	March 2018	During initial discussion, committee supported permitting a gift of \$25 (not cash) and moving this to Bylaw 16.11.  Further discussion at next meeting.

Concepts to Potentially Consider as Noncontroversial Legislation

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
12.1.1 (validity of amateur status)	Reorganize	N/A	Clarify what group is responsible? When? Not sure that schools are actually talking to student-athletes about the validity of the information they provide to the NCAA Eligibility Center.	March 2018	No action. Legislation is consistent with Division I.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Explain what the constitutes community engagement (e.g., community service, fundraising.)</li><li>Explain when Bylaw 12.5.1.1 applies.</li><li>Possible flowchart of questions (see Figure 17-3).</li></ul>	This legislation seems unclear. Can this be explained in a figure instead of the language in the NCAA Division II Manual?	March 2018	Recommended incorporation of the March 26, 2015 official interpretation to clarify that community engagement activities must meet Bylaw 12.5.1.1. Add cross reference to Bylaw 13.02.1.
12.5.1.1.5 (player/trading cards)	Reorganize [move to 12.5.1.1-(f) as an example]	N/A	Appears that this would fall under the scope of Bylaw 12.5.1.1. If so, remove the language and reference player/trading cards in Bylaw 12.5.1.1.	March 2018	Requested legislative history as to why these items were not permitted to be sold.
12.5.1.1.6 (schedule cards)	Eliminate	N/A	Appears that this would fall under the scope of Bylaw 12.5.1.1. If so, remove the language and reference schedule cards in Bylaw 12.5.1.1.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate, but schedule cards be added as an example in Bylaw 12.5.1.1.
12.5.1.6 (promotion by third party of highlight film, videotape or media guide)	Eliminate 12.1.6-(b) and combine 12.5.1.6 and 12.5.1.7	N/A	Not sure how much this is being applied on campuses. The individual has already been hired by the institution.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to combine with Bylaw 12.5.1.7 as well as eliminate requirement to have approval of athletics director.
12.5.1.7-(b) (promotion by a third party of photographs)	Eliminate	N/A	Not sure how much this is being applied on campuses. The individual has already been hired by the institution.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to combine with Bylaw 12.5.1.6 as well as eliminate requirement to have approval of athletics director.
13.1.1.2.3 (transfer from institution on probation)	Amend	Take out last sentence of the bylaw (starting with the word "however").	Does not really seem enforceable on campuses or practical. If the other institution is notified, why are restrictions placed on student-athletes?	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate opportunity to establish restrictions on recruitment.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.1.2.1 (authorized staff members) and 13.1.2.1.1 (off-campus recruiters)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Combine the bylaws.</li></ul> Possibly add in the "annual basis" to the bylaw.	Simplification of legislation.	March 2018	Table recommendation, pending outcome of Division II University and coaches test requirement.
13.1.2.3 (other restrictions, representatives of the institution's athletics' interests)	Amend	Possibly combine 13.1.2.3-(a)-(c).	Less wordy, more direct with restrictions listed. Possibly group booster restrictions together.		No action.
13.1.2.5.2 (expense prohibition)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Combine with Bylaw 13.1.2.3.</li></ul> Add chart/figure.	Simplify and restructure.		Recommended editorial revision to combine with Bylaw 13.1.2.3.
13.1.3.2.1 (telephone calls to prospective student-athletes- during conduct of athletics contest)	Eliminate	N/A	Compliance administrators are not really monitoring this beyond first phone call.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate due to monitoring difficulty and burden.
13.1.3.5 (collect and toll-free telephone calls)	Eliminate	N/A	Most people are using cell phones today to communicate. Should be encompassed within Bylaw 13.1.3.2.2.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate and include in Bylaw 13.1.3.2.2.
13.1.5 (visit to prospective student-athlete's educational institution)	Eliminate	N/A	May be a best practice as opposed to legislation. High schools already have some of their own policies in place about allowing people into their school to talk to prospective student-athletes.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate due to monitoring difficulty and the policies and procedures that are in place at prospective student-athletes' educational institutions.
13.1.7.1 (contact restrictions at specified sites – prospective student-athlete's educational institution)	Eliminate	N/A	This does not seem to be happening on campuses and is not very realistic.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate due to monitoring difficulty and the policies and procedures that are in place at prospective student-athletes' educational institutions.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.1.7.2-(d) (contact restrictions at specified sites – practice or competition site)	Amend	Permit coaches to talk with prospective student-athletes after they are released from an event at the end of the day.	Budget impact (institution must stay an extra night to talk to a prospective student-athlete and incurs an extra expense).		Referred discussion to Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
13.2.6 (loans to prospective student-athletes)	Eliminate	N/A	Financial aid departments at institutions are assisting all prospective students with the loan process.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate because it does not account for changes to the loan application process.
13.2.9 (fundraisers for a prospective student-athlete)	Eliminate prongs (b) and (f) only	N/A	Prongs (b) and (f) are covered in (d). No need to specify a dollar amount.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the \$500 limit and to specify that the fundraiser proceeds may not exceed the amount of expenses incurred.
13.4.3.1.4 (recruiting advertisements – interview to recruiting publication)	Amend	Shall not mention any recruiting information unless the prospective student-athlete has signed with the institution.	In amending the legislation there would not be any recruiting advantage if the prospective student-athlete has already signed with the institution.		Recommended editorial revision to cross reference the exception in Bylaw 13.10.2.2.
13.4.4.2 (electronic transmissions – additional regulations – during conduct of athletics contest)	Eliminate	N/A	Should be similar to the recommendations regarding phone calls.		Recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate due to monitoring difficulty and burden.
13.5.2.5.1 (coach transporting prospective student-athlete and prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian (s) to/from site of competition to campus)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Should just be an athletics department staff member, and take out "annual certification requirements."</li></ul> Mirror language of Bylaw 13.5.2.4.	There are times when staff members (e.g., director of athletics, compliance) will need to pick up a prospective student-athlete from an airport for an official visit when a coach is not able to do so.		Further discussion at November 2018 meeting as part of Bylaw 13.5 rewrite.

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.6.2.3 (requirements for official visit – NCAA Eligibility Center)	Eliminate	N/A	It is already known where the transcript comes from. There is no need to list that it can come from the Eligibility Center, especially since legislation does not specify every possible place that can provide the transcript.		Recommended editorial revision to eliminate and issue official interpretation stating that a current transcript is required before an official visit.
13.6.3.2 (length of official visit – exception to 48-hour period for extenuating circumstances)	Amend	Eliminate the last sentence "In such instances,..." and include language similar to the language in Bylaw 15.6.1 (the form shall be kept on file in the office of the director of athletics).	Requirement that institutions must submit a report to the conference office shall be a best practice rather than legislated.		
13.6.6.7.1.1 (meals on official visit – entertainment at staff member's home)	Amend	Remove "only occurs on one occasion."	Should not be limited to eating at a staff member's home on one occasion. Current legislation specifies that a prospective student-athlete may eat at a staff member's house on day one of the official visit but would be prohibited from eating at another staff member's house on day two of the official visit.		
13.6.7 (entertainment on official visit for relatives or legal guardian(s) of prospective student-athlete)	Eliminate	N/A	Bylaw 13.6.6.1 permits institutions to provide entertainment to prospective student-athletes and their relatives.		

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.7.2.4 (visit unrelated to recruitment), 13.7.2.5 (visit related to National Student-athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Combine bylaws.</li></ul> Eliminate Bylaw 13.7.2.5.	Not necessary to have these two bylaws when those events (National Student-Athlete or National Girls and Women's in Sports Day) can be placed under Bylaw 13.7.2.4.		
13.8.1 (entertainment, reimbursement and employment of high school/ college-preparatory school/two-year college coaches – entertainment restrictions)	Amend	Increase number from two to four.	High school, college-preparatory or two-year college coaches should not have to pick between their children or spouse when determining who to bring to an institution's contest.		
13.9.2 (transcript prior to National Letter of Intent of written offer of athletically related financial aid)	Amend	Remove the word "current."	Institutions should do their due diligence to make sure the prospective student-athlete is academically sound prior to providing the prospective student-athlete with a NLI.		
13.9.2.1 (exception – high school or college preparatory school prospective student-athlete with a final academic certification)	Amend	Remove the word "current."	If Bylaw 13.9.2 is amended, then the word "current" will be eliminated in this bylaw as well.		
13.10.6 (photograph of prospective student-athlete)	Amend	Remove sentence in last line beginning with "however, the photography may not be given to a prospective student-athlete."	Align the legislation with Division I. There is no competitive advantage of allowing institutions to provide the prospective student-athlete with the photographs.	March 2018	Recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit institutions to provide the photograph to the prospective student-athlete.



BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
13.11.1.4 (tryouts – nonscholastic-based basketball)	Amend	Add exception.	Permit an institution's staff member to participate in coaching activities with a nonscholastic-based basketball team that includes the coach's child or children.		
13.11.2.1-(f) (permissible activities – tryouts)	Amend	"length of the practice period per Bylaw 17."	Simplify the tryout rule to specify that a tryout should not last more than two hours.		
13.15.2.2 (permissible expenses – collect and toll-free telephone calls)	Eliminate	N/A	This bylaw is no longer relevant.		
13.17 (recruiting calendars)	Amend/Eliminate	Add figures.	Potentially add the recruiting calendars as a figure and not in bylaw form if the recommendation is approved to keep in the recruiting calendars.		
14.2.4.1.1-(a)-(d) (criteria for determining season of eligibility - exception – two-year college scrimmages)	Amend	Align language with the definition of an official scrimmage set forth in Bylaw 17.	Consistency in the definition of an official scrimmage.		
14.11.2.1-(b) (eligibility list)	Amend	Amend with "any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form per Bylaw 14.1.4."	There are student-athletes who sign the drug testing form who may never show up as a walk-on or show up for a tryout. Those student-athletes should not be included on the list. The eligibility list should truly be meant for student-athletes on the team. The second part of the bylaw seems to capture that more.		

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement)	Eliminate	N/A	Bylaw 14.11.2.1-(b) already addresses this.		
15.02.3 (counter)	Amend	Is there a better term to use for this concept?	With the recent changes in financial aid legislation, is the term counter necessary?		
15.3.3.2.1 (off-campus room and board stipend)	Amend	Remove the language "meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular-cost figure from such a student-athlete's board allowance."	Removal of language due to the recommendation of the elimination of Bylaw 15.3.3.2.1.6.		
15.3.3.2.1.6 (training-tables meals)	Eliminate	N/A	Not sure that institutions still use training tables.		
15.4.1.2 (aid not renewed, successful appeal)	Amend	Amend with "the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletics aid and participates in intercollegiate athletics."	This legislation is ultimately punishing coaches. If the student-athlete is not participating, regardless of if the student-athlete is receiving athletics aid, the student-athlete should not be a counter.		
16.1.3.4 (local civic organization)	Amend	Add language that "A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to a member institution's team(s) or individual member of the team. . . ."	If the conditions are satisfied, an individual student-athlete on the institution's team should be allowed to receive award from the local civic organization.		
16.1.5-(b) (awards banquets – booster club recognition banquet)	Amend	Eliminate mileage radius.	Ease of burden and opens up the opportunity to institutions located in remote geographical areas.		

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
16.3 (academic and other support services)	Amend	Amend this legislation to mirror Bylaw 16.4.	Should be institutional discretion when determining what institutions can provide to their student-athletes to help achieve academic success.		
16.6.1.1 (expenses for relatives to attend postseason football game/NCAA championship)	Amend	Eliminate "one round" to include "any round left up to the institution's discretion."	Allows institutions the flexibility to determine if they want to pay for relatives or legal guardians beyond one round in all sports.		
16.10.1.3 (provision of expenses by individuals or organizations other than the institution – meeting expenses)	Amend	Eliminate 30-mile radius and add "locale of the institution."	Make this more open to include locale to provide a broader option rather than the mile radius restriction.		
16.11.1.4 (benefits, gifts and services - retention of athletics apparel and equipment)	Amend	Remove "used equipment."	Student-athletes should be permitted to retain equipment at the end of their collegiate career once eligibility is exhausted in the sport.		
16.11.1.8 (benefits, gifts and services - coaching and/or athletics administration career educational programs)	TBD	Potentially eliminate if Bylaw 16.3 is amended and move to within Bylaw 16.3.	Potentially eliminate if Bylaw 16.3 is amended and move to within Bylaw 16.3.		
16.11.1.9 (benefits, gifts and services – telephones)	Eliminate	N/A	Most student-athletes provide their own cell phone use.		
16.11.1.10-(c) (benefits, gifts and services - miscellaneous benefits)	Eliminate	N/A	Most student-athlete provide their own cell phone use.		

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
12.02.4 (payment for participation in road racing)	Amend	Clarify based on the newly adopted legislation – NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2017-2 (amateurism -- payment based on performance -- from amateur team or event sponsor in individual sports).	Consistent with newly adopted legislation.	March 2018	Recommended editorial revision.
13.1.2.4-(a) (student-athlete – off-campus contacts)	Amend	Rewrite legislation.	Appears that the first and second sentence contradict each other.	March 2018	Recommended editorial revision.
13.6.6.5.1 (entertainment/tickets on official visit - student host – multiple hosts)	Amend	Remove last sentence of bylaw.	Currently permissible to cover additional meals for remaining student host under the occasional meal legislation.	March 2018	Recommended editorial revision.
13.10.3.1 (announcer for high school broadcast)	Amend	Insert "conference office personnel."	According to a staff interpretation [Reference: 3/17/89, Item No. b], conference office personnel would fall under the restrictions of Bylaw 13.10.3.1; however, that is not articulated in the legislation. Archive interpretation.	March 2018	Recommended editorial revision.
15.02.6 (period of award)	Amend	Add a cross-reference and list the exceptions to this bylaw.	There should be a cross reference so individuals know there are exceptions to this bylaw.	March 2018	Recommended editorial revision.

*Concepts to Potentially Refer to Division II Academic Requirements Committee*

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
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14.1.2 (general eligibility requirements – validity of academic credentials)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eligibility Center will determine the validity of high school prospective student-athletes and institution will determine validity of transfer student-athletes.</li><li>Institution will notify Eligibility Center if there are concerns about an invalid transcript.</li></ul>	Eligibility Center is already receiving high school transcripts from prospective student-athletes and determining academic certification. Why should the institution be responsible for the validity of such information?	March 2018	Referred to Academic Requirements Committee.
14.4.3.7.10 (nontraditional courses from another institution)	Amend	Discussion as to if prongs Bylaw 14.4.3.7.10-(a)-(c) are a practice to track by institutions.	How are institutions really monitoring this? Is this an ease of burden?	March 2018	Referred to Academic Requirements Committee.
14.5.4.6.2 (nonrecruited student exception)	Eliminate subsection (d) only	N/A	Does this really make sense? Who is responsible for verifying this? Seems like a burden on an institution.	March 2018	Referred to Academic Requirements Committee.

*Concepts Involving Legislation Consistent with Divisions I and/or III*

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE	MEETING REVIEWED	STATUS
12.02.8 (triathlon and cross country, track and field and swimming)	Eliminate	N/A	Not sure that this legislation is necessary. However, this is consistent with Divisions I and III legislation.		
12.02.9 (volleyball and beach volleyball)	Eliminate	N/A	Not sure that this legislation is necessary. However, this is consistent with Divisions I and III legislation.		

12.5.4 (use of logo on equipment, uniforms and apparel)	Eliminate	N/A	If an athletics manufacturer's logo is on a uniform, why does it matter if the institution's number and logo are visible? If there is not a penalty being assessed, then why is it legislated? However, this is consistent with Divisions I and III legislation.		
12.5.4.1 (laundry label)	Eliminate	N/A	Institutions are not really monitoring this on campuses.		
13.02.10.1-(c) (recruited prospective student-athlete)	Eliminate	N/A	Seems like an outlier to the prongs in this bylaw. However, this is consistent with Divisions I and III legislation.		
14.2.4.5 (triathlon and cross country, track and field and swimming)	Eliminate	N/A	If the NCAA sponsors triathlon as a sport, if a student-athlete competes in organized competition in triathlon, the student-athlete should be charged a season in that sport only and not cross country and track and field.		
14.2.4.6 (volleyball and beach volleyball)	Eliminate	N/A	If the NCAA sponsors beach volleyball as a sport, if a student-athlete competes in organized competition in beach volleyball, the student-athlete should be charged a season in that sport only and not volleyball.		
17.02.13 (practice opportunities)	TBD	Add a figure or chart.	Is there a way to clarify this? Must be consistent with Divisions I and III. Seems a bit confusing and hard to understand.		

*Concepts Not Recommended for Advancement to the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee for Further Review*

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE
12.1.4-(o) (payment based on place finish)	Amend	Clarify based on newly adopted legislation Proposal No. 2017-2 (amateurism -- payment based on performance -- from amateur team or event sponsor in individual sports).	Consistent with newly adopted legislation. Resolved via an ER.
13.02.1 (community engagement activity)	Amend	More clearly explain what constitutes a community engagement activity.	Membership still seems to be unclear on this bylaw. More education needed. NAAC develop?
13.2.5.1 (employment of prospective student-athletes – after senior year)	Amend	Change to June 15 date to be consistent with other Division II legislation when it is permissible to contact a prospective student-athlete or tie to when a prospective student-athlete signs an National Letter of Intent or written offer of financial aid with the institution.	Should not have to wait until the prospective student-athlete graduates. May be a good experience for prospective student-athletes to work throughout high school.
13.11.3.5 (tryout exceptions – private lessons)	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add a 100-mile radius restriction,</li><li>• Eliminate the sport-specific restrictions.</li></ul>	There is no consternation among institutions within the membership regarding this legislation and their inability to provide private lessons.
13.12.1.1.2 (sports camps and clinics – football and basketball)	Eliminate	N/A	Football and basketball should not be treated differently than other sports.
13.12.2.5.2 (athletics staff members-other noninstitutional privately owned camps/clinics)	Amend	Remove the last sentence "in the sports of football and basketball."	If Bylaw 13.12.1.1.2 is eliminated, then this would be permissible in the sports of football and basketball at all times.
13.12.2.1 (employment at camp or clinic – prospective student-athletes)	Amend	Add "after June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school."	This will provide an opportunity for a prospective student-athlete to start earning money earlier. Would like to keep language that the prospective student-athlete's season must be over prior to being employed.
14.1.7.1.7.3.1 (full-time enrollment- exceptions - practice or competition – postseason)	Eliminate	N/A	If the student-athlete was eligible for the final semester, why is there a 60-day limit of how long they can compete? Why would the student-athlete not be eligible for the remainder of the championship in the sport?

BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE
14.5.4.3.2-(b) (application – transfer previously attended)	Eliminate	N/A	The last sentence seems to be inconsistent in that you can use the hours earned at a two-year or a four-year institution.
15.4.2.1.1.1 (equivalency sports – overall limit)	Eliminate	N/A	Why are institutions being limited to how many equivalencies they can provide for the sports of basketball and football combined?
16.5.1-(f) (housing and meals – permissible – occasional meals)	Eliminate 16.5.1-(f)-(1)	N/A	Institutions should be able to provide meals to their student-athletes whenever they would like; however, the restrictions on representatives of athletics interests should remain. Institutional budgets will minimize the concern for abuse of this legislation if this change is made.
17.1.6.5.3 (preseason practice)	Amend	Require institutions to provide student-athletes with one day off during the preseason period that occurs before the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier.	The Year-Round Football Practice Contact Recommendations note that in any given seven days following the five-day acclimatization period, one day should be no football practice. While not currently legislation, this concept should apply to all sports that conduct a preseason before the start of classes or the first contest.
17.1.9 (use of tobacco products)	TBD	See rationale.	Review during the summit in December. Should this be legislated or is this a best practice for health and safety? Refer to NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to provide feedback. If kept in Manual, perhaps place elsewhere. Good rule, but rarely enforced. Referred to CSMAS.
17.3.2.1.1 (weight training, conditioning, team activities and/or skill instruction)	Amend	See rationale.	Review potential start date in basketball and start a week after school starts – due to strain on athletic training staff and strength and conditioning staff. Allow voluntary activities during the first week of classes.



BYLAW	RECOMMENDATION	IF AMENDED, WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE	RATIONALE
17.6.8.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.11.8.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.12.6.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.15.6.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.16.8.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.18.6.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.21.7.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.22.8.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); 17.23.7.1.1 (summer-workout sessions); and 17.27.7.1.1 (summer-workout sessions).	TBD	See rationale.	Refer to larger Think Tank for discussion, perhaps leave legislation as is, remove entirely, or amend legislation to include all sports (team and individual).

**NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.5 – Transportation –  
Potential Revision**

**Issue:**

As part of the NCAA Division II Culture of Compliance Think Tank Subgroup review, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reviewed Bylaw 13 (recruiting) and discussed whether a reorganization of the bylaw would assist with membership application and understanding. At its June 2018 meeting, the committee identified Bylaw 13.5 (transportation) as a bylaw that would benefit from such a review.

**Questions to Consider:**

1. Does the following draft capture all elements of the current legislation?
2. Should any additional changes be made to the legislation (e.g., changing application, clarifying examples) to enhance membership understanding?

**Draft of Revised Bylaw 13.5:**

**13.5 Transportation.**

**13.5.1 General Restrictions.** An institution may provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete on an official paid visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.2 or an unofficial visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.3.

**13.5.1.1 Nonpermissible Transportation.** If nonpermissible transportation is provided, the institution may not avoid a violation of this rule by receiving reimbursement for mileage from the prospect.

**13.5.2 Transportation on Official (Paid) Visit.**

**13.5.2.1 General Restrictions.** A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus, provided a direct route between the prospective student-athlete's home, site of athletics competition or educational institution and the institution's campus is used. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. [R]

**13.5.2.1.1 Camp or Clinic.** It is not permissible for an institution to pay any leg of a prospective student-athlete's transportation costs if he or she participates in an institutional camp or clinic in conjunction with an official visit.

**13.5.2.1.2 Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends, Relatives and Legal Guardian(s).** A prospective student-athlete's friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution's campus only by accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the time the prospective student-

athlete travels in an automobile to visit the institution's campus (see Bylaw 13.5.2.2.1).

**13.5.2.1.3 Visiting Two or More Institutions.** Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

**13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation.** When a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as provided in Bylaw 13.8.1.1) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use is arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. [R]

**13.5.2.2.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends, Relatives or Legal Guardian(s).** A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) in any vehicle to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding the contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.7). Transportation may be provided regardless of whether a visit occurs during or outside a permissible contact period. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's friends, relatives or legal guardians while providing such transportation. [R]

**13.5.2.2.2 Use of Automobile During Visit.** The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. [R]

**13.5.2.3 Air Transportation.** The air fare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. [R]

**13.5.2.3.1 From Airport.** During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. The 48-hour period begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus. The transportation must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. [R]

**13.5.2.3.2 Institution's Airplane.** An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospective student-athlete to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospective student-athlete.

**13.5.2.3.3 Noncommercial Airplane.** Whenever an aircraft (other than a commercial airplane) is used to transport a prospective student-athlete, payment for its use shall be at the established charter rates at the airport where the craft is based. The institution shall be prepared to demonstrate satisfactorily that such payment has been made. [R]

**13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit.** During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport, other institutional facilities, and to attend an institution's home athletics contest (on or off campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses is not permissible. However, the institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend home athletics contests if transportation is available to prospective students generally. [R]

**13.5.4 Transportation to Enroll.** An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution's staff to provide transportation from a bus or train station or airport to the campus on the occasion of the student-athlete's initial arrival at the institution to attend classes. [R]

**NCAA Bylaw 17 – Playing and Practice Seasons.**

**Background:**

During its June in-person meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee recommended the NCAA Division II Management Council refer a legislative concept to amend NCAA Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on whether to permit, in individual sports, a coach to participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. During its July in-person meeting, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee discussed the legislative referral. Below is the excerpt from the July 13-14, 2018, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee report:

**Bylaw 17 – Playing and Practice Seasons**

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Division II Legislation Committee requested feedback from SAAC on two referrals. The first referral pertained to NCAA Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons). The legislative concept would permit, in individual sports, a coach to participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Legislation Committee **recommends** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) to allow, in individual sports, a coach to participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request is initiated by the student-athlete.
2. The Legislation Committee **does not recommend** sponsorship of noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

**Associated References:**

**17.5.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.6.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.8.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.11.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.12.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.15.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.16.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.21.7.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.22.8.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.23.7.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.24.6.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**17.27.7.1.1 Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.



## 2019-20 NCAA DIVISION II COACHES CERTIFICATION

### Certification Procedures

#### 1. Administration.

- a. The educational modules selected by the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee may be completed at any time after the modules are added to the NCAA Division II University catalog.
- b. The annual certification period shall be effective August 1 through July 31. Coaches who passed the 2018-19 coaches certification (recruiting) test are certified through July 31, 2019. Once an individual successfully completes all required educational modules for the 2019-20 academic year, they would be certified from the date of completion through July 31, 2020. For example, an individual who completes all required educational modules on May 20, 2019, is certified from May 20, 2019, through July 31, 2020.
- c. Testing opportunities shall be limited only by the stipulation that 24 hours shall elapse between each attempt to complete an educational module. **Please note this 24-hour period may not be waived by the conference office.**
- d. Division II coaches are required to complete all required educational modules to recruit off campus or direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.

#### 2. Division II University Educational Modules.

- a. The Division II certification procedures shall involve the selection of required educational modules by the Legislation Committee for all Division II coaches.
- b. The educational modules shall include health and safety related content and content relating to NCAA Division II Bylaws 10 through 17.
- c. **All questions must be answered correctly to achieve a passing score on an educational module.** Individuals who complete an educational module successfully will receive a certificate of completion in their Division II University account.
- d. The reproduction of any portion of any Division II University educational module is prohibited.

**Please refer to the Questions and Answers Document and Frequently Asked Questions tab on Division II University if you have questions as most inquiries may be resolved through review of these materials.**



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Technical

**Question No. 1:** I have lost my NCAA Division II University ID and/or password. Where can I find it?

**Answer:** Please use the “forgot password” feature for Single Source Sign-On on the NCAA.org apps page.

**Question No. 2:** I keep getting an error message that indicates my User ID or password is incorrect. Why?

**Answer:** User IDs and passwords are case sensitive. Be sure you are entering the User ID and password exactly as they appear.

Administration

**Question No. 1:** Who is required to complete educational modules on Division II University?

**Answer:** All paid and volunteer coaches, including consultants, who wish to recruit off campus or direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.

**Question No. 2:** Who is permitted to complete educational modules on Division II University?

**Answer:** Any institutional or conference staff member may complete educational modules; however, the modules were specifically developed for coaches.

**Question No. 3:** Are educational modules administered by a proctor?

**Answer:** A proctor is not required to administer educational modules; however, an institution may require staff members to complete educational modules in a proctored setting.

**Question No. 4:** Are educational modules available in languages other than English?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** Is a coach who has not completed the required educational modules allowed to make telephone calls or send electronic communications to prospective student-athletes?

**Answer:** Yes. Pursuant to NCAA recruiting rules, a noncertified coach who remains on campus may telephone or send an electronic communication to a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete’s home or other off-campus site, provided NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.1.3 (telephone calls to prospective student-athlete) and Bylaw 13.4.4 (electronic transmissions) are met, as such activity is not considered off-campus recruitment.



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**Question No. 6:** If a coach is hired in May 2019, which version of the recruiting test must be completed to recruit off campus – the 2018-19 coaches' certification (recruiting) test or the 2019-20 educational modules?

**Answer:** The 2019-20 educational modules. The certification procedures specify that the annual certification period shall be effective August 1 through July 31. However, once the required educational modules have been selected by the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee and are available in the Division II University catalog, individuals who have yet to be certified and who wish to recruit off campus prior to August 1, 2019, must complete the required educational modules during the interim period to be certified. Once the individual successfully completes all required educational modules, they would be certified from the date all modules are completed through July 31 of the following year.

**Question No. 7:** If a Division II coach is certified for the year and then accepts a position at another Division II institution, is recertification required?

**Answer:** No. Coaches access Division II University through a single-source sign-on application and the system tracks which educational modules have been completed by each coach. As a result, no recertification is necessary when a coach accepts a position at another Division II institution during the certification period.

**Question No. 8:** If a Division II coach is certified and then accepts a position at another institution in a different division, is recertification required?

**Answer:** Yes. Because NCAA recruiting rules differ for Divisions I and II, a coach must be certified under Division I rules to recruit off campus in a Division I sport.

**Question No. 9:** Is there a "grace period" for newly hired coaches at Division II institutions before certification is required?

**Answer:** Yes. A coach has 14 consecutive calendar days to complete certification requirements after being hired by a Division II institution. During the 14-day period, a coach may direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities; however, if all modules are not successfully completed after 14 days, such activities shall cease. Off-campus recruiting is not permitted during the 14-day period.

**Question No. 10:** If a coach is employed at a Division II institution that sponsors at least one

Division I sport, is it permissible for a multisport coach who coaches a Division I and a Division II sport to take only the Division I or Division II certification test and be certified to recruit off campus in both sports?

**Answer:** No. The coach who is a multisport coach in different divisions must be certified for each division in the sports in which he or she is a coach.

**Question No. 10:** Is certification required for coaches of provisional members in Division II?

**Answer:** Yes. Coaches employed at provisional member institutions shall be certified via successful completion of the required modules in Division II University to recruit off campus or direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.

**Question No. 11:** Which coaches' certification requirement must be met if an institution is reclassifying from one division to another?

**Answer:** A reclassifying institution shall comply with the certification requirements for the appropriate division during the year in which the institution is required to be in full compliance with the legislation of the division to which it is reclassifying.

**Question No. 12:** Is there a waiver procedure for the 24-hour waiting period if a coach fails to complete rather than fails an educational module?

**Answer:** No. However, in the event a coach is precluded from completing an educational module for reasons due to extreme circumstances beyond his or her control (e.g., weather related evacuation, illness, technology issue) the conference office has the discretion to waive the 24-hour waiting period and permit the coach to retake the module.

### **Educational Modules**

**Question No. 1:** May coaches use the NCAA Manual while completing an educational module?

**Answer:** Yes. Coaches may use the hard-copy version of the Manual and the ePub versions of the Manual.

**Question No. 2:** May coaches use the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) while completing an educational module?

**Answer:** Yes.

**NCAA Bylaw 12.1.4 – Amateurism – Impermissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Educational Expenses – Receipt Of Financial Aid From An Outside Team Or Organization By A Student-Athlete Who Is A Member Of That Team Or Organization**

**Issue:**

Whether the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee should recommend noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 12.1.4 (impermissible – following full-time collegiate enrollment) to allow an outside team or organization to provide financial aid to a student-athlete who is also a member of that outside team or organization.

**Background:**

Recently, NCAA staff has received a number of interpretation requests from institutions seeking clarification regarding student-athletes receiving financial aid from an outside sports team. In cases when financial aid is from an outside source and related to the student-athlete's athletic ability, a student-athlete, who is also a member of that outside team, may receive financial aid if both prongs in Bylaw 15.2.2.3 are met. However, per Bylaw 12.1.4 (i) (2) it is also impermissible for a student-athlete to receive financial aid from an outside sport team based on the student-athlete's athletic ability. Since the receipt of financial aid from an outside team is permissible under Bylaw 15.2.2.3 and impermissible under Bylaw 12.1.4. (i) (2), it becomes unclear whether the receipt of financial aid is permissible and if institutions are properly tracking the receipt of financial aid. As a result, the membership has continued to ask interpretative questions regarding whether it is permissible for a student-athlete, who is a member of an outside sports team, to receive financial aid from the same outside team based on the student-athlete's athletic ability.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Legislation Committee **recommends** noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.1.4-i-2 to eliminate the restriction on receipt of educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization based in any degree on athletics ability.
2. The Legislation Committee **recommends** keeping the application but adding a cross-reference to Bylaw 12.1.4-i-2 to Bylaw 15.2.2.3.
3. The Legislation Committee **does not recommend** a change to Bylaw 12.1.4-i-2.

**Associated References.**

*Division II Bylaws.*

Bylaw 12.1.4 (impermissible – following initial full-time collegiate enrollment). Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's participation in the following activities or receipt

of the following benefits will jeopardize the individual's amateur status and eligibility for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport: (Adopted: 4/16/13, Revised: 1/15/14)

- (a) Use of Athletics Skill for Pay. Use of athletics skills for pay in any form in that sport.
- (b) Acceptance of a Promise of Pay. Acceptance of a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation.
- (c) Receipt of a Salary, Gratuity or Compensation. Receipt of any direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation for participation in athletics.
- (d) Receipt of Any Division or Split of Surplus. Receipt of any division or split of surplus (e.g., bonuses, game receipts).
- (e) Contract to Play Professional Athletics. Signing a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received.
- (f) Receipt of Funds From a Professional Team. Receipt, directly or indirectly, of a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations.
- (g) Competition on a Professional Team. Competition on any professional athletics team (per Bylaw 12.02.6), even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received.
- (h) Agreement With or Benefits From an Agent. Entrance into an agreement with or receipt of benefits from an agent.
- (i) Educational Expenses:
  - (1) Receipt of educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).
  - (2) Receipt of educational expenses provided to an individual by an outside sports team or organization that are based in any degree on the recipient's athletics ability [except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.2.3)], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient.
- (j) Receipt of Cash Award for Participation. Receipt of cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award

is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency.

- (1) Exception – Prize Money Based on Place Finish – Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may receive prize money based on place finish or performance in an open athletics event. The competition must occur outside the institution's declared playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. In addition, such prize money shall not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete. (Adopted: 5/15/17)
- (k) Expenses or Awards Not Permitted by Amateurism Rules Governing Events. Receipt of expenses incurred or awards received by an individual that are prohibited by the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual participates.
- (l) Expenses Above Actual and Necessary Expenses From Outside Amateur Sports Team or Organization. Receipt of expenses from an outside amateur sports team or organization in excess of actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses, and apparel and equipment (for individual and team use only from teams or organizations not affiliated with member institutions, including local sports clubs as set forth in Bylaw 13.11.2.4) for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition. Practice must be conducted in a continuous time period preceding the competition except for practice sessions conducted by a national team, which occasionally may be interrupted for specific periods of time before the competition.
- (m) Expenses From Nonpermissible Entities. Receipt of any expenses, including actual and necessary expenses or any other form of compensation, to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational institution) from an agent, representative of an institution's athletics interests or professional sports organization. (Revised: 1/21/17)
- (n) Unspecified or Unitemized Expenses. Payment to individual team members or individual competitors for unspecified or unitemized expenses beyond actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses for practice and competition.
- (o) Payment Based on Place Finish. Any payment, including actual and necessary expenses, conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition.

- (1) Exception – Prize Money Based on Place Finish – Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may receive prize money based on place finish or performance in an open athletics event. The competition must occur outside the institution's declared playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. In addition, such prize money shall not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete. (Adopted: 1/21/17, Revised: 4/17/18)
- (p) Prize for Participation in Institutional Promotional Activity. Receipt of a prize for participation (involving the use of athletics ability) in a member institution's promotional activity that is inconsistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.
- (q) Pay for Competition Involving Use of Overall Athletics Skill. Participation for pay in competition that involves the use of overall athletics skill (e.g., "superstars" competition). (See Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3 for exception related to promotional contests.).
- (r) Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Receipt of preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation, skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation.

**Bylaw 15.2.2.3 Financial Aid From an Established and Continuing Program.** A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program to aid students even if such aid is related to athletics ability, provided: (*Adopted: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12, Revised: 4/14/15 effective 8/1/15*)

- (a) The recipient's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid; and
- (b) There is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

*Division II Educational Column.*

**Fees Charged by Commercial Crowdfunding Websites. (II)**

**Date Issued:** June 30, 2016

**Date Published:** July 19, 2016

**Item Ref:** 2-b

**Interpretation:**

The Legislation Committee determined that payment of fees (e.g., flat rate fee, percent-based fee) associated with the use of a commercial crowdfunding website is an incidental cost to use the service and does not constitute endorsement of a commercial product. The committee noted that

the use of a crowdfunding website is limited to activities for which it is otherwise permissible for a student-athlete to raise funds.

[Reference: NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions following enrollment)]

**Question No. 12:** If a student-athlete raises funds that exceed their actual and necessary expenses, has the student-athlete committed a violation?

**Answer:** No, provided the student-athlete donates the additional money to the general fund of the outside team or organization and those funds are not earmarked for the student-athlete.

**Question No. 13:** May a representative of athletics interests who is also a student-athlete's neighbor donate funds to a student-athlete's participation on an outside team?

**Answer:** These situations must be analyzed on a case-by-case basis. If the student-athlete and the individual have a pre-existing relationship that meets the guidelines outlined in the official interpretation [Reference: 10/3/08], it would be permissible for the individual to donate for the student-athlete's participation in an outside event.

**Proposal No. 2012-5 (No. 2-8) – (Financial Aid – Financial Aid from Outside Sources – Financial Aid from an Established and Continuing Program). (II)**

**Division:** II

**Date Issued:** January 05, 2012

**Date Published:** January 05, 2012

**Item Ref:** 5

**Educational Column:**

**Question No. 1:** May a student-athlete receive financial aid through an established and continuing program whose primary selection criteria is based on athletics ability?

**Answer:** Yes. A student-athlete may receive such outside aid provided the student-athlete's choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid and there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

**Question No. 2:** May a student-athlete receive financial aid through an established and continuing program that has a board member who is an alumnus of the institution the student-athlete plans to attend?

**Answer:** Yes. A student-athlete may receive such outside aid provided the alumnus was not involved in the selection of the award recipient and the student-athlete's choice of institutions was not restricted by the donor of the aid.

**Question No. 3:** What does it mean to be "an established and continuing program"?

**Answer:** The intent is that a program has established awards criteria and that the program is or intends to be ongoing. It is up to the institution to determine whether a program meets this standard.

**Question No. 4:** Is there a certain number of years a program must be in existence to be considered "established and continuing"?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** How will this proposal's effective date be applied?

**Answer:** If adopted, the legislation will apply beginning with the 2012-13 academic year.

**Question No. 6:** Are these outside scholarships included within the student-athlete's individual financial aid limit?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 7:** Are these outside scholarships included within the team's financial aid limit?

**Answer:** No. If the legislated conditions are satisfied, regardless of the student-athlete's recruitment status, the outside scholarships would be exempt from counting toward the team's maximum financial aid limits.

**Question No. 8:** If this proposal is adopted, may a student-athlete receive educational expenses (financial aid) from an outside sports team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program?

**Answer:** Yes. A student-athlete may receive such expenses provided the student-athlete is not a member of the sports team or organization that is providing the educational expenses.

**Question No. 9:** May outside scholarships be distributed directly to the student-athlete or are they required to be disbursed through the institution?

**Answer:** The proposal does not legislate how the funds must be disbursed; however, as a best practice, institutions may choose to require student-athletes to report any outside aid received in order to ensure institutional control and to verify that the aid is permissible.

**Question No. 10:** Does current legislation regarding financial aid from outside sources permit a donor to restrict a student-athlete's choice of institution in any manner (e.g., recipient must attend an institution in a certain locale or attend an institution with a particular profile)?

**Answer:** No.



**Question No. 11:** Does the proposal permit a donor to restrict a student-athlete's choice of institution in any manner (e.g., recipient must attend an institution in a certain locale or attend an institution with a particular profile)?

**Answer:** No.

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*Division II Official Interpretation.*

**Receipt of Outside Aid From an Established and Continuing Program That Does Not Satisfy the Legislated Criteria. (II)**

**Division:** II

**Date Issued:** November 04, 2015

**Date Published:** November 19, 2015

**Item Ref:** 4-d

**Interpretation:**

The Division II Legislation Committee determined it is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive an outside financial aid award that considered athletics participation if the recipient's choice of institution is restricted by the donor of the aid or if there is a direct connection between the donor of the aid and the recipient's institution.

[References: NCAA Division II Bylaws 15.2 (permissible sources of financial aid) and 15.2.2.3 (financial aid from an established and continuing program)]

**Eligibility - Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule - Criteria for  
Determining Season of Eligibility - Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial  
College Enrollment - Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition - Men's Ice  
Hockey Exception - Competition Sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association**

**Issue:**

Whether the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee should recommend noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4.2.2.4 (men's ice hockey exception) to eliminate the requirement that the competition is sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or international equivalent.

**Background:**

The NCAA Eligibility Center began certifying the amateur status of NCAA Division II men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes in April 2018, for prospective student-athletes enrolling for the 2018-19 academic year. Current legislation permits an additional two years beyond the one-year grace period to be exempted in men's ice hockey provided the participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association. This is a result of adoption of Proposal No. NC-2017-20 (eligibility -- seasons of competition: 10-semester/15-quarter rule -- criteria for determining season of eligibility -- participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment -- exceptions to participation in organized competition -- men's ice hockey exception -- additional year), which was recommended by the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee to minimize the recruiting disadvantage for Division II institutions.

During the 2018-19 academic year amateurism certification process, it was discovered that the United States Premier Hockey League is no longer sanctioned by the USHA as of 2017. Prospective student-athletes who participated in the league after that season were charged with the use of a season of competition. Division I legislation does not include a requirement that the participation be sanctioned by the USHA, so participation in the league does not trigger use of a season if the competition occurs prior to the 21st birthday.

Coaches and prospective student-athletes were not made aware of the USPHL's change of status with the USHA. In fall 2018, the academic and membership affairs staff received 11 waivers seeking relief of the application of the rule given the lack of notice. All were approved given the extenuating circumstances. Numerous other prospective student-athletes who participated in the USPHL were certified with no conditions. Since these certifications were a result of staff error, the certifications were upheld, and no waiver was necessary. Staff is presenting this issue to the committee for consideration of a potential legislative change.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Legislation Committee **recommends** noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.2.2.4 (men's ice hockey exception) to eliminate the requirement

that the competition is sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or international equivalent.

2. The Legislation Committee **does not recommend** a change to Bylaw 14.2.4.2.2.4 (men's ice hockey exception).

**Associated References:**

*Division II Legislation.*

**14.2.4.2.2.4 Men's Ice Hockey Exception.** In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted, provided such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or the international equivalent.

*Division I Legislation.*

**12.8.3.5 Participation After 21st Birthday -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing.** In men's ice hockey and skiing, any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized sports competition by a student during each 12-month period after the student's 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government shall be excepted.

*Division II Proposal.*

**ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -  
- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN  
ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT --  
EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- MEN'S ICE  
HOCKEY EXCEPTION -- ADDITIONAL YEAR**

**Convention Year:** 2017.

**Status:** Adopted Final.

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for individuals initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2017.

**Official Notice Number:** NC-2017-20.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Proposal Category:** Noncontroversial.

**Topical Area:** Eligibility.

**Intent:** In men's ice hockey, to extend the exception to the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation from one to two years.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.2.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men's Ice Hockey Exception. In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted, provided such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or the international equivalent.

[14.2.4.2.2.4.1 unchanged.]

**Review History:**

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee.

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council.

Oct 18, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council.

**Additional Information:**

Division II currently has the most restrictive organized competition legislation of the three divisions in men's ice hockey. There are only six Division II institutions that sponsor Division II men's ice hockey and there is no Division II championship, which further places these institutions at a recruiting disadvantage. Permitting Division II men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes to participate in one additional year of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment is consistent with the structure of USA Junior Hockey, where prospective student-athletes may participate for three years after high school and until turning 21. This recommendation is similar to the legislated exception in skiing.

**Use of a Season of Competition:  
Division I Football Student-Athletes Transferring to Division II Institutions**

**Issue:**

Whether the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee should issue an official interpretation to clarify that a Division I football student-athlete who participates in up to four contests during a season is considered to have used a season of competition for purposes of Division II legislation.

**Background:**

On June 13, 2018, the NCAA Division I Council adopted NCAA Proposal Nos. 2017-17-FBS (athletics eligibility – seasons of competition – criteria for determining seasons of competition – up to four contests – football – FBS) and 2017-17-FCS (athletics eligibility – seasons of competition – criteria for determining seasons of competition – up to four contests – football – FCS). These proposals allow student-athletes competing in Division I football to participate in up to four games without using a season of competition.

Division II institutions have asked if student-athletes who participate in four or fewer contests in Division I would be considered to have used a season of competition in Division II. NCAA staff has advised Division II institutions that because no similar legislative change has been adopted in Division II, participation in up to four football contests at the Division I level would be counted as a season of competition under Division II legislation. This application is consistent with other scenarios involving use of a season of competition in another division. Division II institutions must analyze the student-athlete's enrollment and participation history using Division II legislation.

The committee is asked to consider whether to apply the legislation as determined by staff or if flexibility should be provided for football transfer student-athletes who are not charged a season of competition under Division I season-of-competition legislation. The NCAA Division II Football Committee will review the Division I legislation at its meeting in February 2019 and discuss whether to recommend similar legislation in Division II.

**Conclusions:**

1. The Legislation Committee **recommends** issuing an official interpretation to clarify that a football student-athlete who competes in up to four contests at the Division I level is considered to have used a season of competition under Division II legislation.
2. The Legislation Committee **recommends** issuing an official interpretation to clarify that a football student-athlete who competes in up to four contests at the Division I level is not considered to have used a season of competition under Division II legislation.
3. The Legislation Committee **does not recommend** issuing an official interpretation.

# Division II Priorities 2018-19



## DIVISION II UNIVERSITY

Division II University was successfully launched in May 2018 with the coaches education program. At the 2019 NCAA Convention, the membership will vote on whether required education in the new system should replace the current coaches recruiting exam beginning in the 2019-20 academic year. Promoting the system, training the membership on its use and identifying priorities for the development of additional educational tools will continue through the next year.

## DIVISION II STRATEGIC PLAN

The division will conduct a midterm assessment of the 2015-21 strategic plan, during which stakeholders will review the



results of the Division II membership census and provide feedback to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee about the various goals. An updated version of the plan will be distributed at the 2019 NCAA Convention. The Planning and Finance Committee also will track progress on the Association-wide strategic plan to ensure that the divisional plan is consistent with the overall direction of the Association.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The division remains committed to collaborating with the Sport Science Institute to enhance student-athlete health and safety. Focus areas this year include:

- Increasing the number of institutions that voluntarily participate in the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program in order to ensure data are available to inform decisions regarding injury prevention policies and practices.
- Continuing to partner with the Gordie Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to host a Division II-specific APPLE Training Institute March 22-24, 2019, and provide funding for administrator and student-athlete teams from 40 Division II colleges and universities to attend.
- At the 2019 NCAA Convention, the membership will vote on a proposal that will require Division II institutions to complete a health and safety survey regarding the organizational and administrative aspects of athletics health care delivery. If the proposal is adopted, results from the survey will be available via the Institutional Performance Program, which will allow institutions to make comparisons with peer groups.





# Division II Priorities 2018-19



## LIFE IN THE BALANCE AND MAKE IT YOURS

Life in the Balance — a phrase created in 2005 to summarize the Division II philosophy that highlights the division's exceptional academics, high-level athletics competition and community/campus engagement — will be emphasized to promote the Division II student-athlete experience. It's not just a phrase, it's part of the Division II philosophy.

The division also will continue to promote the Make It Yours brand to conferences and member institutions, while expanding promotional efforts to include external constituents such as high school and travel team coaches, prospective student-athletes and their parents, and guidance counselors.

## 2018 FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS FESTIVAL

The division will conduct its 11th National Championships Festival from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 in Pittsburgh to crown champions in men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball. The festivals represent the largest gathering of student-athletes of any NCAA championship event (this year's will celebrate the achievements of nearly 1,000 Division II student-athletes), and they continue to be the only NCAA event at which six team champions are crowned at a single site.



## SAAC INITIATIVES

- Promote CPR and AED certification within conferences and on campuses.
- Through the Love2Play initiative, encourage children to play multiple sports and to have fun while they play.
- Explore ways to strengthen the division's partnerships with Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish.
- Continue to talk about mental health and determine how SAAC can help stop the stigma and raise awareness.
- Participate in the annual Student-Athlete Day of Action with Division II conferences and institutions to speak out against sexual assault.
- Continue to discuss voluntold activities (activities that are not technically required but carry consequences if skipped) and determine next steps.



## INCLUSION

- Work with the NCAA office of inclusion to implement initiatives that support Association-wide goals and priorities and promote available resources to Division II institutions and conferences.
- Continue to help the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and Division II Athletics Directors Association identify and implement their own initiatives, including potential steps to optimize the role of the senior woman administrator.
- For the first time, Division II will fund attendance of teams from more than 40 Division II institutions to the NCAA Inclusion Forum. Each team will develop an institution-specific action plan to enhance diversity and inclusion on campus.



## REGULAR-SEASON MEDIA COVERAGE

Division II will launch a new regular-season media agreement this academic year to continue to promote the division, its Life in the Balance philosophy and the Make It Yours brand. The agreement once again will feature dozens of regular-season contests in several sports throughout the country.