



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Various Bylaws -- Elimination of National Letter of Intent Program.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate references to the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program, as specified; further, to specify that an athletics staff member or other booster shall not communicate or make contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of athletics aid with another NCAA Division I or Division II institution, or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly. [Attachment]
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the NLI program and the benefits and implications for a prospective student-athlete who chooses to sign an NLI are set by policy determined by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA). Incorporating the benefits of the NLI program into legislative implications of signing an institutional athletics aid agreement is intended to add more clarity and efficiency to the commitment process for all prospective student-athletes, including those from other four-year institutions. Further, the recommended legislative framework would not incorporate NLI penalties, such as the penalty that applies if an individual who signs an NLI enrolls at another institution that participates in the NLI program. Finally, the new signing model will apply to a prospective student-athlete that signed an NLI during the 2024-25 NLI signing period, as well as for a prospective student-athlete signing an athletics aid agreement during the NLI signing period that begins November 2024.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.7.3 -- Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete -- Institutional Camp or Clinic Advertisement.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to use a prospective student-athlete's photo to advertise an institutional camp or clinic, provided the institution receives written consent

from the prospective student-athlete as required by institutional and/or conference policy.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, an institution may use a prospective student-athlete's photo to advertise an institutional camp or clinic provided the photograph is a part of an action shot and is not staged (e.g., candid), there is no focus on one prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete is not identifiable. Allowing an institution to use a photograph of a prospective student-athlete to advertise their institutional camp or clinic, while also requiring the institution to first obtain written consent before they may utilize the prospective student-athlete's photograph, will provide an institution with the flexibility to advertise their camps or clinics while also allowing a prospective student-athlete to maintain control over their privacy and their recruiting process. Finally, this will not create an additional burden on compliance administrators as many institutions and/or conferences already have policies regarding obtaining consent for publicity that can be included on institutional camp and/or clinic forms.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Discussion regarding NCAA Division II Legislation Committee positions on 2025 NCAA Convention Division II Proposal Nos. 2025-4, 2025-5, 2025-6 and 2025-7.** During its summer meeting, the NCAA Division II Management Council, referred the membership-sponsored proposals listed below to the Legislation Committee for review. The committee agreed to take the following positions on the proposals:
 - a. Proposal No. 2025-4 -- Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Criteria for Selection of Participants -- Automatic Qualification -- Football. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; and Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University, recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

- b. Proposal No. 2025-5 -- Recruiting and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Tryouts and General Playing-Season Regulations -- Mandatory Medical Examinations -- Timing of Medical Examination. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Matt Green, Flagler College; and Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

- c. Proposal No. 2025-6 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Required Day Off -- Civic Engagement -- Exception and Policy Requirement. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University; Matt Green, Flagler College; Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; and Chris Ratcliff, Rogers State University, recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

- d. Proposal No. 2025-7 -- Eligibility -- Athletics Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Minimum Amount of Competition -- Up to Four Dates of Competition -- Men's Wrestling. The committee agreed to take no position.

[Note: Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University; Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University; and Chris Ratcliff, Rogers State University, recused themselves from the vote on this proposal.]

2. **Update on the National Letter of Intent program.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the recommendation from the Division I National Letter of Intent Policy and Review Committee to eliminate the NLI program based on the current recruiting environment. The Division II Signing Working Group reviewed the core benefits of the NLI program (celebratory signing, signing period and recruiting ban) and determined they could be incorporated into the current institutional financial aid agreement. The committee reviewed and approved the working group's recommendations, as amended. The committee also reviewed and approved educational resources for the new signing model. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1a.]
3. **Review of the referral to the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee regarding the use of a prospective student-athlete's photo to advertise an institutional camp or clinic.** The committee continued its discussion on Bylaw 13.7 (publicity) and reviewed feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on whether it was appropriate to use a prospective student-athlete's photo to advertise an institutional camp or clinic. Based on the feedback, the committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to use a prospective student-athlete's photo to advertise an institutional camp or clinic provided the institution receives written consent from the prospective student-athlete as required by the institution and/or conference policy. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1b.]

4. **Review draft of Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes).** The committee reviewed a draft of the Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes) proposal and approved the draft, as amended. During its November 2024 in-person meeting, the committee will continue its discussion regarding Bylaw 16.8.1.2 (other competition) and determine whether a legislative change is necessary.
5. **Review of the sports wagering legislation.** The committee received an update regarding the ongoing review of the sports wagering legislation. Specifically, the committee received an update on the feedback received from various groups on the concept to amend the sports wagering legislation to allow wagering on professional sports, as well as an update on plans to develop educational tools to assist in continued discussion on whether a legislative change is warranted.
6. **Review of the 2024-25 Division II Priorities.** The committee received an update on the Division II priorities for the upcoming year.
7. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors most recent meeting.
8. **Update from the NCAA Division II Executive Board and Management Council summer 2024 meetings.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the Executive Board and Management Council summer 2024 meetings.
9. **Review of the February 19, 2024, electronic voting report and June 25-26, 2024, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its February 19, 2024, electronic voting report and June 25-26, 2024, videoconference report.
10. **Future meeting dates.**
 - a. November 18-19, 2024, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - b. March 18-19, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - c. May 20-21, 2025, videoconference; timing to be determined.

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

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee September 20, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University.	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University.	
Matt Green, Flagler College.	
Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo.	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University.	
Deborah Rodgers, Tuskegee University.	
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.	
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.	
Melissa Thacker, Cameron University.	
Absentees:	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Rachel Denton and Chelsea Hooks.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brooke Dixon, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Susan Peal and Angela Red.	

Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-30

Title: VARIOUS BYLAWS -- ELIMINATION OF NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT PROGRAM

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: August 29, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Various Bylaws

Intent: To eliminate references to the National Letter of Intent Program, as specified; further, to specify that an athletics staff member or other booster shall not communicate or make contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of athletics aid with another NCAA Division I or Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 through 13.02 unchanged.]

13.02.10 ~~National Letter of Intent~~**Institutional Athletics Aid Agreement Signing Dates.** ~~The National Letter of Intent referred to in this bylaw is the official document administered by the Collegiate Commissioners Association and used by subscribing member institutions to establish the commitment of a prospective student-athlete to attend a particular institution.~~**The following provisions set forth the dates when a prospective student-athlete may sign an institutional athletics aid agreement (see Bylaw 13.02.10.2):**

(a) First Date for Football Midyear Two-Year College Transfers. The Wednesday following the final Football Bowl Subdivision regular-season contest.

(b) First Date for Football Regular Signing. The first Wednesday in February.

(c) First Date for All Other Sports. The second Wednesday in November.

13.02.10.1 ~~National Letter of Intent~~**Signing Date** Dead Period. ~~The National Letter of Intent dead period is that~~ period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution's campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes to the institution's campus.

13.02.10.2 ~~National Letter of Intent~~ Signing Date. The period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the date for signing ~~the National Letter of Intent~~ in the applicable sport.

[13.02.11 through 13.02.12 unchanged.]

13.02.12.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or boosters that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are:

[13.02.12.1-(a) through 13.02.12.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Issuing ~~an National Letter of Intent or the~~ institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete.

[13.02.13 through 13.02.16 unchanged.]

[13.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2 Signed Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or booster shall not communicate or make contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written offer of athletics aid with another NCAA Division I or Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly.

13.1.1.2.1 Duration of Contact Prohibition. Contact with a prospective student-athlete who has signed an athletics aid agreement with another institution is prohibited until: [D]

(a) The prospective student-athlete requests and the institution grants a release from the contact prohibition:

(1) Notification Following Voluntary Withdrawal. Once the prospective student-athlete requests to voluntarily withdraw their written offer of athletics aid, the institution shall respond to the prospective student-athlete in writing, granting or denying their release, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receiving the request.

(2) Hearing Opportunity. If the institution denies a prospective student-athlete's request for a release of the contact prohibition, the institution's regular financial aid authority shall inform the prospective student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from the date the prospective student-athlete has been notified of the decision to deny their release. The hearing shall be conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside the athletics department (e.g., financial aid review committee, the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the prospective student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a prospective student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The prospective student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via videoconference) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the prospective student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall update the prospective student-athlete's status in the applicable NCAA database within seven business days.

(b) The prospective student-athlete's athletics aid is reduced or canceled pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.4.1-(a), -(b) or -(c):

(c) The prospective student-athlete is rendered academically ineligible for intercollegiate competition and all opportunities for appeal have been exhausted; or

(d) The prospective student-athlete does not attend class as a full-time student in a regular term of the academic year and is officially disenrolled pursuant to institutional policy.

13.1.1.2.1.1 Release of Contact Prohibition. An institution shall update the prospective student-athlete's status in the applicable NCAA database within seven business days of receiving their release.

13.1.1.2.2 Hearing Opportunity. The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the prospective student-athlete in writing within 14 consecutive calendar days from the prospective student-athlete has been notified of the decision to reduce or cancel their athletics aid. The hearing shall be conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside the athletics department (e.g., financial aid review committee, the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a prospective student-athlete must request the hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing

to the prospective student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a prospective student-athlete's written request for a hearing. The prospective student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via videoconference) in the hearing.

[13.1.1.2 renumbered as 13.1.1.3, unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.4.1.2 Exception -- Contact at the Site of Competition Following Commitment. An institutional coaching staff member may contact a prospective student-athlete and/or their relatives or legal guardians at any site on the day or days of competition, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a *National Letter of Intent* or written offer of admission and/or athletically related financial aid with the coach's institution or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. (See Bylaw 13.1.4.1.1)

13.1.5 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet and have contact with a prospective student-athlete(s) or their relatives or legal guardians, provided: [D]

[13.1.5-(a) through 13.1.5-(c) unchanged.]

(d) It does not take place during the *National Letter of Intent* **signing date** dead period.

[13.2 unchanged.]

13.2.2.7 Summer Facility Fees for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by a prospective student-athlete to participate in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport during the summer before initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 13.8.2.3), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a *National Letter of Intent* or written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[13.2.2.8 through 13.2.2.9 unchanged.]

[13.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.3 through 13.5 unchanged.]

13.6 *Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial* **Athletics** Aid Agreements.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Transcript Prior to *National Letter of Intent* or Written Offer of Athletics Aid. An institution shall not provide a high school, college-preparatory school, **or** two-year *or four-year* college prospective student-athlete with a *National Letter of Intent* or written offer of athletics aid until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a high school, college-preparatory school or college transcript (official or unofficial). [D]

13.6.3 Institutional or Conference Letter-of-Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period; however, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the initial NLI signing date for that sport. [D]

13.6.3.1 Mailing of Financial Aid Offer. An institutional or conference financial aid form may be included in the normal mailing of the National Letter of Intent, but none of the forms enclosed in the mailing may be signed by the prospective student-athlete before the initial signing date in that sport in the National Letter of Intent program. [D]

13.6.3 Written Offer of Athletics Aid -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide a four-year college prospective student-athlete with a written offer of athletics aid until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a college transcript (official or unofficial) and the prospective student-athlete has been placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal.

13.6.34.2 Offer of Aid Before Signing Date. An institution may indicate in writing to a prospective student-athlete that an athletically related grant-in-aid will be offered by the institution; however, the institution may not permit the prospective student-athlete to sign a form indicating their acceptance of such an award before the initial-signing date in that sport ~~in the National Letter of Intent program~~. [D]

13.6.45 ~~Letter of Intent~~ **Contact on Day of** Signing. Any in-person, **on- or** off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete ~~for the purpose of signing a letter of intent or other~~ **on the day the prospective student-athlete signs an athletics aid agreement or other** commitment to attend the institution or attendance at activities related to the signing of a ~~letter of intent or other~~ commitment to attend the institution shall be prohibited. [D]

~~13.6.41 Delivery of Letter of Intent. In-person, off-campus delivery of a letter of intent by an institutional staff member shall be prohibited. The letter may be delivered by express mail, courier service, regular mail, electronic mail or facsimile machine.~~ [D]

[13.7 unchanged.]

13.7.2 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 before the institution has received their 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. [See Bylaw 13.1.3.2]. [D]

[13.7.2.1 through 13.7.2.3 unchanged.]

13.7.3 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 their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An electronic copy of the photograph may be given to the prospective student-athlete at any time. [D]

13.7.4 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 their 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]

13.7.4.1 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 their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may attend institutional press conferences and celebratory events provided the event does not occur during ~~an National Letter of Intent~~ **the signing date** dead period. Any benefits provided to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with press conferences or celebratory events are subject to Bylaw 13 restrictions. [D]

[13.8 unchanged.]

13.8.2.5.2 After Signing or Acceptance for Enrollment. It shall be permissible to administer medical examinations at any time to prospective student-athletes who ~~either have signed the National Letter of Intent or a~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, provided the examinations occur during an official paid visit or the prospective student-athletes' visit to the institution at their own expense for this purpose. [D]

[13.8.3 unchanged.]

[13.9 unchanged.]

13.9.1.3 Dead Period. An institution's camps or clinics may not be conducted during the ~~National Letter of Intent~~ **signing date** dead period.

[13.9.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.2.1 Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete at institutional sports camps or clinics. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a ~~National Letter of Intent or~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may only be employed at an institutional sports camp or clinic by the institution with which they signed a written commitment. A prospective student-athlete who has not signed a ~~National Letter of Intent or~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has not received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may be employed at any institutional sports camp or clinic. Employment of a prospective student-athlete at institutional sports camps or clinics shall only occur under the following conditions: [R]

[13.9.2.1-(a) through 13.9.2.1-(d) unchanged.]

[13.9.2.2 through 13.9.2.4 unchanged.]

[13.10 through 13.12 unchanged.]

13.12.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.12.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a ~~National Letter of Intent or~~ the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.1 Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:

[13.12.2.1-(a) through 13.12.2.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Expenses required by the prospective student-athlete's educational institution (e.g., transcript fee, express mail charges) to send a prospective student-athlete's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a ~~National Letter of Intent or~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An institution may not pay an outstanding balance to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution in order to release a hold on the transcript.

[13.12.2.2 through 13.12.2.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and Athletics Requirements

[14.01 through 14.1 unchanged.]

14.1.3.1.2 Payment of Legal Fees During Appeal. A member institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for a prospective student-athlete to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the prospective student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the prospective student-athlete either has signed a ~~National Letter of Intent with the institution or (if the institution is not a subscribing member of the National Letter of Intent program)~~ **written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution, the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission or** the prospective student-athlete has been accepted for enrollment by the institution and has provided written confirmation of their intent to enroll at the institution. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletic interests).

[14.1.3.2 unchanged.]

[14.1.4 through 14.1.5 unchanged.]

[14.2 through 14.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15.5.4.1.2 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded athletics aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a ~~letter of intent~~ **written offer of athletics aid**, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, ~~letter of intent~~ or athletics aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the athletics aid.

D. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.32 unchanged.]

17.32.1.5.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour in the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a ~~National Letter of Intent or~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An incoming student-athlete in their first year of collegiate enrollment must have received a final academic and amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center. An incoming transfer student-athlete must have received an amateurism certification and be otherwise eligible per Bylaw 17.32.1.5.

[17.32.1.6 through 17.32.1.10 unchanged.]

[17.32.2 unchanged.]

[17.33 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infractions Program.

[19.01 through 19.12 unchanged.]

19.12.4 Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations. The Committee on Infractions has the authority to determine the penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions that are prescribed for an institution for major violations. The Infractions Appeals Committee shall hear and act on an institution's appeal per Bylaw 19.5. The committee(s) may consider institutional- or conference-imposed penalties and, where appropriate, include those in the penalties. Institutional- or conference-imposed penalties shall not displace or substitute for the committee's judgment regarding penalties. Penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions for major violations shall include those penalties, disciplinary measures and corrective actions prescribed for secondary violations (see Bylaw 19.12.3), and may include any and all of the following:

[19.12.4-(a) through 19.12.4-(b) unchanged.]

- (1) Information regarding the violation(s) committed, the term of probation and penalties must be noted on the home page of the institution's athletics website, in the media guide for the involved sport(s) and in recruiting materials provided to prospective student-athletes in the involved sport(s). Such information must be displayed and provided to prospective student-athletes for the full term of probation. Information to prospective student-athletes must be provided before a prospective student-athlete signs a ~~National Letter of Intent~~ **written offer of admission and/or financial aid** and no later than when the NCAA Eligibility Center provides a prospective student-athlete with the institution's academic data (see Bylaw 13.3.1.2);

[19.12.4-(b)-(2) through 19.12.4-(b)-(3) unchanged.]

[19.12.4-(c) through 19.12.4-(r) unchanged.]

[19.12.4.1 through 19.12.4.7 unchanged.]

[19.13 through 19.14 unchanged.]

Review History:

Sep 20, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Additional Information:

During its June 19, 2024, meeting, the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Policy and Review Committee of the Division I Collegiate Commissioners Association recommended collaboration with the divisional legislative committees to explore incorporating the core benefits of the NLI program (e.g., celebratory signing, signing periods, recruiting ban) into the institutional athletics aid agreement and eliminate the NLI based on the current recruiting environment. As a result, the Division II Signing Working Group was established to assist with the review in Division II. The Division II Legislation Committee reviewed and approved the final recommendations from the Signing Working Group to eliminate the NLI program and incorporate its core benefits into the institutional athletics aid agreement.
