



A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Management Council

Grant Ballroom B
NCAA National Office

July 22-23, 2024

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Roberta Page)
2. Review of previous minutes. (Page)
 - a. February 21, 2024, Division II Management Council and Division II Executive Board; April 15-16, 2024, Management Council; and April 23, 2024, Executive Board. [Supplement No. 2] (*Action*)
 - b. Board of Governors. [Supplement No. 3]
 - c. Administrative Committee. [Supplement No. 4] (*Action*)
3. Review and approval of draft 2024-25 Division II Priorities. [Supplement No. 5] (Maritza Jones) (*Action*)
4. NCAA Convention and legislation.
 - a. Governance-sponsored proposals for the 2025 Convention. [Supplement No. 6] (Cheslea Hooks) (*Action*)
 - b. Proposed legislation for the 2025 Convention submitted by the Division II membership. [Supplement No. 7] (Rachel Denton and Hooks) (*Action*)
 - c. Emergency legislation. [Supplement No. 8] (Hooks)
 - d. Noncontroversial legislation. [Supplement No. 9] (Denton) (*Action*)
5. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.
 - a. Division II committees.
 - (1) Academic Requirements Committee. [Supplement No. 10] (Carlin Chesick) (*Action*)
 - (2) Championships Committee. (Marcus Clarke)
 - (a) April 12 electronic vote. [Supplement No. 11]

- (b) June 17-18 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 12] (*Action*)
 - (c) July 3 electronic vote report. [Supplement No. 13]
 - (3) Degree Completion Award Committee. [Supplement No. 14] (Kristy Bayer)
 - (4) Legislation Committee. (Vaughn Williams)
 - (a) February 19 electronic vote report. [Supplement No. 15]
 - (b) June 25-26 videoconference. [Supplement No. 16] (*Action*)
 - (c) Discussion regarding the National Letter of Intent program. (Susan Peal)
 - (5) Membership Committee. [Supplement No. 17] (Christina Whetsel)
 - (6) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee. (Erin Lind)
 - (a) Budget to actual report ending May 31, 2024. [Supplement No. 18]
 - (b) June 20 videoconference. [Supplement No. 19] (*Action*)
 - (7) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. (Courtney Medwin)
 - (a) April 13-14 videoconference. [Supplement No. 20]
 - (b) June 5 videoconference. [Supplement No. 21]
 - (c) Verbal update from July 19-20 in-person meeting.
 - (8) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. [Supplement No. 22] (Jerry Haywood) (*Action*)
- b. Division II subcommittees and project teams.
 - (1) Convention Planning Project Team. [Supplement No. 23] (Amy Henkelman) (*Action*)
 - (2) Identity Subcommittee. (Sande Mott)
 - (a) May 9 videoconference. [Supplement No. 24]
 - (b) Verbal update from July 22 in-person meeting.

c. Association-wide committees.

- (1) Committee on Women’s Athletics. [Supplement No. 25] (Gretchen Miron)
 - Emerging sports for women and women’s flag football update. [Supplement No. 26] (Joni Comstock and Miron)
- (2) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 27] (Femi Alao)
- (3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women’s Athletics joint meeting. [Supplement No. 28] (Alao)
 - Review of diversity, equity and inclusion committees. (Stephanie Quigg and Amy Wilson)
- (4) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [Supplement No. 29] (Rachel Seewald)
- (5) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 30] (Bo Pagliasotti)
- (6) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 31] (Jeremy Elliott)

6. Open forum and review of Division II Operating Plan and Think Tank. [Supplement Nos. 32, 33 and 34]

Group 1 Jesse Owens Room	Group 2 Summitt/Wooden Room	Group 3 Theodore Roosevelt Room
Pat Britz <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>	Kristy Bayer <i>(Facilitator)</i>	Femi Alao <i>(Facilitator)</i>
Ben Cherry	Carlin Chesick	Peter Crabb <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>
Marcus Clarke	Theresa Grosbach <i>(Recorder/Reporter)</i>	Jeremy Elliott
David Hansburg	Kim Hancock	Jerry Haywood
Erin Lind	Amy Henkelman	David Hicks
Cindy McKnight	Bo Pagliasotti	Courtney Medwin
Sandee Mott <i>(Facilitator)</i>	Rubin Stevenson	Krissy Ortiz
Robert Page	Christina Whetsel	Sarah Ramey
Kim Pate	Ryan Jones	Vaughn Williams
Terri Steeb Gronau	Angela Red	Maritza Jones
Brooke Dixon	Micaela Liddane	Karen Kirsch
Jordan Lysiak	Rachel Denton	Chelsea Hooks

7. Management Council issues.

- a. Discussion regarding voting on football only issues. [Supplement No. 35] (Lydia Bell and Hooks)
 - b. Management Council committee and project team assignments. [Supplement No. 36] (Page)
 - c. Management Council vice chair election notice. [Supplement No. 37] (Page)
 - d. Management Council chair election notice. [Supplement No. 38] (Page)
 - e. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee summit. (Ryan Jones)
8. National office updates.
- a. Executive. (Charlie Baker)
 - b. Legal. (Jared Tidemann)
 - c. Sport Science Institute. (John Parsons)
 - d. Division II Spring National Championships Festival recap. (Karen Kirsch)
 - e. Division II ADA mentor program. (Jill Willson)
 - f. Division II community engagement. [Supplement No. 39] (Willson)
 - g. Division II coaches connection program. (Willson)
 - h. Name, Image and Likeness Technology Platform Update. (Jerry Vaughn)
 - i. Sports Wagering legislation. [Supplement No. 40] (Angela Red)
9. Affiliate organization updates.
- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association. (Kim Pate)
 - b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association. (Lind)
 - c. College Sports Communicators. [Supplement No. 41] (David Hicks)
 - d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association. (Peter Crabb)
 - e. Minority Opportunities Athletics Association. (Williams)

- f National Association for Athletics Compliance. (Whetsel)
 - g. Women Leaders in Sports. (Sarah Ramey)
11. Other business. (Page)
 12. Meeting recap/things to report back to conference. (Page)
 13. Future meeting. (Page)
 - a. October 21-22, 2024, Management Council meeting; videoconference.
 - b. January 14-17, 2025, in conjunction with the 2025 NCAA Convention; Nashville, Tennessee.
 - c. April 14-15, 2025, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - d. July 19-20, 2025, Management Council and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - e. July 21-22, 2025, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - f. October 21-22, 2025, Management Council meeting; videoconference.
 - g. January 14-17, 2026, in conjunction with the 2026 NCAA Convention, Washington, D.C.
 14. Adjournment. (Page)



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SUMMARY OF SPRING 2024 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association

February 21, 2024, Division II Management Council and Division II Executive Board;
April 15-16, 2024, Management Council; and April 23, 2024, Executive Board

FEBRUARY 21, 2024, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND DIVISION II EXECUTIVE BOARD.

1. **Welcome.** The Executive Board and Management Council convened their joint videoconference at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, February 21. The Executive Board chair welcomed those in attendance.
2. **Update on Current Legal Matters.** The Executive Board and Management Council received a privileged and confidential update on the current legal environment surrounding the NCAA and its members.
3. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m. Eastern time February 21.

APRIL 15-16, 2024, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND APRIL 23, 2024, DIVISION II EXECUTIVE BOARD.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 15. The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair noted that Courtney Medwin, student-athlete representative from West Chester University of Pennsylvania, was unable to attend the meeting.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Executive Board. The Executive Board convened its videoconference at 11:03 a.m. Tuesday, April 23. The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the board proceeded with its agenda.

2. **Review of Previous Minutes.**

- a. **Winter 2024 Management Council and Presidents Council.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions document from its winter meetings.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the summary of actions document from its winter meeting.

b. NCAA Board of Governors.

(1) January 10 In-Person Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its January 10 in-person meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its January 10 in-person meeting.

(2) December 7 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its December 7 videoconference.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its December 7 videoconference.

c. Administrative Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions by the committee.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the interim actions by the committee.

3. 2023-24 Division II Priorities.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the 2023-24 Division II Priorities, noting that a draft list for 2024-25 priorities would be considered at the summer series of meetings.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was updated on the 2023-24 Division II Priorities, noting that a draft list for 2024-25 priorities would be considered at the summer series of meetings.

4. NCAA Convention and Legislation.

a. Governance-Sponsored Proposals for the 2025 NCAA Convention.

- **Eligibility -- Transfer Regulations -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers -- Elimination of English, Math and Science Requirement for Qualifiers**, which would eliminate the requirement that a qualifier, who is a two-year college transfer, must earn transferable credit hours in English, math and science.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the proposal in legislative format.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an update that the Management Council approved the proposal in legislative format.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form six noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2025-2, NC-2025-5, and NC-2025-7 through NC-2025-10), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

- (1) **Proposal No. NC-2024-2: Eligibility -- Transfer Regulations -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- Graduation From Two-Year College -- Application -- Use of Full-Time Semesters/Quarters and Academic Degree Requirement.** To specify that a student-athlete that previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student prior to attendance at a two-year college, shall utilize any full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended.
- (2) **Proposal No. NC-2024-5: Amateurism -- Involvement With Professional Teams -- Tryouts -- Tryout After Enrollment -- Eliminate 48-Hour Limit.** To permit a student-athlete to accept actual and necessary expenses from a professional sports organization or the national governing body to participate in a tryout or combine with a professional team, beyond the 48-hour limit; further, to permit a student-athlete to miss class time to participate in a tryout or combine with a professional team.
- (3) **Proposal No. NC-2024-7: Recruiting -- Sports Camps and Clinics -- Employment at Camp or Clinic -- Athletics Staff Members -- Other Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- NCAA College Basketball Academies.** To permit a Division II men's and women's basketball coach to coach participants of the NCAA College Basketball Academies.

- (4) **Proposal No. NC-2024-8: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Stunt -- Amend Playing and Practice Season.** In stunt, to amend the playing and practice season legislation, as specified.
- (5) **Proposal No. NC-2024-9: Committees -- Division II Committees -- Division II General Committees – Championships Committee and Legislation Committee -- Composition -- Student-Athlete Representation.** To increase the composition of the Division II Championships Committee and Division II Legislation Committee by adding an additional member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; further, to specify that the additional member shall: (1) have a vote on the Championships Committee and Legislation Committee; and (2) be elected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
- (6) **Proposal No. NC-2024-10: Championships Administration – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Removal of Cannabinoids from Banned Drug List.** To eliminate cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drug classes, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

c. **Memo for Inclusion of Proposals into Division II Manual.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the inclusion into the 2024-25 NCAA Division II Manual of the proposals approved in legislative form and in concept at the April 2024 Management Council meeting that are considered the running supplements for the 2024 calendar year. These proposals will appear in the “blue pages” of the 2025 NCAA Division II Official Notice.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

5. **Review of Committee Recommendations Affecting Division II.**

a. **Division II Committees.**

(1) **Academic Requirements Committee.**

(a) **September 19 Videoconference.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1 – Eligibility – Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements – Eligibility for Competition – Term-by-Term Credit-Hour Requirement – Application of Rule to Transfer Student – Transferable Requirement.**

Management Council. In October 2023, the Management Council referred back to the Academic Requirements Committee for further discussion a concept that would eliminate the requirement that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours required for transfer students for purposes of progress toward degree must be transferrable degree credit; further, the concept also specified that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours shall be earned (rather than transferable) during the student-athlete's last full-time term of attendance.

Based on feedback from the Academic Requirements Committee, the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the requirement that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferrable degree credit; further, to specify that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours shall be earned (rather than transferable) during the student-athlete's last full-time term of attendance.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) February 20 In-Person Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 20 in-person meeting report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(c) April 11 Videoconference

i. Emergency Legislation -- Bylaw 14.5.5 -- Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements -- Transfer Regulations -- Four-Year College Transfers -- Four-Year Undergraduate Transfer Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Executive Board adopt emergency legislation to revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes, as specified, effective immediately.

Current legislation requires undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes to serve a year in residence

following transfer unless the student-athlete satisfies a transfer exception. After reviewing feedback from various Division II committees and affiliate groups, the Academic Requirements Committee and the Management Council believe that eliminating the year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes transferring from other four-year institutions and implementing new academic standards for immediate eligibility for competition upon transfer is in the best interest of student-athletes and places them in the best position to be academically successful without restricting transfer opportunities.

In addition, the transfer student-athlete must earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours during their last full-time term of enrollment. This recommendation would also permit a student-athlete that does not satisfy the four-year college transfer requirements to regain eligibility after they have completed their initial full-time term of enrollment at the certifying institution and satisfied all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements. Further, the committee noted that while requiring a student-athlete to provide written notification of transfer by June 15 provides stability and notice to those impacted by transfer decisions, the date requirement does not impact a student-athlete's academic progress, therefore, the requirement should be moved to Bylaw 13 (recruiting).

Finally, the immediate effective date will permit student-athletes that transferred during the 2023-24 academic year to be immediately eligible upon adoption of this proposal.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adopted emergency legislation to revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes, as specified.

ii. Referral to the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Legislation Committee review the June 15 written notification of transfer requirement and determine an appropriate penalty for student-athletes that do not provide written notification of transfer by June 15.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(2) **Championships Committee.**

(a) **February 14-15 Videoconference.**

- i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 18.4.1.3 – Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Minimum Number for Division II Championships -- Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements -- Waiver Authority.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to grant the Division II Championships Committee the authority to oversee the waiver process in cases where a sport seeks to extend the grace period when falling below the minimum number of institutions required to maintain a championship.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- ii. **Referral to the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee – Consideration of Per Diem Increase Prior to the Next Scheduled Increase in the Division II Long-Range Budget.**

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee consider whether to increase per diem prior to the next scheduled increase in the Division II long-range budget.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- iii. **Referral to the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee – Consideration of Budget Requests Outside of the Triennial Budget Process – Football Bracket Expansion.**

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee consider whether the triennial budget process should be adjusted to allow for expanding the Division II Football Championship bracket before the next triennium.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

iv. Access Ratio Model for Field Hockey.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a model for the Division II Field Hockey Championship in which bids would be allocated annually based on an access ratio, similar to the process used for the Division II baseball, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis championships.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

v. Automatic Qualification Deadline/Selection Date for Men's and Women's Golf.

Management Council. The Management Council approved for men's golf adjusting the automatic qualification deadline to 12 days before the practice date of regional competition and the selection day to 10 days before the practice date of regional competition. The Council also approved for women's golf, adjusting the automatic qualification deadline to nine days before the practice date of regional competition and the selection day to seven days before the practice date of regional competition.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

vi. Challenge Review System for Women's Volleyball Regional Sites.

Management Council. The Management Council approved requiring regional hosts for the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship to provide a challenge review system with at least two cameras.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

vii. Minimum Participants Requirements for Championship Selection – Swimming and Diving and Track and Field.

Management Council. The Management Council approved adjusting the minimum participants requirements for championships selection purposes in Division II men's and women's swimming and diving and Division II men's and women's track and field as follows:

Sport	Current Minimum Contests (No Changes Proposed)	Current Minimum Participants	Proposed Minimum Participants
Swimming & Diving	8	11	9
Indoor Track & Field (No Changes Proposed)	4	10	10
Outdoor Track & Field	4	14	10

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update on the Management Council’s approval to adjust the minimum participants requirements for championships selection purposes in Division II men’s and women’s swimming and diving and Division II men’s and women’s track and field.

(b) March 7 Videoconference.

- **Regional Realignment in Women’s Lacrosse.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved adjusting the regional alignment in women’s lacrosse, as specified.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update that the Management Council approved adjusting the regional alignment in women’s lacrosse.

(c) April 2 Electronic Vote.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's April 2 electronic vote report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(3) Degree Completion Award Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 11 in-person meeting report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(4) Legislation Committee.

(a) March 1 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 1 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) March 26-27 In-Person Meeting.

i. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13 -- Recruiting -- Modernization and Deregulation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13 (recruiting), as specified, effective August 1, 2024. [Attachment]

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update that the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13 (recruiting).

ii. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.11.4 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Football -- First Contest -- Championship Segment.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.11.4 (first contest -- championship segment) to specify that an institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

iii. Legislative Referral to the Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Academic Requirements Committee review NCAA Division I Proposal No. I-2023-1 (academic eligibility -- full-time enrollment -- requirement for practice and competition -- exception -- final semester/quarter -- final term before

experiential learning requirement -- postbaccalaureate students) for consideration of a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether Division II Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4 (final term before experiential learning requirement) should be amended to clarify that a student-athlete may practice while enrolled less than full time in their final semester or quarter of their postbaccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project, etc.).

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

iv. Legislative Referral to the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief.

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Committee for Legislative Relief review Division II Bylaw 16.12 (expense waivers) and determine whether the legislation should be added to the committee's policies and procedures.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

v. Legislative Referral to the NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions.

Management Council. The Management Council requested the Committee on Infractions review Division I Proposal No. 2023-55 (infractions program -- penalties -- individual accountability measures) for consideration of a potential legislative change in Division II:

Whether Division II Bylaw 19 (infractions program) should be amended to focus meaningful infractions penalties on the individuals responsible for the underlying rules violations.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

vi. Request to Approve the 2024-25 Amateurism Fact-Finding Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the 2024-25 Fact-Finding policies and procedures.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(5) **Committee for Legislative Relief.**

- **Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Information Standards, Guidelines and Directives.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated Committee for Legislative Relief information standards, guidelines and directives, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) **January 8 Electronic Vote Report.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 8 electronic vote report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **February 13 In-Person Meeting.**

- i. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 7.3.1.7.1.1 – Active Membership -- Institutions -- Sports Sponsorship -- Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 7.3.1.7.1.1 (minimum contests and minimum participants requirements for sports sponsorship) to reduce the minimum participant requirement for golf from five participants to four participants.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 7.3.1.7.1.1 -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Sports Sponsorship -- Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Swimming and Diving and Track and Field.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend the minimum participant requirements for sports sponsorship in men’s and women’s swimming and diving and men’s and women’s track and field as follows:

Sport	Current Minimum Contests (No Changes Proposed)	Current Minimum Participants	Proposed Minimum Participants
Swimming & Diving	8	11	9
Indoor Track & Field (No Changes Proposed)	4	10	10
Outdoor Track & Field	4	14	10

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

iii. Overview of Institutions that Submitted Applications for NCAA Division II Membership in 2024.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the four institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2024-25 academic year:

- (a) Point Park University.
- (b) University of California, Merced.
- (c) University of Jamestown.
- (d) University of Texas at Dallas.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an overview of the four institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2024-25 academic year.

(c) April 10 Videoconference.

i. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 7.02.1.1 – Active Member Institution -- Eliminate Reference to Two-Year Upper-Level Collegiate Institutions.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 7.02.1.1 (active member institution) to remove the reference to two-year upper-level collegiate institutions as a classification for an active Division II member institution.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

ii. Division II Membership Committee -- Division II Expedited Provisional Membership Process.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a Membership Committee policy establishing a two-year expedited provisional membership process, as specified.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update that the Management Council approved a Membership Committee policy establishing a two-year expedited provisional membership process.

iii. Request for Feedback from the NCAA Division II Tennis Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the Division II Tennis Committee review and provide feedback on Bylaw 7.3.1.7.1.1 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship) and whether an increase to the minimum participant requirement for tennis is necessary.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) February 21 In-Person Meeting.

i. Committee Appointments (Immediate Vacancies).

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Administrative Committee

approved the following appointments, effective immediately:

- (a) **Academic Requirements Committee (One Immediate Vacancy).** **Andrea Webb**, assistant athletics director for compliance and student success, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- (b) **Championships Committee (One Immediate Vacancy).** **Angela Pohl**, deputy athletics director, Saginaw Valley State University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (Midwest region).
- (c) **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (One Immediate Vacancy).** **Chad Williams**, associate athletic director, Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

ii. **Committee Appointments and Reappointments (September Vacancies).**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments, effective September 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted:

- (a) **Academic Requirements Committee (One September Vacancy).** **Paul Flores**, assistant athletics director for compliance and academic support, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference.
- (b) **Championships Committee (One June and One September Vacancy).** **Neil Duval**, associate director of athletics, Saint Anselm College, Northeast-10 Conference (East region) (June); and **Stan Wagnon**, vice president for athletics, University of Central Oklahoma, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (September).

- (c) **Committee for Legislative Relief (One September Vacancy).** **Marty Gilbert**, faculty athletics representative, Mars Hill University, South Atlantic Conference.

[Note: Jeanette McKillop, associate athletic director/senior woman administrator, Franklin Pierce University, was recommended by the committee for this appointment. However, she has since departed the institution.]

- (d) **NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions (One September Reappointment).** **Jason Sobolik**, assistant director of athletics, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Term 3).

[Note: Jessica Chapin, director of athletics, American International College, was recommended by the committee for reappointment. However, she has since departed the institution.]

- (e) **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (One September Vacancy).** **Shareef Amer**, director of athletics, California State University, San Bernardino, California Collegiate Athletic Association.

- (f) **Membership Committee (Three September Vacancies).** **Molly Belden**, senior associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, Northeast-10 Conference; **Kris Dunbar**, commissioner, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and **James Reid**, director of athletics, Angelo State University, Lone Star Conference.

- (g) **Nominating Committee (One July and Three September Vacancies).** **Kathy Kroupa**, director of athletics, Lynn University, Sunshine State Conference (South region) (July); **Diana Kling**, deputy commissioner, Peach Belt Conference (Southeast region); **Matthew Wilson**, faculty athletics representative, Wilmington University (East region); and **Cherrie Wilmoth**, deputy director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Southeastern

Oklahoma State University, Great American Conference.

- (h) **NCAA High School Review Committee (One July Vacancy).** Joseph Villani, secondary school member.
- (i) **NCAA International Student Records Committee (Two September Reappointments).** Hanna Lantz, assistant director of athletics, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Lone Star Conference (Term 2); and Heidi Leonard, international student advisor, King University, Conference Carolinas (Term 2).

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **April 9 Videoconference.**

- **Committee Appointments and Term Extension.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments, effective September 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted:

- i. **Championships Committee (One September Vacancy).** Jay Poerner, commissioner, Lone Star Conference.
- ii. **Legislation Committee (One Immediate Vacancy).** Ashley Grimm, associate director of athletics, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
- iii. **NCAA Honors Committee (Term Extension).** Christopher Davis, national distinguished citizen.
- iv. **NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (One September Vacancy).** Megan Sanger, assistant commissioner for compliance/senior woman administrator, South Atlantic Conference.
- v. **NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee (One September Vacancy).** Jennifer Haskell, knowledge & insights lead, Deloitte's Sports Business Group.

- vi. **NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (Sport-Science Research Vacancy).** Rhonda Cross Beemer, faculty athletics representative, Northwest Missouri State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, for the sport-science research vacancy.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(8) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) March 21 Videoconference.

- **Division II Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2024-25.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Executive Board approve the budget requests for the 2024-25 fiscal year (FY25), as noted below. The rationale for each request is listed alongside the amount requested.

Category	Budget Request	Amount	Description
Championships			
	Committee Expenses	\$3,366	One percent increase every three years per the Division II long-range budget.
	Game Operations	\$206,991	Three percent increase every three years per long-range budget.
	Per Diem	\$1,600,000	\$10 increase in per diem every three years per long-range budget, plus a \$10 increase recommended to match Division III.
	Travel	\$695,710	Each year, NCAA accounting provides an estimate on expected travel inflation for Division II championships travel. This amount reflects 5% increase, per long-

Category	Budget Request	Amount	Description
			range budget (conservative estimate), but will be updated once information from accounting is received.
	Triennial Enhancements	\$1,292,831	\$1,050,000 every three years per long-range budget. In addition, the Division II Presidents Council approved increasing this amount to \$1,500,000 for FY25.
	Track and Field Assistant Clerk Officiating Fees	\$200	Part of the triennial enhancements that was missed when submitting budget information.
	Unused Triennial Allocation	\$207,169	The Division II Championships Committee requested leaving this amount (unused from the \$1.5M above) in reserves earmarked to championships for future championships initiatives.
Revenue Distribution			
	Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund	\$178,426	Three percent increase per long-range budget
	Institutional Equal Distribution Fund	\$59,475	Three percent increase per long-range budget
Initiatives			
	APPLE Training Institute and NCAA Inclusion Forum	\$10,500	Three percent increase every three years for travel and operational increases per long-range budget.

Category	Budget Request	Amount	Description
	Coaching Enhancement Grant	\$48,000	Increase to the Division II Diversity Grants, per long-range budget.
	Conference Strategic Priorities Fund	\$278,000	To increase the premium amount from \$4,000 to \$6,000 for each institution in a conference, per long-range budget.
	Drug Testing Enhancement	\$5,744	Two percent inflationary increase to pay for Division II's portion of the Drug Free Sport contract, per long-range budget.
	Identity Initiatives, Communications and Marketing	\$430,000	\$50,000 increase every three years, per long-range budget. \$50,000 for signage with new championships branding. A \$1,000 purchasing credit for each institution and conference every three years, per long-range budget.
	Identity Workshop	\$4,950	Three percent increase every three years for travel and operational increases per long-range budget.
	Leadership Conference	\$10,740	Three percent increase every three years for travel and operational increases per long-range budget.
	Mentor Program	\$5,000	Include expenses for one member of NCAA Division II staff to be selected per year as a mentee.

Category	Budget Request	Amount	Description
	Regular Season and Championships Media	\$165,000	Additional costs to produce Women's Volleyball semifinal and championship matches per the new ESPN agreement.
	SAAC Super Region Convention	\$25,000	Three percent increase every three years for travel and operational increases per long-range budget, in addition to an increase in fee for speakers.
	Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$127,000	Increases to the Division II Diversity Grants, per long-range budget.
	Additional Expenses to Division II	\$19,944	Per new NCAA constitution, starting in FY23, an annual review is conducted to validate additional Association service expenses that Division II pays for directly out of its 4.37 percent allocation. Three percent inflationary increase to this budget line item, per the long-range budget, in addition to \$15,000 added in FY24 with surplus.
	Fees for Management of Independent Contractors	\$41,194	Independent contractor fees to Knowledge Services
TOTAL		\$5,415,240	

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the budget requests for the 2024-25 fiscal year noting that the budget requests provide several enhancements, including \$1.6

million for a \$20 per diem increase to \$135 for championships competition for the 2024-25 academic year.

(b) Process to Add a New Division II Championship Once it Meets Minimum Sponsorship Requirements.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on a process approved by the Championships Committee to add a new Division II championship following the adoption of Proposal 2024-3, which reduced the minimum sponsorship numbers for Division II to offer a national championship. The council noted that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee agreed to review at a future meeting a potential update to the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles that would allow adding a new Division II championship once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions outside the championships triennial budget process.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the potential update to the Budget Guidelines and Principles that would allow adding a new Division II championship once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions outside the championships triennial budget process.

(c) Discussion Regarding Division II Football Bracket Expansion.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee discussed a request from the Championships Committee to consider adjusting the championships triennial budget process to allow for expanding the Division II Football Championship bracket before the next triennium.

The committee noted that the triennial budget timeline for the championships budget has been in place for almost 10 years (since August of 2014) and has assisted the division in making strategic decisions that benefit all championships. This triennial cycle is intended to ensure a manageable approach to proposed championships adjustments. The triennial budget process does allow for certain exceptions. For example, it allows for budget requests with a gender equity or health and safety impact to be considered outside of the triennium. In addition, the committee is considering an additional exception to add a new Division II championship once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions.

The committee reviewed the request from the Championships Committee and noted that the rationale for considering the bracket expansion outside of the triennial budget cycle did not meet the current exceptions of health and safety or gender equity. In addition, the committee did not believe there was strong or sufficient rationale to support an exception to the triennial budget process to allow the Division II Football Committee to recommend a bracket expansion outside the triennial budget cycle without creating precedent for other sports to bring similar requests outside of the cycle and diminishing the benefits of reviewing all sports within the same time frame. The committee also noted that the Football Committee is discussing priorities for bracketing principles to provide for a more competitive bracket as part of a larger discussion regarding regionalization, and that there may not be enough funding for both options. The committee encouraged the Football Committee to continue its discussions on how to enhance the football championship in preparation for the next triennial cycle.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the discussions and decision by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee regarding the request to expand the football bracket outside of the triennial budget timeline for the championships budget.

(d) 2023-24 Year to Date Budget-to-Actual Report.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 29, 2024.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 29, 2024.

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

(a) January 9-10 In-Person Meeting, March 17 Videoconference and Verbal Update from April 13-14 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's January 9-10 in-person and March 17 videoconference reports and received a verbal update on the April 13-14, 2024, meeting.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) Division II Campus SAAC Guide.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the updated version of the Campus SAAC Guide.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an overview of the updated version of the Campus SAAC Guide.

b. Division II Project Teams, Subcommittees and Task Forces.

(1) Convention Planning Project Team.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the survey results from the 2024 NCAA Convention. The Management Council discussed the 2025 Convention proposed schedule and provided feedback on potential educational sessions.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the project team's report, the 2024 Convention survey results, as well as the 2025 Convention proposed schedule and educational program suggestions.

(2) Management Council Identity Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the discussions by the Identity Subcommittee, including the selection process for 50th anniversary scholarships, a potential short-form video software for Division II institutions and conferences, 2024-25 credit purchasing credit for signage and social media analytics.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

c. Association-Wide Committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

- **December 11 and February 19-20 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's December 11 and February 19-20 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Women's Athletics.

- **Women’s Wrestling as a National Collegiate Championship Sport.**

Management Council. The Management Council sponsored 2025 Convention legislation to add women’s wrestling as an NCAA National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women’s wrestling committee effective immediately. The women’s wrestling committee would begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.

Women’s wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women’s wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year.

After consultation with divisional committees and examining the costs for a new National Collegiate championship, the CWA is confident that women’s wrestling would make an excellent addition to the NCAA’s current championship structure. Adding women’s wrestling as a National Collegiate Championship also aligns with the increased focus on and investment in women’s sports as evidenced by NCAA president’s business plan and the NCAA’s new media rights agreement.

Additionally, women’s wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the USOPC. The sport also has attracted diverse participants and a high number of first-generation college students.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2025 Convention to add women’s wrestling as a National Collegiate Championship.

(3) **Honors Committee.**

- **Honors Committee – Duties – Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the Honors Committee shall receive nominations and select recipients for the Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(4) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 14 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(5) **Playing Rules Oversight Committee.**

- **January 10 In-Person Meeting and February 20 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel's January 10 in-person meeting and February 20 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(6) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 26-27 meeting report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

6. **Breakout Sessions to Discuss Voting on Football Only Proposals and Division II Championships Committee Regionalization Review.**

Management Council. The Management Council participated in breakout sessions Tuesday morning, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on a referral from the Legislation Committee on whether to eliminate Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (voting on football issues), which precludes an active member institution or voting member conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football. The Management Council agreed to seek feedback from several governance groups. In addition, the Management Council agreed that as representatives of their conference, they should seek feedback concerning the potential change to Bylaw 9.3.10.2 and the issues involved and provide feedback to the Council during its July 2024 meeting to determine whether to sponsor legislation for the 2025 Convention.

The Management Council also discussed the regionalization review that is being conducted by the Championship Committee. The Council provided feedback on what works well with the current approach of bracketing as well as pain points.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with overview of the Management Council discussion on voting on football only proposals and the regionalization review being conducted by the Championships Committee.

7. Division II Management Council.

a. Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its committee and project team assignments.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the anticipated activities for the joint summit of the Management Council and SAAC in July.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

8. Division II Executive Board.

a. Election of Midwest Region Representative. The Executive Board elected Tim Collins, president, Walsh University, to serve as the Midwest Region representative, effective immediately and ending at the conclusion of the NCAA Convention in January 2026. President Collins is eligible for a second two-year term.

b. Strategic Priorities Conversations with Executive Board Members. The Executive Board was provided with a summary of the feedback that members provided during videoconferences since the transition to the new governance structure. The feedback topics included general meeting format, outside presentations by national office staff and topics for further review and discussion.

c. Discuss Triannual Videoconference with Division II Presidents and Chancellors. The Executive Board endorsed hosting a triannual webinar for presidents and chancellors and athletics direct reports to receive information from the national office staff and members of the Division II Executive Board and/or other Division II committees in the structure.

d. Concept Regarding a Division II Think Tank. The Executive Board endorsed the division hosting a Think Tank comprised of Division II leaders to discuss the challenges facing intercollegiate athletics and begin developing ideas and solutions, where appropriate for Division II.

- e. **Review of Division II Presidents and Chancellors Oversight Summary.** The Executive Board tabled this review to a future meeting.
 - f. **Congressional Engagement Update.** The Executive Board received an update on congressional engagement from the senior vice president of external affairs and the managing director of government relations.
 - g. **50th Anniversary Celebration.** The Executive Board was updated on the remaining plans for celebrating Division II's 50th anniversary.
9. **National Office Updates.**
- a. **Executive.**
 - Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA.
 - Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president.
 - b. **Legal.**
 - Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update from the NCAA director of legal affairs on issues surrounding the NCAA.
 - Executive Board. The Executive Board received a legal update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA director of legal affairs.
 - c. **Sport Science Institute.**
 - Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including cannabinoids, mental health best practices and the Training and Performance Advisory Group.
 - Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including cannabinoids, mental health best practices and the Training and Performance Advisory Group. The Executive Board thanked Brian Hainline for his service to the Division II membership and wished him well in his retirement from the NCAA.

d. Division II Spring Championships Festival.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided a preview the of the Spring Championships Festival that will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided a preview the of the Spring Championships Festival that will be held in Orlando, Florida.

e. Post-Eligibility Insurance Coverage.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview and resources created regarding the post-eligibility insurance coverage that goes into effect August 1, 2024.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the post-eligibility insurance coverage that goes into effect August 1, 2024.

f. Division I Transformation Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the items outlined in the Division I Transformation Committee report that affect Division II.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

g. Tools to Tell the Division II Story.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of resources that were recently updated to tell the Division II story.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

h. 2024 Division II-Specific APPLE Training Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the February Division II APPLE Training Institute.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

i. Review of Sports Wagering Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council received an overview of a review currently being conducted regarding sports wagering legislation. The Council provided feedback that the legislation should remain as common provisions rather than federating the legislation. Also, the Council agreed that it would be

appropriate for each division to review the legislation and recommend potential changes.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the review of sports wagering legislation.

10. Affiliated Association Updates.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations.

- a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association.**
- b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association.**
- c. **College Sports Communicators.**
- d. **Faculty Athletics Representative Association.**
- e. **Minority Opportunities Athletics Association.**
- f. **National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. **Women Leaders in Sports.**

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

11. Other Business.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. No action was necessary. The Executive Board thanked Carlos Campo, Ashland University, for his service.

12. Meeting Recap/Things to Report Back to Conferences.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included: emergency legislation recommendation regarding four-year transfers; 2025 Convention proposal to add women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Championship; field hockey access ratio, regional alignment in women's lacrosse; minimum participants requirements for championships selection -- swimming and diving and track and field; challenge review system for women's volleyball regional sites; Bylaw 13 modernization and deregulation; Division II expedited provisional membership process; minimum contests for sports sponsorship in swimming and diving and track and field; Division II budget requests for fiscal year 2024-25;

Congressional Engagement Talking Points; SAAC Campus Guide; post-eligibility insurance coverage information; Tools to Tell the Division II Story; feedback on football only votes; and the Management Council post-meeting article.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

13. Future Meetings.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2024 through January 2026.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2024 through October 2025.

14. Adjournment.

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 11:21 a.m. April 16.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adjourned at 3:29 p.m. Eastern time April 23.

February 21, 2024, Division II Management Council and Division II Executive Board; April 15-16, 2024, Management Council; and April 23, 2024, Executive Board	
Attendees:	
Management Council	Executive Board
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University	Lisa Borders, LMB Group, LLC
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Carlos Campo, Ashland University
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Larry Parkinson
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University	Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University

Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
David Hicks, King University	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College	
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Kim Pate, Lenoir-Rhyne University	
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University	
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University	
Absentees:	
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference <i>(February 21)</i>	Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul <i>(February 21)</i>
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville <i>(February 21)</i>	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University <i>(February 21)</i>
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference <i>(February 21)</i>	Larry Parkinson <i>(February 21)</i>
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College <i>(February 21)</i>	Steven Shirley, Minot State University <i>(February 21; April 23)</i>
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University <i>(February 21; April 15-16)</i>	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College <i>(February 21)</i>
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University <i>(February 21)</i>	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University <i>(February 21)</i>
Kim Pate, Lenoir-Rhyne University <i>(February 21)</i>	Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University <i>(February 21)</i>
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University <i>(February 21)</i>	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University <i>(February 21)</i>	
Guests in Attendance	
None.	None.

NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Charlie Baker (*April 15-16, April 23*), Scott Bearby (*February 21, April 23*), Tim Buckley (*April 23*), Dawn Buth (*April 23*), Michael Cioroianu (*April 15-16*), Rachel Denton, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline (*April 23*), Kendee Hilliard (*April 15-16, April 23*), Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Karen Kirsch (*April 15-16, April 23*), Kevin Lennon (*April 15-16, April 23*), Micaela Liddane (*April 15-16*), Jordan Lysiak (*April 15-16, April 23*), Gretchen Miron (*April 15-16*), John Parsons (*April 23*), Stephanie Quigg (*April 15-16*), Angela Red, Anne Rohlman (*April 15-16, April 23*), Liz Schneckenburger (*April 15-16*), Rachel Seewald (*April 15-16*), Jared Tidemann (*April 15-16, April 23*), Robert Turick (*April 15-16, April 23*) and Jill Waddell.



**NCAA Division II Legislation Committee
Bylaw 13 (Recruiting)
Priority Two and Three Items**

Noncontroversial Legislation

DIVISION II BYLAW	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
13.02.1 (community engagement activity)	Amend	To amend the community engagement legislation to specify that an institution and/or conference shall make the determination of what constitutes community engagement.
13.02.4 (contact and evaluation periods)	Eliminate	To eliminate the evaluation, quiet and dead period legislation, making everything a contact period. [Note: The National Letter of Intent (NLI) dead period will remain.]
13.1.2.2 (general exception)	Amend	To amend the legislation to specify that individuals (significant other of prospective student-athlete's coach, established family friend/neighbor, and other family members and significant other of staff member) who have a pre-established relationship with a prospective student-athlete shall not be subject to the restrictions under the recruiting contact legislation.
13.1.3 (telephone calls to prospective student-athletes)	Amend	To permit telephone calls with prospective student-athletes at any time.
13.1.6 (contact restrictions at specified sites)	Amend	To permit an institutional staff member to have on-campus contact prior to any athletics competition provided the competition is taking place on the institutional staff member's campus.
13.2.2 (institutional pre-enrollment fees)	Amend	To amend the institutional pre-enrollment fees legislation to permit an institution to use their discretion in determining what constitutes pre-enrollment fees.
13.2.4 (awards to prospective student-athletes)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide awards to prospective student-athletes for outstanding athletic achievement and awards that are in the name of an NCAA member institution.
13.2.5 (employment of prospective student-athletes)	Amend	To permit a prospective student-athlete to be employed at any time provided they are treated like current student-athletes (e.g., paid for the work performed).
13.2.8 (fundraisers for a prospective student-athlete)	Amend	To permit institutions to fundraise for prospective student-athletes during extreme circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete (e.g., natural disaster, life threatening emergency).
13.4 (recruiting materials)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide athletically related recruiting material at any time.
13.5.2.1 (general restrictions)	Amend	To permit an institution to pay the prospective student-athlete's round trip cost for an official visit to its campus.
13.6.1 (limitations on official visit)	Amend	To permit an institution to finance one additional official visit for a prospective student-athlete after a new head coach is hired when the prospective student-athlete previously received an official visit to the institution.
13.6.5 (accommodations on official visit)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide a prospective student-athlete on an official visit with lodging similar to accommodations provided to student-athletes; further, to specify that the lodging must be located in the locale of the institution.
13.6.6.2 (complimentary admissions)	Eliminate	To eliminate the limit of complimentary admissions an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete, on an official visit, to a campus athletics event.
13.6.6.2.1 (off-campus home competition)	Eliminate	To eliminate the 30-mile radius requirement.

DIVISION II BYLAW	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
13.6.6.5 (student host)	Amend	To increase the amount of funds provided to the student host from \$30 to \$50.
13.6.7 (lodging for additional persons)	Amend	To permit an institution to pay the cost of lodging for relative(s) or legal guardian(s) who are accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an official visit.
13.7 (unofficial (nonpaid) visit)	Eliminate	To eliminate the limit of complimentary admissions an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete, on an unofficial visit, to a home athletics event.
13.7.2.1.1 (meals)	Eliminate	To eliminate the restriction on the number of meals an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit.
13.8 (entertainment reimbursement and employment on high school/college-preparatory school/two-year college coaches)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide meals and/or the cost of transportation to and from the campus to coaches that accompany a prospective student-athlete on an official visit and meals for coaches that accompany a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.
13.8.1.1 (transportation reimbursement)	Amend	To permit an institution to reimburse transportation expenses to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach for transportation expenses for official visits.
13.11.1.4 (nonscholastic-based basketball)	Eliminate	To eliminate the nonscholastic-based basketball legislation.
13.11.1.5 (tryout camps)	Eliminate	To eliminate the tryouts camps legislation.
13.11.2.1 (tryouts)	Amend	To permit an institution to conduct a tryout for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college transfer at any time.
13.11.2.4 (local sports club)	Amend	To amend the local sports club's legislation, as followed: (1) Rename the bylaw to sports club; (2) Remove the restriction on the sport of basketball; and (3) Eliminate the 100-mile radius requirement.
13.11.3.7 (permissible facility usage)	Amend	To amend the permissible facility usage legislation to specify that an institution may permit a group that includes prospective student-athletes to utilize the institution's facilities provided institutional involvement is consistent with institutional policies for hosting outside organizations; further, to specify that athletic departments and representatives of athletics interests remain subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation during the event.
13.12.2.2.1.1 (self-employment)	Amend	To permit a student-athlete to conduct their own camp or clinic at any time.
13.14.3 (recruiting services)	Eliminate	To eliminate Bylaw 13.14.3, further, to specify that coaches are still prohibited from being employed by recruiting and scouting services.
13.15.2.2.1 (athletics equipment, apparel and monetary donations) and 13.15.2.2.2 (nonathletics equipment)	Amend	To permit an institution or conference to provide athletics and nonathletics equipment, apparel and a monetary donation to all organizations that include prospect-aged individuals.
13.17 (recruiting calendars)	Eliminate	To eliminate the recruiting calendars.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
APRIL 25, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

KEY ITEMS.

1. The NCAA Board of Governors approved a new penalty structure for the NCAA Policy on Campus Sexual Violence, effective for attestations completed by institutions starting in the fall 2024 based on adherence to the policy requirements in the 2023-24 academic year, as follows:
 - a. Elimination of the penalty prohibiting non-attesting schools from hosting NCAA championship competitions;
 - b. Instituting a \$5,000 fine for schools that fail to submit an attestation form, and listing the schools on the NCAA website as not attesting to the policy;
 - c. Listing schools that submit an attestation form after the deadline (or the revised deadline) on the NCAA website as attesting late; and
 - d. Granting a 10-calendar day extension to any school that requests an extension before the original prescribed deadline, which will result in a revised deadline. [Note: The penalties of a fine and listing the school on the NCAA website will be applied to schools that submit an attestation form after the deadline in multiple years.]
2. The Board of Governors approved an Association-wide budget allocation to: (a) Fund a women's wrestling national collegiate championship and to establish a women's wrestling committee; and (b) Move oversight of the budget to Division I consistent with all other national collegiate championships, effective in fiscal year 2025 with the first championship in the 2025-26 academic year.
3. The Board of Governors approved an Association-wide budget allocation to: (a) Fund the seeding of 16 teams in the FCS football championship; and (b) Move oversight of the budget to Division I.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Linda Livingstone, convened the meeting at approximately 1:02 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors.
2. **Consent agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved two items including: (a) the January 10, meeting, and March 26, videoconference reports; and (b) updates to the NCAA Board of Governors Policies and Procedures.

3. **NCAA President's report and sports wagering update.** The board will discuss the sports wagering agenda item during a future meeting.
4. **Overview of the evaluation process for the NCAA president.** NCAA staff provided an update on the evaluation process and timeline for the NCAA President. It was noted that the evaluation process opens on June 24 and closes on July 19, with a final report to be provided to the chair of the board in early August. This is a new process that per the NCAA Constitution requires consultation with the divisional governance bodies; therefore, feedback will be sought from the members of the divisional Administrative Committees.
5. **Update and next steps regarding congressional engagement & action.** NCAA staff provided an update on the progress being made with congressional engagement efforts. It was noted that schools and conferences are increasingly making their voices heard by continuing to reach out to members of Congress. Specifically, staff noted that 83 of the 97 Divisions I, II and III conferences signed on to letters sent to Congress on issues important to student-athletes, and campus and conference stakeholders. Higher education associations have also joined the NCAA in its efforts, which helps with the progress being made with members of Congress. In addition, members of Congress and leaders in intercollegiate athletics continue to discuss concerns with an employment model. Finally, it was noted that continued outreach efforts by the membership is needed to keep intercollegiate athletics issues at the forefront for members of Congress as negotiations are underway on a potential bi-partisan bill.
6. **NCAA Events and Anti-Discrimination Policy.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the policy, how it is implemented and expectations for hosts of NCAA championships and other events. It was noted that staff is developing a resource for the membership on the policy.
7. **NCAA Sport Science Institute/NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports update.** The NCAA chief medical officer provided an update on the work of the Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Specifically, the chief medical officer noted: (a) An overview of the cannabinoid education plan to be implemented after the adoption of divisional legislation to remove cannabinoids from the NCAA banned drug list; (b) An update on a future meeting of the CSMAS Training and Performance Advisory Group; (c) An update on the progress in the development of policies and procedures to support the Division I Holistic Model, including specific evidence- and consensus-based documents that schools will be required to attest their compliance; and (d) An update on the execution of education and socialization in support of the Mental Health Best Practices 2nd Edition, which was adopted by the board during its January meeting. Finally, the board expressed its appreciation for the leadership of the NCAA chief medical officer, as Dr. Brian Hainline will retire at the end of May.
8. **Review of NCAA Board of Governors Policy on Campus Sexual Violence and recommendation for a revised penalty structure.** NCAA staff provided the board with an overview of the attestation process for the NCAA Policy on Campus Sexual Violence and

the current penalties for a school's failure to attest by the deadline. Per the policy, if a school is not able to attest its compliance with the six policy requirements, it will be prohibited from hosting any NCAA championship competitions for the next applicable academic year. In addition, schools that do not attest are also listed on the NCAA website following the board's annual review. The board noted concerns with the penalty prohibiting a school from hosting NCAA championship competition because it negatively impacts the student-athlete experience due to an administrative error on campus, and the penalty does not impact non-attesting schools equally as not all schools host a pre-determined NCAA championship or earn the opportunity to host a non-predetermined NCAA championship. The board reviewed recommendations for a new penalty structure that would equally impact non-attesting schools.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve a new penalty structure for the Policy on Campus Sexual Violence effective for attestations completed by institutions starting in the fall 2024 based on adherence to the policy requirements in the 2023-24 academic year, as follows: (a) Eliminate the penalty prohibiting non-attesting schools from hosting NCAA championship competitions; (b) If a school does not attest its compliance with the policy, the school will be fined \$5,000.00 (to be distributed to a divisional identified philanthropic organization focusing efforts on campus sexual violence prevention), and listed on the NCAA website following the Board of Governors annual review; (c) If a school submits its attestation form after the original prescribed deadline (or the revised deadline), the school will be listed on the NCAA website following the Board of Governors annual review as attesting late. If a school submits an attestation form after the deadline in future years, the penalty of a fine and listing the school on the NCAA website will be applied to the school; and (d) If a school requests an extension of the original prescribed deadline of the attestation form, NCAA staff may grant an automatic extension of 10-calendar days." **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

9. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Beth DeBauche, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the committee's report from its April 17, videoconference.
 - a. **NCAA Tax Return 990, general overview and talking points.** The board reviewed the NCAA Form 990 Federal Tax Return, which covers tax year September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.
 - b. **Insurance coverages overview.** The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the portfolio of NCAA insurance coverages and premiums for fiscal year 2023-24, with the addition of the NCAA Post-Eligibility Insurance Program. It was noted that the PEI program is effective August 1, and will provide secondary coverage to all student-athletes. The annual expected cost of the program, paid by the NCAA, is \$26M. Finally, Commissioner DeBauche shared that the NCAA staff is engaging in membership outreach efforts to educate on the PEI program before August 1.

- c. **NCAA investment update.** The board received an update on NCAA investments shared with the Finance and Audit Committee from Aon Investments USA, Inc.

- d. **NCAA financial update.**
 - (1) **Long-range financial outlook.** An overview of the NCAA five-year financial outlook, including a broad overview of revenues and expenses from fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2029, was provided to the board. It was noted that NCAA staff is reviewing Association-wide and Division I expenses to determine which financial governance body has oversight of these items. The Finance and Audit Committee is expecting a report on this project during its next videoconference.

 - (2) **Update on funding for women’s wrestling national collegiate championship.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented a recommendation to approve an Association-wide budget allocation to fund a NCAA national collegiate championship in women’s wrestling. It was noted that in fall 2023, NCAA staff confirmed that 41 schools met the minimum sport sponsorship requirements in women’s wrestling in the 2022-23 academic year, thereby meeting the legislative requirement to add the sport as a national collegiate championship. In February, the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics recommended that the three divisional legislative bodies sponsor legislation to add women’s wrestling as a NCAA national collegiate championship and to establish a women’s wrestling committee. If the legislative proposals are adopted at the 2025 NCAA Convention, the first women’s wrestling national collegiate championship will occur in winter 2026.

The budget impact of funding the national collegiate championship is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2025 to prepare for the championship (e.g., staffing, establishing the committee) with the cost increasing to \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2026. Finally, it was noted that the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee supported this request during its April 15 videoconference.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve an Association-wide budget allocation to: (a) Fund a women’s wrestling national collegiate championship and to establish a women’s wrestling committee; and (b) Move oversight of the budget to Division I consistent with all other national collegiate championships, effective in fiscal year 2025 with the first championship in the 2025-26 academic year.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

(3) **Division I budget matters.**

a. **Women's basketball performance fund approach.** The Finance and Audit Committee discussed initial feedback on revenue distribution modeling for the development of a Division I women's basketball performance fund. It was noted that the Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee is targeting development of the fund to be paid out beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 based on performance in the 2024-25 NCAA Women's Basketball tournament. In addition, staff was directed to seek broad membership feedback on the targeted distribution amount, structure and source of funding for further consideration. It is anticipated that the Division I membership will vote on the creation of the women's basketball performance fund at the 2025 NCAA Convention.

b. **50-percent seeding recommendation.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented a recommendation to fund the seeding of 16 teams in the FCS football championship beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. It was noted that funding this initiative will enhance the integrity of the FCS football championship bracket and will allow the most deserving teams to compete against each other rather than bracketing based on the geographical proximity of teams selected for the championship. The budget impact to fund seeding of 16 teams in the FCS championship is \$540,000 in fiscal year 2025.

It was VOTED

"That the Board of Governors approve an Association-wide budget allocation to: (a) Fund the seeding of 16 teams in the FCS football championship; and (b) Move oversight of the budget to Division I."

Approved (Unanimous voice vote)

c. **Bracket expansion.** The Finance and Audit Committee discussed an ongoing staff analysis of the cost and impact of expanding the men's and women's basketball tournaments from 68 teams to 72 or 76 teams. It was noted that any potential revenue gains would be nominal and unit dilution for revenue distribution would be expected due to an increase in tournament participation. The committee agreed to continue monitoring this issue.

10. **Board of Governors Processes and Procedures.**

a. **NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Livingstone reported on matters discussed in the Executive Committee's videoconference on April 17.

- **Board of Governors Delegation of Authority – Legal Settlement.** President Livingstone noted that the Executive Committee discussed a recommendation from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs to increase the settlement authority of the NCAA president.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve an increase to the settlement authority of the NCAA president from \$100,000 to \$1M.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

b. **Board of Governors composition and terms of office.**

- (1) **Chair election notice.** President Livingstone reported that her term as chair expires upon adjournment of the board’s August 8 videoconference, which will require the election of a new chair.
 - (2) **Term expirations in the 2024 calendar year.** The board reviewed the term expirations for members whose terms expire in 2024. It was noted that the chair of the Division I Council will join the board July 1, and several other new board members will begin their terms after the August 8 videoconference.
11. **Executive session.** The board convened in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.
 12. **Other business.** The board did not have any other business.
 13. **Future meetings.** The board reviewed its future meeting dates through 2025.
 14. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:13 p.m. Eastern time.

Board of Governors chair: Linda Livingstone, Baylor University
Staff liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Governance and Policy
Stephanie Quigg, Governance and Policy

NCAA Board of Governors April 25, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Charlie Baker, NCAA president.	
Bryce Choate, Graduated Division I student-athlete.	
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas.	
Beth DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Allison Feaster, Boston Celtics.	
Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College.	

Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.
Madeleine McKenna, Graduated Division II student-athlete.
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia.
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University.
Isaiah Swann, Graduated Division III student-athlete.
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.
Larry Ward, Babson College.
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 th U.S. Army Surgeon General.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau and Stephanie Quigg.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Michael Cioroianu, Amanda Conklin, Kelly Dodds, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Brain Hainline, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Corbin McGuire, Louise McCleary, Mario Morris, Kim Oren, John Parsons, Dave Schnase, Jared Tidemann, and Stan Wilcox.

Interim Actions of the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee

1. On April 25 the Administrative Committee approved the following item:
 - **Noncontroversial Legislation.** The committee adopted in legislative form a noncontroversial proposal that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal No. NC-2025-13), as presented. The proposal is listed below.
 - o **Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Term-by-Term Credit-Hour Requirement -- Application of Rule to Transfer Student -- Transferable Requirement,** which eliminates the requirement that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit; further, specifies that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours shall be earned (rather than transferable) during the student-athlete's last full-time term of attendance.

2. On June 5 the Administrative Committee reviewed and/or approved the following items:
 - a. **Evaluation Process for NCAA President Charlie Baker.** The committee was provided an overview of the evaluation process for President Baker as well as the timeline of the evaluation process.

 - b. **Composition of the Division II Think Tank.** The committee approved the composition of the Division II Think Tank, as follows:

Conference	Name
California Collegiate Athletic Association	Ben Cherry Faculty Athletics Representative California State University San Marcos
Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Colleen Perry Keith President Goldey-Beacom College
Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Charolette Hunt Associate Athletics Director for Compliance Winston-Salem State University
Conference Carolinas	Whitnie Ridden Senior Woman Administrator Emmanuel College
East Coast Conference	Lorrie Clemo President D'Youville University
Great American Conference	Thomas Newsom President Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Conference	Name
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Hayley Treadway Senior Woman Administrator University of Wisconsin Parkside
Great Lakes Valley Conference	Jim Naumovich Commissioner Great Lakes Valley Conference
Great Midwest Athletic Conference	Kelly Daniel Director of Athletics Tiffin University
Great Northwest Athletic Conference	Michael Bazemore Director of Athletics Montana State University Billings
Gulf South Conference	Matt Wilson Commissioner Gulf South Conference
Lone Star Conference	Sandra Woodley President University of Texas Permian Basin
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	Jim Johnson Director of Athletics Pittsburg State University
Mountain East Conference	Nate Burton Director of Athletics West Virginia State University
Northeast-10 Conference	Julie Ruppert Commissioner Northeast-10 Conference
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	Erin Lind Commissioner Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Pacific West Conference	Andre' Stephens President Fresno Pacific University
Peach Belt Conference	Dawn Turner Senior Woman Administrator Lander University
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Roberta Page Director of Athletics Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	Shawn Worthy Faculty Athletics Representative

Conference	Name
	Metropolitan State University of Denver
South Atlantic Conference	Marty Gilbert Faculty Athletics Representative Mars Hill University
Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	Jerel Drew Director of Athletics Clark Atlanta University
Sunshine State Conference	Drew Howard Director of Athletics Florida Southern College
Executive Board	Larry Parkinson Independent Member
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Addison Courtney Fairmont State University
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	DJ Guest, Jr. California State University, Dominguez Hills
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Scout Huffman Texas Woman's University
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Alia Scotka University of West Florida
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee	Haley White Lincoln Memorial University



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2024-25 Division II Priorities

Championships

Regionalization Review. The Championships Committee will continue to discuss the division’s regionalization philosophy and opportunities to revise bracketing approaches to enhance the championships experience for participating student-athletes. Once concepts are further developed, full membership feedback will be sought.

Winter 2025 Festival. The first winter National Championships Festival in eight years will take place March 11-15 in Indianapolis featuring men’s and women’s indoor track and field, men’s and women’s swimming and diving and men’s wrestling.

Championship Site Selection. The Championships Committee and relevant sport committees will review bids and announce sites for 2026-28 championships in October 2024.

Women’s Wrestling. The membership will vote in January 2025 at the NCAA Convention whether to add women’s wrestling as a National Collegiate Championship, which would become the 91st NCAA championship.

SAAC Priorities

The Division II SAAC has created new resources for the membership, including campus and conference SAAC best practice guides and a civic engagement day resource. These resources are part of SAAC’s ongoing goals the committee creates each year based on feedback from their peers and their observations as student-athlete leaders. [Staff will expand on this blurb and update it as needed pending SAAC’ goals discussion in July.]

Marketing and Branding

Division II has conducted research among prospective student-athletes and those who influence where they choose to attend college. The research summarized their needs and desires when selecting a school and their perception of Division II. The data gathered through this research will help determine a media activation plan that will launch in 2025.

With the start of the NCAA’s new eight-year media rights agreement for NCAA championships in 2024-25, Division II will receive increased brand exposure on ESPN platforms. The new agreement includes the broadcasting of the division’s football, women’s volleyball and women’s basketball semifinals and championship games and the men’s basketball semifinals on an ESPN platform. The men’s basketball championship game will remain on CBS as part of the NCAA’s multimedia rights agreement with CBS and TNT Sports.

Strategic Plan and Think Tank

- The division will continue developing its next operating plan.

- The division will host a Think Tank September 16-17 during which a representative group of Division II leaders will discuss the challenges facing intercollegiate athletics and begin developing strategies and solutions.
- Based on input from the governance structure regarding the draft operating plan goals and objectives and feedback from the Think Tank, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will develop the next Membership Census that will be distributed in January 2025.
- Census results and membership review will inform the operating plan to be launched in January 2026.

Budget Discussions

Governance committees will discuss potential changes to the Division II long-range budget, potential uses of additional revenue from the new media rights agreement with ESPN, and how the division manages its reserves.

Sports Wagering Legislation and Wagering and Social Environments Survey

Given the evolving landscape surrounding sports wagering, the division will conduct a review of the sports wagering legislation. Throughout the summer/fall, the review will focus on data from the wagering and social environments survey as well as seeking feedback from various membership groups regarding potential legislative changes. Assuming the adoption of a proposal(s), Division II will shift its attention to helping the membership (including student-athletes) understand the new legislation.

Continued Review of Legislation

The Legislation Committee will continue reviewing legislation and bylaws delegated to it from the Implementation Committee Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee, including:

- Division II Bylaw 14 (eligibility);
- Division II Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes); and
- Division II Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

The committee also will begin reviewing Bylaw 15 (financial aid) during the 2024-25 academic year.

Partnership and Development Opportunities

- Women Leaders – September 2024 and October 2024 - Women Leaders in Sports and Division II will partner to provide educational and networking opportunities for female administrators in Division II.
- FAR Fellows Institute – September 2024 – The division will host its 14th FAR Fellows Institute September 24-27, 2024. The Institute provides educational programming for faculty athletics representatives to help them effectively perform their roles and support student-athletes.
- SAAC Super Region Convention – April 2025 – The Division II SAAC will conduct its seventh super region convention April 25-27 in Indianapolis for the Central and Midwest Regions (Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes

Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference). Participants will engage in several important topics including the student-athlete voice, mental health, preparation for life after athletics and more.

- Professional Development Workshop for Athletic Trainers – June 2025 - Athletic trainers from each of the Division II conferences and independent institutions will be invited to participate in three days of professional development. This will be the fourth and final year athletic trainers will be the focus of this workshop.
- Minority Opportunities Athletic Association Governance Academy – June 2025 – MOAA and Division II have partnered since 2009 to provide educational and networking opportunities for minority administrators in Division II.
- Division II Professional Development Workshop for Compliance Administrators – June 2025 – The division is partnering with NAAC to provide programming for Division II compliance administrators. Topics include regulatory issues, governance issues, strategic initiatives and committee service, and professional and personal development.
- Mentor Program – The NCAA and the Division II Athletics Directors Association (D2ADA) have partnered to create a women and minorities mentoring program that provides a unique opportunity for women and minorities interested in a career as a Division II director of athletics. This experience partners each successful candidate with a current Division II director of athletics for enhancing career development. Mentors provide yearlong guidance and role modeling that encourages a commitment to a long-range career goal of serving as a Division II director of athletics.
- New AD Orientation – During the 2024-25 academic year, the division is partnering again with the D2ADA to provide programming for new directors of athletics in Division II. The participants will be invited to join other active Division II ADs and national office staff for an orientation session to discuss topics including championships, identity initiatives and financial information. The program also includes the opportunity for orientation at the NCAA Convention and NACDA Convention.



SUPPLEMENT NO. 6
DII Management Council 07/24

GOVERNANCE-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Attached for your review are the legislative drafts of the proposals being sponsored by the Division II governance structure for the 2025 NCAA Convention. Proposal No. 2025-3 is new for you to review in legislative form. This proposal was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in concept but has not yet been approved in legislative form.

Governance-Sponsored Legislation for 2025 NCAA Convention

Proposal Number: 2025-1

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- CREDIT HOURS EARNED DURING THE REGULAR ACADEMIC YEAR -- ELIMINATION OF THE 18-SEMESTER/27-QUARTER HOURS REQUIREMENT

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: October 26, 2023

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2025, for certifications of progress-toward-degree requirements for fall 2025 and thereafter.

Category: Executive Board

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit during the regular academic year to be eligible for competition.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4, as follows:

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

[14.4.1 unchanged.]

14.4.1.1 Exchange Student. The eligibility of an exchange student shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least:

[14.4.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Credit hours earned during the regular academic year as set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3;

(e b) Credit hours earned for the annual credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.43; and

[14.4.1.1-(d) relettered as 14.4.1.1-(c), unchanged.]

[14.4.1.2 unchanged.]

[14.4.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 through 14.4.3.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.3 Credit Hours Earned During the Regular Academic Year. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit hour requirements of this regulation.

14.4.3.3.1 Regular Academic Year. For purposes of Bylaw 14.4.3.3, the regular academic year consists of the time beginning with the opening of the institutions' fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises.

14.4.3.3.2 Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to the credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.3:

(a) A midyear transfer student-athlete;

(b) A student-athlete who has been in residence at the institution for at least one academic year; or

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(c) A student-athlete who has used one season of eligibility in any sport at the certifying institution.

~~14.4.3.3.2.1 Application to a Midyear Enrollee. A student-athlete entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) is not subject to the credit hours required under Bylaw 14.4.3.3 for the fall term immediately following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. In subsequent years, the student-athlete's completion of the 18-semester or 27-quarter-hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term.~~

~~14.4.3.3.3 Calculation of Credit Hours. During the first two years of enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation.~~

~~14.4.3.3.4 Part-Time Enrollment. Credit hours earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled less than full-time may be used to satisfy the 18-semester/27-quarter-hour requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution.~~

[14.4.3.4 through 14.4.3.6 renumbered as 14.4.3.3 through 14.4.3.5, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~7~~**6** Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

[14.4.3.7.1 renumbered as 14.4.3.6.1, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~7~~**6**.2 Credit Hours Earned Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. Credit hours earned at another institution before initial enrollment at the certifying institution may not be used to satisfy progress-toward-degree requirements. In the first year of collegiate enrollment (or during the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw 14.4.3.~~4~~**3**-(c) to satisfy the annual credit hour requirement), this restriction does not apply to credit hours earned while a student was enrolled as a high school student (e.g., courses that qualify as high school and college credit). ~~Such credit hours shall not be used to meet the required minimum number of credit hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3).~~

14.4.3.~~7~~**6**.3 Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination or International Baccalaureate Program examinations may be used by a student-athlete to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. If such credit was earned while the student-athlete was enrolled in high school, it may be used to meet both initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements in the first year of collegiate enrollment (or in the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw 14.4.3.~~4~~**3**-(c) to satisfy the annual credit-hour requirement), provided the credit was earned prior to high school graduation. ~~However, such credit, if earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, may not be used to meet the required minimum number of hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3).~~

14.4.3.~~7~~**6**.4 Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2; ~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4~~**3** only if such courses meet all of the following conditions:

[14.4.3.7.4-(a) through 14.4.3.7.4-(d) renumbered as 14.4.3.6.4-(a) through 14.4.3.6.4-(d) unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~7~~**6**.5 Incomplete Grades. A student-athlete who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2; ~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4~~**3**, subject to the following conditions:

[14.4.3.7.5-(a) through 14.4.3.7.5-(c) renumbered as 14.4.3.6.5-(a) through 14.4.3.6.5-(c) unchanged.]

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14.4.3.~~76~~6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ only under the following conditions:

[14.4.3.7.6-(a) through 14.4.3.7.6-(c) renumbered as 14.4.3.6.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6.6-(c) unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~76~~7 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit After Change of Degree Program. A student-athlete who changes their designated degree program after their fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment may comply with the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ if:

[14.4.3.7.7-(a) through 14.4.3.7.7-(c) renumbered as 14.4.3.6.7-(a) through 14.4.3.6.7-(c) unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~76~~8 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Major. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student-athlete ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major.

[14.4.3.7.9 through 14.4.3.7.11 renumbered as 14.4.3.6.9 through 14.4.3.6.11, unchanged.]

[14.4.3.8 renumbered as 14.4.3.7, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~87~~1 Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaws ~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

[14.4.3.8.1-(a) through 14.4.3.8.1-(c) renumbered as 14.4.3.7.1-(a) through 14.4.3.7.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

[14.4.3.8.2 through 14.4.3.8.5 renumbered as 14.4.3.7.2 through 14.4.3.7.5, unchanged.]

[14.4.3.9 renumbered as 14.4.3.8, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~98~~1 Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. A Division II conference office has the authority to administer medical absence waivers for terms that occurred at an NCAA institution prior to a student-athlete's enrollment at a member institution within the conference.

14.4.3.~~98~~2 International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~43~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Parapan American, Olympic, Paralympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters.

[14.4.3.10 through 14.4.3.12 renumbered as 14.4.3.9 through 14.4.3.11, unchanged.]

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Rationale: Currently, to meet progress-toward-degree requirements, a student-athlete must earn at least nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during each full-time term of attendance, at least 18-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit during the regular academic year and at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit annually. Based on a review of the 2022 Academic Performance Census (APC) data, 96% of student-athletes from semester schools who satisfied the nine-semester hours requirement in their spring semester also satisfied the 18-semester hours requirement for the academic year. Further, 98% of student-athletes from quarter schools who satisfied the eight-quarter hours requirement in their spring quarter also satisfied the 27-quarter hours requirement. Therefore, eliminating the legislation will simplify the certification process without jeopardizing the overall academic success of student-athletes, because they will still be required to meet the term-by-term requirement, annual credit hour requirement and grade-point average (GPA) requirement. Finally, this change will ease the burden on compliance administrators and student-athletes.

Review History:

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Proposal Number: 2025-2

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE AND ATHLETICS AID -- ALL OTHER QUALIFIERS AND PARTIAL QUALIFIERS -- ELIMINATION OF ENGLISH, MATH AND SCIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIERS

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 17, 2024

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2025, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2025.

Category: Executive Board

Status: Ready for Convention Vote

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a qualifier, who is a two-year college transfer, must earn transferable credit hours in English, math and science.

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.4, as follows:

14.3.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. ~~A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:~~

- ~~(a) The student-athlete has completed at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions) of enrollment as a full-time student at the two-year college;~~
- ~~(b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college;~~
- ~~(c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:
 - ~~(1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;~~
 - ~~(2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and~~
 - ~~(3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;~~~~

~~Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled full time or part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy these requirements.~~

- ~~(d) The student-athlete has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.200 earned in transferable degree credit (see Bylaw 14.3.4.5.3.2).~~

14.3.4.3.1 Qualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

- (a) The student-athlete has completed at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions) of enrollment as a full-time student at the two-year college;**
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college; and**
- (c) The student-athlete has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.200 earned in transferable degree credit (see Bylaw 14.3.4.5.3.2).**

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14.3.4.3.2 Partial Qualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

- (a) The student-athlete has completed at least two semesters or three quarters (excluding summer sessions) of enrollment as a full-time student at the two-year college;**
- (b) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year college;**
- (c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:**
 - (1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;**
 - (2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and**
 - (3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;**

Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled full time or part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy these requirements.

- (d) The student-athlete has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.200 earned in transferable degree credit (see Bylaw 14.3.4.5.3.2).**

14.3.4.3.3 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. -- **Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers.** Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education at the certifying institution that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.

14.3.4.3.4 Application -- **Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers.**

[14.3.4.3.4-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student. If the two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during their academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) earned at the two-year college(s) attended after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college shall be considered for purposes of meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.4.3.1-(a), -(b) and -(c) **and Bylaw 14.3.4.3.2 -(a), -(b) and -(d).**

14.3.4.3.5 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- **Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers.** A two-year college transfer who does not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.3.4.3 may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence.

Rationale: Currently, two-year college transfers that do not graduate from the two-year college or who are not a final qualifier with one term of attendance at the two-year college, are required to satisfactorily complete and transfer in at least six-semester or eight-quarter hours of English, three-semester or four-quarter hours of math and three-semester or four-quarter hours of natural or physical science as part of the two-year college transfer requirements. The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee believes that a two-year college transfer student who is a qualifier, has already displayed their academic readiness through completion of core courses while enrolled in high school, therefore, eliminating the requirement would simplify transfer certification for qualifiers. Qualifiers would still need to satisfy the remaining two-year college transfer requirements (e.g., an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit each full-time term, 2.200 transferable GPA) outlined in the two-year college transfer legislation.

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Proposal Number: 2025-3

Title: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 19, 2024

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Management Council

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: In women's wrestling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women's wrestling committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

7 NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control

[7.01 through 7.02 unchanged.]

7.02.2 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women:

[7.02.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian, **and** triathlon, ~~and women's wrestling.~~

[7.02.2.1 unchanged.]

[7.02.3 through 7.02.6 unchanged.]

[7.1 through 7.3 unchanged.]

7.3.2.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. [#] An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships, if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question. Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports:

Women's beach volleyball	Men's and women's rifle
Women's bowling	Men's and women's skiing
Men's and women's fencing	Men's volleyball
Men's gymnastics	Men's and women's water polo
Women's gymnastics	Women's wrestling
Women's ice hockey	

[7.3.2.1.1 through 7.3.2.1.2 unchanged.]

[7.3.3 through 7.3.5 unchanged.]

[7.4 through 7.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 18.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

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18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~99~~**91** national championships. There are ~~112~~ National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 9.3.10.1 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (~~112~~).

Men (3)	Men and Women (3)	Women (56)
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo
		<u>Wrestling</u>

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21 Committees

[21.02 through 21.3 unchanged.]

21.4 Common Committees -- Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities.

[21.4.1 through 21.4.7 unchanged.]

21.4.8 Wrestling Committee, Women's. The Women's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members. The committee shall include at least one representative from each division.

[21.5 through 21.8 unchanged.]

Rationale: Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year. Adding women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Sport also aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The women's wrestling committee would begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.

Review History:

Feb 7, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

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	Title	Intent	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Recommended Referrals
108002	RECRUITING AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS -- TIMING OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION	<p>To specify that a medical examination or evaluation must be administered within one-year prior to a prospective student-athlete's and/or enrolled student's participation in a tryout and, for a student-athlete beginning their initial season of eligibility, within one-year prior to their participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. Further, to specify that an updated medical history must be administered within one year prior to a student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.</p> <p>Note: Division II Bylaw 17.1.5 (mandatory medical examination) is a common provision, and therefore cannot be amended unless the other two divisions make a similar change.</p>	Northeast-10 Conference	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Peach Belt Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and South Atlantic Conference	NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

	Title	Intent	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Recommended Referrals
107669	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 -- WRESTLING	In wrestling, to specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to four dates of competition without using a season of competition.	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	Great Lakes Valley Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and South Atlantic Conference	Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports; Division II Legislation Committee; NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee.
107906	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT -- EXCEPTION AND POLICY REQUIREMENT	To permit a team participating in practice or competition during the segment of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship to engage in countable athletically related activities on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, provided student-athletes are given a day off from countable athletically related activities to participate in civic engagement activities and programming within 15 days before or after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Further, to require an institution to develop civic engagement policies, which must address opportunities available to student-athletes for civic engagement, through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches and senior athletics department staff members to ensure student-athletes are provided adequate opportunities, resources and programming to participate in civic engagement activities.	South Atlantic Conference	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Peach Belt Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Division II Legislation Committee.

	Title	Intent	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Recommended Referrals
107800	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TENNIS -- MAXIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION -- DIVISION II INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION (ITA) INDOOR TOURNAMENT	To permit the Division II Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Indoor Tournament to count as one date of competition. Note: The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee has recommended this legislative change via noncontroversial legislation.	Sunshine State Conference	Lone Star Conference and Peach Belt Conference	Division II Legislation Committee and NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee.
108003	CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- FOOTBALL	In football, to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted to all conferences that sponsor the sport; further, to eliminate the earned access legislation.	Northeast-10 Conference	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Great Lakes Valley Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Division II Legislation Committee; NCAA Division II Championships Committee and NCAA Division II Football Committee.



EMERGENCY

Attached is an emergency proposal. NCAA Proposal No. EM-2025-1 was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and Executive Board.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: EM-2025-1

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR TRANSFER -- FOUR-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: March 29, 2024

Status: Ratified by Executive Board

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Category: Emergency

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To revise the eligibility requirements for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 through 13.1 unchanged.]

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 communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), 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 I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's interest shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing their institution with a written notification of transfer ~~at any time~~ **by June 15**. The student-athlete must complete an educational module related to transferring before the institution may enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database. The student-athlete's institution shall enter their information into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later. [D]

[13.1.1.2.2 through 13.1.1.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.17 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

[14.01 through 14.02 unchanged.]

14.02.6 Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a **two-year** transfer student to become eligible for competition). Formal approval by the Management Council or an NCAA committee is not required. The action granting the exception may

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be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw 14.02.17).

[14.02.7 through 14.02.13 unchanged.]

14.02.14 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term or year of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, partial qualifier, **two-year college** transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence.

[14.02.14.1 unchanged.]

[14.02.15 through 14.02.17 unchanged.]

[14.1 through 14.2 unchanged.]

14.2.2.4.1.3 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete and the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

[14.2.2.4.1.3-(a) through 14.2.2.4.1.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) An inability to participate as a result of ~~a transfer year in residence~~ **not satisfying the undergraduate four-year college transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.5)** or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and

[14.2.2.4.1.3-(f) unchanged.]

[14.2.2.4.1.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.2.4.2 unchanged.]

[14.2.3 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

[14.3 through 14.4 unchanged.]

14.4.3.6 Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year **collegiate institution who is entering their third year of collegiate enrollment that has not satisfy Bylaw 14.5.5 or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution** or **a transfer student from a** two-year collegiate institution who is entering their third year of collegiate enrollment, ~~even if the student~~ **that** has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. An institution shall not incur a violation if a student-athlete fails to designate a degree program prior to their third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: [D]

[14.4.3.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6-(b) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.6.1 unchanged.]

[14.4.3.7 through 14.4.3.12 unchanged.]

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 ~~Residence Requirement~~ — General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to ~~complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14) at the certifying institution~~ **satisfy the applicable undergraduate transfer requirements (see Bylaws 14.5.4 and 14.5.5)** before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), ~~unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw.~~

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[14.5.1.1 through 14.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~14.5.1.3 NCAA Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence.~~

~~14.5.1.4~~ **Foreign Institution**~~International~~ Transfers. A transfer student from an ~~an~~ **foreigninternational** collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college) is subject to the ~~one-year residence~~ requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1 (see ~~Bylaw 14.5.5.3-2~~ regarding the exchange student exception).

[14.5.2 through 14.5.4 unchanged.]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. **An undergraduate transfer from a four-year institution is eligible for competition provided** ~~See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. (See Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.);~~

(a) The transfer student did not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics at their previous institution or the previous institution did not sponsor their sport, and they were in good academic standing at the time of transfer; or

(b) The transfer student would have been academically and athletically eligible at their previous institution at the time of transfer, had they remained.

14.5.5.1 ~~General Rule~~ **Regaining Eligibility. An undergraduate** transfer student from a four-year institution, **who does not satisfy Bylaw 14.5.5,** ~~shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.14)~~ **shall become eligible to compete at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.14) after the conclusion of the first full-time term of enrollment following transfer by meeting all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.).**

[14.5.5.1.1 through 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[14.5.5.2 unchanged.]

~~14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. See Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2.1 for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year.~~

~~14.5.5.3.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to their original institution under any of the following conditions:~~

~~(a) After participation in a cooperative educational exchange program or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching), provided the student is to receive a baccalaureate degree from the institution from which the student transferred to participate in the exchange program;~~

~~(b) After one semester or quarter of attendance at another institution for purposes of taking academic courses not available at the original institution, regardless of whether they are required in the degree program the student athlete is pursuing at the first institution. In such an instance, the student also may take additional courses that were available at the first institution; or~~

~~(c) After one academic year of attendance at another collegiate institution, in accordance with the program recommended by the appropriate academic officer at the original institution, provided the student was in good academic standing at the time the student left the original institution.~~

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~~14.5.5.3.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program recognized by the institution's academic authorities. (See Bylaw 14.4.1.1.)~~

~~14.5.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major.~~

~~14.5.5.3.4 Military Service, Religious Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official religious mission.~~

~~14.5.5.3.4.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service or Religious Mission. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty or engaged in active service on an official religious mission may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:~~

~~(a) The student's original four-year collegiate institution dropped the sport [in which the student has participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) at that institution in intercollegiate competition] from its intercollegiate program. This exception becomes applicable at the time the student-athlete's institution indicates through public announcement that their sport will be discontinued; or~~

~~(b) The student's original four-year collegiate institution never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at the institution, provided the student had never transferred from any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that particular sport.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately before transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.~~

~~14.5.5.3.5.2 Application — COVID-19 Season Cancellations. If the student's original four-year collegiate institution does not participate in competition during the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19, the student does not have access to this exception to be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer.~~

~~14.5.5.3.6 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.~~

~~14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if they have an unfulfilled~~

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~~residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during their previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.~~

~~14.5.5.3.8 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~(a) The student-athlete was not recruited by the certifying institution (per Bylaw 13.02.10.1);~~
- ~~(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and~~
- ~~(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1):~~

- ~~(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw 14.5.5.3.5 (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or Bylaw 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions;~~
- ~~(b) The student is in good academic standing and meets the progress-toward-degree requirements at the previous four-year institution at the time of transfer to the certifying institution, except that, for a student transferring from a Division I institution, they are not required to have fulfilled the necessary percentage of degree requirements at the previous institution. The transferring student must be one who would have been academically eligible had they remained at the institution from which the student transferred, and they also must be eligible at the certifying institution as a regularly enrolled, full-time, degree-seeking student who was admitted in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of the institution;~~
- ~~(c) The head coach of the certifying institution and the student shall certify that no athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interest communicated or made contact with the student-athlete, or any individual associated with the student (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2);~~
- ~~(d) The student must provide written notification of transfer to the institution by June 15 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9.1 for an exception for midyear and non-Division II transfers); and~~
- ~~(e) A student who has one season of competition remaining in their sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining in which to complete their eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree, shall have satisfactorily completed an average of 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution for each term of full-time attendance, at any collegiate institution, with a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.000 in the transferable degree credits.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9.1 Application of Notification Dates to Midyear and Non-Division II Transfers. A midyear transfer student-athlete or student-athlete transferring from a non-Division II institution (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA) is not required to have provided notification of transfer to the institution by the notification deadline in the previous academic year.~~

~~14.5.5.3.9.2 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive academic components of the one-time transfer exception. Those components include good academic standing, progress-toward-degree requirements, and the 12-semester or 12-quarter hour~~

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requirement for a transfer student who has one season of competition remaining in their sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining to complete eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to waive all remaining components of the one-time transfer exception.

14.5.5.4~~3~~ Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who *has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.1.8.1 or 14.5.5.3)* **satisfies the undergraduate four-year transfer requirements (see Bylaw 14.5.5)**, is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from which a student-athlete transfers declares separate segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the segment that does not conclude with the NCAA championship for such an institution and during the segment that does conclude with the NCAA championship for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition.

[14.5.5.4.1 through 14.5.5.4.2 renumbered as 14.5.5.3.1 through 14.5.5.3.2, unchanged.]

[14.7 unchanged.]

14.7.4.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (i.e., has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, *fulfilling a residence requirement* **regaining eligibility** following transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

[14.7.4.3 unchanged.]

[14.7.5 through 14.7.6 unchanged.]

[14.8 unchanged.]

14.8.2 Committee for Legislative Relief Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows:

14.8.2.1 Residence Requirement. The one-year residence requirement for student-athletes may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:

- (a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for a waiver shall be initiated by any member institution and shall be supported by contemporaneous medical documentation and medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician;*
- (b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.4) or a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.5), or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The Management Council may waive these requirements only upon a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;*
- (c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2.3);*
- (d) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution lost regional*

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accreditation for no longer meets the accreditation standard for an international institution (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1) and forfeited immediately its membership in the Association per Bylaw 7.3.4.2.

[14.9 through 14.13 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 18, as follows:

18 Championships Administration

[18.01 through 18.2 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.2 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Cannabinoids and Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until they have been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may ~~fulfill a transfer residence requirement~~ **regain eligibility (see Bylaw 14.5.5.1)** and **fulfill** a drug-testing penalty concurrently if they meet all other eligibility requirements;

[18.2.1.2.2-(b) through 18.2.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.2.1 unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.3 through 18.2.1.2.5 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.5.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until they have been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may ~~fulfill a transfer residence requirement~~ **regain eligibility (see Bylaw 14.5.5.1)** and **fulfill** a drug-testing penalty concurrently if they meet all other eligibility requirements;

[18.2.1.2.5.1-(b) through 18.2.1.2.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.6 through 18.2.1.2.12 unchanged.]

[18.2.2 unchanged.]

[18.3 through 18.6 unchanged.]

D. 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

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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-(d) unchanged.]

(e) A recommendation to the Committee for Legislative Relief that it waive the one-year residence requirement and permit full athletics participation in a sport for a student-athlete who transfers to another member institution when the Committee on Infractions renders the student-athlete's previous institution or team in that sport ineligible for postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility [see Bylaw 14.8.2.1-(c)];

[19.12.4-(f) through 19.12.4-(s) relettered as 19.12.4-(e) through 19.12.4-(r), unchanged.]

[19.12.4.1 through 19.12.4.7 unchanged.]

[19.13 through 19.14 unchanged.]

Review History:

Apr 11, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 23, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Executive Board.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires undergraduate four-year college transfer student-athletes to serve a year in residence following transfer unless the student-athlete satisfies a transfer exception. After reviewing feedback from various Division II committees and affiliate groups, the Division II Academic Requirements Committee believes eliminating the year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes transferring from other four-year institutions and implementing new academic standards for immediate eligibility for competition upon transfer is in the best interest of student-athletes and places them in the best position to be academically successful without restricting transfer opportunities. In addition, the transfer student-athlete must earn nine-semester/eight-quarter hours during their last full-time term of enrollment. This recommendation would also permit a student-athlete that does not satisfy the four-year college transfer requirements to regain eligibility after they have completed their initial full-time term of enrollment at the certifying institution and satisfied all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements. Further, the committee noted that while requiring a student-athlete to provide written notification of transfer by June 15 provides stability and notice to those impacted by transfer decisions, the date requirement does not impact a student-athlete's academic progress, therefore, the committee recommended the requirement be moved to Bylaw 13 (recruiting). Finally, the immediate effective date will permit student-athletes that transferred during the 2023-24 academic year to be immediately eligible upon adoption of this proposal.



NONCONTROVERSIAL

Attached are noncontroversial proposals. NCAA Division II Proposal Nos. NC-2025-11, NC-2025-12 and NC-2025-14 through NC-2025-18 are new for you to review in legislative form. These proposals have been approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in concept but have yet to be approved in legislative form. [Note: Proposal No. NC-2025-13 was previously approved by the Division II Administrative Committee. Proposal No. NC-2025-19 is not included in this supplement since it is an attachment to the Division II Championship's Committee's June 17-18 in-person report. Further, Proposal No. NC-2025-20 is not included in this supplement since it is an attachment to the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement's May 15-16 in-person report. Finally, Proposal No. 2025-21 is not included in this supplement since it is an attachment to the Division II Legislation Committee's June 25-26 videoconference report. Therefore, the Management Council will review each proposal in legislative form during the respective committee report.]

The Management Council has determined, pursuant to NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.1.1, that the following proposals are noncontroversial and necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation.

The Management Council, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, shall have the authority to adopt noncontroversial amendments. Proposals that are ratified by the Management Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi. Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2025 NCAA Convention.

2025 Noncontroversial Proposals

Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-1

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- QUALIFIERS AND PARTIAL QUALIFIERS -- CORE-CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS AND NONTRADITIONAL COURSES -- MODERNIZATION OF CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: October 25, 2023

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: August 1, 2024, for high school account, program or course reviews that occur on or after August 1, 2024.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To modernize core-course requirements to encompass all delivery models; further, to eliminate the legislative distinction for nontraditional courses, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.3, as follows:

[Common provision, Divisions I and II only, divided vote]

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers .

[14.3.1.1 through 14.3.1.2 unchanged.]

14.3.1.3 Core-Curriculum Requirements. *For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course"* **A course** must meet all of the following criteria **to satisfy core-curriculum requirements:**

- (a) *A course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for* **The curriculum for the course meets high school graduation credit requirements in one or a combination of the following areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign world language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy (e.g., comparative religion);**
 - (b) *A course must be considered college preparatory by the high school. College preparatory is defined for these purposes as any course that prepares a student academically to enter a four-year collegiate institution on graduation from high school.* **The curriculum for the course must meet college preparatory criteria for content (e.g., standard, learning objectives, competencies) and rigor of performance tasks and assessments (e.g., application of skills and concepts, strategic or extended thinking), as established by the High School Review Committee (see Bylaw 14.1.2.3);**
 - (c) **The course must be administered by a high school that meets criteria for validity (e.g., quality control and integrity of information, school policies and operations), as established by the High School Review Committee; and**
 - (d) **The instructional model for the course must meet criteria for review (e.g., instructor interaction, pacing, instructional time, monitoring, feedback, intervention), as established by the High School Review Committee.**
- (e) *A mathematics course must be at the level of Algebra I or higher-level mathematics course;*

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- ~~(d) A course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district or state agency with authority over such matters); and~~
- ~~(e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (i.e., remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education impacting disabilities (see Bylaw 14.3.1.3.5).~~

[14.3.1.3.1 unchanged.]

~~14.3.1.3.2 Nontraditional Courses. Courses taught via the Internet, distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction, correspondence and courses taught by similar means, may be used to satisfy NCAA core course requirements, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:~~

- ~~(a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw 14.3.1.3;~~
- ~~(b) The instructor and the student have ongoing access to one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;~~
- ~~(c) The instructor and the student have regular interaction with one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the duration of the course;~~
- ~~(d) The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) is available for evaluation and validation;~~
- ~~(e) Evaluation of the student's work is conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;~~
- ~~(f) The course includes a defined time period for completion; and~~
- ~~(g) The course is acceptable for any student and is placed on the high school transcript.~~

[14.3.1.3.3 through 14.3.1.3.9 renumbered as 14.3.1.3.2 through 14.3.1.3.8, unchanged.]

[14.3.1.4 unchanged.]

[14.3.2 through 14.3.4 unchanged.]

Review History:

Sep 19, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Oct 17, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Current legislation prescribes separate and distinct definitions for core-curriculum requirements and nontraditional courses. In recent years, there have been an increasing number of delivery methods that are utilized in offering core-curriculum courses. Accordingly, modernized core-course requirements creates a streamlined set of rules that are more broadly applicable to any delivery method but still provide guardrails for learning environments that are more conducive to fraud or abuse. The intent to ensure initial-eligibility certifications include only courses that academically prepare prospective student-athletes for four-year college academic work would remain paramount and is not impacted by the definition change. Rather, the change prevents the definitions from becoming quickly outdated due to ever-evolving delivery methods.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-2

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE AND ATHLETICS AID -- GRADUATION FROM TWO-YEAR COLLEGE -- APPLICATION -- USE OF FULL-TIME SEMESTERS/QUARTERS AND ACADEMIC DEGREE REQUIREMENT

Convention Year: 2025

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Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: August 1, 2024, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2024.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete that previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student prior to attendance at a two-year college, shall utilize any full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.1.1, as follows:

~~14.5.4.1.1 Application.~~

~~(a) Transfer Never Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student. If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year institution as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered.~~

~~(b) Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student. If a two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during their academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college (e.g., '2-4-2-4 transfer') shall be considered for purposes of meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.4.1.~~

Review History:

Sep 19, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Oct 17, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Currently, if a two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) after the last full-time term of enrollment at a four-year institution shall be considered for purposes of meeting Bylaw 14.5.4.1 (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- graduation from two-year college) (e.g., 2-4-2-4). Being that the primary purpose of two-year college transfer requirements is to assess the academic readiness of a student-athlete for education at a four-year institution, student-athletes that have graduated from a two-year college have already displayed such academic preparation. Further, based on membership feedback, 82% of respondents supported this change, stating that the current rule is restricting access for student-athletes that have demonstrated their academic readiness. The committee also noted that a two-

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year college transfer may utilize full-time semesters or quarters from any two-year college, regardless of four-year college attendance, to satisfy NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.4.1 (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- graduation from two-year college). Finally, this proposal would also require that a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of degree credit during their last full-time term of enrollment.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-3

Title: COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II GENERAL COMMITTEES -- CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE -- DUTIES -- REPLACEMENT OF SPORT AND RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: October 25, 2023

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Intent: To permit the Division II Championships Committee to replace a member of a Division II sport committee or a Division II representative on an Association-wide playing rules committee when such a member is not performing their duties properly.

Bylaws: Amend 21.8.5.2.2, as follows:

21.8.5.2.2 Duties. The committee shall:

[21.8.5.2.2-(a) through 21.8.5.2.2-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Replace sport and rules committee representatives that are not performing their duties properly:

[21.8.5.2.2-(g) through 21.8.5.2.2-(h) relettered as 21.8.5.2.2-(h) through 21.8.5.2.2-(i), unchanged.]

[21.8.5.2.2.1 unchanged.]

Review History:

Sep 15, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Championships Committee.

Oct 17, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

The authority to replace a Division II sport/rules committee member had traditionally rested with the Division II Management Council, as the council had the final approval authority for all such Division II committee appointments. However, under current legislation the Division II Championships Committee has the final authority over these appointments. Therefore, the Championships Committee believes it should accordingly be granted the authority to replace members in cases where they are not performing their duties properly. The Championships Committee regards this recommendation more as policy housekeeping rather than infringing upon the Management Council's oversight and as such believes the noncontroversial legislation path is appropriate.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-4

Title: VARIOUS BYLAWS -- INCORPORATING NCAA DIVISION II BYLAW 12 INTO DIVISION II BYLAWS 7 AND 14

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: October 25, 2023

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Various Bylaws

Intent: To incorporate NCAA Division II Bylaw 12 into Division II Bylaws 7 and 14, as specified; further to rename Bylaw 14.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7, as follows:

7 NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control

[7.01 through 7.2 unchanged.]

7.3 Active Membership.

7.3.1 Institutions.

[7.3.1.1 through 7.3.1.3 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5 Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership.

[7.3.1.5.1 through 7.3.1.5.7 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.8 Student-Athlete Statement. An active member institution shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, or a designated committee, a signed statement for each student-athlete that provides information *set forth in Bylaws 14.1.3 and 14.1.3.2* **related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status, previous positive drug tests administered by any other athletics organization and involvement in organized gambling activities related to intercollegiate or professional athletics competition under the Association's governing legislation. Details about the content, administration and disposition of the statement are set forth below.**

[7.3.1.5.8.1 through 7.3.1.5.8.3 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.8.4 Institutional Responsibility -- Notification of Positive Test. The director of athletics shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA director of sports sciences and the NCAA chief medical officer regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization.

7.3.1.5.9 Drug-Testing Program and Consent Form. An active member institution and an institution in the provisional period of the membership process shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, a signed drug-testing consent form for each student-athlete (per Bylaw *12.02.9* **14.02.23**) *in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.4* **in which the student-athlete consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation** and shall ensure compliance with the following elements of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program: [D]

[7.3.1.5.9-(a) through 7.3.1.5.9-(e) unchanged.]

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7.3.1.5.9.1 Administrative Requirement -- Year-Round Drug Testing. In sports in which the Association conducts year-round drug testing, ~~the consent form shall be administered individually to student-athletes each academic year at the time the intercollegiate squad first reports for practice or before the Monday of the institution's fourth week of classes, whichever date occurs first.~~ **the following procedures shall be used in administering the drug-testing consent form required:**

- (a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee each academic year at the time the intercollegiate squad first reports for practice or before the Monday of the institution's fourth week of classes, whichever date occurs first;**
- (b) The director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year and that updates may be found on the NCAA website (i.e., www.ncaa.org) and are to be informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and**
- (c) The consent forms shall be kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.**

[7.3.1.5.9.2 unchanged.]

~~7.3.1.5.9.3 Retention Requirements. The consent form shall be kept on file and such file shall be made available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA (see Bylaw 14.1.4.2 (c)).~~

7.3.1.5.9.3 Exception -- 14-Consecutive Calendar Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is trying out for a team is not required to complete the NCAA Drug-Testing Consent Form for 14-consecutive calendar days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in competition, whichever occurs first.

7.3.1.5.10 Student-Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information. An active member institution shall administer annually, on a form prescribed by the Management Council, a statement for each student-athlete to voluntarily sign ~~that provides information prescribed in Bylaws 14.1.5 and 14.1.5.2~~ **in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletic trainers and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.**

7.3.1.5.10.1 Administrative Requirement. The ~~statement~~ **authorization/consent form** shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the athletics director or the athletics director's designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year.

7.3.1.5.10.2 Failure to Provide Consent. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required **by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required** for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.

7.3.1.5.10.3 Retention Requirement. Any signed ~~statement(s)~~ **authorization/consent forms** shall be kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA. ~~(See Bylaw 14.1.5.2 (c)).~~

[7.3.1.5.11 through 7.3.1.5.22 unchanged.]

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[7.3.1.6 through 7.3.1.7 unchanged.]

[7.3.2 through 7.3.5 unchanged.]

7.4 Financial Donations From Outside Organizations.

[7.4 through 7.8 renumbered as 7.5 through 7.9, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12, as follows:

~~127.54~~.1 Professional Sports Organizations.

~~127.54~~.1.1 To Noncollegiate Amateur Team. A noncollegiate amateur team or playing league shall not be considered a professional team or league, even if it receives financial support from a national amateur sports administrative organization or its equivalent that in turn receives developmental funds from a professional team or professional sports organization.

~~127.54~~.1.2 To Intercollegiate Event. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an intercollegiate competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. [D]

~~127.54~~.1.3 Developmental Funds to NCAA. A professional sports organization may provide funds for intercollegiate athletics developmental purposes in a particular sport (e.g., officiating expenses, research and educational projects, the conduct of summer leagues, purchase of equipment). However, such funds shall be provided in an unrestricted manner and administered through the Association's national office.

~~127.54~~.1.4 To Institution. A member institution may receive contributions (e.g., tickets, funds, memorabilia) from a professional sports organization, including financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event conducted by the institution, including ancillary activities and promotions.

~~127.54~~.1.5 To Conference. A member conference may receive contributions (e.g., tickets, funds, memorabilia) from a professional sports organization, including financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a specific intercollegiate competition event conducted by the conference, including ancillary activities and promotions.

~~127.54~~.1.6 Revenues Derived From Pro-Am Events. The distribution of revenues from an event involving an intercollegiate athletics team and a professional sports team (e.g., a baseball game in which a member institution's team plays against a professional baseball team) or pro-am event (e.g., golf, tennis) that results in a member institution receiving a share of receipts from such a contest is permitted, provided the institution has a formal agreement with the professional sports team regarding the institution's guarantee or share of receipts and the contractual terms are consistent with agreements made by the professional team or individuals for similar intercollegiate or nonprofessional competition.

~~127.54~~.1.7 Promotion of Professional Athletics Contests. A member institution may host and promote an athletics contest between two professional teams from recognized professional sports leagues as a fundraising activity for the institution.

~~127.54~~.2 Nonprofessional Sports Organizations.

~~127.54~~.2.1 Individual Athletics Performance. A member institution shall not accept funds donated from a nonprofessional sports organization based on the place finish of a student-athlete or the number of student-athletes representing the institution in an event. However, the organization may donate an equal amount of funds to every institution with an athlete or team participating in a particular event.

~~127.54~~.2.2 Individual and Team Rankings. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's national or regional ranking.

~~127.54~~.2.3 Academic Performance. A member institution may accept funds donated to its athletics program from a nonprofessional sports organization based on an individual's or a team's academic performance (e.g., the number of academic All-American award recipients).

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~~12~~ Amateurism

~~12.01~~ General Principles:

~~12.01.3~~ "Individual" Versus "Student-Athlete." NCAA eligibility status may be lost as a result of activities before enrollment in college. If NCAA rules specify that an "individual" may or may not participate in certain activities, this term refers to a person before and after enrollment in a member institution. If NCAA rules specify a "student-athlete," the legislation applies only to that person's activities after enrollment.

~~12.01.4~~ Permissible Grant-in-Aid. A grant-in-aid administered by an educational institution is not considered to be pay or the promise of pay for athletics skill, provided it does not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association's membership.

~~12.02~~ Definitions and Applications:

~~12.02.6~~ Payment for Participation in Road Racing. Road racing is essentially the same as cross-country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of Bylaw 12. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, any payment for participation in a road race will result in an individual's ineligibility for intercollegiate cross-country or track and field competition. (See Bylaw ~~12.1.3~~ (d) for an exception related to payment based on performance).

~~12.1~~ General Regulations. An individual's (prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete) eligibility for participation in athletics shall be determined using the following provisions. (See Bylaw ~~14.2.4.2~~ regarding participation in organized competition prior to initial collegiate enrollment and Bylaw ~~14.13~~ regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

~~12.1.1.1~~ Amateurism Certification Process. An institution shall use an eligibility center approved by the NCAA Board of Governors to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility status of a student-athlete is based.

~~12.1.1.1.2~~ Institutional Responsibilities:

~~12.4~~ Employment:

~~12.5~~ Financial Donations From Outside Organizations:

~~12.14.01.21~~ Clear Line of Demarcation. Member institutions' athletics programs are designed to be an integral part of the educational program. The student-athlete is considered an integral part of the student body, thus maintaining a clear line of demarcation between college athletics and professional sports.

~~12.14.01.13~~ Eligibility for Intercollegiate Athletics. Only a student-athlete who satisfies all eligibility requirements may participate in intercollegiate athletics in a particular sport.

~~12.14.02.12~~ Agent. An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly, recruits or solicits a student-athlete to enter into an agency contract for current or future representation where a student-athlete authorizes the individual to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract.

~~12.14.02.23~~ Agency Contract. An agency contract is an agreement in which a student-athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract.

~~12.14.02.16~~ Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. All compensation received by a student-athlete must be consistent with the limitations on financial aid set forth in Bylaw 15. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: [R]

[14.02.6-(a) through 14.02.6-(c) unchanged.]

~~12.14.02.515~~ Pay. Pay is the receipt of funds, awards or benefits not permitted by the governing legislation of the Association for participation in athletics.

~~12.14.02.716~~ Professional Athlete. A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletics participation except as permitted by the governing legislation of the Association.

~~12.14.02.817~~ Professional Athletics Team. A professional team is any organized team that:

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[14.02.17-(a) through 14.02.17-(b) unchanged.]

~~1214.02.418~~ **Professional Service Provider.** A professional service provider is an individual who provides third party services to an individual regarding their name, image and likeness. A professional service provider includes, but shall not be limited to, an agent, tax advisor, marketing consultant, attorney or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons.

~~1214.402.222~~ **Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.**

~~1214.402.222.1~~ **National Team Practice and Competition.** A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments). [R]

~~1214.402.222.2~~ **Fee-for-Lesson Instruction.** A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in their sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided all compensation received by the student-athlete is consistent with the criteria governing compensation to student-athletes (see Bylaw ~~12.4.114.02.6~~). [R]

~~1214.02.923~~ **Student-Athlete.** A student-athlete is a student whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other representative of athletics interests with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department, as specified in Bylaw 7.3.1.5.4. A student is not deemed a student-athlete solely on the basis of prior high school athletics participation.

~~1214.02.1025~~ **Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming.** Triathlon includes elements of competition similar to cross country, track and field and swimming competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of Bylaw 124. Therefore, triathlon and cross country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 124. **(see Bylaw 14.4.7.1.3 for an exception to the outside competition legislation).**

~~1214.1.1.21~~ **Validity of Amateur Eligibility Status.** As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of an institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility status of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., including a two-year and four-year college transfer initially enrolling at an NCAA Division II institution) and student-athlete is based. (See Bylaw 14.01.32.)

~~1214.1.1.12.12~~ **Scope.** The certification of eligibility status issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center is limited to activities that occur prior to a prospective student-athlete requesting a final eligibility certification or their initial full-time collegiate enrollment at an NCAA Division II institution, whichever occurs earlier.

~~1214.1.1.14.21~~ **Eligibility Status After Certification.** An institution is responsible for certifying the eligibility status of a prospective student-athlete from the time they request a final certification be issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center or they initially enroll as a full-time student at an NCAA Division I, II or III institution (whichever occurs earlier).

~~1214.1.1.14.23.2~~ **Sharing Information and Reporting Discrepancies.** An institution is responsible for notifying the NCAA Eligibility Center when it receives additional information, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a previously certified prospective student-athlete's eligibility status has been jeopardized. Further, an institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information related to a student-athlete's certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

~~1214.1.1.15.3~~ **Eligibility for Practice and Competition.** Prior to engaging in practice or competition, a student-athlete shall receive a certification of eligibility status for activities that occur prior to the certification or initial full-time enrollment at an NCAA Division II institution (whichever occurs earlier).

~~1214.1.1.15.31.1~~ **Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete.** If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's eligibility status has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall

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have established minimum requirements as eligible for participation in athletics (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete.

~~14.1.1.5.3.1.1~~ Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw ~~14.1.1.5.1~~ in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified without conditions shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution Article 1-E but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

~~14.1.25~~ Name, Image and Likeness.

~~14.1.25.1~~ Application. NCAA Bylaws, including prohibitions on pay-for-play and improper recruiting inducements, remain in effect, subject to the following:

(a) For institutions in states without name, image and likeness laws or executive actions or with name, image and likeness laws or executive actions that have not yet taken effect, if an individual elects to engage in a name, image and likeness activity, the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics will not be impacted by the application of Bylaw ~~14~~.

[14.1.5.1-(b) through 14.1.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.1.25.2~~ Name, Image and Likeness Activities Related to Enrollment Decisions. A name, image and likeness agreement or the payments associated with such an agreement may not be guaranteed or promised contingent on initial or continuing enrollment at a particular institution (e.g., recruiting inducement).

~~14.1.25.3~~ Monitoring for Compliance. The NCAA will continue its normal regulatory operations but will not monitor name, image and likeness activities for compliance with state law.

~~14.1.25.4~~ Reporting Requirements. Individuals should report name, image and likeness activities consistent with state law and/or institutional requirements.

~~14.022.31~~ Individual. An individual, for purposes of ~~this bylaw~~ **Bylaw 14.2**, is any person of any age without reference to enrollment in an educational institution or status as a student-athlete.

~~14.024.111~~ Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of ~~Bylaw 12~~ **Bylaws 14.4.3.4.2, 14.4.4, 14.4.5, 14.4.6, 14.4.7, and 14.4.8**.

~~14.14.35~~ Permissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the athletics eligibility status of an individual:

[14.4.5-(a) through 14.4.5-(f) unchanged.]

~~14.14.46~~ 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 athletics eligibility **and eligibility** for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport:

(a) Use of Athletics Skill for Pay. Use of athletics skills for pay in any form in that sport from any source (e.g., a professional team), including a promise of pay, receipt of direct or indirect salary, gratuity or comparable compensation or preferential treatment, benefits or services. **Road racing is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of this bylaw. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, any payment for participation in a road race will result in an individual's ineligibility for intercollegiate cross country or track and field competition (see Bylaw 14.4.5-(d) for an exception related to payment based on performance).**

[14.4.6-(b) through 14.4.6-(g) unchanged.]

~~14.24.8~~ Involvement With Professional Teams.

~~14.24.18.1~~ Tryouts.

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~~1214.24.48.1.1~~ **1214.24.48.1.1** Tryout After Enrollment. A student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, provided the individual does not miss class. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout from a professional sports organization, provided the tryout does not exceed 48 hours. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation.

~~1214.24.48.2.1.2~~ **1214.24.48.2.1.2** Outside Competition Prohibited. During a tryout, an individual may not take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

~~1214.24.48.2.2~~ **1214.24.48.2.2** Practice Without Competition. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate in practice sessions conducted by a professional team, provided such participation meets the requirements of NCAA legislation governing tryouts with professional athletics teams (see Bylaw ~~12.2.14.4.8.1.1~~ **12.2.14.4.8.1.1**) and the individual does not receive any compensation or enter into a contract or agreement to practice or participate as a member of the professional athletics team. Such contracts or agreements would be separate from those that the individual may enter into with the professional team for name, image and likeness activities, as set forth in Bylaw ~~12.1.214.1.5.~~ **12.1.214.1.5.**

~~1214.24.38.3~~ **1214.24.38.3** Competition.

~~1214.24.38.3.1~~ **1214.24.38.3.1** Competition Against Professionals. An individual may participate singly or as a member of an amateur team against professional athletes or professional teams.

~~1214.24.38.3.2~~ **1214.24.38.3.2** Competition With Professionals. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport, if the individual competed on a professional athletics team (per Bylaw ~~124.02.817~~ **124.02.817**) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team(s) with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment of any kind for such participation.

~~1214.24.38.3.2.1~~ **1214.24.38.3.2.1** Professional Player as Team Member. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may participate with a professional on a team, provided the professional is not being paid by a professional team or league to play as a member of that team (e.g., summer basketball leagues with teams composed of both professional and amateur athletes).

~~1214.24.38.3.2.2~~ **1214.24.38.3.2.2** Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic or National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the individual does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual or necessary expenses).

~~1214.24.38.3.2.3~~ **1214.24.38.3.2.3** Major Junior Ice Hockey -- Men's Ice Hockey. An individual who competes on a Major Junior ice hockey team shall be subject to the seasons of competition regulations set forth in Bylaw ~~14.2.4.24.3.4.2.~~ **14.2.4.24.3.4.2.** regardless of when such competition occurs.

~~1214.24.38.3.2.4~~ **1214.24.38.3.2.4** Professional Coach or Referee. Participation on a team that includes a professional coach or referee does not cause the team to be classified as a professional team.

~~1214.24.38.3.3~~ **1214.24.38.3.3** Competition in Professional All-Star Contest. A student-athlete who agrees to participate in a professional (players to be paid) all-star game becomes ineligible to compete in any intercollegiate contest that occurs after that agreement. Thus, a senior entering into such an agreement immediately after the last regular-season intercollegiate contest would not be eligible to compete in a bowl game or an NCAA championship.

~~1214.14.58.4~~ **1214.14.58.4** Athletics Eligibility Status if Professional in Another Sport. A professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport. The institution may award institutional financial aid to a student-athlete, provided the student-athlete is not professional in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate at the certifying institution. However, a student-athlete who currently is receiving institutional financial aid and signs a contract in the same sport or receives compensation from an agent or a

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professional-sport organization may continue to receive such aid for the remainder of the term of the award, provided the student-athlete has completed their four seasons of competition. (See Bylaw 15.1.1.4.)

~~1214.14.58.14.1~~ Professional at Later Date. If the individual later becomes involved in professional athletics while still a student-athlete with remaining eligibility, the individual would be considered to have violated the principles of ethical conduct per Bylaw 10, thus rendering the individual ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

~~1214.24.48.5~~ Draft and Inquiry.

~~1214.24.48.15.1~~ Inquiry. An individual may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about the individual's market value without affecting their eligibility status.

~~1214.24.48.25.2~~ Draft List. An enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft an unlimited number of times during their collegiate career and be drafted by any team in the league without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete (or their relatives or friends) do not accept transportation or other material benefits from an agent or any person who represents any individual in marketing their athletics ability or reputation in that sport, sign a professional sport contract or otherwise jeopardize their eligibility status.

~~1214.24.48.35.3~~ Negotiations. An individual may request information about professional market value without affecting their eligibility status. Further, the individual, their relatives or legal guardians, the institution's professional sports counseling panel or head coach may enter into negotiations with a professional sports organization without the loss of the individual's eligibility status.

~~1214.24.58.6~~ Contracts and Compensation.

~~1214.24.58.16.1~~ General Rule. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if they have entered into any kind of agreement to compete in professional athletics, either orally or in writing, regardless of the legal enforceability of that agreement.

~~1214.24.58.16.1.1~~ Nonbinding Agreements. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who signs a contract or commitment that does not become binding until the professional organization's representative or agent also signs the document is ineligible, even if the contract remains unsigned by the other parties until after the student-athlete's eligibility is exhausted.

~~1214.34.9~~ Use of Agents.

~~1214.34.19.1~~ General Rule. An individual shall be ineligible if they (or their relatives or friends) accept transportation or other material benefits from an agent or any person who represents any individual in the marketing of their athletics ability.

~~1214.34.19.1.1~~ Representation for Future Negotiations. An individual may enter into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations.

~~1214.34.29.2~~ Professional Service Provider. An individual may utilize a professional service provider for advice and activities related to an individual's name, image and likeness.

~~1214.34.39.3~~ Agent to Secure Athletics Scholarship. An individual shall be ineligible if they enter into an agreement (orally or in writing) with an agent for securing initial or continuing enrollment at a particular institution.

~~1214.34.49.4~~ Professional Sports Counseling Panel. It is permissible for an institution to have an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel appointed and overseen by the institution's president or chancellor (or their designated representative from outside the athletics department).

C. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and ~~General~~**Athletics** Requirements

14.01 General Principles.

[14.01.1 unchanged.]

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~~14.01.2 Academic Status. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.~~

[14.01.2 renumbered as 14.01.1, unchanged.]

~~14.01.2.1 Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students of the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. The definition of good academic standing applied to student-athletes shall be a standard at least as demanding as the minimum standard applied to all students in order to participate in extracurricular activities at the institution.~~

14.01.32 Compliance With Other NCAA and Conference Legislation. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Association and all rules and regulations of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 7.01.10 however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. Specific attention is called to legislation affecting eligibility in the following areas.

~~14.01.32.21 Awards, Benefits and Expenses~~**Impermissible Benefits.** ~~Receipt by a student-athlete of nonpermissible awards, extra benefits, or excessive or improper expenses not authorized by NCAA legislation violates the Association's amateurism principle and renders the student-athlete ineligible for athletics participation in the sport for which the improper award, benefit or expense was received(see Bylaw 16).~~**A student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if they receive impermissible awards, extra benefits, excessive or improper expenses not authorized by NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 16), takes or has taken pay, or accepts the promise of pay in any form for participation in that sport.** A student-athlete who receives an institutional postgraduate scholarship as part of a senior scholar-athlete award as set forth in Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1 shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics participation in all sports, except that a student may complete the remainder of any season currently in progress at the time of the award (e.g., postseason competition in a spring sport which occurs after graduation).

14.01.32.32 Unethical Conduct. A prospective or enrolled student-athlete who is found to have engaged in unethical conduct (see Bylaw 10.1) shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition in all sports.

14.01.32.43 Financial Aid. A student-athlete who receives financial assistance other than that authorized by the Association shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics competition (see Bylaw 15). **A grant-in-aid administered by an educational institution is not considered to be pay or the promise of pay for athletics skill, provided it does not exceed the financial aid limitations set by the Association's membership.**

14.01.32.54 Recruitment. Solicitation of a student-athlete's enrollment by the certifying institution or any representative of its athletics interests in violation of the Association's legislation shall render the student-athlete ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics. A student-athlete is responsible during their recruitment for involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations, and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons (see Bylaw 13).

[14.01.3 unchanged.]

~~14.01.3.1 Amateurism. A student-athlete shall not be eligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if following initial full-time collegiate enrollment the individual takes or has taken pay, or has accepted the promise of pay in any form, for participation in that sport, or if the individual has violated any of the other regulations related to amateurism set forth in Bylaw 12. (See Bylaw 12.1)~~

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~~14.01.14~~ Institutional Responsibility. An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless the student-athlete meets all applicable eligibility requirements and the institution has certified the student-athlete's eligibility. A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify the student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing them to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 7.01.10; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition.

[14.01.4 renumbered as 14.01.5, unchanged.]

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

[14.02.1 through 14.02.3 unchanged.]

~~14.02.24~~ Branch School. A branch school is an educational institution that usually offers two years of college work, does not award degrees independently, and is wholly controlled and operated by a four-year, degree-granting parent institution.

~~14.02.45~~ Collegiate Institution. A collegiate institution (for purposes of NCAA legislation) is an institution of higher education that:

[14.02.5-(a) through 14.02.5-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.02.57~~ Education-Impacting Disability. An education-impacting disability is a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation.

~~14.02.68~~ Exception. An exception is the granting of relief from the application of a specific regulation (e.g., the residence requirement for a transfer student to become eligible for competition). Formal approval by the Management Council or an NCAA committee is not required. The action granting the exception may be taken solely by the certifying institution, based on evidence that the conditions on which the exception is authorized have been met (see Bylaw ~~14.02.1726~~).

~~14.02.79~~ Good Academic Standing and Progress Toward Degree. The phrases "good academic standing" and "progress toward degree" are to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic officials who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students, subject to the controlling regulations of the institution; the conference(s) (or similar associations), if any, of which the institution is a member; and applicable NCAA legislation (see Bylaw ~~14.42.9~~). The definition of good academic standing applied to student-athletes shall be a standard at least as demanding as the minimum standard applied to all students in order to participate in extracurricular activities at the institution. **To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, be in good academic standing and maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.**

~~14.02.1510~~ Grade-Point Average. For purposes of calculating a grade-point average for NCAA eligibility (e.g., progress toward degree), a student must achieve a minimum grade-point average based on a maximum of 4.000 grading scale, unless otherwise specified in the legislation.

~~14.02.811~~ Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. Impermissible academic assistance by a current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests includes, but is not limited to, the provision of or arrangement of:

[14.02.11-(a) through 14.02.11-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.02.1012~~ Intercollegiate Competition. Intercollegiate competition occurs when a student-athlete in either a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution:

[14.02.12-(a) through 14.02.12-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Competes and receives expenses (e.g., transportation, meals, housing or entry fees) from the institution for the competition (See Bylaw ~~14.4.7.3.4~~(c)-(1) for an exception for medical services for a student-athlete competing unattached); or

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[14.02.12-(d) unchanged.]

14.02.~~10~~**12.1** Exempted Events. Participation in events listed in Bylaws 16.8.1.2-(a), -(b) and -(c) is exempted from the application of this legislation.

14.02.~~10~~**12.2** Exemption -- Tryouts. The participation of student-athletes in contests against prospective student-athletes trying out at member institutions (in accordance with Bylaw 13.11.2.1) shall be exempted from the application of this legislation.

14.02.~~11~~**13** National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

14.02.~~12~~**14** Participation in Intercollegiate Athletics. Participation in intercollegiate athletics occurs when a student-athlete either practices in a sport (see Bylaw 17.02.1) or competes in a sport, as defined in Bylaw 14.02.10**2**. Eligibility rules for competition may differ from those for practice.

[14.02.6 renumbered as 14.02.16, unchanged.]

14.02.~~13~~**19** Qualification Status.

14.02.~~13~~**19.1** Qualifier. A qualifier is a student who, for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition, has met all of the following requirements (see Bylaw ~~14.3.1~~**14.2.8.2.1**):

[14.02.19.1-(a) through 14.02.19.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum (**see Bylaw 14.2.8.2.1**) *and specified minimum SAT or ACT score based on the initial eligibility index for qualifiers.*

14.02.~~13~~**19.2** Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier.

14.02.~~3~~**20** Religious Mission, Official. An official religious mission is one that is required by the religious organization of which the individual is a member and that results in the individual being unable to attend a collegiate institution during the period of the mission.

14.02.~~14~~**21** Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term or year of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, partial qualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence.

14.02.~~14~~**21.1** Academic Year of Residence. To satisfy an academic year of residence, a student shall:

[14.02.21.1-(a) through 14.02.21.1-(b) unchanged.]

14.02.~~16~~**24** Transfer Student. A transfer student, in the application of NCAA eligibility requirements, is a student who transfers from any collegiate institution after having met any one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5**3.2**.

14.02.~~17~~**26** Waiver. A waiver is an action exempting an individual or institution from the application of a specific regulation. A waiver requires formal approval (e.g., by the Management Council, an NCAA committee or a conference, as specified in the legislation) based on evidence of compliance with the specified conditions or criteria under which the waiver is authorized (see Bylaw 14.02.~~6~~**8**).

[14.02.15 through 14.02.25 renumbered as 14.02.30 through 14.02.40, unchanged.]

14.1 General Eligibility Requirements. **An individual's (prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete) eligibility for participation in athletics shall be determined using the following provisions. (See**

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Bylaw 14.4.3.4.2 regarding participation in organized competition prior to initial collegiate enrollment and Bylaw 14.1.4 regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

14.1.1 Credentials and Eligibility Status.

14.1.1.1 Academic Credentials.

~~14.1.21.21.1~~ **14.1.1.1.1** Invalidation of Academic Credentials After Initial-Eligibility Certification. If a student-athlete's academic credentials (e.g., transcript, test scores) are invalidated after their initial eligibility has been certified, the institution must report any violation that may have occurred as a result of the student-athlete's receipt of financial aid or participation in practice or competition and declare the student-athlete ineligible for competition. If such a violation occurred, the student-athlete remains ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement regardless of whether an initial-eligibility waiver is granted after the invalidation of the academic credentials.

~~14.1.21.1.2~~ **14.1.1.1.2** Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record.

14.1.1.2 Eligibility Status.

~~14.1.21.43~~ **14.1.1.1.3** NCAA Eligibility Center. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center, approved by the Board of Governors, to determine the validity of the information on which the initial eligibility of a student-athlete is based.

14.1.1.4 Institutional Responsibilities.

~~14.1.21.4.1~~ ~~*Institutional Responsibility*~~ **14.1.1.1.4.1** **Validity of Initial-Eligibility Information.** An institution is responsible for promptly reporting all discrepancies in information used in a student-athlete's initial-eligibility certification to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Discrepancies in information include, but are not limited to, corrections, additions, potential academic misconduct with regard to high schools attended, grades, completion of coursework or test scores.

~~14.1.1.2~~ **14.1.1.2** Certification of Eligibility.

~~14.1.1.2.1~~ **14.1.1.2.1** Institutional Responsibility for Eligibility Certification. The president or chancellor is responsible for approving the procedures for certifying the eligibility of an institution's student-athletes under NCAA legislation. The president or chancellor may designate an individual on the institution's staff to administer proper certification of eligibility. Certification of eligibility must occur prior to allowing a student-athlete to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaw 14.01.14). A violation of this bylaw in which the institution fails to certify a student-athlete's eligibility prior to allowing them to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 7.01.10; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility, provided all the necessary information to certify the student-athlete's eligibility was available to the institution and the student-athlete otherwise would have been eligible for competition.

~~14.1.1.2.2~~ **14.1.1.2.2** Eligibility List Form. The institution's athletics director shall compile on a form approved by the Management Council a list of the squad members in each sport on the first day of competition and shall indicate thereon the status of each member in the designated categories. A student-athlete's name must be on the official institutional form in order for the student to be eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. Violations of this bylaw do not affect a student-athlete's eligibility, if the violation occurred due to an institutional administrative error or oversight, and the student-athlete is added to the form once the omission is realized; however, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation per Bylaw 7.01.10.

~~14.1.1.2.2.1~~ **14.1.1.2.2.1** Eligibility List. The following procedures shall be used for the eligibility list:

[14.1.2.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form per Bylaw ~~14.1.4~~**7.3.1.5.9**;

[14.1.2.2.1-(c) through 14.1.2.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

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~~14.121.3~~ Ineligibility.

~~14.121.3.1~~ **Obligation of Member Institution to Withhold Student-Athlete From Competition.** If a student-athlete is ineligible under the provisions of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the institution shall be obligated to apply immediately the applicable rule and to withhold the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility as provided in Bylaw ~~14.131.4~~, if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration.

~~14.121.3.1.1~~ **Application of Ineligibility Ruling Pending Appeal.** Once an interpretation (per Bylaw 9.4.1.2) applicable to a member institution has been issued and results in the ineligibility of a student-athlete, it is necessary for the institution to apply the rule to the eligibility of the student-athlete, even if review of the interpretation (per Bylaw 9.4.1.2.1.1 or Bylaw 9.4.1.2.1.2) at the request of the institution is pending. Failure to withhold such a student-athlete from competition is a violation of the conditions and obligations of membership.

~~14.121.3.2.1.2~~ **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) 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).

~~14.121.23.2~~ Ineligible Participation.

~~14.121.23.2.1~~ **Loss of Eligibility.** A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate competition in a sport, if they participate in intercollegiate competition in that sport while ineligible under this bylaw or other applicable NCAA legislation. The certifying institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility, if it concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration (see Bylaw ~~14.131.4~~).

~~14.121.23.2.2~~ **Restitution.** If a student-athlete who is ineligible under the terms of the bylaws or other legislation of the Association is permitted to participate in intercollegiate competition contrary to such NCAA legislation but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction operative against the institution attended by such student-athlete or against the Association, or both, and said injunction is voluntarily vacated, stayed or reversed or it is finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, the Management Council may take any one or more of the following actions against such institution in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing institutions:

[14.1.3.2.2-(a) through 14.1.3.2.2-(h) unchanged.]

~~14.131.4~~ Restoration of Eligibility.

~~14.131.4.1~~ **Basis for Appeal.** When a student-athlete is determined to be ineligible under any applicable provision of the constitution, bylaws or other regulations of the Association, the member institution, having applied the applicable rule and having withheld the student-athlete from all intercollegiate competition, may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student's eligibility, provided the institution concludes that the circumstances warrant restoration of eligibility.

~~14.131.4.2~~ **Participation in Appeal Hearing.** Any appeal to restore a student-athlete's eligibility shall be submitted in the name of the institution by the president or chancellor (or an individual designated by the president or chancellor), faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator or athletics director (for the men's or women's program). At least one of those individuals must participate in any hearing of the appeal that involves direct participation by the student-athlete or other individuals representing the institution or the student.

~~14.131.4.3~~ **Student Responsibility, Relationship to Restoration of Eligibility.** A student-athlete is responsible for their involvement in a secondary or major violation of NCAA regulations (as defined in Bylaws 19.1.1 and 19.1.2), and the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved

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in any violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. The eligibility of a student-athlete involved in a major violation shall not be restored other than through an exception authorized by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement in a unique case on the basis of specifically stated reasons.

~~14.1.4.4~~ **14.1.4** **Protest of Eligibility Status.** If a student-athlete has been certified by the institution as eligible to compete in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete's eligibility is protested or a protest is filed, the student-athlete shall not be withheld nor shall the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement rule on such a protest received during the period beginning 24 hours before the event and ending with the conclusion of the event. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, the student may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided the protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.

~~14.1.1.2~~ *General Institutional Requirements.* ~~The institution shall refrain from entering a student-athlete as an individual or as a member of a team in an NCAA championship, if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's enforcement procedures that the institution or representative(s) of its athletics interests violated NCAA regulations in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 14.13).~~

[14.1.1.2.1 through 14.1.1.4.3 renumbered as 14.1.5.1.1 through 14.1.5.3.3, unchanged.]

[14.1.1.5 renumbered as 14.1.5.4, unchanged.]

~~14.1.3~~ **Student-Athlete Statement.**

~~14.1.3.1~~ *Content and Purpose.* ~~Before participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete submits information related to eligibility, recruitment, financial aid, amateur status, previous positive drug tests administered by any other athletics organization and involvement in organized gambling activities related to intercollegiate or professional athletics competition under the Association's governing legislation. Details about the content, administration and disposition of the statement are set forth in Bylaw 14.1.3. [D]~~

~~14.1.3.2~~ *Administration.* ~~The following procedures shall be used in administering the student-athlete statement:~~

- ~~(a) The statement shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee before the student's participation in intercollegiate competition each academic year;~~
- ~~(b) The director of athletics and head coach in the sport in which the student-athlete participates shall sign the eligibility list form;~~
- ~~(c) The statement shall be kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA; and~~
- ~~(d) The director of athletics shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA director of sports sciences regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive drug test administered by any other athletics organization.~~

~~14.1.3.3~~ *Institutional Responsibility — Notification of Positive Test.* ~~The institution shall promptly notify in writing the NCAA chief medical officer regarding a student-athlete's disclosure of a previous positive test for banned substances administered by any other athletics organization.~~

~~14.1.4~~ **Drug-Testing Consent Form.**

~~14.1.4.1~~ *Content and Purpose.* ~~Each academic year, a student-athlete shall sign a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete consents to be tested for the use of drugs prohibited by NCAA legislation. A student-athlete shall complete and sign the consent form before practice or competition, or before the Monday of the fourth week of classes, whichever is earlier. [D]~~

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~~14.1.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the drug-testing consent form required (see Bylaw 7.3.1.5.9): [D]~~

- ~~(a) The consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee each academic year;~~
- ~~(b) The director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee shall disseminate the list of banned drug classes to all student-athletes and educate them about products that might contain banned drugs. All student-athletes are to be notified that the list may change during the academic year and that updates may be found on the NCAA website (i.e., www.ncaa.org) and are to be informed of the appropriate athletics department procedures for disseminating updates to the list; and~~
- ~~(c) The consent forms shall be kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.~~

~~14.1.4.3 Exception -- 14-Consecutive Calendar Day Grace Period. A student-athlete who is trying out for a team is not required to complete the NCAA Drug Testing Consent Form for 14 consecutive calendar days from the first date the student-athlete engages in countable athletically related activities or before the student-athlete participates in competition, whichever occurs first.~~

~~14.1.5 Student Athlete Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Authorization/Buckley Amendment Consent Form -- Disclosure of Protected Health Information.~~

[14.1.5 renumbered as 14.1.6, unchanged.]

~~14.1.5.1 Content and Purpose. Each academic year, a student-athlete may voluntarily sign a statement in a form prescribed by the Management Council in which the student-athlete authorizes/consents to the institution's physicians, athletic trainers and health care personnel to disclose the student-athlete's injury/illness and participation information associated with the student-athlete's training and participation in intercollegiate athletics to the NCAA and to its Injury Surveillance Program (ISP), agents and employees for the purpose of conducting research into the reduction of athletics injuries. The authorization/consent by the student-athlete is voluntary and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate. [D]~~

[14.1.5.1 renumbered as 14.1.2.0, unchanged.]

~~14.1.5.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the Student Athlete HIPAA Authorization/Buckley Amendment consent form: [D]~~

- ~~(a) The authorization/consent form shall be administered individually to each student-athlete by the director of athletics or the director of athletics' designee before the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics each academic year.~~
- ~~(b) Signing the authorization/consent shall be voluntary and is not required by the student-athlete's institution for medical treatment, payment for treatment, enrollment in a health plan or for any benefits (if applicable) and is not required for the student-athlete to be eligible to participate.~~
- ~~(c) Any signed authorization/consent forms shall be kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.~~

[14.1.5.2 through 14.1.5.4 renumbered as 14.1.2.0 through 14.1.6.2, unchanged.]

~~14.1.8.2 International Student Exception. The remaining eligibility of a student who has received a foreign postsecondary degree that is identified as a "baccalaureate" but is not equivalent to a United States baccalaureate and who is entering an undergraduate program must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Division II Academic Requirements Committee and its International Student Records Consultants.~~

~~14.1.2.6 Admission and Enrollment~~**Academic Eligibility.**

~~14.1.2.6.1~~ Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless the student-athlete has been admitted as a regularly enrolled, degree-seeking student in accordance with the regular, published entrance requirements of that institution.

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~~14.12.62.1.1~~ Graduate Student Exception. A nonmatriculating, nondegree seeking graduate student may represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied (e.g., enrolled full time, in good academic standing).

~~14.12.73~~ Full-Time Enrollment.

~~14.12.73.1~~ Requirement for Practice or Competition. To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution, which for purposes of this bylaw and its subsections shall not be less than 12-semester or -quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of a minimum full-time program of studies. **ID for practice only**

~~14.12.73.1.1~~ Drop/Add Course. A student-athlete no longer shall be considered enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies (after dropping a course that places the student below full-time status) when the dropped course becomes official in accordance with procedures determined by the institution for all students. A student-athlete who is adding a course to reach full-time status shall become eligible for practice and competition once the course has been approved by the appropriate department head (or designated representative) and submitted to the registrar.

~~14.12.73.1.2~~ Withdrawal or Dismissal. A student-athlete who withdraws or is dismissed from an institution is considered to be a prospective student-athlete eligible for recruitment by other NCAA institutions and may not continue to practice or compete with the original institution's team. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.2.)

~~14.12.73.1.3~~ Noncredit Work. Hours of noncredit work (including remedial courses) may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum full-time enrollment requirement, provided the noncredit work is given the same academic load value and is considered by the institution to be a requirement for the degree currently being pursued by the student-athlete.

~~14.12.73.1.4~~ Concurrent Courses at Two Institutions. Courses taken concurrently at a second institution may be counted toward meeting the minimum 12-hour enrollment requirement, provided:

[14.2.3.1.4-(a) through 14.2.3.1.4-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73.1.5~~ Cooperative Educational Exchange Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete for the certifying institution even though the student-athlete is enrolled in another institution in a cooperative educational exchange or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), provided:

[14.2.3.1.5-(a) through 14.2.3.1.5-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73.1.6~~ Nontraditional Courses. Enrollment in a nontraditional course (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) offered by the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the full-time enrollment requirement for competition, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.3.1.6-(a) through 14.2.3.1.6-(d) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73.1.7~~ Exceptions.

~~14.12.73.1.7.1~~ Practice or Competition -- Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment. To be eligible for practice or competition during the official vacation period immediately before initial enrollment, the student-athlete shall:

[14.2.3.1.7.1-(a) through 14.2.3.1.7.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73.1.7.2~~ Practice or Competition -- Eligibility Between Terms. To be eligible for practice or competition that takes place between terms, the student-athlete shall:

- (a) Have been registered for the required minimum full-time program of studies (see Bylaw ~~14.17.12.3.1~~) at the conclusion of the term immediately preceding the date of competition, if the student-athlete is continuing enrollment; or

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(b) Be accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student for the regular term immediately after the date of competition, if the student-athlete is either continuing enrollment or beginning enrollment (see Bylaw ~~14.1.9~~**2.5**).

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.3** Practice or Competition -- Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may compete or participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program or a minor or undergraduate certificate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree, minor or certificate requirements. To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete before the beginning of the applicable term. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree, minor or certificate requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.3.1** Waivers. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.3.2** Practice or Competition -- Postseason. The student-athlete granted eligibility to compete under this provision shall be eligible for any NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after said semester or quarter, provided the student-athlete has not exhausted the 10 semesters/15 quarters for completion of the individual's four seasons of eligibility (see Bylaw ~~14.24.3~~). Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.3.2.1** Waiver -- Postseason. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship is conducted at the conclusion of the championship segment of the playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term. (See Bylaw 15.1.1.1 for legislation related to the eligibility of student-athletes enrolled less than full time to receive institutional financial aid.)

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.4** Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement. A student-athlete may compete or practice while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies in the final semester or quarter of the student's baccalaureate degree program before participating in an experiential learning requirement (e.g., student teaching, internship, clinical, capstone project) in the following term, provided the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) all courses necessary to complete degree requirements as determined by the faculty of the institution, other than the experiential learning requirement. A student-athlete who uses this exception is not permitted to use the final semester/quarter exception the following semester or quarter.

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.5** Practice or Competition -- Graduate Program. A student-athlete may practice or compete while enrolled in a full-time graduate program as defined by the institution for all graduate students in that program (see Bylaw ~~14.1.8~~**2.4**).

~~14.12.73~~**14.1.7.6** Practice -- First Week of Class. A student-athlete may practice, but may not compete, during the institution's first five days of classes, if the student-athlete is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA requirements.

~~14.12.73~~**1.8** Waivers of the 12-Hour Requirement for Practice or Competition.

~~14.12.73~~**1.8.1** Practice or Competition -- Student-Athletes with Education-Impacting Disabilities. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the 12-hour requirement for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that an institution defines full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student-athlete's education-impacting disability.

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~~14.12.73~~1.8.2 Practice or Competition -- Nontraditional Academic Calendars or Cooperative Educational Programs. A student-athlete enrolled in an institution that determines enrollment hours on a basis other than traditional semester or quarter hours or that conducts a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching), may practice or compete, if at the time of practice or competition the student-athlete is enrolled for a comparable minimum academic program of studies as determined by the Academic Requirements Committee.

~~14.12.73~~1.8.3 Practice or Competition -- Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice or competition in any sport.

~~14.12.73~~1.8.4 Practice -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Individual Sports or Rowing. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve an individual sport or rowing, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.3.1.8.4-(a) through 14.2.3.1.8.4-(e) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73~~1.8.5 Practice -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Team Sports. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve a team sport, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.3.1.8.5-(a) through 14.2.3.1.8.5-(e) unchanged.]

~~14.12.73~~1.8.5.1 Administration. Waivers of Bylaw ~~14.12.73~~1.8.4 or ~~14.12.73~~1.8.5 shall be approved by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of independent institutions, by the Management Council. A member institution shall submit a waiver request that includes documentation that demonstrates that the conditions of Bylaw ~~14.12.73~~1.8.4 or ~~14.12.73~~1.8.5 have been met for each individual who wishes to participate in the institution's practice sessions.

~~14.12.73~~1.8.6 Practice and Competition -- All Other Full-Time Enrollment Waivers. Unless otherwise specified under this bylaw, the Academic Requirements Committee may waive the 12-hour requirement for competition and practice.

~~14.12.84~~ Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate/Second Baccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution they previously attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a United States baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, or a nonmatriculating, nondegree seeking graduate student who satisfies all eligibility requirements (e.g., enrolled full time, in good academic standing), may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw ~~14.24.3~~ (see Bylaw ~~14.12.73~~1.7.5).

~~14.12.84~~1 Transfer Exception. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program at an institution other than the institution they previously attended as an undergraduate may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining.

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~~14.12.84.1.1~~ **14.12.84.1.1** Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers from a collegiate institution and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

~~14.12.84.32~~ **14.12.84.32** NCAA Championship Following Last Term of Eligibility. A student-athlete who is eligible during the term in which degree work is completed (or is eligible as a graduate, per Bylaw ~~14.12.82.4~~) remains eligible for any NCAA championship that begins within 60 days after the end of the term in which the student completes the requirements for the degree (or graduate eligibility). The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the 60-day requirement when an NCAA championship, postseason bowl game or National Invitation Tournament is conducted at the conclusion of the traditional playing season but begins more than 60 days after the end of said term.

~~14.12.95~~ **14.12.95** Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete's academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date their eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete's or the institution's first participation in an NCAA championship, they shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship.

~~14.12.95.1~~ **14.12.95.1** Exception.

~~14.12.95.1.1~~ **14.12.95.1.1** Institutions With Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official posting date for grades falls within three days of the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have three business days from the official date on which grades must be posted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.2~~). For those institutions that post grades on a rolling basis, the three-business day period shall begin within the first week of classes.

~~14.12.95.1.2~~ **14.12.95.1.2** Institutions With No Official Posting Date for Grades. An institution whose official submission date for grades falls on or after the first day of classes for the following academic term shall have five business days from the date on which grades are submitted to certify that student-athletes have satisfactorily completed at least nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term (see Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.2~~).

~~14.12.95.1.3~~ **14.12.95.1.3** Certification of Eligibility. During the three-business-day or five-business-day period, a student-athlete who is otherwise eligible under NCAA, conference and institutional requirements, shall be permitted to compete. If during the exception period, a student-athlete is certified ineligible, the student-athlete shall be declared immediately ineligible for competition. If the three-business-day or five-business-day period concludes prior to the certification of eligibility for any student-athlete, the student-athlete(s) shall be ineligible until such time as the student-athlete(s) is declared eligible for competition.

~~14.12.106~~ **14.12.106** Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student or male student-athlete (see Bylaw 17.02.9) may engage in practice sessions with women's teams under the following conditions:

- (a) Male students who practice with an institution's women's team must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw ~~14.17.12.3.1~~ and must have eligibility remaining under the ten-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw ~~14.2.24.3.2~~) and undergo a mandatory medical examination per Bylaw 17.1.5. A male student who practices with an institution's women's team is not required to have an academic or amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

[14.2.6-(b) through 14.2.6-(e) unchanged.]

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~~14.12.17~~ **14.12.17** Recognized Foreign Exchange/Study Abroad Program. A student-athlete who participates in a formal and established educational foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the certifying institution's academic authorities shall not be considered a transfer student-athlete upon return to the certifying institution. A student-athlete participating in such a program shall not trigger the use of a season of competition for participation in intercollegiate competition that occurs during the certifying institution's nonchampionship segment. In sports other than basketball, a student-athlete shall not be subject to the outside competition legislation while participating in such a program. All amateurism regulations still apply.

~~14.32.8~~ **14.32.8** Freshman Academic Requirements.

~~14.2.8.1~~ **14.2.8.1** General Principles.

~~14.12.28.31.1~~ **14.12.28.31.1** High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to reviewing the validity of any high school and the validity of any prospective student-athlete's academic credentials. The review may result in a determination that a high school or a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used to meet initial-eligibility requirements. The committee's policies and procedures shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.2.)

~~14.32.18.2~~ **14.32.18.2** Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers .

~~14.32.18.12.1~~ **14.32.18.12.1** Qualifier. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who has a minimum cumulative core-course grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a minimum of 16 academic courses. The 16 core courses shall include the following:

~~14.32.18.12.1.1~~ **14.32.18.12.1.1** Exception -- Early Academic Certification. A prospective student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided they have achieved a core-course grade-point average of 2.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, three in mathematics (at the level of Algebra I or higher), two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered at the high school) and six additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the course and course grades must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

~~14.32.18.12.1.1.1~~ **14.32.18.12.1.1.1** Submission of Final Transcript(s). An institution must submit a final high school transcript(s) (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by November 15 following a student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment for any student-athlete who is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception. [D]

~~14.32.18.12.2.1.2~~ **14.32.18.12.2.1.2** Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifier. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the academic requirements for a qualifier, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, and approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence.

~~14.32.18.2.2~~ **14.32.18.2.2** Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is defined as a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier (see Bylaw ~~14.3.11.2.8.2.1~~ **14.3.11.2.8.2.1**).

~~14.32.18.2.2.1~~ **14.32.18.2.2.1** Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Partial Qualifier. A student-athlete who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance and who is a partial qualifier may receive institutional financial aid (see Bylaw 15.2.1) based on institutional and conference regulations and may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility but may not compete during the first academic year in residence.

~~14.32.18.2.2.2~~ **14.32.18.2.2.2** Outside Competition -- Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff); however, during the first year in residence, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team.

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~~14.32.18.2.3~~ **14.32.18.2.3.3** Seasons of Competition -- Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition.

~~14.32.18.2.4~~ **14.32.18.2.4.2.4** Residence Requirement -- Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence to be eligible to compete and to practice away from the institution (see Bylaw 14.02.1421 regarding the requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic year in residence).

~~14.32.18.3.2.3~~ **14.32.18.3.2.3** Core-Curriculum Requirements. For purposes of meeting the core-curriculum requirement to establish eligibility at a member institution, a "core course" must meet all of the following criteria:

[14.2.8.2.3-(a) through 14.2.8.2.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) A course must be taught at or above the high school's regular academic level (i.e., remedial, special education or compensatory courses shall not be considered core courses). However, the prohibition against the use of remedial or compensatory courses is not applicable to courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities (see Bylaw ~~14.3.13.5~~ **14.3.13.5.2.8.2.3.5**).

~~14.32.18.3.2.3.1~~ **14.32.18.3.2.3.1** Core-Curriculum Time Limitation. A student is permitted to use all core courses completed following the start of the ninth grade and prior to initial full-time enrollment at a collegiate institution as certified on the official transcript or by official correspondence.

~~14.32.18.3.2.3.2~~ **14.32.18.3.2.3.2** Nontraditional Courses. Courses taught via the Internet, distance-learning, independent-study, individualized-instruction, correspondence and courses taught by similar means, may be used to satisfy NCAA core-course requirements, if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The course meets all requirements for a core course as defined in Bylaw ~~14.3.13.5~~ **14.3.13.5.2.8.2.3**.

[14.2.8.2.3.2-(b) through 14.2.8.2.3.2-(g) unchanged.]

~~14.32.18.3.2.3.3~~ **14.32.18.3.2.3.3** College Courses. College courses may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements if accepted by the high school, provided the courses are accepted for any other student, meet all other requirements for core courses and are placed on the student's high school transcript.

~~14.32.18.3.2.4~~ **14.32.18.3.2.4.3.4** English as a Second Language Course. It is permissible to use an advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy a core-curriculum requirement, provided the course is qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular course offering and the course appears on the high school's list of approved core courses. Further, an advanced-level ESL course must be exclusively for ESL students and all students in the course must be at the same level.

~~14.32.18.3.2.5~~ **14.32.18.3.2.5.3.5** Courses for Students With Education-Impacting Disabilities. High school courses for students with education-impacting disabilities may be used to fulfill the core-curriculum requirements, even if such courses appear to be taught at a level below the high school's regular academic instructional level (e.g., special education courses), if the high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA Eligibility Center indicating that courses are substantially comparable, quantitatively and qualitatively, to similar core-course offerings in that academic discipline and the courses appear on the high school's list of approved core courses. Students with education-impacting disabilities still must complete the required core courses and achieve the minimum required grade-point average in the core curriculum. The fact that the title of a course includes a designation such as "remedial," "special education," "special needs," or other similar titles used for courses designed for students with education-impacting disabilities does not, in and of itself, disqualify a course from satisfying core-curriculum requirements.

~~14.32.18.3.2.6~~ **14.32.18.3.2.6.3.6** Grade Value of Core Courses. The following grade values are to be used in determining a student's grade-point average in the core courses: A = 4 quality points, B = 3 quality points, C = 2 quality points, D = 1 quality point. In determining the core-curriculum grade-point average, each grade earned in a course (including all numerical grades) must be converted to this 4.000 scale on an individual-course basis. Pluses or minuses within a grade level shall not receive greater or lesser quality points. A school's normal practice of weighting honors or advanced courses may be used to compute the quality points awarded in those courses and the cumulative grade-

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point average, provided a written statement verifying the grading policy accompanies the prospective student-athlete's official grade transcript. An honors or an advanced course shall receive not greater than 1.000 additional quality point (e.g., A = 5.000). In calculating the grade in a weighted honors or advanced course, if a high school does not assign quality points to its courses, quality points shall be added to each course before calculating the student's grade-point average and not added to a student's cumulative core-course grade-point average. The core-curriculum grade-point average may be calculated using the student's 16 best grades from courses that meet the distribution requirements of the core curriculum. Additional core courses (beyond the 16 required) may be used to meet the core-curriculum grade-point average, provided the distribution requirements are met.

~~14.32.18.32.63.16.1~~ **14.32.18.32.63.16.1** Grade-Point Average Computation. In determining a student-athlete's eligibility, it is not permissible to round the student's high school grade-point average, regardless of the number of digits to which the computation is carried (e.g., a high school grade-point average of 1.9999 would not make a prospective student-athlete a partial qualifier).

~~14.32.18.32.63.26.2~~ **14.32.18.32.63.26.2** Multiple Grade-Point Average Calculations. If a high school uses more than one method to compute cumulative grade-point averages for all of its students, the high school may use the method most beneficial to a prospective student-athlete, provided that under its normal procedures the high school actually computes (without any special request by the student or a member institution) a cumulative grade-point average, using that same method for each student at the high school.

~~14.32.18.32.63.36.3~~ **14.32.18.32.63.36.3** Multiple High School Attendance. When a prospective student-athlete attends more than one high school, it is necessary for the high school from which the student graduated to provide the student's total high school grade-point average. Eligibility shall not be established solely on the basis of work accomplished at the high school from which the student graduated.

~~14.32.18.32.73.7~~ **14.32.18.32.73.7** Pass-Fail Grades. Courses that are awarded pass-fail grades may be used to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall assign the course the lowest passing grade that the high school assigns for a pass-fail course.

~~14.32.18.32.83.8~~ **14.32.18.32.83.8** Repeat Courses. A repeated course may be used only once to satisfy core-curriculum requirements. The best grade in that course may be used to calculate the grade-point average in the core curriculum.

~~14.32.18.32.93.9~~ **14.32.18.32.93.9** Multiple High School Attendance. For a student-athlete who attends more than one high school, a Form 48-H (core-course form) and an official transcript from each high school the student-athlete attended must be used. However, the NCAA Eligibility Center may receive the official transcript from either the student-athlete's original high school or the high school from which the student-athlete graduated, or from an institution's admissions office.

~~14.32.18.42.4~~ **14.32.18.42.4** Early Admissions Program Waiver. A waiver may be granted by the Academic Requirements Committee for a student who left high school after completion of the junior year or during the senior year to enter a member institution under an early admissions program (open to students solely on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise), provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.8.2.4-(a) through 14.2.8.2.4-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.32.28.3~~ **14.32.28.3** Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

~~14.32.28.13.1~~ **14.32.28.13.1** Equivalency Test/Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but completes a state high school equivalency test [e.g., General Educational Development (GED)] and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class [as determined by their first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility].

~~14.32.28.23.2~~ **14.32.28.23.2** Advanced Placement. If the student-athlete is admitted with a minimum of 24-semester hours or a minimum of 36-quarter hours of advanced placement from a College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) examination (or from a similar proficiency examination) and/or concurrent high school/

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college credit without previous enrollment at a collegiate institution, the student-athlete shall be immediately eligible. Credits earned from extension or summer-session courses may not be counted in satisfaction of this requirement. A "similar proficiency examination" must be an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation.

~~14.32.28.23.12.1~~ **14.32.28.23.12.1** International Certification. An institution shall use the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine whether a "similar proficiency examination" taken by an international student-athlete is an advanced or higher level, nationally administered proficiency exam with a uniform grading scale that is taken after high school graduation. In addition, the Eligibility Center shall certify the eligibility of an international student-athlete based on the number of advanced placement and concurrent high school/college credit hours accepted by the certifying institution.

~~14.32.28.3.3~~ **14.32.28.3.3** International Academic Standards. A student from a foreign country shall satisfy the requirements outlined in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and the test-score requirements set forth in Bylaw ~~14.3.1.2.8.2.1~~ **14.3.1.2.8.2.1**-(b) to be certified as a qualifier.

~~14.32.38.4~~ **14.32.38.4** Notification of Initial-Eligibility Standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the initial-eligibility standards contained in Bylaw ~~14.32.8.2~~ **14.32.8.2** to a prospective student-athlete and their parents or legal guardians after they have registered with the Eligibility Center.

~~14.32.48.5~~ **14.32.48.5** Initial-Eligibility Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all initial-eligibility requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of this regulation. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken, in summary, aggregate form.

~~14.42.9~~ **14.42.9** Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

~~14.42.19.1~~ **14.42.19.1** Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution. (See Bylaw 7.3.1.5.5 regarding the obligations of members to publish their progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes.)

~~14.42.19.1.1~~ **14.42.19.1.1** Exchange Student. The eligibility of an exchange student shall be based on satisfactory completion of at least:

- (a) Nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during the preceding regular academic term in which the student has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution (see Bylaw ~~14.4.3.2.9.3.2~~ **14.4.3.2.9.3.2**);
- (b) Credit hours earned during the regular academic year as set forth in Bylaw ~~14.4.3.3.2.9.3.3~~ **14.4.3.3.2.9.3.3**;
- (c) Credit hours earned for the annual credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw ~~14.4.3.4.2.9.3.4~~ **14.4.3.4.2.9.3.4**; and
- (d) Cumulative minimum grade-point average as set forth in Bylaw ~~14.4.3.5.2.9.3.5~~ **14.4.3.5.2.9.3.5**.

~~14.42.19.2.1.2~~ **14.42.19.2.1.2** Temporary Student. A student-athlete having the status of temporary, transient or exchange student shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, unless such status is specifically allowed and governed by provisions adopted by the membership.

~~14.42.29.2~~ **14.42.29.2** Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. Eligibility for institutional financial aid and practice during each academic year after a student-athlete's initial year in residence or after the student-athlete has used one season of eligibility in a sport shall be based upon the rules of the institution and the conference(s), if any, of which the institution is a member. See Bylaw ~~14.1.7.2.3~~ **14.1.7.2.3** for additional rules regarding eligibility for practice.

~~14.42.39.3~~ **14.42.39.3** Eligibility for Competition.

~~14.42.39.3.1~~ **14.42.39.3.1** Good Academic Standing. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall be in good academic standing, as determined by the academic authorities who determine the meaning and application of such phrases for all students at the institution, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a

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member. A student-athlete shall maintain a grade-point average that places the individual in good academic standing, as established by the institution for all students who are at an equivalent stage of progress toward a degree. A student-athlete who is not in good academic standing is not eligible for competition even if the individual satisfies the progress-toward-degree requirements. The definition of good academic standing applied to student-athletes shall be a standard at least as demanding as the minimum standard applied to all students in order to participate in extracurricular activities at the institution.

~~14.42.39.23.2~~ **Term-By-Term Credit-Hour Requirement.** To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution.

~~14.42.39.23.12.1~~ **Application of Rule to Transfer Student.** For purposes of certifying eligibility for a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution per Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit. (See Bylaw ~~14.54.5.3.4.5.3~~.)

~~14.42.39.23.2.2~~ **Calculation of Credit Hours.** During the first two years of enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the term-by-term credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program.

~~14.42.39.23.2.12.1~~ **Exception -- Final Academic Year of Degree Program.** A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of their designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution's degree programs to satisfy the nine-semester or eight-quarter hour requirement per Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

~~14.42.39.23.2.12.1.1~~ **Waivers.** The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.

~~14.42.39.3.3~~ **Credit Hours Earned During the Regular Academic Year.** To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours since the beginning of the previous fall term or since the beginning of the certifying institution's preceding regular two semesters or three quarters. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation.

~~14.42.39.3.3.1~~ **Regular Academic Year.** For purposes of Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.3~~, the regular academic year consists of the time beginning with the opening of the institutions' fall term and concluding with the institution's spring commencement exercises.

~~14.42.39.3.23.2~~ **Application of Rule.** The following student-athletes are subject to the credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.3~~:

[14.2.9.3.2-(a) through 14.2.9.3.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.3.23.12.1~~ **Application to a Midyear Enrollee.** A student-athlete entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) is not subject to the credit hours required under Bylaw ~~14.43.22.9.3.3~~ for the fall term immediately following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. In subsequent years, the student-athlete's completion of the 18-semester or 27-quarter hour requirement shall be certified prior to the start of each academic year based on the student-athlete's record since the beginning of the previous fall term.

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~~14.42.39.3.3~~ **14.42.39.3.3** Calculation of Credit Hours. During the first two years of enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) shall not be used to satisfy the academic credit-hour requirements of this regulation.

~~14.42.39.3.4.3~~ **14.42.39.3.4.4** Part-Time Enrollment. Credit hours earned during a term in which a student-athlete is enrolled less than full-time may be used to satisfy the 18-semester/27-quarter hour requirement only if such credits are combined with credits earned during a term that immediately precedes or immediately follows a term in which the student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student. Credits earned during a part-time term may be completed at an institution other than the certifying institution.

~~14.42.39.4.3.4~~ **14.42.39.4.3.4** Annual Credit Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit during any year in which the student-athlete is enrolled full time in at least one academic term. A student-athlete may satisfy this requirement based on the student-athlete earning:

[14.2.9.3.4-(a) through 14.2.9.3.4-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.4.3.1.1~~ **14.42.39.4.3.1.1** Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to annual credit-hour requirements:

[14.2.9.3.4.1-(a) through 14.2.9.3.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.4.3.1.1.1~~ **14.42.39.4.3.1.1.1** Application to a Midyear Enrollee. A student-athlete entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer) shall be subject to the credit hours required under Bylaw ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ for the fall term immediately following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution; however, the annual credit hours may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance. (See Bylaw ~~14.43.8.22.9.3.8.2~~.)

~~14.42.39.4.3.2.4.2~~ **14.42.39.4.3.2.4.2** Academic Year in Residence. The definition of "year in residence" for purposes of determining whether a student-athlete is subject to the annual credit-hour requirement is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that when a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw ~~14.43.9.12.9.3.9.1~~ during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year.

~~14.42.39.4.3.4.3~~ **14.42.39.4.3.4.3** Calculation of Credit Hours. During the student-athlete's first four semesters or six quarters of collegiate enrollment, the calculation of credit hours to meet this requirement (see Bylaw ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~) shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Beginning with the student-athlete's fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment, credits used to meet the annual credit-hour requirement must be degree credit toward the student-athlete's designated degree program. Credit hours earned in the period after the regular academic year at the institution (e.g., hours earned in summer school) may be used to satisfy the academic credit requirements of this regulation.

~~14.42.39.4.3.4.4~~ **14.42.39.4.3.4.4** Regaining Eligibility. A student-athlete who does not meet the 24-semester or 36-quarter credit-hour requirement since the beginning of the previous fall term, may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully completing 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the previous two semesters or three quarters.

~~14.42.39.5.3.5~~ **14.42.39.5.3.5** Fulfillment of Minimum Grade-Point Average Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 prior to the beginning of each fall term. The eligibility of a student-athlete

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who does not satisfy the grade-point average requirement prior to the fall term may be recertified prior to the next regular academic term.

~~14.42.39.53.15.1~~ Application of Rule. The following student-athletes are subject to minimum grade-point average requirements:

[14.2.9.3.5.1-(a) through 14.2.9.3.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.53.15.1.1~~ Application to a Midyear Enrollee or Transfer Student. The provisions of Bylaw ~~14.4.3.5.2.9.3.5~~ shall be applicable to the eligibility of a midyear enrollee or transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution in the fall term following their initial enrollment at the certifying institution.

~~14.42.39.53.25.2~~ Academic Year in Residence. The definition of "year in residence" for purposes of determining whether a student-athlete is subject to the annual grade-point average requirement is based on full-time enrollment and attendance during any portion of a term in an academic year, except that if a student-athlete is granted a medical-absence waiver per Bylaw ~~14.4.3.9.12.9.3.9.1~~ during the first year of academic residence, that term is not counted in determining whether the student-athlete has been in residence at the certifying institution for one academic year.

~~14.42.39.53.35.3~~ Calculation of Minimum Grade-Point Average. A student-athlete must meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average at the certifying institution based on the method of calculation used by the institution for calculating cumulative grade-point averages for all students, and the calculation shall include only course work normally counted by the certifying institution in calculating the cumulative grade-point average for graduation (regardless of whether an institution requires multiple minimum grade-point averages for graduation).

~~14.42.39.53.45.4~~ Applicable Credit Hours. All credit hours (e.g., part time, transfer, advanced placement) that are accepted and appear on the student-athlete's transcript at the certifying institution shall be used in determining the minimum grade-point average requirements.

~~14.42.39.53.5.5~~ Regaining Eligibility. A student-athlete who does not meet the minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 prior to the beginning of a fall term, may become eligible at the beginning of the next academic term by successfully earning a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000.

~~14.42.39.63.6~~ Designation of Degree Program. A student-athlete shall designate a program of studies leading toward a specific baccalaureate degree at the certifying institution by the beginning of the third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter) and thereafter shall make progress toward that specific degree. This provision shall be applicable to the eligibility not only of a continuing student, but also of a transfer student from a four-year or two-year collegiate institution who is entering their third year of collegiate enrollment, even if the student has not yet completed an academic year in residence or used a season of eligibility in a sport at the certifying institution. An institution shall not incur a violation if a student-athlete fails to designate a degree program prior to their third year of enrollment (fifth semester or seventh quarter), provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing. Designation of a specific baccalaureate degree program may be accomplished by: [D]

[14.2.9.3.6-(a) through 14.2.9.3.6-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.63.6.1~~ Documentation of Degree Program Designation. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.6-(a)~~, the official enrollment records of the institution shall constitute the documentation of the program against which progress toward degree under this regulation shall be measured. If the designation is in accordance with Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.6-(b)~~, the record of the degree program designation, approved by the appropriate academic official, shall constitute that documentation. For purposes of certifying eligibility for competition, an appropriate academic official shall affirm in writing the number of credit hours applicable to the designated degree program that have been completed satisfactorily. The institution's records for all student-athlete degree program designations and progress-toward-degree evaluations shall be retained for inspection (on request) by an authorized representative of the NCAA. [D]

~~14.42.39.73.7~~ Regulations for Administration of Progress Toward Degree.

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~~14.42.39.73.17.1~~ **14.42.39.73.17.1** Nontraditional Terms. An institution that determines registration other than on a traditional semester- or quarter-hour basis shall submit a statement describing the progress-toward-degree requirements applicable to its student-athletes for approval by the Academic Requirements Committee.

~~14.42.39.73.27.2~~ **14.42.39.73.27.2** Credit Hours Earned Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. Credit hours earned at another institution before initial enrollment at the certifying institution may not be used to satisfy progress-toward-degree requirements. In the first year of collegiate enrollment (or during the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.4~~(c) to satisfy the annual credit hour requirement), this restriction does not apply to credit hours earned while a student was enrolled as a high school student (e.g., courses that qualify as high school and college credit). Such credit hours shall not be used to meet the required minimum number of credit hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~).

~~14.42.39.73.37.3~~ **14.42.39.73.37.3** Advanced-Placement Tests/Credit by Examination. Credit received through advanced-placement tests or by examination or International Baccalaureate Program examinations may be used by a student-athlete to meet the minimum progress-toward-degree requirements, provided the subject for which the examination is an alternative is offered by the institution as acceptable degree credit. If such credit was earned while the student-athlete was enrolled in high school, it may be used to meet both initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements in the first year of collegiate enrollment (or in the first two years of collegiate enrollment if using Bylaw ~~14.42.9.3.4~~(c) to satisfy the annual credit-hour requirement), provided the credit was earned prior to high school graduation. However, such credit, if earned prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, may not be used to meet the required minimum number of hours earned during the regular academic year (see Bylaw ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~).

~~14.42.39.73.47.4~~ **14.42.39.73.47.4** Remedial, Tutorial or Noncredit Courses. Remedial, tutorial or noncredit courses may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ only if such courses meet all of the following conditions:

[14.2.9.3.7.4-(a) through 14.2.9.3.7.4-(d) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.73.57.5~~ **14.42.39.73.57.5** Incomplete Grades. A student-athlete who receives an incomplete grade in a course may use the course in question to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~, subject to the following conditions:

[14.2.9.3.7.5-(a) through 14.2.9.3.7.5-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.73.67.6~~ **14.42.39.73.67.6** Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ only under the following conditions:

[14.2.9.3.7.6-(a) through 14.2.9.3.7.6-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.73.77.7~~ **14.42.39.73.77.7** Credit Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit After Change of Degree Program. A student-athlete who changes their designated degree program after their fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment may comply with the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ if:

[14.2.9.3.7.7-(a) through 14.2.9.3.7.7-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.73.87.8~~ **14.42.39.73.87.8** Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Major. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student-athlete ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major.

~~14.42.39.73.97.9~~ **14.42.39.73.97.9** Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program may use credits earned in a minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has designated a voluntary or

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optional minor (i.e., a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may use a maximum of six credit hours per academic term (regular academic year, summer) earned in the minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree.

~~14.42.39.73.10~~~~7.10~~ **14.42.39.73.10** Nontraditional Courses From Another Institution. Nontraditional courses (e.g., distance-learning, correspondence, extension, Internet/virtual courses, independent study or any other course or credit that is not earned in a face-to-face classroom environment with regular interaction between the instructor and the student) completed at an institution other than the one in which a student-athlete is enrolled as a full-time student may be used in determining progress toward degree, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.9.3.7.10-(a) through 14.2.9.3.7.10-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.42.39.73.11~~~~7.11~~ **14.42.39.73.11** Cooperative Educational, Work Experience and Study-Abroad Programs. A student-athlete shall not be required to complete nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term of full-time enrollment during any term or terms of enrollment in a cooperative educational or work experience program (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student-teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program.

~~14.42.39.73.11~~~~7.11~~~~11.1~~ **14.42.39.73.11.1** Adjustment of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. A student-athlete who participates in a cooperative educational, work experience or an institutionally approved study abroad program, may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance in traditional coursework.

~~14.42.39.83.8~~ **14.42.39.83.8** Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

~~14.42.39.83.8.1~~~~8.1~~ **14.42.39.83.8.1** Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaws ~~14.4.3.2.9.3.3~~~~2.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.4.3.4.2.9.3.4~~~~2.9.3.4~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

[14.2.9.3.8.1-(a) through 14.2.9.3.8.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws ~~14.4.3.2.9.3.2~~~~2.9.3.2~~, ~~14.4.3.3.2.9.3.3~~~~2.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.4.3.4.2.9.3.4~~~~2.9.3.4~~) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

~~14.42.39.83.2.8.2~~~~2.8.2~~ **14.42.39.83.2.8.2** Midyear Enrollment Exception. For student-athletes entering the institution at the beginning of the second semester or the second or third quarter of an academic year (e.g., midyear transfer), the annual credit hours required per Bylaw ~~14.4.3.4.2.9.3.4~~~~2.9.3.4~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during the initial regular academic year of attendance.

~~14.42.39.83.3.8.3~~~~3.8.3~~ **14.42.39.83.3.8.3** Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant Exception. A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulations for the initial season of eligibility, if the student has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year; was not recruited; has not received athletically related financial assistance; has never practiced or participated in intercollegiate athletics, except that a student may have participated in limited preseason tryouts; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The student-athlete's eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the progress-toward-degree requirements, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student began participation.

~~14.42.39.83.4.8.4~~~~4.8.4~~ **14.42.39.83.4.8.4** Graduate Student Exception. A student-athlete who is a graduate student or a student-athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or who is taking coursework that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the progress-toward-degree requirements.

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~~14.42.39.83.58.5~~ **14.42.39.83.58.5** Two-Year Non-Participation or Minimal Participation Exception. A student-athlete may qualify for an exception to the application of the progress-toward-degree regulations if, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student-athlete has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in any sport beyond a 14-consecutive calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution; and is otherwise eligible under all institutional, conference and NCAA rules. The 14-consecutive calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student-athlete's initial collegiate enrollment. The student-athlete's eligibility in future seasons would be governed by the progress-toward-degree requirements, which would be applied from the beginning of the first term the student-athlete began participation.

~~14.42.39.93.9~~ **14.42.39.93.9** Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree requirements may be granted under the following conditions:

~~14.42.39.93.9.1~~ **14.42.39.93.9.1** Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. A Division II conference office has the authority to administer medical absence waivers for terms that occurred at an NCAA institution prior to a student-athlete's enrollment at a member institution within the conference.

~~14.42.39.93.9.2~~ **14.42.39.93.9.2** International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws ~~14.43.22.9.3.2~~, ~~14.43.32.9.3.3~~ and ~~14.43.42.9.3.4~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Parapan American, Olympic, Paralympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters.

~~14.42.39.103.10~~ **14.42.39.103.10** Olympic or Paralympic Games Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for any participant in the Olympic or Paralympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

~~14.42.39.113.11~~ **14.42.39.113.11** Student-Athletes With Education-Impacting Disabilities Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for a student-athlete when objective evidence demonstrates that the institution has defined full-time enrollment for that student-athlete to be less than 12 hours to accommodate for the student's education-impacting disability.

~~14.42.39.123.12~~ **14.42.39.123.12** Additional Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all other progress-toward-degree requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations. The committee shall establish the process for granting such waivers and shall report at least annually to the Management Council and to the membership, the actions taken in summary, aggregate form.

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14.2.10 Academic Misconduct.

~~14.02.9~~**10.1** Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether they receive compensation for such work.

~~14.02.9~~**10.1.1** Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

[14.2.10.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) They engage in academic misconduct or provides impermissible academic assistance at the direction of a nonstudent employee, an institutional staff member per Bylaw ~~14.02.9.1 (a)~~**14.2.10.1.1-(a)** or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

14.2.10.2 Pre-Enrollment.

~~14.12.2~~**10.12.1** Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

[14.2.10.2.1-(a) through 14.2.10.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.92.1~~**10.3** Policies and Procedures. An institution must:

[14.2.10.3-(a) through 14.2.10.3-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.92.1~~**10.13.1** Exception. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of academic misconduct by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution's president or chancellor (or their designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution's website.

~~14.92.2~~**10.4** Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

~~14.92.2~~**10.14.1** Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in:

[14.2.10.4.1-(a) through 14.2.10.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.92.2~~**10.24.2** Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without knowledge of the student-athlete) in:

[14.2.10.4.2-(a) through 14.2.10.4.2-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.92.2~~**10.34.3** Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests shall not provide impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete (see Bylaw ~~14.02.8~~**11**).

~~14.92.2~~**10.34.13.1** Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has occurred, a violation of Bylaw ~~14.9.2.3~~**2.10.4.3** shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has not occurred, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw ~~14.9.2.3~~**2.10.4.3**.

~~14.5~~**3** Transfer Regulations.

~~14.53.1~~**1** Residence Requirement -- General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw ~~14.53.2~~**2**) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw ~~14.02.14~~**21**) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw ~~16.8.1~~**1**), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw.

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14.53.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student (including a student enrolling in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program per Bylaw ~~14.1.8.1~~**12.4.1**) who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

14.53.1.2 Outside Competition -- Partial Qualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is a partial qualifier and does not meet the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. A four-year college transfer student who is a partial qualifier and who has not completed an academic year in residence may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence.

14.53.1.3 NCAA Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence.

14.53.1.4 Foreign Institution Transfers. A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college) is subject to the one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw ~~14.5.5.1~~**13.5.1** (see Bylaw ~~14.5.5.3~~**13.5.3.2** regarding the exchange student exception).

14.53.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

[14.3.2-(a) through 14.3.2-(h) unchanged.]

14.53.3 Conditions Not Constituting Transfer Status. Unless otherwise covered by conditions set forth in Bylaw **14.53.2**, a student-athlete is not considered a transfer under the following enrollment conditions:

14.53.3.1 Summer School, Extension Courses or Night School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a summer school, extension course or night school, unless the night school is considered by the institution to be a regular term (semester or quarter) the same as its day school, the student is enrolled for a minimum full-time load in this regular night term, and the student is considered by the institution to be a regularly enrolled student.

14.53.3.2 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall be considered a transfer if they enroll at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw **14.02.24**.)

14.53.3.3 Academic Exchange Program. The student participates in a regular academic exchange program between two four-year institutions that requires a participant to complete a specified period of time at each institution, and the program provides for the student-athlete to receive at least two baccalaureate or equivalent degrees at the conclusion of this joint academic program.

14.53.3.4 Recognized Foreign Exchange/Study Abroad Program. The student participates in a formal and established educational foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the certifying institution's academic authorities and returns to the certifying institution.

~~14.103.23.5~~**13.5** *Transfer Status***Service Academies**. A student who has attended as a freshman (plebe) only in the official summer-enrollment program of one of the four national service academies is not considered a transfer in the application of the transfer regulations of Bylaw **14.53**.

14.53.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw ~~14.02.14~~**21**), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements

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applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. (See Bylaw ~~14.42.9~~ for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

14.53.4.1 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- Graduation From Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who has graduated from the two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence, provided:

[14.3.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) At least 25 percent of the credit hours used to fulfill the student's academic degree requirements are earned at the two-year college that awards the degree per Bylaw ~~14.54.5.4~~**3.4.5.4** (see Bylaw ~~14.42.9~~ for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes).

14.53.4.1.1 Application.

[14.3.4.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student. If a two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during their academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college (e.g., '2-4-2-4 transfer') shall be considered for purposes of meeting the requirements of Bylaw ~~14.53.4.1~~.

14.53.4.1.2 Exception -- Previous Four-Year College Attendance -- Graduation After One Semester or Quarter. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during their first year at the certifying institution, provided the student:

[14.3.4.1.2-(a) through 14.3.4.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

14.53.4.2 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- Qualifier With No Four-Year College Attendance and Only One Term of Attendance at a Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw ~~14.3.1.12.8.2.1~~), has not previously attended a four-year collegiate institution and has only attended a two-year college for one academic term (semester or quarter), is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

[14.3.4.2-(a) through 14.3.4.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The student-athlete has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.200 earned in transferable degree credit (see Bylaw ~~14.54.5.3.2~~**3.4.5.3.2**).

14.53.4.2.1 Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education at the certifying institution that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.

14.53.4.2.2 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid. Qualifiers who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.54.2.3.4.2~~ or ~~14.54.3.3.4.3~~ may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year of residence.

14.53.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

[14.3.4.3-(a) through 14.3.4.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student-athlete has presented a minimum grade-point average of 2.200 earned in transferable degree credit (see Bylaw ~~14.54.5.3.2~~**3.4.5.3.2**).

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~~14.53.4.3.1~~ Use of Physical Education Activity Courses. Not more than two credit hours of physical education activity courses may be used to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. However, a student-athlete enrolling in a physical education degree program or a degree program in education at the certifying institution that requires physical education activity courses may use up to the minimum number of credits of physical education activity courses that are required for the specific degree program to fulfill the transferable degree credit and grade-point average requirements. Additional credit hours of physical education activity courses may not be used to fulfill elective requirements.

~~14.53.4.3.2~~ Application.

[~~14.3.4.3.2~~-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student. If the two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during their academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and transferable degree credit(s) (including part-time hours) earned at the two-year college(s) attended after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college shall be considered for purposes of meeting the requirements of Bylaw ~~14.54.33.4.3~~-(a), -(b) and -(d).

~~14.53.4.3.3~~ Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. A two-year college transfer who does not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw ~~14.54.33.4.3~~ may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence.

~~14.53.4.4~~ Subvarsity Competition. A transfer from a two-year college who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.54.13.4.1~~, ~~14.54.23.4.2~~ or ~~14.54.33.4.3~~ shall be eligible to compete only at the subvarsity level at the certifying institution. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a partial qualifier and who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.54.13.4.1~~ or ~~14.54.33.4.3~~ shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first year in residence at the certifying institution.

~~14.53.4.5~~ Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.

~~14.53.4.5.1~~ Previous Enrollment at Two-Year Institution. The two-year college transfer requirements set forth in Bylaw ~~14.54.3.4~~ apply to all two-year college transfers regardless of whether the student-athlete attended one or more four-year colleges prior to their full-time enrollment at the two-year institution.

~~14.53.4.5.2~~ Credit Earned at Four-Year Institution. If a student-athlete attends a two-year college and, before regular enrollment at the certifying institution, attains additional credits as a part-time student in a four-year collegiate institution, the hours accumulated at the four-year institution may be used by the certifying institution in determining the student-athlete's eligibility under the credit-hour requirement of the two-year college transfer provisions, provided:

[~~14.3.4.5.2~~-(a) through ~~14.3.4.5.2~~-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.53.4.5.3~~ Determination of Transferable Degree Credit. For the purpose of determining transferable degree credit, the institution may count those courses accepted as degree credit in any of its colleges, schools or departments.

~~14.53.4.5.3.1~~ Transferable Credit, Unacceptable Grade. Credit hours for courses with grades not considered acceptable for transferable degree credit for all students at an institution shall not be counted in determining whether the transfer requirement for total number of hours is satisfied.

~~14.53.4.5.3.2~~ Calculation of Grade-Point Average for Transferable Credit. Grades earned in all courses that are normally transferable to an institution shall be considered in determining the qualitative grade-point average for meeting transfer requirements, regardless of the grade earned or whether such grade makes the course unacceptable for transferable degree credit.

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Only the last grade earned in a course that has been repeated shall be included in the grade-point-average calculation.

14.53.4.5.4 Academic Degree. In order to satisfy the two-year-college graduation requirement for eligibility immediately on transfer from a two-year college to a member institution, a student-athlete must receive an associate or equivalent degree in an academic, rather than a vocational or technical, curriculum. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to determine whether a two-year college degree is academic, rather than vocational or technical, in nature.

14.53.4.5.5 Transfer to Four-Year College Prior to Completion of Requirements. The requirements set forth in Bylaw **14.53.4** must be met before a student-athlete's transfer to the certifying institution. Thus, if a two-year college student transfers (as defined in Bylaw **14.53.2**) to an institution before the completion of applicable transfer requirements, the student is subject to the one-year residence requirement at the certifying institution, even though the student transfers back to the two-year college and completes the necessary requirements.

14.53.4.5.6 Transfer to Original Institution After Completion of Two-Year College Transfer Requirements. A student-athlete with a previous progress-toward-degree deficiency who transfers to the four-year college from which they transferred to the two-year college may be immediately eligible upon returning to the certifying institution provided the student-athlete has met the two-year college transfer requirements prior to participation.

14.53.4.5.7 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a two-year institution, who has met the two-year transfer eligibility requirements (per Bylaw **14.53.4**), is not eligible to compete during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous two-year institution.

14.53.4.5.7.1 Exception - Competition During the Nonchampionship Segment. A transfer student-athlete who competes during the nonchampionship segment where the contest(s) count toward championships selection criteria (e.g., golf, tennis) may be immediately eligible for competition during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution upon transfer during the same academic year.

14.53.4.5.7.2 Alternate Playing Season. In the sports of baseball, golf and tennis, during the fall term, a student-athlete who participates in competition where the institution and/or conference declares the alternate playing season may not be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer to the certifying institution that does not declare the alternate playing season during the same academic year.

14.53.4.6 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfer From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution, if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is a partial qualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

14.53.4.6.1 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. The student changed institutions in order to continue participation in a sport because the student's original two-year college dropped the sport from its intercollegiate program (even though it may re-establish that sport on a club basis) or never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level while the student was in attendance at that institution, provided the student never attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport and the student earned at least a minimum 2.200 grade-point average (see Bylaw **14.53.4.5.3.2**) at the two-year college.

14.53.4.6.1.1 Original Collegiate Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the two-year college in which the student was enrolled immediately before the transfer to the certifying institution, provided that, if the student is transferring from a two-year college that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

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~~14.53~~4.6.1.2 Application -- COVID-19 Season Cancellations. If the student's original two-year college does not participate in competition during the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19, the student does not have access to this exception to be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer.

~~14.53~~4.6.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met:

[~~14.3~~4.6.2-(a) through ~~14.3~~4.6.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.53~~4.6.3 Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.

~~14.53~~4.6.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which they transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during their previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition. (See Bylaw ~~14.53~~4.5.6).

~~14.53~~4.7 Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive all two-year college transfer requirements based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances that warrant the waiver of the normal application of those regulations.

~~14.53~~5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. (See Bylaw ~~14.4~~~~2.9~~ for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

~~14.53~~5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.~~14~~~~21~~).

~~14.53~~5.1.1 Attendance for One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who attended a four-year institution at least one academic year shall be eligible for financial aid and practice at a Division II institution under the rules of the institution and the conference of which the institution is a member, regardless of the student's qualification status (per Bylaw ~~14.3~~~~12.8.2~~) at the time of initial enrollment.

~~14.53~~5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a partial qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.~~13~~~~9.2~~) and who attended the four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaw ~~14.3~~~~12.8.2.2~~ (partial qualifiers).

~~14.53~~5.1.2.1 Attendance at Four-Year Institution for Less Than One Academic Year Following Transfer from a Two-Year Institution. A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a two-year college, transfers to another four-year institution and attends the four-year institution for less than one full academic year before transferring to a Division II institution (e.g., '2-4-4 transfer') is not eligible to use a four-year college transfer exception unless the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for competition under the Division II two-year college transfer regulations

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had the student-athlete transferred directly from the two-year college to the Division II institution.

14.53.5.2 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a qualifier shall be eligible to compete immediately at the subvarsity level only at the certifying institution before meeting the transfer eligibility requirements. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution.

14.53.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw **14.53.1.1**) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw ~~14.3.1.2.8.2.1~~ in Division II. See Bylaw **14.53.5.1.2.1** for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year.

14.53.5.3.1 Educational Exchange Exception. The student returns to their original institution under any of the following conditions:

[14.3.5.3.1-(a) through 14.3.5.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

14.53.5.3.2 Exchange Student Exception. The student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program recognized by the institution's academic authorities. (See Bylaw **14.42.9.1.1**.)

14.53.5.3.3 Discontinued Academic Program Exception. The certifying institution concludes that the student changed institutions in order to continue a major course of study because the original institution discontinued the academic program in the student's major.

14.53.5.3.4 Military Service, Religious Mission Exception. The student returns from at least 12 months of active service in the armed forces of the United States, or from at least 12 months of active service on an official religious mission.

14.53.5.3.4.1 Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Military Service or Religious Mission. The amount of time that an individual is enrolled as a regular student in a collegiate institution while concurrently on active military duty or engaged in active service on an official religious mission may not be counted as a part of the 12-month active-duty period that qualifies a student for an exception to the transfer residence requirement.

14.53.5.3.5 Discontinued/Nonsponsored Sport Exception. In a particular sport when the student transfers at any time to the certifying institution and participates in the sport on the intercollegiate level after any of the following conditions has occurred:

[14.3.5.3.5-(a) through 14.3.5.3.5-(b) unchanged.]

14.53.5.3.5.1 Original Institution. In applying this provision for an exception to the residence requirement, the original collegiate institution shall be the one in which the student was enrolled immediately before transfer to the certifying institution, it being understood that, if the student is transferring from an institution that never sponsored the sport on the intercollegiate level, the student never shall have attended any other collegiate institution that offered intercollegiate competition in that sport.

14.53.5.3.5.2 Application -- COVID-19 Season Cancellations. If the student's original four-year collegiate institution does not participate in competition during the 2020-21 academic year due

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to COVID-19, the student does not have access to this exception to be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer.

~~14.53.5.3.6~~ **14.53.5.3.6** Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and, for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (countable athletically related activities), the student has not competed and has not participated in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period, or has not participated in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. The two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.

~~14.53.5.3.7~~ **14.53.5.3.7** Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if they have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during their previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.

~~14.53.5.3.8~~ **14.53.5.3.8** Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution, and the following conditions are met:

[14.3.5.3.8-(a) through 14.3.5.3.8-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.53.5.3.9~~ **14.53.5.3.9** One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw ~~14.1.8.12.4.1~~ **14.1.8.12.4.1**):

(a) The student has not transferred previously from one four-year institution, unless, in the previous transfer, the student-athlete received an exception per Bylaw ~~14.5.5.3.5.3.5~~ **14.5.5.3.5.3.5** (discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception) or Bylaw 14.8.2.1-(d) (residence requirement). A student-athlete who, prior to the transfer to the certifying institution, attended two four-year institutions ("4-2-4-4" transfer), does not meet this condition regardless of whether the student was enrolled at a two-year institution between attendance at the two previous four-year institutions;

[14.3.5.3.9-(b) through 14.3.5.3.9-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student must provide written notification of transfer to the institution by June 15 (see Bylaw ~~14.53.5.3.9.1~~ **14.53.5.3.9.1** for an exception for midyear and non-Division II transfers); and

[14.3.5.3.9-(e) unchanged.]

~~14.53.5.3.9.1~~ **14.53.5.3.9.1** Application of Notification Dates to Midyear and Non-Division II Transfers. A midyear transfer student-athlete or student-athlete transferring from a non-Division II institution (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA) is not required to have provided notification of transfer to the institution by the notification deadline in the previous academic year.

~~14.53.5.3.9.2~~ **14.53.5.3.9.2** Waivers. The Academic Requirements Committee shall have the authority to waive academic components of the one-time transfer exception. Those components include good academic standing, progress-toward-degree requirements, and the 12-semester or 12-quarter hour requirement for a transfer student who has one season of competition remaining in their sport or two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters or fewer remaining to complete eligibility and who has not earned a baccalaureate degree. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to waive all remaining components of the one-time transfer exception.

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~~14.53.5.4~~ Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw ~~14.18.12.4.1~~ or ~~14.53.5.3~~), is not eligible to compete at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution. Therefore, if the institution from which a student-athlete transfers declares separate segments of its playing and practice season, a student-athlete may compete during the segment that does not conclude with the NCAA championship for such an institution and during the segment that does conclude with the NCAA championship for the certifying institution during the same academic year in the same sport, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition.

~~14.53.5.4.1~~ Exception - Competition During the Nonchampionship Segment. A transfer student-athlete who competes during the nonchampionship segment where the contest(s) count toward championships selection criteria (e.g., golf, tennis) may be immediately eligible for competition during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship at the certifying institution upon transfer during the same academic year.

~~14.53.5.4.2~~ Alternate Playing Season. In the sports of baseball, golf and tennis, during the fall term, a student-athlete who participates in competition where the institution and/or conference declares the alternate playing season may not be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer to the certifying institution that does not declare the alternate playing season during the same academic year.

14.4 Athletics Eligibility.

~~14.14.12~~ Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all of the Association's general eligibility requirements and any additional eligibility requirements adopted by the applicable membership division.

~~14.14.12.1~~ Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, is found to have used a substance on the list of banned drugs, as set forth in Bylaw 18.2.1.2.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 and 18.2.1.2.3.

~~14.24.3~~ Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws ~~14.02.102~~ and ~~14.2-24.3.2~~). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of their seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

~~14.24.13.1~~ Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent With Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time load as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the four seasons of eligibility must be completed.

~~14.24.23.2~~ Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall complete their seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution. For an institution that conducts registration other than on a traditional semester or quarter basis, the Academic Requirements Committee shall determine an equivalent enrollment period.

~~14.24.23.12.1~~ Use of Semester or Quarter. A student-athlete is considered to have used a semester or quarter under this rule when the student-athlete is officially registered in a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign) in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, and attends the first day of classes for that term, even if the student-athlete drops to part-time status during that first day of classes (see Bylaw ~~14.2-34.3.3~~).

~~14.24.23.2.2~~ Pregnancy Exception. A member institution may approve a two-semester or three-quarter extension of this 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility for a pregnant student-athlete.

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~~14.24.23.32.3~~ **14.24.23.32.3** Transgender Female Exception. A member institution may approve a two-semester or three-quarter extension of the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility for a transgender female (male to female) student-athlete who uses two semesters or three quarters while completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment or surgical intervention.

~~14.24.23.42.4~~ **14.24.23.42.4** Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waivers. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule as it deems appropriate.

~~14.24.23.42.14.1~~ **14.24.23.42.14.1** Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a 10-semester/15-quarter period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in their sport within the 10-semester/15-quarter period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria detailed in this bylaw for extraordinary circumstances or extreme hardship.

~~14.24.23.42.14.1.1~~ **14.24.23.42.14.1.1** Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it shall be applied during the next available opportunity to enroll (e.g., next semester(s), quarter(s)).

~~14.24.23.42.14.2.1.2~~ **14.24.23.42.14.2.1.2** Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

[14.4.3.2.4.1.2-(a) through 14.4.3.2.4.1.2-(e) unchanged.]

~~14.24.23.42.14.3.1.3~~ **14.24.23.42.14.3.1.3** Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete and the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

[14.4.3.2.4.1.3-(a) through 14.4.3.2.4.1.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Redshirt year, unless it meets the exception pursuant to Bylaw ~~14.2.2.4.1.4.3.2.4.1.4~~ **14.3.2.4.1.4**;

[14.4.3.2.4.1.3-(e) through 14.4.3.2.4.1.3-(f) unchanged.]

~~14.24.23.42.14.4.1.4~~ **14.24.23.42.14.4.1.4** Waiver -- Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment. For a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during their initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at any institution, a waiver may be granted if all of the following conditions are met:

[14.4.3.2.4.1.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student-athlete was denied one participation opportunity per Bylaw ~~14.2.2.4.1.4.3.2.4.1~~ **14.3.2.4.1** following their initial year of collegiate enrollment.

~~14.24.23.42.14.4.1.4.1~~ **14.24.23.42.14.4.1.4.1** Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity (e.g., next semester(s) or quarter(s)).

~~14.24.23.42.24.2~~ **14.24.23.42.24.2** Practice While Waiver Is Pending. A student-athlete, who has exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, may practice, but not compete, for 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the institution has filed a 10-semester/15-quarter waiver request with the NCAA national office. If such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial.

~~14.24.3.3~~ **14.24.3.3** Additional Applications of the 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.

~~14.24.3.3.1~~ **14.24.3.3.1** Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, a student shall use a semester or quarter under the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility if the individual represents the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

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~~14.24.3.2~~**3.2** Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the 10-semester/15-quarter rule (Bylaw ~~14.24.3~~) only if:

[14.4.3.2-(a) through 14.4.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.24.3.3~~**3.3** Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for high school students, in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not practice (including limited preseason tryouts) or compete for the college's athletics programs.

~~14.24.3.4~~**3.4** Vocational Program. A student-athlete's eligibility under the 10-semester rule does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics.

~~14.24.3.5~~**3.5** Eligibility for Practice. A student-athlete receiving athletics aid after having engaged in four seasons of intercollegiate competition in a sport may continue to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport without being a counter (see Bylaw 15.02.4), provided the individual has eligibility remaining under the 10-semester rule.

~~14.24.4~~**4** Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

~~14.24.4.1~~**4.1** Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

~~14.24.4.1.1~~**4.1.1** Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution. The Division II season of competition legislation does not apply to a transfer student-athlete's previous participation at a non-Division II institution (e.g., NCAA Division I or III, NAIA, two-year college). A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation.

~~14.24.4.1.1.1~~**4.1.1.1** Exception -- Division III Transfer. A Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

~~14.24.4.1.2~~**4.1.2** Exception -- Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

~~14.24.4.1.2.1~~**4.1.2.1** Official Scoring. Official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:

[14.4.3.4.1.2.1-(a) through 14.4.3.4.1.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.24.4.1.3~~**4.1.3** Exception -- Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment and Spring Football. In field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's volleyball and men's and women's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship. In baseball, women's beach volleyball, softball and men's and women's lacrosse, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship

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without using a season of competition. Prior to participating against outside competition during the nonchampionship segment and spring football practice, student-athletes shall be certified as eligible (e.g., amateurism, enrolled full time).

~~14.24.43.14.4~~**14** Recognized Foreign Exchange/Study Abroad Program. A student-athlete who participates in a formal and established educational foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the certifying institution's academic authorities shall not use a season of competition for participation in intercollegiate competition that occurs during the certifying institution's nonchampionship segment.

~~14.24.43.14.5~~**15** Alumni Game, Fundraising Activity or Celebrity Sports Activity. A student-athlete may engage in outside competition in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the event is exempted from the institution's maximum number of contests or dates of competition as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17.

~~14.24.43.14.6~~**16** Preseason Exhibition Contests or Dates of Competition/Preseason Scrimmages During Initial Year. During a student-athlete's initial year of collegiate enrollment, they may compete in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) that occur prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport without counting such competition as a season of competition.

~~14.24.43.14.7~~**17** Exception -- Football. In football, a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests in a season without using a season of competition.

~~14.24.43.24.2~~**2** Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date, shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after October 1 or March 1 and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2.

~~14.24.43.24.12.1~~**1** Administration of Participation in Organized Competition.

~~14.24.43.24.12.1.1~~**1.1** High School Graduation. An individual's high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall be considered to be the graduation date of the final high school class (e.g., junior, senior) of which they were a member.

~~14.24.43.24.12.1.1.1~~**1.1.1** Early High School Graduation. If an individual graduates early from high school, they become a member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class.

~~14.24.43.24.12.1.2~~**1.2** Late High School Graduation -- Required Repeat Year. If an individual is required to repeat an entire year of high school attendance, they become a member of that class and the date of graduation for the individual is the expected date of that class.

~~14.24.43.24.12.1.3~~**1.3** Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and then participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.24.3.4.2.1.2 shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following the discontinued enrollment and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

~~14.24.43.24.12.2~~**2** Organized Competition. Athletics competition shall be considered organized if any one of the following conditions exists:

[14.4.3.4.2.1.2-(a) through 14.4.3.4.2.1.2-(i) unchanged.]

~~14.24.43.24.12.3~~**3** Academic Year in Residence. An individual who uses a season of competition in a specific sport per Bylaw ~~14.2.4.24.3.4.2~~ shall fulfill an academic year in residence at any

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member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition.

~~14.24.43.24.12.31.13.1~~ **14.24.43.24.12.31.13.1** Exception -- Transfer Student. A student who has attended a two-year or a four-year collegiate institution for at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters and who has satisfactorily completed an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable degree credit for each full-time academic term of attendance at the two-year or four-year collegiate institution is not required to fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. This exception shall not apply to the use of a season(s) of intercollegiate competition for each 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which an individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.2~~. (See Bylaws ~~14.42.9~~ and ~~14.53~~ for *progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements***transfer and progress-toward-degree requirements**.)

~~14.24.43.24.12.31.23.2~~ **14.24.43.24.12.31.23.2** Exception -- Graduate Student. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or equivalent degree program is not required to fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in that specific sport in intercollegiate competition. (See Bylaws ~~14.182.4~~ and ~~14.42.9~~ for progress-toward-degree and transfer requirements.)

~~14.24.43.24.2.2~~ **14.24.43.24.2.2** Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual who does not cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation, 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 ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.2~~ following October 1 or March 1 and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

~~14.24.43.24.2.12.1~~ **14.24.43.24.2.12.1** Service Exceptions. 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 and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2~~.

~~14.24.43.24.2.2.2~~ **14.24.43.24.2.2.2** National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.2~~ shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in:

[14.4.3.4.2.2.2-(a) through 14.4.3.4.2.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.24.43.24.2.32.3~~ **14.24.43.24.2.32.3** Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.2~~ shall be excepted in skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts.

~~14.24.43.24.2.42.4~~ **14.24.43.24.2.42.4** Men's Ice Hockey Exception. In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.2~~ shall be excepted.

~~14.24.43.24.2.42.14.1~~ **14.24.43.24.2.42.14.1** Major Junior Ice Hockey -- Men's Ice Hockey. An individual who participates on a Major Junior men's ice hockey team shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates, regardless of when such participation occurs. The individual shall fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw ~~14.24.3.4.2.1.3~~) before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in men's ice hockey.

~~14.24.43.24.32.3~~ **14.24.43.24.32.3** Waiver. The Committee for Legislative Relief shall have the authority to review and grant waivers of the organized competition legislation.

~~14.24.43.34.3~~ **14.24.43.34.3** Road Racing. Participation in road racing is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual who does not cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date and participates in a road race(s) shall use one

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season of intercollegiate competition in cross country and track and field for each consecutive 12-month period after October 1 or March 1 and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. The individual shall also fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in cross country or track and field competition.

~~14.24.43.4.4~~ **14.24.43.4.4** Track and Field and Cross Country. Cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports.

~~14.24.43.8.4.5~~ **14.24.43.8.4.5** Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not compete during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and before the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of eligibility (see Bylaw 17.32.1.5).

~~14.24.53.5~~ **14.24.53.5** Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.4.3.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (see Bylaw ~~14.24.3.5.2.3~~ **14.24.3.5.2.3**) and results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in their sport (see Bylaw ~~14.24.3.5.2.5.1.1~~ **14.24.3.5.2.5.1.1** for information regarding percent calculation in track and field and Bylaw ~~14.24.3.5.2.5.1.2~~ **14.24.3.5.2.5.1.2** for information regarding percent calculation in basketball). Competition (excluding alumni games, fundraising activities, celebrity sports activities, scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation. In basketball, contests played as part of a region challenge shall be countable under this limitation.

~~14.24.53.15.1~~ **14.24.53.15.1** Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. An institution may appeal a decision by its conference to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

~~14.24.53.25.2~~ **14.24.53.25.2** Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver:

~~14.24.53.25.12.1~~ **14.24.53.25.12.1** Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating injury or illness to be the direct result of the student's participation in the institution's organized practice or game competition. The student-athlete may qualify for the hardship waiver as a result of any incapacitating injury or illness occurring after the individual becomes a student-athlete by reporting on call for regular squad practice or after attending the first day of classes as a full-time student at a member institution.

~~14.24.53.25.2.2~~ **14.24.53.25.2.2** Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous medical documentation from a physician or medical doctor that establishes the student-athlete's inability to compete for the remainder of the playing season as a result of an injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. Chiropractic records do not constitute medical documentation for purposes of administering a hardship-waiver request. For circumstances involving psychological or mental illnesses, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness (e.g., psychologist).

~~14.24.53.25.32.3~~ **14.24.53.25.32.3** First-Half-of-Season Calculation. The first half of the season is measured by the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in the sport. Any computation of the first half of the season that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number. The first full contest or date of

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competition immediately following the rounded value is the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season (e.g., 50 percent of an 11-game football schedule -- 5.5 games -- shall be considered six games and any injury or illness must have occurred prior to the start of the seventh contest).

~~14.24.53.25.32.13.1~~ **14.24.53.25.32.13.1** Contests or Dates of Competition Based on Championship Selection. In sports in which the playing season is divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., golf and tennis), the first half of the season shall be measured by the Bylaw 17 maximum for the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments). In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments but the championship selection is based on competition during only one segment of the season (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the championship segment.

~~14.24.53.25.32.23.2~~ **14.24.53.25.32.23.2** First-Half-of-Season Calculation -- Track and Field. For an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field, the first half of the season calculation for indoor and outdoor track and field shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition in the respective season. For example, if the institution completes six dates of competition in indoor track, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the beginning of the fourth date of competition. For an institution that sponsors only indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, and a student-athlete who only competes in indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17.

~~14.24.53.25.32.3.3~~ **14.24.53.25.32.3.3** First Half-of-Season Calculation - Basketball. If an institution participates in a region challenge event, the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of contests set forth in Bylaw 17 plus the number of contests played in the region challenge event. For example, if an institution participates in two contests as part of a region challenge event, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the start of the 15th contest (e.g., 26 contests plus two region challenge contests).

~~14.24.53.25.42.4~~ **14.24.53.25.42.4** Reinjury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, attempts to return to competition during the second half of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver.

~~14.24.53.25.52.5~~ **14.24.53.25.52.5** Percent Calculation. The following requirements apply in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.24.3.5~~(c) and ~~14.24.3.5.2.3~~ apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 7 and 17.)

~~14.24.53.25.52.15.1~~ **14.24.53.25.52.15.1** Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport.

~~14.24.53.25.52.15.1.1~~ **14.24.53.25.52.15.1.1** Denominator in Percent Computation -- Track and Field. For an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field, the denominator in the percent calculation for indoor and outdoor track and field shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition in the respective season. For example, if the institution completes six dates of competition in indoor track, the denominator in the percent calculation for a hardship waiver in indoor track and field would be six. For an institution that sponsors only indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, and a student-athlete who only competes in indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition or the maximum number of dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 may be used in the denominator.

~~14.24.53.25.52.15.2.1.2~~ **14.24.53.25.52.15.2.1.2** Denominator in Percent Calculation - Basketball. If an institution participates in a region challenge event, the denominator shall include the number of contests played in the region challenge event. For example, if an institution participates in

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two contests as part of a region challenge event, the denominator in the percent calculation would be 28 (e.g., 26 contests plus two region challenge contests).

~~14.24.53.25.52.25.2~~ **Fraction in Percent Computation.** Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 30 percent of a 26-game basketball schedule -- 7.8 games -- shall be considered eight games).

~~14.24.53.25.62.6~~ **Transfer Student-Athletes.** The hardship-waiver criteria for a transfer student-athlete who suffers an injury or illness while attending an NCAA Division I or Division III institution may be based on the method that would be most beneficial to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the member division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division II rule). The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation, as opposed to selected elements of the legislation of each division.

~~14.24.53.25.72.7~~ **Foreign-Tour Competition.** A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of competition if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year.

~~14.24.63.6~~ **Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Ineligible.** In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw ~~14.13.1.4~~, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when they participated in a limited amount of competition under either of the following circumstances:

[14.4.3.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6-(b) unchanged.]

~~14.24.63.16.1~~ **Applicable Conditions.** The competition must have occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.4.3.6.1-(a) through 14.4.3.6.1-(d) unchanged.]

~~14.24.63.26.2~~ **Administrative Criteria.** The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of the season-of-competition waiver:

~~14.24.63.26.12.1~~ **Ten Percent Calculation.** The following requirements are to be met in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws ~~14.24.3.6.1-(b)~~ and ~~14.24.3.6.2.1~~ apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 7 and 17.)

~~14.24.63.26.12.1.1~~ **Denominator in Percent Computation.** The denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of scheduled or completed varsity contests or dates of competition [see Bylaw ~~14.24.3.6.1-(b)~~] as computed for playing and practice season purposes in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. Exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport.

~~14.24.63.26.12.2.1.2~~ **Fraction in Percent Calculation.** Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 10 percent of a 26-game basketball schedule -- 2.6 games -- shall be considered three games).

~~14.24.63.26.12.3.1.3~~ **Conference Championships.** A conference championship shall be counted as one contest or date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition in the sport, regardless of the number of dates or games involved in the championship. However, for purposes of this regulation, the calculation of scheduled contests or dates of competition in a particular season does not include postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament.

~~14.24.63.26.12.4.1.4~~ **NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet.** The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or

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completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet.

~~14.24.73.7~~ **Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Eligible.** A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to extenuating circumstances (per Bylaw ~~14.24.3.7.1.3~~), the student-athlete, while eligible, did not compete in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17. The competition must occur prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete participated.

~~14.24.73.17.1~~ **Administrative Criteria.** The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of this season-of-competition waiver:

~~14.24.73.17.1.1~~ **Thirty Percent Calculation.** The requirements specified in Bylaw ~~14.24.3.6.2.1~~ shall apply to the 30 percent calculation specified in this waiver.

~~14.24.73.17.2.1.2~~ **First-Half-of-Season Requirement.** The first-half-of-season requirements specified in Bylaw ~~14.24.3.5.2.3~~ shall apply to the first-half-of season requirement specified in this waiver.

~~14.24.73.17.3.1.3~~ **Extenuating Circumstances.** Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

[14.4.3.7.1.3-(a) through 14.4.3.7.1.3-(d) unchanged.]

~~14.24.73.17.4.1.4~~ **Review Authority.** In cases where a student-athlete does not meet the extenuating circumstances listed in Bylaw ~~14.24.3.7.1.3~~, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant waivers based on additional documented extenuating circumstances.

~~14.104.4~~ **U.S. Service Academies, Special Eligibility Provisions.**

~~14.104.14.1~~ **10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.** The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw ~~14.24.3~~) for student-athletes of the national service academies who have exhausted eligibility in one sport but wish to compete in another sport or sports in which they have eligibility remaining.

~~14.74.7~~ **Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility.** The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaws ~~14.3.1.2.2.2.8.2.2.2~~ and 17.02.10) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

~~14.74.17.1~~ **Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball.** A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in their sport (other than basketball) if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, they compete or have competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw ~~14.4.7.5~~ for exceptions) until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

~~14.74.17.1.1~~ **Recognized Foreign Exchange/Study Abroad Program.** A student-athlete who participates in a formal and established educational foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the certifying institution's academic authorities shall not be subject to the outside competition legislation while participating in the program.

~~14.74.17.2.1.2~~ **Additional Restriction -- Men's and Women's Wrestling.** In men's and women's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.32.2.

14.4.7.1.3 Triathlon and Cross Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon and cross country are considered separate sports, triathlon and track and field are considered separate

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sports, and triathlon and swimming are considered separate sports for purposes of the outside competition legislation.

~~14.74.27.2~~ **14.4.7.2** Outside Competition, Basketball. A student-athlete who participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition in accordance with the permissible playing season specified in Bylaw 17.4 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaw ~~14.4.7.5~~ for exceptions).

~~14.74.37.3~~ **14.4.7.3** Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Sports Other Than Basketball.

~~14.74.37.3.1~~ **14.4.7.3.1** Eligibility Status. A student-athlete is considered to be a member of the institution's team, and therefore bound by this regulation in that sport, if the student-athlete:

[14.4.7.3.1-(a) through 14.4.7.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.74.37.3.1.1~~ **14.4.7.3.1.1** Exception. A student-athlete who fails to make the institution's team after participation only in limited preseason tryouts shall not be considered a member of the team for purposes of this regulation.

~~14.74.37.3.2~~ **14.4.7.3.2** Competition Between Seasons. If an institution conducts separate fall and spring practice or playing seasons in a sport, it is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in that sport on an outside team during the period between the two seasons without affecting their eligibility.

~~14.74.37.3.3~~ **14.4.7.3.3** Postseason Competition. An institution's intercollegiate season includes any scheduled participation in the conference championship in the sport in question but excludes the period between the last regularly scheduled competition and the NCAA championship in that sport.

~~14.74.37.4.3.4~~ **14.4.7.4.3.4** 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:

[14.4.7.3.4-(a) through 14.4.7.3.4-(d) unchanged.]

~~14.74.37.4.3.4.1~~ **14.4.7.4.3.4.1** No Competition Between Beginning of Academic Year and November 1 -- Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.

~~14.74.37.5.3.5~~ **14.4.7.4.5.3.5** Exempt Teams. In the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.16.2), such units as "pro-am" golf teams, doubles tennis teams, and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be outside teams for purposes of this legislation.

~~14.74.47.4~~ **14.4.7.4** Additional Applications of Outside-Competition Regulations, Basketball.

~~14.74.47.4.1~~ **14.4.7.4.1** Organized Basketball Competition. Outside basketball competition, including competition involving teams with fewer than five players, shall be considered "organized" if any one of the following conditions exists:

[14.4.7.4.1-(a) through 14.4.7.4.1-(i) unchanged.]

~~14.74.47.2.4.2~~ **14.4.7.4.2.4.2** Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (i.e., has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, fulfilling a residence requirement following transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

~~14.74.47.3.4.3~~ **14.4.7.4.3.4.3** Nonrecruited, Nonparticipant. Participation by a student-athlete in organized basketball competition while enrolled in a member institution and having participated in a sport other than basketball would not jeopardize the student's eligibility in basketball, if the individual had not been recruited in basketball and had not participated on or been a candidate for the institution's intercollegiate basketball team.

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~~14.74.57.5~~ **14.57.5** Exceptions to Outside-Competition Regulations. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted.

~~14.74.57.15.1~~ **14.57.15.1** In All Sports:

[14.4.7.5.1-(a) through 14.4.7.5.1-(f) unchanged.]

~~14.74.57.25.2~~ **14.57.25.2** Additional Exceptions for Basketball Only:

[14.4.7.5.2-(a) through 14.4.7.5.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.74.57.35.3~~ **14.57.35.3** National-Team Criteria. A national team shall meet the following criteria:

[14.4.7.5.3-(a) through 14.4.7.5.3-(c) unchanged.]

~~14.74.67.6~~ **14.67.6** Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.

[14.2.1 through 14.2.2 renumbered as 14.5.1 through 14.5.2, unchanged.]

~~14.2.4.5 Triathlon and Cross-Country, Track and Field and Swimming. Triathlon includes elements of competition similar to cross-country, track and field and swimming competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of organized competition. Therefore, triathlon and cross-country are considered the same sport, triathlon and track and field are considered the same sport, and triathlon and swimming are considered the same sport for purposes of the organized competition legislation.~~

~~14.2.4.6 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.~~

~~14.2.4.7 Intercollegiate Competition. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate competition when they compete in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate competition per Bylaw 14.02.10.~~

[14.4.1 through 14.4.9 renumbered as 14.7.1 through 14.7.9, unchanged.]

~~14.7.1.3 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for purposes of Bylaw 14.7.~~

~~14.8 Additional Waivers for Eligibility Requirements. Conditions under which exceptions are permitted or waivers may be granted to specific eligibility requirements in this bylaw are noted in other sections of this bylaw. Other than these, there shall be no waiver by the Association of any of the provisions of this bylaw except as follows.~~

~~14.8.1 Management Council Waivers. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows:~~

~~14.8.1.1 Academic and General Requirements. The academic and general eligibility requirements may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:~~

~~(a) For student-athletes in times of national emergency;~~

~~(b) For member institutions that have instituted a trimester or other accelerated academic program, provided any member institution applying for a waiver shall demonstrate a reasonable need for such waiver. Further, the Management Council shall grant no waiver that permits a student-athlete to compete in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition. Under the waiver allowed, if a student in an accelerated academic program completes the requirements for a degree before completing eligibility, the student may participate in competition that begins within 90 days after completion of the requirements for the degree. The Management Council shall include a report of each such exception in its annual report to the Convention; and~~

~~(c) For institutions that have suffered extraordinary personnel losses from one or more of their intercollegiate athletics teams due to accident or illness of a disastrous nature.~~

~~14.8.2 Committee for Legislative Relief Waivers. The Committee for Legislative Relief may waive specific provisions of this bylaw as follows.~~

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~~14.8.2.1 Residence Requirement. The one-year residence requirement for student-athletes may be waived under the following conditions or circumstances:~~

- ~~(a) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution for reasons of health. Such request for a waiver shall be initiated by any member institution and shall be supported by contemporaneous medical documentation and medical recommendations of that institution's team physician and/or the student-athlete's personal physician;~~
- ~~(b) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution after loss of eligibility due to a violation of the regulation prohibiting pay for participation in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 12.1.4) or a violation of recruiting regulations (see Bylaw 13.01.5), or for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division I institution after loss of eligibility due to involvement in a violation of the freshman or transfer eligibility requirements for financial aid, practice and competition set forth in Bylaws 14.3.1, 14.5.4 and 14.5.5. The Management Council may waive these requirements only upon a determination of the innocence or inadvertent involvement of the student-athlete in the violation;~~
- ~~(c) On the recommendation of the Committee on Infractions, for a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution was placed on probation by the NCAA with sanctions that would preclude the institution's team in that sport from participating in postseason competition during all of the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 13.1.1.2.3);~~
- ~~(d) For a student-athlete who transfers to a member institution to continue the student-athlete's opportunity for full participation in a sport because the student-athlete's original institution lost regional accreditation (or no longer meets the accreditation standard for an international institution (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1)) and forfeited immediately its membership in the Association per Bylaw 7.3.4.2.~~

~~14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.~~

Review History:

Sep 13, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Oct 17, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved Change in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Following the adoption of the new NCAA constitution at the 2022 NCAA Convention, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council established the Division II Implementation Committee which was charged with reviewing the division's rules and policies to ensure that changes were consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution. The Implementation Committee tasked the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee with reviewing various bylaws, which included Bylaw 12. Upon further review of Bylaw 12, the Legislation Committee determined that incorporating Bylaw 12 into Bylaws 7 and 14 was appropriate. Further, the Legislation Committee recommended renaming Bylaw 14 due to the incorporation and reorganization of Bylaw 14.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-5

Title: AMATEURISM -- INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUT AFTER ENROLLMENT -- ELIMINATE 48-HOUR LIMIT

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Amateurism

Intent: To permit a student-athlete to accept actual and necessary expenses from a professional sports organization or the national governing body to participate in a tryout or combine with a professional team, beyond the 48-hour limit; further, to permit a student-athlete to miss class time to participate in a tryout or combine with a professional team.

Bylaws: Amend 12.2.1.1, as follows:

12.2.1.1 Tryout After Enrollment. A student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, ~~provided the individual does not miss class.~~ A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout from a professional sports organization **or the national governing body**, ~~provided the tryout does not exceed 48 hours. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation.~~

Review History:

Nov 30, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Current legislation permits a student-athlete to accept actual and necessary expenses to participate in one 48-hour tryout or combine with a professional team. If the tryout or combine extends beyond 48 hours, the student-athlete must finance any additional expenses incurred. Extending the permissible time a student-athlete may participate in a tryout or combine and receive actual and necessary expenses supports student-athlete well-being by providing the requisite time to engage in the necessary activities to inform the draft process and adequately explore the professional opportunity. Further, allowing a student-athlete to miss class time to participate in a professional team tryout or combine is appropriate given the current technology available to make up any missed class work and is best governed by institutional policy regarding missed class time.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-6

Title: NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- GOLF

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: February 20, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership and Institutional Control

Intent: In golf, to reduce the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship from five to four.

Bylaws: Amend 7.3.1.7.1.1, as follows:

7.3.1.7.1.1 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and acrobatics and tumbling, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	24		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	22		Equestrian	6	12
Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	6	5
Field Hockey	10		Women's Fencing	6	5
Football	9		Golf	7	5 4
Men's Ice Hockey	20		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Women's Ice Hockey	20		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Men's Lacrosse	10		Rifle	8	4

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Women's Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	6		Swimming and Diving	8	11
Women's Rugby	9		Tennis	10	5
Soccer	10		Track and Field, Indoor	4	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Stunt	8	16	Men's Wrestling	9	6
Men's Volleyball	9		Women's Wrestling	9	6
Women's Volleyball	15		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Men's Water Polo	15				
Women's Water Polo	10				

[7.3.1.7.1.1.1 through 7.3.1.7.1.1.11 unchanged.]

Review History:

Feb 13, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Membership Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Currently, an institution that sponsors golf must complete seven dates of competition with at least five participants to satisfy sports sponsorship requirements. However, an institution only needs to report the scores of four participants from that event for the event to count towards championships selections. Due to this discrepancy, a situation could arise where a Division II golf program is named a national champion in their sport without meeting sports sponsorship requirements. Aligning the minimum participants requirements for sports sponsorship with championships selection requirements would avoid these situations.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-7

Title: RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC -- ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBERS -- OTHER NONINSTITUTIONAL PRIVATELY OWNED CAMPS/CLINICS -- NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL ACADEMIES

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: To permit a Division II men's and women's basketball coach to coach participants of the NCAA College Basketball Academies.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2.5.2, as follows:

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). [D]

[13.12.2.5.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.5.2.2 Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academies. An institution's men's and women's basketball coach may be employed at the NCAA College Basketball Academies to serve in the capacity as a coach and coach participants.

Review History:

Nov 30, 2023: Recommended Concept - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

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Additional Information:

Current legislation prohibits an institution's athletics department personnel from serving in any capacity in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is not open to the public. The NCAA College Basketball Academies are invite-only, which precludes participation of Division II men's and women's basketball coaches. However, allowing Division II men's and women's basketball coaches to participate in the College Basketball Academies and coach participants will give coaches the opportunity to increase their institution's exposure.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-8

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- STUNT -- AMEND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In stunt, to amend the playing and practice season legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 Stunt.

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season — ~~Championship and Nonchampionship Segments~~. The length of an institution's playing season in stunt shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required days **off** per Bylaw 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination period during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.22.2 ~~First Date of Practice — Championship Segment~~**Preseason Practice**. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in stunt ~~in the championship segment before January 10 or the first day of classes~~**before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only)**, whichever is earlier.

17.22.3 First Date of Competition — ~~Championship Segment~~. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in ~~the championship segment~~**stunt** before February 1.

17.22.3.1 Exception — February 1 on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. When February 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Friday preceding February 1.

17.22.4 ~~End Date of Practice and Competition — Championship Segment~~**of Regular Playing Season**. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in stunt ~~in the championship segment~~ by the conclusion of the ~~National Collegiate Stunt Association~~**College Stunt Association** National Championships (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

~~17.22.5 First Date of Practice and Competition — Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier.~~

~~17.22.6 End Date of Practice and Competition — Nonchampionship Segment. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment not later than November 15.~~

[17.22.7 renumbered as 17.22.5, unchanged.]

17.22.~~5~~**3** Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in stunt shall exclude the following:

[17.22.7.3-(a) renumbered as 17.22.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

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- (b) Season-Ending Championship. Competition in one season-ending tournament (*e.g., National Collegiate Stunt Association National Championship*). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.22.7.3-(c) through 17.22.7.3-(g) renumbered as 17.22.5.3-(c) through 17.22.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.22.7.4 through 17.22.7.5 renumbered as 17.22.5.4 through 17.22.5.5, unchanged.]

17.22.86 ~~Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment~~ Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the ~~championship segment except for the following:~~ **the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.22.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.3.**

(a) ~~Weight Training, Conditioning and/or Team Activities. Student-athletes shall not engage in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier, in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3; and~~

(b) ~~Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.22.5 and 17.22.6 and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)~~

[17.22.8.1 renumbered as 17.22.6.1, unchanged.]

[17.22.9 through 17.22.11 renumbered as 17.22.7 through 17.22.9, unchanged.]

Review History:

Nov 30, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Amending Bylaw 17.22 (stunt), as specified, will align the playing and practice season for Division II with the Division I playing and practice season legislation for stunt. Division II traditionally aligns playing and practice season legislation with Division I for emerging sports.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-9

Title: COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II GENERAL COMMITTEES -- CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- STUDENT-ATHLETE REPRESENTATION

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Intent: To increase the composition of the Division II Championships Committee and Division II Legislation Committee by adding an additional member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; further, to specify that the additional member shall: (1) have a vote on the Championships Committee and Legislation Committee; and (2) be elected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 21.8.5, as follows:

21.8.5 Division II General Committees. To conduct Division II business in an efficient and orderly fashion, the following Division II committees shall be established and shall report directly to the Division II Management Council.

[21.8.5.1 through 21.8.5.2 unchanged.]

21.8.5.2.1 Composition. The Division II Championships Committee shall consist of ~~12~~**13** members, including ~~one~~**two** members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (**one representing male sports and one representing female sports**) and two members of the Division II Management Council (**see Bylaw 21.8.5.9.6**). The vice chair of the Management Council shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

21.8.5.2.1.1 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Members. The two members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall each have a vote on the Championships Committee.

[21.8.5.2.2 unchanged.]

[21.8.5.3 through 21.8.5.6 unchanged.]

21.8.5.6.1 Composition. The Division II Legislation Committee shall consist of ~~12~~**13** members, including two members of the Division II Management Council and ~~one~~**two** members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (**one representing male sports and one representing female sports**) (**see Bylaw 21.8.5.9.7**).

21.8.5.6.1.1 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Members. The two members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall each have a vote on the Legislation Committee.

[21.8.5.6.2 unchanged.]

[21.8.5.7 through 21.8.5.9 unchanged.]

21.8.5.9.6 Championships Committee Service. The committee shall elect one additional member to serve on the Championships Committee. (See Bylaw 21.8.5.2.1)

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21.8.5.9.7 Legislation Committee Service. The committee shall elect one additional member to serve on the Legislation Committee. (See Bylaw 21.8.5.6.1)

[21.8.5.9.6 renumbered as 21.8.5.9.8, unchanged.]

Review History:

Nov 16, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Currently, the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is represented by one student-athlete on the NCAA Division II Championships Committee and one student-athlete on the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee. The committee believes adding one student-athlete to both the Championships Committee and Legislation Committee will strengthen the student-athlete voice by providing additional perspectives in committee discussions that often directly impact student-athletes. The one additional student-athlete on both committees will enhance the gender and sport diversity and the conference representation that the current student-athlete members provide. Further, having an additional student-athlete serve on the two committees will increase opportunities for SAAC members to serve on Division II committees. The additional student-athletes will offer support for the current student-athlete members on the Championships Committee and Legislation Committee, which are largely composed of Division II athletics administrators.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-10

Title: CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS -- REMOVAL OF CANNABINOIDS FROM BANNED DRUG LIST

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Championships Administration

Intent: To eliminate cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drug classes, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 18.2, as follows:

18.2 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.2.1 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.1 Banned Drugs. The following is the list of banned-drug classes, which aligns with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes, with the exception of **cannabinoids and** the glucocorticoid class. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) has the authority to identify banned drugs within each class. The institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have specifically identified.

[18.2.1.2.1-(a) through 18.2.1.2.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Cannabinoids (marijuana and THC);

[18.2.1.2.1-(f) through 18.2.1.2.1-(i) relettered as 18.2.1.2.1-(e) through 18.2.1.2.1-(h), unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.1.1 unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.2 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than ~~Cannabinoids and~~ Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), shall be subject to the following:

[18.2.1.2.2-(a) through 18.2.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

18.2.1.2.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics, they shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. ~~If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, they shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed and facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions).~~ If a student-athlete who previously tested

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positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, they shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of regular-season contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and they test negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.2.1.2.3 Penalty -- Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season of competition in all sports (i.e., 50 percent of all contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and they test negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.2.1.2.3.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug classes other than ~~cannabinoids or~~ narcotics ~~or tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids~~, they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 ~~or 18.2.1.2.4~~.

~~18.2.1.2.4 Penalty -- Cannabinoids. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3.~~

~~18.2.1.2.4.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3.~~

~~18.2.1.2.4.1.1 Failure to Attest. If an institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 25 percent of a season in all sports (25 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition).~~

~~18.2.1.2.4.2 Third Positive Test and Beyond. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a third time or more for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their~~

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~~institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3.~~

~~18.2.1.2.4.2.1 Failure to Attest. If the institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (50 percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular season contests or dates of competition).~~

18.2.1.2.54 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than a ~~cannabinoid~~ or narcotic.

[18.2.1.2.5.1 renumbered as 18.2.1.2.4.1, unchanged.]

[18.2.1.2.6 through 18.2.1.2.12 renumbered as 18.2.1.2.5 through 18.2.1.2.11, unchanged.]

[18.2.2 unchanged.]

Review History:

Sep 20, 2023:	Recommends Approval - NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
Jan 10, 2024:	Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.
Apr 16, 2024:	Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommended the removal of cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances based on extensive study informed by subject matter experts (including medical doctors, substance misuse experts and membership practitioners), consensus opinion from the 2022 Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics and referrals from Divisions II and III to consider banning only performance enhancing drugs. Removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances does not condone or promote cannabinoid use; instead, it acknowledges the ineffectiveness of existing policy (prevention and penalty) and aims to recenter student-athlete health while recognizing the shifting cultural and legal landscapes surrounding cannabinoid use. Finally, the committee determined that the proposal would apply retroactively to any penalty associated with a previous positive test; thereby, rendering the penalty moot.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-11

Title: RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACTABLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- NCAA DIVISION I CONTACT WITH DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETES OUTSIDE APPLICABLE DIVISION I TRANSFER WINDOW

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: January 16, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: To clarify that a Division I institution may not contact a Division II student-athlete outside the applicable Division I transfer window.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

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 communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), 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 I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's interest shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.1 Division I Athletics Staff Member. A Division I athletics staff member or representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, outside of the applicable Division I transfer window.

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.5 renumbered as 13.1.1.2.2 through 13.1.1.2.6, unchanged.]

Review History:

Nov 30, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Jan 10, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Jun 26, 2024: Recommends Withdrawal - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Additional Information:

Currently, Division II institutions must comply with Division I legislation that states that a student-athlete currently enrolled at a Division I institution may only initiate written notification of transfer during the applicable window for their sport, unless an exception applies, regardless of the division the Division I student-athlete is transferring to. However, Division I institutions may permissibly contact a Division II student-athlete outside of the applicable Division I transfer window. Prohibiting a Division I institution from

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contacting a Division II student-athlete outside of the applicable transfer window promotes recruiting equity across both Division I and II.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-12

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 19, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to specify that a member institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11.4, as follows:

17.11.4 First Contest -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the ~~week prior to the~~ Thursday preceding ~~September 6~~ **August 30**.

Review History:

Mar 27, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2024-1 (playing and practice seasons -- football -- preseason practice and first contest -- first permissible contest) states that an institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the week prior to the Thursday preceding September 6. Amending the language to specify that an institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding August 30 will alleviate potential confusion amongst the membership. The amendment will clarify the language of the legislation without altering the application.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-13

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- TERM-BY-TERM CREDIT-HOUR REQUIREMENT -- APPLICATION OF RULE TO TRANSFER STUDENT -- TRANSFERABLE REQUIREMENT

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2024

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Effective Date: Immediate, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution for the 2024-25 academic year, and thereafter.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be transferable degree credit; further, to specify that the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours shall be earned (rather than transferable) during the student-athlete's last full-time term of attendance.

Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

[14.01 through 14.3 unchanged.]

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

[14.4.1 through 14.4.3 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2.1 Application of Rule to Transfer Student. For purposes of certifying eligibility for a transfer student from a two-year or four-year collegiate institution per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, the nine-semester or eight-quarter hours must be *transferable degree credit*. (See ~~Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3~~ **earned degree credit**.)

[14.4.3.2.2 unchanged.]

[14.4.3.3 through 14.4.3.12 unchanged.]

[14.5 through 14.13 unchanged.]

Review History:

Sep 19, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Apr 25, 2024: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Administrative Committee.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires that transfer students must complete at least nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of transferable degree credit during their last full-time term. The Academic Requirements Committee noted that it is difficult for student-athletes to know which courses will transfer to their next institution when registering for the term prior to transferring. This proposal would still require transfer students to earn nine-

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semester or eight-quarter hours of degree credit during their last full-time term. However, this change would simplify transfer certifications by permitting the certifying institution to certify the term-by-term credit-hour requirement for a transfer student based on a review of the previous institution's transcript rather than an in-depth analysis of transferable coursework accepted by the certifying institution.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-14

Title: RECRUITING -- MODERNIZATION AND DEREGULATION

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 19, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: To amend the recruiting legislation, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7, as follows:

7 NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control

[7.01 through 7.3 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.10.4 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the banned drug list specified in Bylaw 18.2.1.2.1 and shall update the list on its website.

[7.3.1.5.11 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.12 Academic Success Rate. Active members shall annually submit data, by the applicable deadline, for the Academic Success Rate in a form prescribed by the Management Council. **The Association's national office annually shall publish the academic success rate data and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis.**

[7.3.1.5.12.1 unchanged.]

[7.3.1.5.13 through 7.3.1.5.22 unchanged.]

[7.3.1.6 through 7.3.1.7 unchanged.]

[7.3.2 through 7.3.5 unchanged.]

[7.4 through 7.9 unchanged.]

7.9.2.1 Admissions and Graduation-Rate Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or an individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted federal graduation rate and enrollment data to the NCAA national office on or before the applicable deadline. ~~(See Bylaw 13.3 for additional regulations.)~~ **The Association's national office annually shall publish federal and admissions rate data and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis.**

[7.9.2.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

13.01 General Principles.

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13.01.1 Entertainment. A member institution may provide entertainment (per Bylaws ~~13.6.6~~**13.3.6** and ~~13.7.2~~**13.4.2**), at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and not excessive in nature, to a prospective student-athlete and their immediate family members. Entertainment of other relatives or friends of a prospective student-athlete is prohibited.

13.01.2 Institutional Responsibility in Recruitment. A member of an institution's athletics staff or a ~~representative of its athletics interests~~**booster** shall not recruit a prospective student-athlete except as permitted by this Association, the institution and the member conference, if any.

[13.01.3 unchanged.]

13.01.4 Recruiting by ~~Representatives of Athletics Interests~~**Boosters**. ~~Representatives of an institution's athletics interests~~ **Boosters** (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.12) are prohibited from making in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or telephone calls with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians. On-campus contact is permitted, as are written communications. Recruiting contacts by ~~representatives~~**boosters** during a prospective student-athlete's official visit are confined to campus (see Bylaw 13.6**3**.6.1).

13.01.5 Eligibility Effects of Recruiting Violation. The recruitment of a student-athlete by a member institution or any ~~representative of its athletics interests~~**booster** in violation of the Association's legislation, as acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's enforcement procedures, shall result in the student-athlete becoming ineligible to represent that institution in intercollegiate athletics, unless otherwise specified. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement may restore the eligibility of a student involved in such a violation only when circumstances clearly warrant restoration. A student is responsible for their involvement in a violation of NCAA regulations during the student's recruitment and involvement in a major violation (see Bylaw 19.1.2) may cause the student to become permanently ineligible for intercollegiate athletics competition at that institution.

[13.02 unchanged.]

~~13.02.121~~ ~~Representative of Athletics Interests~~**Booster**. A "~~representative of the institution's athletics interests~~**booster**" is an individual who is known (or who should have been known) by a member of the institution's executive or athletics administration to:

[13.02.1-(a) through 13.02.1-(e) unchanged.]

~~13.02.1.1 Application. A community engagement activity shall not be considered recruiting for purposes of securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program, provided the institution obtains written approval from its chancellor or president (or their designee) confirming the activity meets the definition of a community engagement activity set forth in Bylaw 13.02.1. Therefore, the recruiting regulations set forth in Bylaw 13 do not apply when institutional staff members (including significant others and other family members), representatives of the institution's athletics interests and student-athletes are engaged in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes, except for the following: [D]~~

~~(a) A community engagement activity may not take place during a dead period; and~~

~~(b) A representative of the institution's athletics interests is limited to participating in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes when all prospective student-athletes reside within a 100-mile radius of the location of the community engagement activity.~~

~~13.02.1.2 NCAA or Conference Community Engagement Activity. The NCAA or a member conference may conduct a community engagement activity, provided a representative of the organization documents that the intent of the activity is to provide value to the community. A community engagement activity conducted by the NCAA or a member conference shall not be subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 13.02.1.1.~~

~~13.02.121.1~~ ~~Representative of Athletics Interests~~**Booster**. Once an individual is identified as *such* a ~~representative~~**booster**, the person retains that identity indefinitely.

13.02.2 Communication. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones), electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, facsimiles), recruiting materials and written correspondence shall be considered communication.

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13.02.13 Community Engagement Activity. *A community engagement activity is an activity in which a member institution participates for the primary purpose of enhancing the community, rather than benefiting the institution. The institution must be able to demonstrate how the engagement of the institution's resources (e.g., its student-athletes, its facilities) is meeting a specific identified community need or show how the use of its aforementioned resources links the institution to an overall school-wide community support strategy. The defining element of a community engagement activity is the clear intent of the member institution to provide value to the community. If student-athletes participate in the community engagement activity, the activity must satisfy the requirements of the promotional activity legislation.* **A member institution and/or conference shall make the determination of what constitutes a community engagement activity. The recruiting regulations set forth in Bylaw 13 do not apply when institutional staff members (including significant others and other family members), boosters and student-athletes are engaged in community engagement activities with prospective student-athletes.** [D]

13.02.24 Competition Site. The "competition site" is the facility in which athletics competition is actually conducted, including any dressing room or meeting facility used in conjunction with the competition.

13.02.35 Contact. A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) and an institutional staff member or *athletics representative* **booster** during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged (e.g., positions themselves in a location where contact is possible) or that takes place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of whether any conversation occurs. However, an institutional staff member or *athletics representative* **booster** who is approached by a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location shall not use a contact, provided the encounter was not prearranged and the staff member or *athletics representative* **booster** does not engage in any dialogue in excess of a greeting and takes appropriate steps to immediately terminate the encounter.

13.02.46.1 Contact Period. A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

13.02.57 Enrolled Student-Athlete. An enrolled student-athlete is an individual whose enrollment was solicited by a member of the athletics staff or other *representative of athletics interests* **boosters** with a view toward the student's ultimate participation in the intercollegiate athletics program. Any other student becomes a student-athlete only when the student reports for an intercollegiate squad that is under the jurisdiction of the athletics department.

13.02.68 Evaluation. Evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletics ability of a prospective student-athlete, including any visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of any practice or competition at any site at which the prospective student-athlete participates.

13.02.79 Home. In general, a prospective student-athlete's "home" is the prospective student-athlete's legal residence, or the community of the educational institution in which the prospective student-athlete is enrolled while residing there.

13.02.810 National Letter of Intent. 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.

13.02.10.1 National Letter of Intent 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.

13.1702.510.12 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.

13.02.911 Prospective Student-Athlete. A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective

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student-athlete, if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally. An individual remains a prospective student-athlete until one of the following occurs (whichever occurs earlier):

[13.02.11-(a) through 13.02.11-(b) unchanged.]

13.02.~~10~~**12** Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)] by an institutional staff member or by a ~~representative of the institution's athletics interests~~**booster** for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

13.02.~~10~~**12.1** Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or ~~athletics representatives~~**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-(d) unchanged.]

13.02.~~11~~**13** Recruiting or Scouting Service. A recruiting or scouting service includes any individual, organization, entity or segment of an entity that is primarily involved in providing information about prospective student-athletes. A recruiting or scouting service may include:

[13.02.13-(a) through 13.02.13-(c) unchanged.]

13.02.~~13~~**14** Significant Other. A significant other is a ~~spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic~~ partner; or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse.

13.02.15.~~1~~ Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution. (See Bylaw 13.~~6~~**3**.)

13.02.~~15~~**16.2** Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses or entertainment by the institution or ~~representatives of its athletics interests~~**booster** shall require the visit to become an official visit, except for expenses or entertainment permitted per Bylaw 13.~~7~~**4.2**. Payment of any other transportation expenses, other than those permitted in Bylaw 13.~~5~~~~34~~~~2~~~~1~~~~4~~, shall be an institutional violation but shall not cause the visit to become an official visit provided the prospective student-athlete makes restitution (see Bylaws 13.~~5~~~~34~~ and 13.~~7~~~~4~~~~2~~~~1~~~~4~~).

~~13.02.4~~ Contact and Evaluation Periods:

~~13.02.4.2~~ Evaluation Period. An evaluation period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective student-athletes. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall be made with the prospective student-athlete during an evaluation period. [D]

~~13.02.4.3~~ Quiet Period. A quiet period is that period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution's campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period. [D]

~~13.02.4.4~~ Dead Period. A 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. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.2.3 for a prospective student-athlete who visits an institution as part of a group. During such a dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospective student-athletes are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaws 13.1.8 and 13.1.8.1, and may not visit the prospective student-athletes' educational institutions. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospective student-athletes during such a dead period. [D]

~~13.02.14~~ Telephone Calls. All electronically transmitted human voice exchange (including videoconferencing and videophones) shall be considered telephone calls. Any other form of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, facsimiles) shall not be considered telephone calls (see Bylaw 13.4).

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~~13.02.15 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.~~

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.35) and ~~telephone calls~~**communications** with a prospective student-athlete (or their ~~prospective student-athlete's~~ relatives or legal guardians) by institutional staff members, enrolled student-athletes and/or ~~representatives of the institution's athletics interests~~**boosters** are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1 High School Prospective Student-Athletes. ~~In-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and telephone calls~~**Contact** shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other ~~representative of the institution's athletics interests~~**booster** shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), 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 I **institution, or an** Division III institution, **or another association (e.g., USCAA or NAIA),** an athletics staff member or ~~other representative of the institution's interest~~**booster** shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. [D]

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 unchanged.]

13.1.2.1 Authorized Staff Members. All in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or ~~the prospective student-athlete's~~**their** relatives or legal guardian(s) shall be made only by authorized athletics department staff members. Such off-campus contact by ~~representatives of an institution's athletics interests~~**a booster** is prohibited. [D]

[13.1.2.1.1 unchanged.]

~~13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:~~

- ~~(a) Admissions Program. Off-campus recruiting contacts made by an institution's regular admissions program representative and directed at all prospective students including nonathletes.~~
- ~~(b) Coach Who Is Prospective Student-Athlete's Parent or Legal Guardian. Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member who is the parent (or legal guardian) of a participant in any activity being observed (e.g., practices, contests or camps), provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such activity does not involve any personal contact with any other participating prospective student-athlete.~~
- ~~(c) Significant Other of Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach. Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes coached by their significant other, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest does not involve any personal contact with any prospective student-athlete participating in the contest.~~
- ~~(d) Established Family Friend/Neighbor. Contacts made with a prospective student-athlete by an established family friend or neighbor, it being understood that such contacts are not made for recruiting purposes and are not initiated by a member of an institution's coaching staff.~~
- ~~(e) Other Family Members and Significant Other of Staff Member.
 - ~~(1) On or Off Campus. Other family members (e.g., children) and a significant other of an institutional staff member on or off campus.~~
 - ~~(2) Off-Campus During Official Visit. Other family members (e.g., children) and a significant other of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete's official visit and within the locale of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.~~~~

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- ~~(f) Interpreter. An interpreter present during an institution's in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s), provided that if the institution is involved in making the arrangements for the use of the interpreter, the interpreter must be a faculty member or a professional interpreter. It is not permissible for the interpreter to be an enrolled student-athlete, a family member of an enrolled student-athlete or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.~~
- ~~(g) Unavoidable Incidental Contact. An unavoidable incidental contact made with a prospective student-athlete by representatives of the institution's athletics interests, provided the contact is not prearranged by the representative or an athletics department staff member, does not take place on the grounds of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or at the sites of organized competition and practice involving the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's team (i.e., high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team), is not made for the purpose of recruitment of the prospective student-athlete, and involves only normal civility.~~
- ~~(h) Permissible Pre-enrollment Activities. Contacts between a prospective student-athlete and a representative of the institution's athletics interests regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities (e.g., a discussion of summer employment arrangements that occurs after the prospective student-athlete's signing of the National Letter of Intent).~~
- ~~(i) Former Student-Athletes. On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete, their relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians and/or other individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete.~~

13.1.2.32 Other Restrictions, Representatives of the Institution's Athletics Interests **Boosters**. The following are additional restrictions that apply to representatives of the institution's athletics interests: **A booster may view a prospective student-athlete's athletics contest on their own initiative, subject to the understanding that the booster may not contact the prospective student-athlete on such occasions.** [D]

- ~~(a) Observing Prospective Student-Athlete's Contest. A representative of the institution's athletics interests may view a prospective student-athlete's athletics contest on their own initiative, subject to the understanding that the representative of the institution's athletics interests may not contact the prospective student-athlete on such occasions;~~
- ~~(b) Evaluation of Prospective Student-Athlete. A representative of the institution's athletics interests may not contact a prospective student-athlete's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospective student-athlete or visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution to pick up film/videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's academic eligibility or athletics ability; and~~
- ~~(c) Expense Prohibition. An institution may not pay expenses (other than meals provided in the institution's home community) for representatives of its athletics interests to visit its campus for the purpose of becoming familiar with the institution's academic and athletics programs and campus facilities in order to represent the institution better when recruiting prospective student-athletes.~~

13.1.2.43 Student-Athlete. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes:

- (a) Off-Campus Contacts. Off-campus, in-person recruiting contacts between enrolled student-athletes (or other enrolled students) and a prospective student-athlete are permissible if such contacts do not occur at the direction of a coaching staff member or a ~~representative of the institution's athletics interests~~ **booster**. [D]
- ~~(b) Transportation and Expenses. An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete, except those expenses related to recruiting correspondence (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconferences) or specified in Bylaw 13.6.6.5 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.~~
- (e **b**) Recruiting Correspondence. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage in recruiting correspondence (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconferences) with a prospective student-athlete, provided it is not done at the direction and/or expense of a ~~representative of the institution's athletics interests~~ **booster**, and provided the activity is

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voluntary. Recruiting correspondence may include multiple enrolled student-athletes and/or prospective student-athletes for their relatives or legal guardian(s) at a time (see Bylaw 13.17.2 for publicity restrictions). [D]

~~(d) Interaction During a Community Engagement Activity. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete to engage or interact (e.g., contact, telephone calls) with a prospective student-athlete at the direction of a coaching staff member, provided the engagement or interaction is a part of a community engagement activity and the student-athlete does not miss class, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition.~~

~~13.1.2.5 Talent Scout. An institution may not pay any costs incurred by an athletics talent scout or a representative of its athletics interests in studying or recruiting prospective student-athletes. An institution may not provide any such person a fee or honorarium and thereby claim the person as a staff member entitled to expense money. [D]~~

~~13.1.2.5.1 Employment Prohibition. An institution may not employ an individual for the primary purpose of recruiting or evaluating prospective student-athletes and designate the individual as a coach, if they do not reside in the institution's general locale. Such an individual would be considered an athletics talent scout rather than a regular institutional staff member. [D]~~

13.1.3 ~~Telephone Calls~~**Communication** to Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.1.3.1 ~~Time Period for Telephone Calls~~**Communication** -- General Rule. ~~Telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete for the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) shall not be made before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school; thereafter, there shall be no limit on the number of telephone calls made by institutional staff members or enrolled student-athletes to a prospective student-athlete for the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s).~~**Communication with a prospective student-athlete or their relative or legal guardian(s) shall be made at any time.** [D]

13.1.3.2 ~~Additional Regulations:~~

~~13.1.3.2.1 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete. Institutional staff members and enrolled student-athletes may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athletes' relatives or legal guardian(s) at any time.~~

13.1.3.3 ~~Permissible Callers:~~

13.1.3.4 ~~Nonpermissible Callers:~~

~~13.1.3.4.1 Enrolled Students. Enrolled students (i.e., non-athlete students) shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests. [D]~~

~~13.1.3.4.1.1 Admissions Program Exception. Telephone calls made by enrolled students in accordance with an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible.~~

~~13.1.3.4.2 Representatives of Athletics Interests. It is not permissible for a representative of the institution's athletics interests (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.12) to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. [D]~~

13.1.4 ~~Recruiting Calendars. Recruiting calendars limiting contact and evaluation periods apply in basketball and football and also include recruiting dead periods in all sports in those divisions. The Management Council shall have the authority to establish such calendars for sports. (See Bylaw 13.17 for a complete listing of the calendars in effect at the time of the publication of this Manual.)~~

13.1.4.1 ~~Waiver of Contact Period. The Management Council shall have the authority, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to waive provisions of the football and basketball contact periods for institutions with established admissions acceptance dates that occur after the normal contact deadline.~~

13.1.5 ~~Contacts. There is no limitation on the number of in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete. (See Bylaw 13.1.6 for contact restrictions at specified sites.)~~

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~~13.1.5.2 Communication Following a Prospective Student-Athlete's Written Commitment. It is permissible for a member of an institution's coaching staff to have contact outside a permissible contact period with 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.~~

13.1.3.1.1 Nonpermissible Communication -- Booster. It is not permissible for a booster (as defined in Bylaw 13.02.1) to communicate with a prospective student-athlete or their relatives or legal guardian(s) before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

~~13.1.3.2.1 Institutional Staff Members and Student-Athletes. In all sports, institutional staff members and enrolled student-athletes may make telephone calls to~~**with** ~~a prospective student-athlete for the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)} in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. Telephone calls~~**Communication** ~~may include multiple institutional staff members, enrolled student-athletes and/or prospective student-athletes for their relatives or legal guardian(s)} at a time (see Bylaw 13.10.2 for publicity restrictions). [D]~~

13.1.3.3 Expenses to Recruit. An institution may not provide an enrolled student-athlete with transportation or expenses to recruit a prospective student-athlete, except those expenses related to recruiting communication (written or electronically transmitted correspondence, telephone calls, videoconferences) or specified in Bylaw 13.3.6.3 when the student-athlete serves as a student host.

13.1.6.4 Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites.

~~13.1.6.4.1 Contact With Prospective Student-Athletes Involved in Competition. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any site prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant on a day of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or orally relaying information to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority (e.g., coach). [D]~~

~~13.1.6.1.1 Approved Events. It is permissible for athletics staff members who are responsible for conducting an approved athletics event (see Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3) involving high school students to come in normal contact with participants; however, under no circumstances may recruitment take place.~~

~~13.1.6.1.2 High School All-Star Games. In-person contact with a prospective student-athlete shall not be made on or off the member institution's campus at a high school all-star game practice or competition site outside the permissible contact periods in football and basketball. [D]~~

~~13.1.6.1.3 Bowl Games. During a dead period, attendance by a prospective student-athlete at the site of an institution's bowl game practice session may occur only if the practice is open to the general public and the prospective student-athlete observes the practice only from an area reserved for that purpose for the general public. No contact between the prospective student-athlete and institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests may occur. [D]~~

13.1.4.1.1 Exception -- Contact on Institution's Campus. An institutional staff member may have recruiting contact with a prospective student-athlete prior to any athletics competition provided the competition is taking place on the institution's campus.

~~13.1.6.4.1.2 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)~~

~~13.1.8.5 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities. A coach may speak at a meeting or banquet and have contact with a prospective student-athlete(s) for their~~**ir prospective student-athlete's** ~~relatives or legal guardians}, provided: [D]~~

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[13.1.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Fundraising activities do not occur:

(b ~~c~~) The ~~contact is not for the purpose of securing the enrollment or ultimate participation of the prospective student-athlete(s) in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program~~**attendance of the coach at the event is not publicized in advance**; and

(e ~~d~~) The ~~meeting or banquet~~**It** does not take place ~~during~~**at the National Letter of Intent** dead period.

~~13.1.6.1.5 Exception—Contact on Institution's Campus on Day of Competition Prior to Competition: An institutional staff member is permitted to have on-campus contact prior to competition with a prospective student-athlete and/or their relatives or legal guardians, provided the prospective student-athlete is not scheduled to compete on that day on the institution's campus.~~

~~13.1.7 Limitations on Number of Evaluations—All Sports: There are no limitations on the number of evaluations an institution is allowed per prospective student-athlete per academic year.~~

~~13.1.8.1 NCAA Promotional Activities Exception: An institution's coach may participate in NCAA promotional activities (e.g., autograph sessions, fan festivals, opening ceremonies) at NCAA championship events, provided contacts with prospective student-athletes are not prearranged and recruiting activities do not occur.~~

~~13.1.8.2 Banquets and Meetings Where Fundraising Activities Occur: A coaching staff member may speak at a banquet for prospective student-athletes in which fundraising activities also occur only if fundraising activities are not the primary purpose for conducting the banquet or meeting. If the fundraising activities are the primary purpose of the banquet or meeting, an institutional staff member may attend the fundraiser subject to the following conditions:~~

~~(a) The staff member plays no active role in fundraising activities;~~

~~(b) The attendance of the staff member at the event is not publicized in advance;~~

~~(c) Contact with prospective student-athletes or parents of prospective student-athletes is only permitted during a permissible contact period; and~~

~~(d) Conversations between an institutional staff member and the high school's coaching staff members, parents, prospective student-athletes and other individuals may not include recruiting information or contain a recruiting presentation.~~

[13.2 unchanged.]

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or ~~any representative of its athletics interests~~**booster** shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to the prospective student-athlete or their ~~prospective student-athlete's~~ relatives, **legal guardian(s)** or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by prospective student-athletes or their relatives, **legal guardian(s)** or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. [R]

13.2.2 Permissible Benefits.

13.2.2.1 Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees. An institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for 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 for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. A pre-enrollment fee is one that is required by the institution for enrollment and includes the following:~~

~~(a) The institution's processing fee required prior to the admission office's evaluation of the prospective student-athlete's application;~~

~~(b) The orientation counseling tests fee required for all incoming students;~~

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- ~~(c) The preadmission academic testing fee;~~
- ~~(d) Advance tuition payment for a prospective student-grantee;~~
- ~~(e) Housing deposit;~~
- ~~(f) Damage deposit for dormitory rooms;~~
- ~~(g) ROTC deposits for military equipment;~~
- ~~(h) Immunizations; or~~
- ~~(i) Any other pre-enrollment fee required of prospective students.~~

13.2.42.2 Awards to Prospective Student-Athletes. ~~A member institution is limited to providing the following awards to prospective student-athletes:~~ **A member institution may provide awards at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.8.3.3. Such awards must be limited in value to \$50 and may bear the institution's name and logo.**

- ~~(a) Awards to prospective student-athletes for outstanding athletics accomplishments are prohibited, except as provided in (c) below;~~
- ~~(b) Awards to high school, preparatory school or two-year college athletics teams in the name of an NCAA member institution are prohibited, regardless of the institution's involvement (or lack thereof) in the administration of the award; and~~
- ~~(c) Any award presented at regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college athletics contests or matches under the provisions of Bylaw 13.11.3.3 must be limited in value to \$50 but may bear the institution's name and logo.~~

13.2.52.3 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes. **An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete at any time, provided the employment is consistent with the employment of currently enrolled student-athletes (i.e., paid only for work performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services).**

13.2.52.23.1 Transportation to Summer Job. An institution or its representatives shall not provide a prospective student-athlete free transportation to and from a summer job, unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

13.2.62.4 Summer Housing for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may rent dormitory space to a prospective student-athlete during the summer months at the regular institutional rate, provided it is the institution's policy to make such dormitory space available on the same basis to all prospective students.

13.2.72.5 Academic Support Services/Use of Training-Room Facilities. A prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in the institution's summer term before the student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be provided academic support services by the institution. A prospective student-athlete who is enrolled in the institution's summer term and/or 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 also may use the institution's training-room facilities in the summer before initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. For receipt of summer financial aid before initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution, see Bylaw 15.2.1.1.1.

13.2.82.6 Fundraisers for a Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may arrange a fundraiser for a prospective student-athlete (for their ~~prospective student-athlete's~~ relatives **or legal guardian(s)**) who is impacted by extreme circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete (e.g., natural disaster, life threatening emergency) ~~under the following conditions:~~

- ~~(a) 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;~~
- ~~(b) The total value of the cash and/or goods from the fundraiser provided to the prospective student-athlete does not exceed the total amount of expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete;~~

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(c) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose;

(d) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and

(e) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with receipt kept on file by the institution.

13.2.92.7 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 13.11.2.3), 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.

13.2.102.8 Benefits for Relatives or Legal Guardians of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institutional staff member may provide a benefit to a prospective student-athlete's relative or legal guardian, provided:

[13.2.2.8-(a) through 13.2.2.8-(b) unchanged.]

13.2.112.9 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Contests, Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests for Military Families. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admission to prospective student-athlete-aged children accompanying a military member to any regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship or other postseason contest.

13.2.3 Impermissible Benefits.

13.2.3.1 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following: [R]

[13.2.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Gift of clothing or equipment;

(c) Cosigning of loans;

(d) Providing loans to a prospective student-athlete's relatives or friends;

(e) Cash or similar items;

[13.2.3.1-(f) through 13.2.3.1-(g) relettered as 13.2.3.1-(b) through 13.2.3.1-(c), unchanged.]

(h) Free or reduced-cost housing;

(i) Use of an institution's athletics equipment (e.g., for a high school all-star game);

*(j) **d** Sponsorship of or arrangement for an awards banquet for high school, preparatory school or two-year-college athletes by an institution, ~~representatives of its athletics interests~~ **booster**, or its alumni groups or booster clubs;*

(k) ~~Involvement of a prospective student-athlete in an institutional fundraiser or promotional activity if the prospective student-athlete has not signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has not received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission; or~~

[13.2.3.1-(l) relettered as 13.2.3.1-(e), unchanged.]

13.52.43.2 Transportation to Enroll. An institution or its ~~representatives~~ **boosters** 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]

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~~13.2.5.1 After-Senior-Year. The arrangement of employment by an institution for a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin before the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school.~~

~~13.2.5.1.1 Two-Year College Prospects. Once a prospective student-athlete has enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year college, the arrangement of employment by an institution for such a prospective student-athlete shall be permitted, provided the employment does not begin before the time period in which the prospective student-athlete has officially withdrawn from or has completed requirements for graduation at the two-year college.~~

~~13.2.11 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Contests, Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests for Military Families. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admission to prospective student-athlete-aged children accompanying a military member to any regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship or other postseason contest.~~

~~13.3 Admissions and Graduation Data, Banned Drug List, Initial Eligibility Standards and Organized Competition Legislation.~~

~~13.3.1 Disclosure Report.~~

~~13.3.1.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the admissions and graduation rate data specified in Bylaw 7.9.2.1 and the academic success rate data specified in Bylaw 7.3.1.5.12 and shall identify the information on an institution-specific basis.~~

~~13.3.1.2 Report Distribution. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide the information contained within the report to a prospective student-athlete and their parents or legal guardians after they have registered with the Eligibility Center and the Eligibility Center has received an institution's request to add the prospective student-athlete to the institution's institutional request list. The NCAA shall provide a compilation of graduation data to the prospective student-athletes' guidance offices and high school and two-year college coaches.~~

~~13.3.2 Banned Drug List and Information About Nutritional Supplements.~~

~~13.3.2.1 Report Publication. The Association's national office annually shall publish the banned drug list specified in Bylaw 18.2.1.2.1 and shall update the list on its website.~~

~~13.3.2.2 Report Distribution. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide the NCAA banned drug list (see Bylaw 18.2.1.2.1) and information about nutritional supplements to a prospective student-athlete and their parents or legal guardians after they have registered with the Eligibility Center.~~

~~13.3.3 Notification of Initial Eligibility Standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the initial eligibility standards contained in Bylaw 14.2.8 to a prospective student-athlete and their parents or legal guardians after they have registered with the Eligibility Center.~~

~~13.3.4 Notification of Organized Competition Legislation. The NCAA Eligibility Center shall provide information regarding the organized competition legislation contained in Bylaw 14.4.3.4.2 to a prospective student-athlete and their parents or legal guardians after they have registered with the Eligibility Center and the Eligibility Center has received an institution's request to add the prospective student-athlete to the institution's request list.~~

~~13.4 Recruiting Materials.~~

~~13.4.1 Printed Recruiting Materials. An institution may not provide athletically related recruiting materials (including electronic mail and facsimiles) to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s)) before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]~~

~~13.4.1.1 Exceptions.~~

~~13.4.1.1.1 Permissible Date. An institution may provide educational information published by the NCAA (e.g., NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete), institutional camp brochures, questionnaires and nonathletically related recruiting materials (e.g., institutional admissions publications, academic publications, student services publications) to a prospective student-athlete at any time.~~

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~~13.4.1.1.2 Reproducing Printed Recruiting Materials in Any Electronic Format. An institution may reproduce media guides in any electronic format for purposes of recruiting; however, all of the material contained in the electronic format must be able to be replicated in hard-copy format (i.e., the electronic format may not contain audio or visual materials pursuant to Bylaw 13.4.4) and must be permissible according to Bylaw 13.4.1.~~

~~13.4.1.2 Responding to Prospective Student Athlete's Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student athlete's letter requesting information from an institution's athletics department before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student athlete or information related to the institution's athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department).~~

~~13.4.2 Electronic Media. An institution may not provide athletically related electronic media to a prospective student athlete for the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student athlete's junior year in high school. [D]~~

~~13.4.2.1 Exception—Community Engagement Activities. An institution may produce, show, send and provide a prospective student athlete with electronic media of its community engagement activities at any time.~~

~~13.4.3 Advertisements and Promotions.~~

~~13.4.3.1 Recruiting Advertisements. The publication of advertising or promotional material, by or on behalf of a member institution, designed to solicit the enrollment of a prospective student athlete is permitted, provided the advertisement or promotional material does not publicize interest in a particular prospective student athlete. [D]~~

~~13.4.3.1.1 Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student athletes (e.g., high school football stadium).~~

~~13.4.3.1.2 Interview to Recruiting Publication. An institutional coaching staff member may not provide an interview for an article that will appear in a recruiting publication or newsletter. (See Bylaw 13.10.2.2 for exception related to evaluations for media, recruiting services or recruiting publications).~~

~~13.4.3.2 NCAA or Conference Championship Promotional Materials. The NCAA or a member conference (or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA or member conference (e.g., host institution, conference, local organizing committee)) may produce and provide championships promotional materials to any individual or group, provided the materials: [D]~~

~~(a) Are solely for the purpose of promoting the championship event rather than the host institution, and use factual information (e.g., date, time, location, identification of host school/conference, ticket information, photos of previous championships);~~

~~(b) Are not sent exclusively to prospective student athletes;~~

~~(c) Are available to the general public; and~~

~~(d) Do not promote the institution's athletics program.~~

~~13.4.3.3 Miscellaneous Promotions. Member institutions and their representatives of athletics interests are prohibited from financing, arranging or using recruiting aids (e.g., newspaper advertisements, bumper stickers, message buttons) designed to publicize the institution's interest in a particular prospective student athlete. [D]~~

~~13.4.4 Electronic Transmissions. Electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g., instant messaging, text messaging, electronic mail) shall not be sent to a prospective student athlete for the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) before June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student athlete's junior year in high school. Electronically transmitted correspondence may be sent between multiple institutional staff members, enrolled student athletes and/or multiple prospective student athletes for their relatives or legal guardian(s) at a time (see Bylaw 13.10.2 for publicity restrictions). There shall be no limit on the number of electronic transmissions sent by institutional staff members and/or enrolled student athletes to a prospective student athlete for the prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s). Color attachments and~~

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~~hyperlinks may be included with electronically transmitted correspondence sent to a prospective student-athlete, provided there is no cost (e.g., subscription fee) associated with sending the item attached or linked to the electronically transmitted correspondence. [D]~~

~~13.4.4.1 Electronic Transmissions After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. The requirement that electronically transmitted correspondence be private between recipient and sender is not applicable to electronic communication between the institution and a prospective student-athlete after they 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.~~

~~13.5 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.~~

~~13.5.2 Transportation on Official (Paid) 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).~~

~~13.5.2.2.2 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]~~

~~13.5.3 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). 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. [R]~~

~~13.63 Official (Paid) Visit.~~

~~13.63.1 Limitations on Official Visit.~~

~~13.63.1.1 One-Visit Limitation. A member institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete.~~

~~**13.3.1.1.1 Exception – Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, an institution may finance one additional visit for a prospective student-athlete who previously received an official visit to the institution.**~~

~~13.63.1.2 First Opportunity to Visit. A prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]~~

~~13.63.1.3 Post-High School Visits. The one-visit limitation applies separately to the period in which the prospective student-athlete is in high school and to the period beginning September 1 after the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school. [D]~~

~~13.63.1.3.1 Transfer Student. If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the authorization required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.~~

~~13.63.2 Requirements for Official Visit.~~

~~13.63.2.1 High School or Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until they: [D]~~

~~[13.3.2.1-(a) through 13.3.2.1-(c) unchanged.]~~

~~13.63.2.2 Two-Year or Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete until they have presented an~~

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academic transcript. A prospective student-athlete in their first semester or quarter at a two-year or four-year institution would be required to present a high-school transcript. [D]

13.63.2.3 Visit to Off-Campus Contest. The official visit shall be made to the campus and not, for example, to an off-campus site where the institution may be appearing in an athletics contest. However, if an institution is required to play all of its home games in a given sport at a site located in a community other than its own because of conditions beyond its own control (e.g., fire, windstorm, earthquake or other disaster), the institution may consider games played at the substitute site as on-campus competition, provided the institution documents the conditions causing it to visit an off-campus site on an official visit. [D]

13.63.3 Length of Official Visit. An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours. A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the permissible 48-hour period for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the 48-hour visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home before attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4.2.3.2, which prohibits transportation to enroll. [D]

13.63.3.1 48-Hour Period Defined. The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, ~~rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community.~~ The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the 48-hour visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home.

13.63.3.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extenuating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution.

13.63.4 Transportation ~~on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2-~~

13.53.24.1 General Restrictions. A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete's actual round-trip transportation costs for their 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]

13.53.14.1.1 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.

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

13.53.24.1.3 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]

13.53.24.2 Automobile Transportation. When a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to ~~their individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as provided in Bylaw 13.8.1.1)~~ **friend(s), coach, relative(s) or legal guardian(s) incurring the expense** 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~~ **booster. An**

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institution may arrange special on campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit. [R]

13.53.24.2.1 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 their 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 13.1.64). ~~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 guardian(s) while providing such transportation~~ **at the time the prospective student-athlete or their friends, relative or legal guardian(s) arrives on the institution's campus.** [R]

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

13.53.24.3.1 ~~From Airport~~ **Ground Transportation.** 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]

13.53.24.3.2 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.

13.53.24.3.3 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]

13.63.5 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit shall be provided lodging that is similar to the accommodations provided to ~~regular students~~ **enrolled student-athletes**. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within ~~a 30-mile radius~~ **the locale** of the institution's campus. [R]

13.63.6 Entertainment/~~Tickets on Official Visit~~ **and Complimentary Admissions.**

13.63.6.1 ~~General Restrictions~~ **Entertainment.** An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.6-53.6.3, on the official visit only for a prospective student-athlete and their ~~ir~~ ~~prospective student-athlete's~~ relatives [or legal guardian(s)]. Entertainment and contact by ~~representatives of the institution's athletics interests~~ **boosters** during the official visit are confined to campus. ~~It is not permissible to entertain other persons accompanying a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site.~~ [R]

13.63.6.1.1 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging) incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit.

13.63.6.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, ~~a maximum of five complimentary admissions~~ **an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit with complimentary admissions** to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing special seating arrangements during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the ~~facility's press box, special seating box(es) or~~ bench area is specifically prohibited. See Bylaw 13.2.11-13.2.2.9 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

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~~13.63.6.2.1~~ Off-Campus Home Competition. Complimentary admissions may be provided to a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit to attend an institution's off-campus home competition, *provided the site of the competition is located within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus.*

~~13.63.6.2.2~~ Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. *The provision of complimentary or reduced cost admissions to prospective student athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public.* **An institution may provide a prospective student-athlete and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit with complimentary admissions.** See Bylaw 13.2.119 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

~~13.63.6.53~~ Student Host. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete: [R]

(a) A maximum of ~~\$30~~**50** for each day of the visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians), excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. These funds may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional ~~\$15~~**25** per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;

[13.3.6.3-(b) through 13.3.6.3-(c) unchanged.]

~~13.63.6.53.21~~ Use of Automobile. The institution or *representatives of its athletics interests* **booster** shall not provide an automobile for use by the prospective student-athlete or the student host. [D]

~~13.63.67.7.1~~ Meals on Official Visit. An institution may provide the actual cost of meals on an official visit for a prospective student-athlete and ~~their~~ *prospective student-athlete's* relatives ~~or,~~ legal guardian(s) **or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete.** [R]

~~13.63.78~~ Lodging for Additional Persons. *A prospective student-athlete's relatives and legal guardians may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution except for a sibling of the prospective student-athlete.* **An institution may pay the cost of lodging accommodations for the relative(s), legal guardian(s) or those accompanying the prospective student-athletes during an official visit.** [R]

13.74 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.74.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at their own expense an unlimited number of times. *A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before June 15 immediately preceding their junior year in high school.*

13.74.2 Entertainment ~~/Tickets~~ **and Complimentary Admissions.**

~~13.74.2.1~~ General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except *a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a home athletics event, regardless of location, in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual game basis. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families* **for what is outlined in this provision.** [R]

13.4.2.1.1 Complimentary Admissions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may provide complimentary admissions to a home athletics event, regardless of location, in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the

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prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. See Bylaw 13.2.2.9 for complimentary admissions for military families.

13.74.2.1.12 Meals. An institution may provide ~~a prospective student-athlete (and the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians) with one meal on or off campus in the locale of the institution during an unofficial visit.~~ **the actual cost of meals on an unofficial visit for a prospective student-athlete and their relatives, legal guardian(s) or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete.** [R]

13.74.2.1.23 Housing -- Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. [R]

13.74.2.1.54 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an unofficial visit. [R]

13.74.2.2 Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. ~~The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public.~~ **A prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public.** See Bylaw 13.2.12.2.9 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

13.74.2.3 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. [R]

13.74.2.3.1.3 Transportation during Unofficial Visit. ~~For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.~~ **During any unofficial 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). Payment of any other transportation expenses is not permissible.** [R]

13.4.3.1 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.

13.85 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches.

13.85.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of four complimentary admissions, which must be issued on an individual-game basis, to home athletics contests at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team regularly practices or competes. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, housing expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. [D]

13.5.1.1 Exception -- Meals and Transportation During an Official and Unofficial Visit. An institution may provide meals and/or the cost of transportation to and from an institution's campus to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for

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teaching or directing activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved that accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit. An institution may provide meals to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved that accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.85.1.2 Purchase of Game Tickets. Tickets (beyond the permissible complimentary admission) may be reserved or purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [D]

13.85.1.3 Noncoaching-Related Organization. If a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach is a member of a noncoaching-related organization (e.g., state high school principals association, college fraternity alumni organization, institution's alumni association), an institution may entertain the group, provided there is no direct involvement by the institution's athletics department. [D]

13.85.2 Material Benefits. Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual), are prohibited. **[See Bylaw 13.5.1.1 for meals and transportation during an official and unofficial visit].** [D]

13.85.2.1 Alumni Exception. An institution may provide a material benefit (e.g., meal, plaque, certificate) with a value comparable to nonathletics awards for recognition of a special achievement to a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is an alumni of that institution.

13.85.2.2 Gifts at Coaches' Clinic. An institution may not provide gifts to high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches' clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (i.e., the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. [D]

13.85.3 Employment Conditions.

13.85.3.1 Graduate Teaching Assistants. A high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach who is enrolled in a bona fide postgraduate program at a member institution is permitted to receive legitimate compensation as a graduate teaching assistant.

13.85.3.2 Conditions. A high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity shall be permitted to engage in employment as a member of an institution's coaching staff provided the individual:

[13.5.3.2-(a) through 13.5.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

13.96 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements.

13.96.1 NCAA Eligibility Center Registration and Institutional Request List. An institution shall not provide a high school or college-preparatory school prospective student-athlete a written offer of athletically related financial aid (per Bylaw 15.5.2.3) until the prospective student-athlete has registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center and the institution has placed the prospective student-athlete on the institutional request list (IRL) with the Eligibility Center. [D]

13.96.2 Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletics Aid. An institution shall not provide a high school, college-preparatory school, 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]

13.96.3 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

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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]

~~13.96.3.1~~ 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]

~~13.96.3.2~~ 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]

~~13.16.54.1~~ Letter-of-Intent Signing. Any in-person, off-campus contact made with a prospective student-athlete for the purpose of signing a letter of intent 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]

~~13.16.54.1.1~~ 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]

~~13.107~~ Publicity.

~~13.107.1~~ 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. [D]

~~13.107.1.1~~ 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]

~~13.107.1.2~~ 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]

~~13.107.1.3~~ 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]

~~13.107.2~~ 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 Bylaws ~~13.13.3.1 and 13.441.3.2~~]. [D]

~~13.107.2.1~~ 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***boosters**.

~~13.107.2.2~~ 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 their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

~~13.107.2.3~~ Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution's coaching staff 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

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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 or Paralympic Games. [D]

~~13.07.3~~ 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]

~~13.07.4~~ 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]

~~13.07.4.1~~ 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 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]

~~13.8~~ Tryouts.

~~13.8.1~~ Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaw 13.11.1.1) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws ~~13.8.2~~ and ~~13.8.3~~. [D]

~~13.8.1.21~~ Competition Against Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution's varsity intercollegiate team may compete against a two-year college team but may not compete against a high school or college-preparatory school team. Subvarsity teams are not bound by this prohibition. The varsity team may participate in a contest against an established outside team that includes prospective student-athletes, provided the outside team is ongoing and was not established for the specific purpose of competing against the collegiate team. [D]

~~13.8.1.32~~ Competition in Conjunction With a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. Member institutions are permitted to host competition in conjunction with a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college, provided all such competition occurs on the member institution's campus (see Bylaw ~~13.15~~~~12.2.3.1~~). **A member institution may schedule an intercollegiate contest on the same day as a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contests under a single admission and conducted during a continuous session.** [D]

~~13.8.2~~ Permissible Activities.

~~13.8.2.1~~ Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.8.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(1) Exception – Additional Tryout After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, a prospective student-athlete may participate in an additional tryout.

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- (b) The tryout may be conducted ~~only~~ for a high school, ~~or~~ preparatory school **or two-year college prospective student-athlete outside their high school's or preparatory school's traditional season in the sport (which shall begin with the first official team practice and conclude with the team's final competition); for a two-year college student, after the conclusion of the sport season or anytime, provided the student has exhausted their two-year college eligibility in the sport; and for** **at any time.** **For** a four-year college student, **the tryout may be conducted** after the conclusion of the sport season, provided authorization through the notification of transfer process (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2) has been obtained;

[13.8.2.1-(c) through 13.8.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

~~13.18.2.2~~ Preseason Practice and Competition. A student-athlete who is not enrolled, but who has been accepted for admission to the institution in a regular full-time program of studies, shall be permitted to engage in preseason practice and competition in fall sports or practice occurring in midyear between terms on the academic calendar, provided such practice is not used to determine whether aid is to be awarded. [D]

~~13.18.2.3~~ Recreational Activities. A prospective student-athlete visiting a member institution may participate in physical workouts or other recreational activities during a visit to an institution's campus. The activities may take place in a facility (on- or off-campus) that is not open to the general public (e.g., campus recreation center, golf course, swimming pool). Such activities are permissible provided they: [D]

[13.8.2.3-(a) through 13.8.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

~~13.18.2.4~~ Local Sports Clubs. ~~In sports other than basketball, a~~ An institution's coach may be involved as a participant or in instructional or coaching activities in the same sport for a local sports club or organization ~~located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 100-mile radius of the institution). Further, in club teams involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 100-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 100-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach may be involved with a local sports club located in the institution's home community that includes prospective student-athletes participating in a sport other than the coach's sport, regardless of where such prospective student-athletes reside. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of prospective student-athlete age (i.e., before the ninth grade), regardless of where such individuals reside.~~ [D]

~~13.18.2.4.1~~ Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club. Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a ~~local~~ sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a ~~local~~ sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. [D]

~~13.18.2.4.1.1~~ Exception -- Recruiting on Behalf of Institution. A coaching staff member may receive actual and necessary expenses from an institution to engage in recruiting activities on behalf of the institution while serving in their capacity as a ~~local~~ sports club coach.

~~13.18.2.65~~ Medical Examinations.

~~13.18.2.65.1~~ Medical Screening Examination. During a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit to campus, a member institution may conduct a medical screening examination to determine the prospective student-athlete's medical qualifications to participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided: [D]

[13.8.2.5.1-(a) through 13.8.2.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

~~13.18.2.65.2~~ 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 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

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official paid visit or the prospective student-athletes' visit to the institution at their own expense for this purpose.

13.118.3 Tryout Exceptions.

13.118.3.1 "Open" Events. Participation by a prospective student-athlete in "open" events conducted by or held on the campus of a member institution shall not be considered tryouts. Competition shall be considered "open" if the competitive event itself is not classified by age group or level of educational institution represented, and the selection of participants is not limited except by number, by geographical area or on the basis of some objective standard of performance. [D]

13.118.3.2 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. Participation by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body or athletics authority shall not be considered tryouts. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection) except as permitted in Bylaws ~~13.11.3.2.1 and~~ 13.118.3.2.2. [D]

13.118.3.2.1 Coach/Prospective Student-Athlete Competition. It is permissible for an institution's coach to participate with or against prospective student-athletes in recognized regional, national or international training programs or competition, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization and both the coach and the prospective student-athlete are eligible to enter the competition. [D]

13.118.3.2.2 Administration of "State Games." A member institution serving as the site of "state games" is permitted to involve its staff members in the administration of the event but may not be involved in the selection or assignment of participants and coaches participating in the event. [D]

13.118.3.3 High School, College-Preparatory School and Two-Year College Contests. High school, college-preparatory school and two-year college athletics contests or matches, conducted by a member institution or sponsored jointly with an outside organization and held on the campus of a member institution, shall not be considered tryouts, provided the following conditions are met [see Bylaw ~~13.2.4 (e)~~ 2.2.2 for restrictions related to the provision of awards at such contests]: [D]

[13.8.3.3-(a) unchanged.]

[13.8.3.3-(a)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Each participant represents their educational institution ~~in the event (neor~~ nonscholastic team ~~representation)~~ **at the event**; and

[13.8.3.3-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

[13.8.3.3-(b) unchanged.]

[13.8.3.3-(b)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) A participant may compete as an individual or may represent their educational institution or a nonscholastic team; and

[13.8.3.3-(b)-(3) unchanged.]

13.118.3.4 Officiating. An institution's coach may officiate competition that involves prospective student-athletes, provided the competition is regularly scheduled under the authority of an outside sports organization. [D]

13.118.3.5 Private Lessons. An institution's ~~equestrian, golf or tennis~~ coach may teach private ~~equestrian, golf or tennis~~ lessons to a prospective student-athlete, provided the following conditions are met: [D]

[13.8.3.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals; **and**

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(c) Fees of the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s); ~~and,~~

~~(d) The institution keeps on file documentation of the fee charged for the private lessons and the name of any individual receiving any portion of the fee. The documentation shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.~~

~~13.118.3.6 Use of Facilities for Activities Related to a Nonsponsored Sport. The use of a member institution's facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes shall not be considered a tryout, provided the physical activities are related to a sport that is not sponsored by the institution at the varsity intercollegiate level.~~

~~13.118.3.7 Permissible Facility Usage. The use of institutional facilities for physical activities by a group that includes prospective student-athletes, not otherwise permitted in these bylaws, may still be permissible and not considered a tryout. An institution may permit a group that includes prospective student-athletes to utilize the institution's facilities provided:~~

~~(a) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the promotion of the activity;~~

~~(b) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the solicitation of any individual prospective student-athlete's participation in the activity;~~

~~(c) The institution's athletics department staff or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are not involved in the solicitation for any particular group's participation in the activity, unless the group is affiliated with an outside organization and the solicitation is consistent with institutional policies of hosting outside organizations;~~

~~(d) a) Involvement by the institution's athletics department staff and representatives of its athletics interests **boosters** is consistent with institutional policies for hosting outside organizations; and~~

~~(e) b) Athletics department staff members and representatives of its athletics interests **boosters** remain subject to all applicable NCAA recruiting legislation during the event.~~

13.129 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.129.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.129.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate.

13.129.1.1.1 Purposes of Camps or Clinics. An institution's sports camp or clinic shall be one that:

[13.9.1.1.1-(a) through 13.9.1.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

13.129.1.2 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, gender and grade level).

13.129.1.3 ~~Recruiting Calendar Exceptions~~ **Dead Period.** ~~The interaction during sports camps and sports clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, An~~ institutional's camps or clinics may not be conducted during ~~a~~ **the National Letter of Intent** dead period.

13.129.154 Prospective Student-Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges.

13.129.154.1 Prospective Student-Athlete. In operating a sports camp or clinic, an institution, members of its staff or a ~~representative of its athletics interests~~ **booster** shall not give free or reduced admission privileges to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade. [R]

13.129.154.2 Payment of Expenses. A ~~representative of an institution's athletics interests~~ **booster** may not pay a prospective student-athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. [R]

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~~13.129.1.54.3~~ 13.9.1.4 Awards. Prospective student-athletes may receive awards from a member institution's sports camp or clinic with the understanding that the cost of such awards is included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. [R]

~~13.129.1.54.4~~ 13.9.1.4 Restitution. For violations of Bylaw ~~13.121.5~~ 13.9.1.4 and its subsections in which the value of the benefit is \$200 or less, the eligibility of the prospective student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned on the prospective student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice. However, the prospective student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the prospective student-athlete repays the benefit. Violations of this bylaw remain institutional violations per Bylaw 7.01.9 and documentation of the prospective student-athlete's repayment shall be forwarded to the enforcement staff.

13.129.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

~~13.129.2.1~~ 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) unchanged.]

(b) The ~~employment does not begin before the completion of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school (see Bylaw 13.2.5.1) and the~~ prospective student-athlete has completed all competition for the academic year in their sport;

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

13.129.2.2 Student-Athletes.

~~13.129.2.2.1~~ 13.9.2.2.1 General Rule. A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements: [R]

[13.9.2.2.1-(a) through 13.9.2.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~13.129.2.2.1.1~~ 13.9.2.2.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility ~~is not permitted to~~ may conduct their own camp or clinic **at any time.** [R]

~~13.129.2.2.1.2~~ 13.9.2.2.1.2 Provision of Travel Expenses to All Employees. A student-athlete may receive actual travel expenses (including lodging and meals in transit and prepaid plane tickets or cash advances) only if such travel expenses are paid and procedures for reimbursement of expenses are used for all employees of the camp/clinic. Credit cards may not be provided to a student-athlete to pay such expenses. [R]

~~13.129.2.2.1.3~~ 13.9.2.2.1.3 Cash Advances Based on Anticipated Earnings. In the case where all employees do not receive travel expenses, a cash advance based on anticipated earnings may be provided to a student-athlete only if such advance does not exceed the estimated actual and necessary cost of travel or the student-athlete's estimated employment earnings, whichever is less, and such a benefit is available to all camp employees. [R]

~~13.129.2.2.1.4~~ 13.9.2.2.1.4 Transportation from Coach or ~~Representative of Athletics Interests~~ **Booster**. Actual transportation from an institution's coach or ~~representative of its athletics interests~~ **booster** may be provided to a student-athlete only if travel expenses are paid for all employees of the camp/clinic. [R]

~~13.129.2.2.2~~ 13.9.2.2.2 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

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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]

~~13.129.2.2.2.1~~ 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).

~~13.129.2.43~~ High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches.

~~13.129.2.43.1~~ General Rule. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach at its camp or clinic, provided: [R]

[13.9.2.3.1-(a) through 13.9.2.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

~~13.129.2.43.2~~ Prohibited Compensation. A member institution may not compensate or reimburse a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach based on the number of campers the coach sends to the camp. [R]

~~13.129.2.54~~ 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]

~~13.129.2.54.1~~ Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. [D]

~~13.129.2.54.2~~ 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). [D]

~~13.129.2.54.2.1~~ Exception -- Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members With Department-Wide Responsibilities. A noncoaching athletics staff member with department-wide responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated in accordance with the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. [D]

~~13.129.2.54.2.2~~ Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academies. An institution's men's and women's basketball coach may be employed at the NCAA College Basketball Academies to serve in the capacity as a coach and coach participants.

~~13.1310~~ High School All-Star Games.

~~13.1310.1~~ Coach Involvement. A member institution shall not permit any coach or athletics department staff member directly involved in the recruiting of student-athletes to participate (directly or indirectly) in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or player selection of any all-star team or contest involving interscholastic players or for those who, during the previous school year, were members of high school athletics teams. [D]

~~13.1310.1.1~~ Previous Contractual Agreement. If a coach has made a contractual commitment to coach in a high school all-star game before being employed by a member institution and then becomes a member of the institution's coaching staff before the game is held, the coach shall be permitted to honor the contract provided participation in the all-star contest occurs prior to the coach commencing employment with the member institution.

~~13.1310.2~~ Use of Institutional Facilities. A member institution's facilities shall not be made available for a high school all-star game unless the provisions of Bylaw ~~13.118.3.7~~ are met. [D]

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~~13.13~~**10.3** Use of Institutional Equipment. It is not permissible for an institution to provide its athletics equipment to a prospective student-athlete (e.g., for use in a high school all-star game) **provided the provisions of Bylaw 13.12.2.2 are met.** [D]

~~13.14~~**11** Use of Recruiting Funds.

~~13.14~~**11.1** Institutional Control. A member institution shall be exclusively and entirely responsible for institutional and personal funds expended during the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.

~~13.14~~**11.2** Visiting a Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution's athletics department staff member may visit a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s) at any location for recruiting purposes. However, on any such visit, the staff member may not expend any funds other than the amount necessary for their own personal expenses.

~~13.14~~**11.3** Recruiting Services. **An institution's coach is prohibited from being employed by a recruiting and scouting service.**

~~13.14~~**11.4** Slush Funds. An institution shall not permit any outside organization, agency or group of individuals to use, administer or expend funds for recruiting prospective student-athletes, including the transportation and entertainment of, and the giving of gifts or services to, prospective student-athletes or their relatives, legal guardian(s) or friends.

~~13.14~~**11.4.1** Exception -- ~~Local~~ Sports Clubs. A member of an institution's coaching staff may recruit on behalf of the institution while serving in their capacity as a ~~local~~ sports club coach while receiving expenses from the ~~local~~ sports club.

~~13.14~~**11.5** Alumni Organizations. Bona fide alumni organizations of an institution may sponsor luncheons, teas or dinners at which prospective students (athletes and nonathletes) of that immediate locale are guests. A member institution's area alumni organization may be considered a bona fide part of that institution, provided such an organization is accredited by the president or chancellor of the institution and meets these additional terms and conditions: [D]

[13.11.5-(a) through 13.11.5-(b) unchanged.]

~~13.14~~**11.5.1** Subject to NCAA Rules. When an alumni organization is certified by the president or chancellor as being a bona fide part of the institution, said organization becomes subject to all of the limitations placed upon the member institution by NCAA legislation. A violation of such legislation by any member of the alumni organization shall be a violation by the member institution. [D]

~~13.15~~**12** Financial Assistance to a Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student-Athlete's High School.

~~13.15~~**12.1** Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a ~~representative of its athletics interests~~**booster** shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period before their enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. [R]

~~13.15~~**12.1.1** Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw ~~13.15~~**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.

~~13.15~~**12.1.2** Fundraising for High School Athletics Program -- **Boosters.** ~~An institution may not provide funding directly benefiting a high school athletics program.~~**A booster may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the booster resides, provided:** [D]

(a) The booster acts independently of the institution;

(b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and

(c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.

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~~13.12.1.3~~ College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

~~13.12.1.4~~ Ticket Sales. It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution's athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

~~13.12.2~~ Permissible Expenses.

~~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-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Actual and necessary expenses related to the issuance of an international student-athlete's Form I-20 (e.g., expenses to obtain necessary documents, express mail charges); **and**

~~(e) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to send a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores 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; and~~

[13.12.2.1-(f) relettered as 13.12.2.1-(e), unchanged.]

~~13.12.2.2~~ Donation - Equipment and Monetary Donations.

~~13.12.2.2.1~~ Athletics Equipment, Apparel and Monetary Donations. An institution or conference may provide ~~used~~ athletics **and nonathletics** equipment and apparel to ~~an~~ *high school or athletics equipment and apparel to bona fide youth* organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that ~~may~~ consist of ~~some~~ prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment and apparel is in accordance with the institution's or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment and apparel. Further, an institution or conference may provide monetary donations to ~~nonathletic bona fide youth organizations (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs)~~ **an organization that consist of prospective student-athletes.** [D]

~~13.12.2.2.32~~ Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fundraising. An institution may provide items to assist in the fundraising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.912.

~~13.12.2.3~~ Use of Member Institution's Facilities.

~~13.12.2.3.1~~ High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. An institution shall be permitted to host high school contests in all sports held in conjunction with intercollegiate contests as specified in Bylaw ~~13.11.38.1.2~~ **8.1.2**. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following:

[13.12.2.3.1-(a) through 13.12.2.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~13.12.2.3.2~~ State High School Association Use of Member Institution's Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate.

~~13.12.2.3.3~~ Advertisements and Upgrades for Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school football stadium).

~~13.12.2.4~~ Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospective student-athletes to perform at any contest, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in the locale for similar services.

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~~13.6.6.2.3 Purchase of Game Tickets in Same Locale. An institution may reserve tickets, only for the use of immediate family members accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an official visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. These tickets must be purchased at face value. [R]~~

~~13.6.6.3 Parking. An institution may arrange special on-campus parking for prospective student-athletes during an official visit.~~

~~13.6.6.4 Cash to Prospective Student-Athlete. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide cash to a prospective student-athlete for entertainment purposes.~~

~~13.6.6.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$30-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. [D]~~

~~13.6.6.6 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit, unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution.~~

~~13.6.6.7 Meals on Official Visit.~~

~~13.6.6.7.1.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life and is not excessive in nature. [R]~~

~~13.6.6.8 Normal Retail Cost. If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardian(s), the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the \$30-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail cost exceeds the \$30-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R]~~

~~13.7.2.1.4 Reserving Game Tickets. An institution may not reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) to be purchased by a prospective student-athlete (or individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) on an unofficial visit. Tickets may be purchased only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R]~~

~~13.7.2.1.6 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.~~

~~13.7.2.3.1 Admitted Student Meeting with Coach. During a prospective student-athlete's visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.~~

~~13.7.2.4 Visit Related to National Student Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student Athlete Day and/or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. [R]~~

~~13.8.1.1 Transportation Reimbursement. An institution shall not reimburse a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach for transportation expenses of any kind. [D]~~

~~13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout Rule Purposes. For purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described.~~

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~~13.11.1.3.1 Criteria. A member institution may schedule an intercollegiate contest on the same day as a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest under a single admission and conducted during a continuous session. In the sports of basketball, football, gymnastics and volleyball, a member institution shall not permit a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college to compete in more than one of these contests (per sport) on the institution's campus during an academic year.~~

~~13.11.1.4 Nonscholastic-Based Basketball. A member of an institution's coaching staff may not participate in coaching activities involving nonscholastic-based basketball teams if any of the participants is of prospective student-athlete age or older (i.e., ninth grade or above). In addition, coaching staff members may not participate on such teams that include individuals with eligibility remaining or that include individuals of prospective student-athlete age or younger. [D]~~

~~13.11.1.5 Tryout Camps. A member institution or conference may not conduct a tryout camp devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospective student-athletes. A member institution's staff members may not attend such a tryout camp sponsored by an outside organization if the camp invites only representatives from selected institutions or conferences to observe the camp (except as specified in Bylaw 13.11.2.1). [D]~~

~~13.11.2.5 Sports Camps and Clinics. An institution's coach may be employed in sports camps, coaching schools and clinics per Bylaw 13.12 without violating the tryout rule.~~

~~13.12.1.4 Advertisements. Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). [D]~~

~~13.12.2.3 Concession Arrangement. A prospective or enrolled student-athlete, at their own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp or clinic. However, the institution may employ the prospective or enrolled student-athlete at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. [R]~~

~~13.14.3.1 Published Recruiting Services. An institution may subscribe to a regularly published scouting service involving prospective student-athletes, provided this service is made available to all institutions desiring to subscribe and at the same fee rate for all subscribers. The service must also provide information regarding each prospective student-athlete in a standardized format that ensures consistent distribution to all subscribers. Live or individualized oral reports do not satisfy this requirement. [D]~~

~~13.14.3.2 Video Services. An institution may subscribe to a service that provides scholastic and/or nonscholastic video. The institution may not contract with the service in advance to have a particular contest videotaped, and the service must be available to all institutions at the same cost. Off-campus observation of a prospective student-athlete on a videotape made available by a scouting service is considered an evaluation activity and is subject to applicable evaluation regulations. [D]~~

~~13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution's Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided:~~

- ~~(a) The representative acts independently of the institution;~~
- ~~(b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and~~
- ~~(c) The funds are not earmarked directly for a specific prospective student-athlete.~~

~~13.15.2.2.1.1 Exception — Women's Rowing. An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition.~~

~~13.15.2.2.2 Nonathletics Equipment. An institution or conference may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school or bona fide youth organizations (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl~~

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Scout troops, summer recreation league), provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment.

13.17 Recruiting Calendars:

13.17.1 Men's Basketball. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to men's basketball:

- (a) June 1 through June 14: Quiet Period*
- (b) June 15 through August 1: Evaluation Period*
- (c) August 2 through September 6: Quiet Period*
- (d) September 7 through October 14: Contact Period*
- (e) October 15 to the date of the prospective student-athlete's initial high school or two-year college contest: Quiet Period*
- (f) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period*
- (g) The period between the prospective student-athlete's initial and final high school or two-year college contests: Evaluation Period*
- (h) March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the Division I men's basketball spring signing of the National Letter of Intent (except for (1) below): Contact Period*
 - (1) Thursday before the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game to Tuesday noon after the game: Dead Period*
- (i) During any high school all-star game that occurs within the state in which the member institution is located: Evaluation Period*
- (j) During any all-star contest held during the final weekend of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship in the host city: Evaluation Period*
- (k) All other dates: Quiet Period*

13.17.2 Women's Basketball. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to women's basketball:

- (a) June 1 through June 14: Quiet Period*
- (b) June 15 through August 1: Evaluation Period*
- (c) August 2 through September 6: Quiet Period*
- (d) September 7 through October 14: Contact Period*
- (e) October 15 to the date of the prospective student-athlete's initial high school or two-year college contest: Quiet Period*
- (f) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period*
- (g) The period between the prospective student-athlete's initial and final high school or two-year college contests: Evaluation Period*
- (h) March 1 through the third weekend in May: Contact Period*
- (i) During any high school all-star game that occurs within the state in which the member institution is located: Evaluation Period*
- (j) During the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through Wednesday noon after the championship game: Dead Period*
- (k) All other dates: Quiet Period*

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

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- ~~(a) June 1 to the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's high school or two-year college football season (as determined by the first regularly scheduled practice immediately preceding the start of the regular season): Quiet Period~~
- ~~(b) During the prospective student-athlete's high school or two-year college football season (as determined by the first regularly scheduled practice immediately preceding the start of the regular season): Evaluation Period~~
- ~~(c) November 1 through the Sunday after Thanksgiving (except for (1) below): Evaluation Period~~
 - ~~(1) For two-year college prospective student-athletes, the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's two-year college football season (i.e., the conclusion of the institution's last regularly scheduled contest rather than the conclusion of the institution's final postseason contest) through the Sunday after Thanksgiving: Contact Period~~
- ~~(d) The Monday after Thanksgiving through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent (except for (1) and (2) below): Contact Period~~
 - ~~(1) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period~~
 - ~~(2) Monday through Wednesday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association: Dead Period~~
- ~~(e) The 31st day after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent through May 31 (except (f) below): Quiet Period~~
- ~~(f) April 15 through May 31: Evaluation Period~~

~~(1) Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution.~~

- ~~(g) Authorized coaching staff members may evaluate a high school football all-star game any time of the year provided the game occurs within the state in which the member institution is located.~~

~~13.17.4 Men's Lacrosse: The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to men's lacrosse:~~

- ~~(a) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period~~
- ~~(b) The Monday after Thanksgiving through December 23: Quiet Period~~
- ~~(c) Two days prior to the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Convention through two days after adjournment of the convention (except for (1) below): Dead Period~~
 - ~~(1) An event that is held in conjunction with the convention: Evaluation Period~~
- ~~(d) Thursday before the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship to Tuesday noon after the championship: Dead Period~~
- ~~(e) All other dates: Contact Period~~

~~13.17.5 Dead Periods for Other Sports: There are no specified contact and evaluation periods in sports other than basketball and football except for the following dead periods.~~

~~13.17.5.1.1 Exception — U.S. Diving National Championships: When the dead period for recruiting occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.~~

~~13.17.5.1.2 Exception — North American Cup Fencing Championship: During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.~~

~~13.17.5.1.3 Exception — Junior Olympic or Paralympic Rifle Championships: During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic or Paralympic Rifle~~

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~~Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.~~

~~13.17.5.2 Men's and Women's Wrestling. The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.~~

Additional Information:

Following the adoption of the new constitution at the 2022 NCAA Convention, the NCAA Division II President's Council, now named the NCAA Division II Executive Board, established the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee that included 28 voting members who were charged with starting and leading the division's work. The Implementation Committee reviewed the division's rules and policies and made recommendations to ensure that changes were consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution. The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee was tasked with reviewing various bylaws, which included Bylaw 13. After reviewing feedback from the Division II membership, NCAA Division II Management Council and other affiliate groups, the Legislation Committee determined that amending Bylaw 13 as recommended will simplify the application and provide Division II institutions with more autonomy.

Review History:

Mar 27, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-15

Title: CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP FOR DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- GRACE PERIOD -- WAIVER AUTHORITY

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Championships Administration

Intent: To establish a waiver opportunity for a sport seeking to extend the grace period when falling below the minimum number of institutions required to maintain a Division II championship.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4.1.3, as follows:

18.4.1.3 Grace Period. A sport that falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2 shall have three years to regain the minimum number of sponsoring institutions before the Division II championship is discontinued. The three-year grace period begins with the academic year in which the Division II Championships Committee confirms that the sport has fallen below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2.

18.4.1.3.1 Waiver Authority. The Championships Committee may waive Bylaw 18.4.1.3 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be considered final.

Review History:

Feb 15, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Championships Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

With the adoption of Division II Proposal No. 2024-3 at the 2024 NCAA Convention, a sport that does not meet the 35-minimum number of institutions required to maintain its Division II championship will have an opportunity to seek a waiver. However, the current legislation is silent on which authoritative body within the Division II governance structure should have purview over the waiver process. Currently, under NCAA Bylaw 21.8.5.4.2 (duties), the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief shall review waiver requests for relief from the application of NCAA legislation to a particular situation in which no other committee, subcommittee or conference has the authority to act. Therefore, due to the legislation being silent, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief currently would have purview to review waivers seeking relief of the minimum number of institutions required to maintain a Division II championship or the three-year grace period. The Championships Committee believes that while the Committee for Legislative Relief would have the ability to oversee this process, the Championships Committee is better suited from an expertise perspective to perform this function.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-16

Title: NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- ACCEPTABLE SPORTS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- SWIMMING AND DIVING AND TRACK AND FIELD

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 17, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership and Institutional Control

Intent: In swimming and diving and track and field, to amend the minimum number of participants for sports sponsorship, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 7.3.1.7.1.1, as follows:

7.3.1.7.1.1 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and acrobatics and tumbling, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	24		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	22		Equestrian	6	12
Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	6	5
Field Hockey	10		Women's Fencing	6	5
Football	9		Golf	7	4
Men's Ice Hockey	20		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Women's Ice Hockey	20		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Men's Lacrosse	10		Rifle	8	4
Women's Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	6		Swimming and Diving	8	19
Women's Rugby	9		Tennis	10	5
Soccer	10		Track and Field, Indoor	4	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	10
Stunt	8	16	Men's Wrestling	9	6
Men's Volleyball	9		Women's Wrestling	9	6
Women's Volleyball	15		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Men's Water Polo	15				
Women's Water Polo	10				

[7.3.1.7.1.1.1 through 7.3.1.7.1.1.11 unchanged.]

Review History:

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Feb 13, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Membership Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Currently, an institution that sponsors men's and women's swimming and diving, must complete eight dates of competition with at least 11 participants to satisfy sports sponsorship requirements. Additionally, an institution that sponsors men's and women's track and field, must complete four dates of competition with at least 10 participants for indoor, and at least 14 participants for outdoor to satisfy sports sponsorship requirements. In swimming and diving, the Division II Championships Committee has seen an increase in waivers for failure to meet the minimum requirements for championships selections. Many can meet the date of competition requirement but not the participant requirement. This is particularly prevalent for new programs as they are developing their roster and could prevent a national qualifier from a team that does not satisfy sports sponsorship requirements from being eligible to compete for a national championship. For indoor and outdoor track and field, having different participant requirements creates confusion as the teams transition between seasons. Most rosters are traditionally carrying the same number of student-athletes for both seasons; therefore, having a consistent participant requirement would limit unnecessary confusion. In all, adjusting the minimum number of participants would provide more institutions with access to championships.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-17

Title: NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- TWO-YEAR UPPER-LEVEL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: April 19, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership and Institutional Control

Intent: To eliminate the references to two-year upper-level collegiate institutions, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 7, as follows:

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[7.01 through 7.02 unchanged.]

7.02.1.1 Active Member Institution. An active member institution is a four-year college or university, ~~or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution~~ accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1 for the accreditation standard for an international institution) and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of this article. Active members have the right to compete in NCAA championships, to vote on legislation and other issues before the Association and division, and to enjoy other privileges of membership designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. (See Bylaw 7.3.1.3.1.1 regarding restrictions on the privileges of for-profit institutions.)

[7.02.1.1.1 unchanged.]

7.02.1.2 Provisional Member Institution. A provisional member institution is a four-year college or university, ~~or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution~~ accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1 for the accreditation standard for an international institution) and that has applied for active membership in the Association. Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership in the Association. The institution shall be elected to provisional membership under the provisions of this article (see Bylaw 7.4). Provisional membership is a prerequisite for active membership and shall last for a minimum of three years. During year one of the membership process, an institution shall administer its athletics programs in accordance with NCAA legislation regarding full-time enrollment, good academic standing, sports sponsorship and health and safety. During years two and three of the provisional period, an institution shall administer its athletics programs in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association. Provisional members shall receive all publications and mailings received by active members in addition to other privileges designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association. For specific requirements, see Bylaw 7.4.

[7.02.1.3 unchanged.]

7.02.1.4 Provisional Member Conference. A provisional conference consists of a group of at least 10 four-year colleges or universities ~~or two-year upper-level collegiate institutions~~, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1 for the accreditation standard for an international institution), and that has applied for provisional conference membership in the Association. Provisional conference membership is a prerequisite for active conference membership in the Association. The conference shall be elected to provisional conference membership under the provisions of this article

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(see Bylaw 7.4.2) and shall follow the guiding principles of a model Division II conference, set forth in the "Division II Long-Range Financial Plan." Provisional conferences shall receive all publications and mailings received by voting member conferences in addition to other privileges designated in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

[7.02.2 through 7.02.6 unchanged.]

[7.1 unchanged.]

7.1.4.1.1 Types of Institutions. Active membership is available to four-year colleges and universities ~~and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions~~, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency and pursuant to Board of Governors policy and duly elected to active membership under the provisions of Bylaw 7.3.1.

[7.1.4.1.2 through 7.1.4.1.5 unchanged.]

[7.1.4.2 through 7.1.4.3 unchanged.]

[7.2 through 7.4 unchanged.]

7.4.1.2.1 Types of Institutions. Membership in the provisional period is available to four-year colleges and universities ~~and two-year upper-level collegiate institutions~~, accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency (see Bylaw 7.1.4.1.2.1 for the accreditation standard for an international institution) and duly elected to the membership process under the provisions of Bylaws 7.4.1.4 and 7.4.1.2.

[7.4.1.2.2 through 7.4.1.2.4 unchanged.]

[7.4.1.3 through 7.4.1.8 unchanged.]

[7.4.2 unchanged.]

[7.5 through 7.8 unchanged.]

Review History:

Apr 10, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Membership Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, an active member institution may be a four-year college or university, or a two-year upper-level collegiate institution with regional accreditation and duly elected to active membership. However, institutions that submit an application to enter the Division II provisional membership process may only be a four-year college or university. In comparison, current Division I legislation defining an active member institution does not reference a two-year upper-level collegiate institution as such a reference was eliminated in March 2011. Due to the discrepancy between the current legislation and what is considered by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee when reviewing provisional membership applications, eliminating all references to two-year upper-level collegiate institutions is appropriate.

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Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-18

Title: COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- HONORS COMMITTEE -- DUTIES -- GENERAL R. FORD AND PAT SUMMITT AWARDS

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: March 26, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

Intent: To specify that the Honors Committee shall receive nominations and select recipients for the Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.2 unchanged.]

21.2.3 Honors Committee.

[21.2.3.1 through 21.2.3.2 unchanged.]

21.2.3.3 Duties. The committee shall receive nominations for the **Gerald R. Ford Award**, the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, **the Pat Summitt Award**, the Today's Top 10 Awards, the Award of Valor and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards.

[21.2.4 through 21.2.7 unchanged.]

Review History:

Mar 22, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Honors Committee.

Apr 16, 2024: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.

Additional Information:

The Honors Committee is an Association-wide committee that receives nominations and selects recipients for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, Silver Anniversary Award, Today's Top 10 Award, Inspiration Award and Award of Valor. These awards are presented at the NCAA Convention. The Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards are prestigious Association-wide awards that are also presented at the NCAA Convention. The NCAA Office of the President selected past Ford and Summitt Award recipients. Transitioning oversight of the Ford and Summitt Awards from the NCAA Office of the President to the Honors Committee will increase consistency and efficiency in how nominations are received and how recipients are selected, while aligning nomination periods and processes across Association-wide awards. This integrated approach will streamline and simplify award nominations for NCAA members and the national office. The immediate effective date

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will allow the committee to receive nominations and select recipients for the Ford and Summitt Awards for the 2025 NCAA Convention.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE
JUNE 4, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4 -- Eligibility -- General Eligibility Requirements -- Full-Time Enrollment -- Requirement for Practice or Competition -- Exceptions -- Final Term Before Experiential Learning Requirement -- Postbaccalaureate Student-Athletes.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to clarify that a postbaccalaureate student-athlete may enroll less than full time in their final semester before participating in an experiential learning requirement.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, a postbaccalaureate student-athlete may not utilize Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4 in order to enroll less than full time during the term immediately preceding their experiential learning requirement. Amending Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4 to include postbaccalaureate student-athletes will clarify that a postbaccalaureate student-athlete may enroll less than full time and participate in practice and competition in the final semester or quarter before participating in their experiential learning requirement.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Estimated student-athlete impact. None.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.4.3.8.1 -- Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Missed-Term Exception -- Qualifiers.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit a qualifier, during their initial year of enrollment, to have access to the missed-term exception.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation does not permit a student-athlete in their initial year of enrollment to use the missed-term exception. The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee believes that qualifiers have already displayed their academic readiness through completion of courses while enrolled in high school, and therefore, permitting a qualifier to use the missed-term exception during their initial year of enrollment would

provide greater flexibility. Finally, the remaining requirements of the legislation would still need to be satisfied in order for a qualifier during their initial year of enrollment to use the missed-term exception.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Estimated student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Division II Previously Approved Waiver Checklist.

- (1) Recommendation. To update the previously approved waiver checklist, as specified. [See Attachment.]
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Expanding the checklist to permit a graduate student-athlete to enroll less than full time due to a sequencing issue, will reduce the burden on compliance administrators. Further, expanding the current checklist to include a one-time self-applied waiver opportunity for circumstances where a nontransfer student-athlete presents their first progress-toward-degree deficiency, regardless of the mitigation, will address contemporary challenges of student-athletes, place more autonomy at the institutional level, reduce unnecessary burden on compliance administrators and more closely align with the commitment to modernize the rules. This expansion would not eliminate the ability of the institution to self-apply relief. Further, traditional waiver opportunities remain available if the conditions for self-application are not satisfied.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Estimated student-athlete impact. Graduate student-athlete with sequencing issues will receive flexibility. Further, nontransfer student-athletes who have not presented a pattern of academic failure will receive flexibility by the expansion of the checklist.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **Review of Bylaw 14.5.4.5.3 (determination of transferable degree credit).** The Academic Requirements Committee reviewed the current legislation regarding the calculation of transferable degree credit. Specifically, the committee noted that the process to accurately calculate a transferable grade-point average is complex, time-consuming and is often incorrectly applied throughout the membership. The committee requested staff

collect any data that would help guide this discussion and agreed to continue the discussion during its September 2024 videoconference.

2. **Review of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.4 (final term before experiential learning requirement).** The committee reviewed a referral from the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee and recommended noncontroversial legislation that would codify current interpretative guidance regarding a postbaccalaureate student-athlete enrolled less than full time during the term immediately preceding an experiential learning requirement. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1a].
3. **Review of Bylaw 14.4.3.8.1 (missed-term exception).** The committee continued its review on the application of the missed-term exception. Specifically, the committee reviewed the legislative history of the exception and recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit qualifiers, during their first year of enrollment, to utilize the missed-term exception provided the remaining prongs of the legislation are satisfied. [See Legislative Action Item No. 1b]. Additionally, the committee directed staff to draft an educational column to further assist the membership with the application of the missed-term exception. The committee will review a draft of the educational column at a future meeting.
4. **Review of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.5 (cooperative educational exchange program).** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on a recent staff interpretation of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.5 regarding an institution offering an internship program that is run entirely by an outside organization, but the credits are awarded by the certifying institution. The committee agreed to issue an official interpretation to confirm the application of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.5, as follows:

Cooperative Educational Exchange Program and Institutional Internship Programs Ran by an Outside Organization (II).

The Academic Requirements Committee confirmed that an internship program that is offered by an institution, but ran by an outside organization, and the credits are awarded by the certifying institution shall be considered a cooperative educational exchange program.

[Reference: NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.1.7.1.5 (cooperative educational exchange program)].

5. **Review of the 2024-25 Previously Approved Waiver Checklist.** The committee reviewed the previously approved waiver checklist. Specifically, the committee continued its discussion regarding the addition of a one-time self-applied waiver opportunity for nontransfer student-athletes that present their first progress-toward-degree deficiency at a Division II institution regardless of mitigation, to the previously approved waiver checklist.

The committee approved the addition of the one-time waiver, to the previously approved waiver checklist. [See Nonlegislative Action Item, as well as updates to the previously approved waiver checklist.]

6. **Review of the 2024-25 Academic Requirements Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved updates to its policies and procedures.
7. **Review of 2024-25 Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 academic year.
8. **Review of 2024-25 Division II progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer waiver directives.** The committee reviewed and approved the progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer waiver directives for the 2024-25 academic year.
9. **Review of 2024-25 Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 academic year.
10. **Review of 2023-24 initial-eligibility waiver statistics.** The committee received an update on initial-eligibility waiver statistics from the 2023-24 academic year.
11. **Review of 2024-25 Division II initial-eligibility waiver directives.** The committee reviewed and approved the initial-eligibility waiver directives for the 2024-25 academic year.
12. **Review of 2024-25 NCAA International Student Records Committee policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the International Student Records Committee's Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 academic year.
13. **Review of the NCAA High School Review Committee April 11-12, 2024, in-person meeting report.** The committee reviewed the report from the High School Review Committee's April 11-12, 2024, in-person meeting.
14. **Review of 2024-25 High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the High School Review Committee's Policies and Procedures for the 2024-25 academic year.
15. **Review of the NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee March 11, 2024, in-person meeting and May 6, 2024, videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed

the reports from the Degree Completion Award Committee's March 11, 2024, in-person meeting and May 6, 2024, videoconference.

16. **Update on the Academic Portal.** The committee received an update on the Academic Portal, which included an update on Academic Performance Census data reporting and potential revisions to technical instructions that would help improve accurate data submissions by institutions in future years.
17. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update on key items from the April Board of Governors meeting. The committee also received an update regarding the Division I settlement and the impact it may have on Division II.
18. **Review of the NCAA Division II Executive Board and Management Council Spring 2024 Summary of Actions.** The committee received an update on the action taken at the spring 2024 Executive Board and Management Council meetings.
19. **Election of chair.** The committee elected Jason Jones, associate athletics director for compliance, Catawba College, to serve as chair, effective September 1, 2024.
20. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee February 20, 2024, in-person meeting and April 11, 2024, videoconference reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its February 20, 2024, in-person meeting and April 11, 2024, videoconference reports.
21. **Review of the committee roster and subcommittee appointments.** The committee reviewed the updated roster and appointed Andrea Webb, assistant athletics director for compliance and student success at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, to the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers and Academic Interpretations Subcommittee, effective immediately.
22. **Future scheduled meetings/videoconferences.**
 - a. September 3, 2024; videoconference, 1 to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. February 27, 2025; in-person meeting, Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Karen Hjerpe, Pennsylvania Western University, California
Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs
 Robert Turick, Research

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee June 4, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Cathy Cox, Georgia College.	
Karen Hjerpe, Pennsylvania Western University, California.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman’s University.	
Jason Jones, Catawba College.	
Liz Jorn, Truman State University.	
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.	
Deborah Narang, University of Alaska Anchorage.	
Robert Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Krista Plummer, Northwood University.	
Ryan Quann, Goldey-Beacom College.	
Andrea Webb, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.	
Absentees:	
None.	
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:	
Jeremy Christoffels, Katelyn Skarr and Robert Turick.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jenny Collins, Terri Steeb Gronau, Doug Healey, Chelsea Hooks, Trey Jenkins, Maritza Jones, Sarah Overpeck, Christa Palmer and Angela Red.	



NCAA Division II Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Subcommittee
Previously Approved Waiver Checklist
Revised: June 4, 2024

Background:

The intent of the following modifications to the existing progress-toward-degree waiver process is to reduce bureaucracy and permit the membership and NCAA staff to work more efficiently in limited circumstances. The waiver scenarios listed below are common circumstances where relief has traditionally been provided by staff if the student-athlete was otherwise on pace to meet the academic eligibility requirements when the unforeseen mitigation occurred.

Process:

An institution is only permitted to self-apply relief (waive an otherwise applicable progress-toward-degree or full-time enrollment requirement) if the institution's circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved waivers and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the previously approved waiver. If an institution's circumstances do not appear on the list of previously approved waivers, or if the circumstances do not satisfy all established criteria for a previously approved waiver, the institution must submit a formal progress-toward-degree waiver application to the NCAA national office for consideration.

An institution that grants relief of NCAA legislation based on the specific, previously approved waiver circumstances listed below must maintain the documentation used to make the determination on campus. The list of previously approved waivers will be reviewed on an annual basis by staff.

Progress-Toward-Degree previously approved waiver scenarios:

Institutions seeking a progress-toward-degree waiver on behalf of a student-athlete for relief of NCAA Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (nine/eight credit hours earned per academic term), 14.4.3.2.1 (application of rule to transfer student), 14.4.3.3 (18/27 hours earned during regular academic year), 14.4.3.4 (24/36 annual credit hours earned) and/or 14.4.3.5 (2.0 minimum grade-point average), or institutions seeking a less than full-time waiver on behalf of a graduate student-athlete for relief of Bylaw 14.1.7.1.7.5 (practice or competition – graduate program) may self-apply relief (waive an otherwise applicable progress-toward-degree requirement or permit the student-athlete to enroll less than full time and have access to practice and competition) if the institution's circumstances appear on the list of designated previously approved waivers and the circumstances satisfy the specified criteria established for the previously approved waiver.

Institutions are expected to maintain documentation to demonstrate the identified criteria existed at the period of time to which the previously approved waiver is applied. Additionally, an academic recovery plan designed by the institution that demonstrates how the student-athlete's individual efforts, course schedule planning (including consideration of academics and athletics related time demands) and use of academic resources (including appropriate accommodations for any education-impacting disability) will allow them to overcome academic eligibility deficiencies. A reasonable academic recovery plan will also demonstrate that the student-athlete is likely to graduate within five years of initial full-time enrollment and should include term-by-term

scheduling of courses to the greatest extent possible. The plan must be signed by both the student-athlete and an institutional representative with academic oversight for the student-athlete.

If the institution or student-athlete fail to adhere to the academic recovery plan on file and it results in a future progress-toward-degree deficiency, the institution must submit a formal progress-toward-degree waiver application to the national office for consideration.

Personal hardships:

Death of an immediate family or team member:

1. The student-athlete experienced the death of an immediate family or team member during the academic year in which the deficiency occurs.
2. For purposes of relief in this scenario and others, immediate family member is defined as spouse, parent or legal guardian, child, sibling or domestic partner.

Diagnosis of terminal illness or hospitalization of immediate family or team member:

1. The student-athlete's immediate family member or team member was diagnosed and/or hospitalized with a terminal illness during the academic year in which the deficiency occurs.
2. Immediate family member is defined above.

Victims of inappropriate sexual behavior:

- The student-athlete was a victim of inappropriate sexual behavior during the academic year in which the deficiency occurred. Inappropriate sexual behavior includes, but is not limited to, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct or sexual violence.

Inpatient hospitalization:

- The student-athlete is hospitalized for a significant amount of time (e.g., two weeks) during the term or academic year in which the deficiency occurs.

Catastrophic events:

- The student-athlete experienced a loss due to a catastrophic event that occurred at the student-athlete's institution or in the student-athlete's hometown during the academic year in which the deficiency occurs. A catastrophic event as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is "any natural or manmade incident, including terrorism, that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely impacting the

population, infrastructure, environment, economy, national morale and/or government functions."

First academic deficiency:

Nontransfers experiencing their first academic deficiency:

1. The student-athlete is a continuing, nontransfer, undergraduate student.
2. The student-athlete has not previously had a progress-toward-degree deficiency.
3. The student-athlete's institution has an academic recovery plan on file that demonstrates that the student-athlete is able to graduate within five-years from initial full-time enrollment.
4. In cases of misadvisement, the institution must complete an institutional recovery plan and it must be kept on file.

Note: The self-applied waiver would waive all deficiencies if multiple deficiencies exist during the first progress-toward-degree deficiency (i.e., term-by-term, annual, grade-point average).

High achieving students:

Nontransfers with a 3.5 or above cumulative grade-point average:

1. The student-athlete is a continuing, nontransfer, undergraduate student that presents a cumulative grade-point average at or above 3.50 and on an academic track to graduate within five years of initial full-time enrollment.
2. Institution has on file an academic recovery plan that shows graduation within five years.
3. In cases of misadvisement, the institution must complete an institutional recovery plan and it must be kept on file.

Student-athlete entering final season/semesters/quarters of competition (credit-hour deficiencies only):

- The student-athlete is entering their final season, semesters, or quarters of competition and the following academic criteria are met for a credit-hour deficiency:
 - a. Certification that the student-athlete received a satisfactory grade in all degree-applicable courses during the academic year prior to the deficiency (two semesters or three quarters);

- b. Certification that the student-athlete is seeking to participate in their final season, semesters, or quarters of competition during the ensuing two semesters or three quarters;
- c. Documentation that the student-athlete will complete their degree at the end of the ensuing two semesters or three quarters;
- d. Documentation that the student-athlete meets or exceeds the cumulative grade-point average required for graduation in the student-athlete's degree program;
- e. Certification that the student-athlete had no prior progress-toward-degree deficiencies; and
- f. Evidence that demonstrates that it is reasonable to believe, based on the student-athlete's accelerated completion of their degree requirements, that the student-athlete will earn their degree within five years of initial enrollment.

Restrictive degree programs:

- The student-athlete is enrolled in a specific degree program that, due to course sequencing, offering limitations, catalog changes or a lack of course substitutions, has resulted in credit-hour deficiencies provided the following criteria are satisfied:
 - a. The student-athlete's failure to pass a course within the degree program, or attain a requisite grade-point average, did not inhibit their progression through the degree program or create the deficiency;
 - b. The student-athlete is completing their degree as outlined by the institution in its published policies and/or curriculum for the degree program; and
 - c. The student-athlete will graduate within the degree program's intended timeline.

Less than full time – graduate student-athletes:

Restrictive degree program for graduate students:

- The student-athlete is enrolled in a graduate program and due to course sequencing, is unable to enroll as a full-time student as defined by the institution for that specific graduate degree program. The following criteria must be satisfied:

- a. An academic authority outside of the athletics department confirms that the student-athlete is following the normal sequencing for all students enrolled in that specific graduate degree program; and
- b. The student-athlete will graduate within the graduate degree program's intended timeline.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2024, ELECTRONIC VOTE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Sport committee appointments.** The Division II Championships Committee approved the following sport committee appointments, effective as noted (see Attachment).
 - (1) **NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee** (one September vacancy): **Tiffany McCampbell**, associate director of athletics/external relations, Colorado School of Mines, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
 - (2) **NCAA Division II Football Committee** (one immediate vacancy): **Jim Givens**, director of athletics, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
 - (3) **NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee** (one immediate vacancy): **Joseph Reich**, director of athletics, Wingate University, South Atlantic Conference.
 - (4) **NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Committee** (one immediate vacancy): **Akasha Kasper**, head women's lacrosse coach, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Gulf South Conference.
 - (5) **NCAA Division II Women's Rowing Committee** (one September vacancy): **Amanda Nelson**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
 - (6) **NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee** (one September vacancy): **Samuel Viebrock**, assistant director of athletics for communications, Clayton State University, Peach Belt Conference.
 - (7) **NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Committee** (one September vacancy): **Chuck Waddington**, head women's volleyball coach/assistant director of athletics, Angelo State University, Lone Star Conference.

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee April 12, 2024, Electronic Vote	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Absentees:	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. One representative from each of the women's basketball regions (West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **Two September 2024 vacancies: Coaches from West and South Central Regions.**

Staff Liaison: Karen Kirsch

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
SoE	Dep AD	N/Y	Randy Loggins Converse University	Conference Carolinas	Loggins	Loggins	Loggins*	
East	Asst AD/C	N/F	Jenepher Banker Daemen University	East Coast	Banker	Banker	Banker	Banker*
Atl	Sr. Assoc Com/SWA	N/F	Allie DeWitt Mountain East Conference	Mountain East	DeWitt	DeWitt	DeWitt	DeWitt*
Cen	SWA	N/F	Amy Anderson Arkansas Tech University	Great American	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*
MidW	AD	N/F	Erika Wallace Wayne State University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate	Wallace	Wallace	Wallace*	
West (West)	C (C)	N/F (Y/F)	Danelle Bishop California State Polytechnic University (Christine Collins – Concordia University Irvine)	California Collegiate Athletic (Pacific West Conference)	Bishop*	Collins	Collins	Collins (9/28)
So	C	N/F	Stephanie Yelton University of West Florida	Gulf South	Yelton	Yelton	Yelto	Yelton*
SoC	C	N/M	Joshua Prock West Texas A&M University	Lone Star	Prock*			

*Not eligible for reappointment 08/18/2023

2023-24 DIVISION II FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Two from each of the Division II football super regionals – Super Regional 1 (Northeast-10, PSAC, MEC, GMAC), Super Regional 2 (CIAA, SAC, Gulf South, SIAC, Independents – Limestone, UNC-Pembroke, North Greenville), Super Regional 3 (GAC, GLVC, GLIAC, MIAA) and Super Regional 4 (RMAC, Lone Star, NSIC, GNAC). Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.
 Each member must represent a different member conference or independent institution.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy (Super Regional 1)** replacing Rubin Stevenson.

Preference: **At least two coaches.**

Staff Liaison: Randy Buhr

REG	POS	EM/GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
1	Sr. Assoc AD	Y/M	Rubin Stevenson Frostburg State University	Mountain East	Stevenson			
1	C	N/M	Andy McKenzie Assumption University	Northeast-10	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie	McKenzie*
2	C	N/M	Brett Gilliland University of West Alabama	Gulf South	Gilliland	Gilliland*		
2	Asst AD	Y/M	John Wilson Jr. Virginia State University	Central Intercollegiate Athletic	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.	Wilson Jr.*
3	Assoc AD/SWA	N/F	Meghan Mulcahy Northeastern State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic	Mulcahy	Mulcahy	Mulcahy*	
3	AD	N/M	David Sharp Ouachita Baptist University	Great American	Sharp	Sharp	Sharp*	
4	AD	N/M	Dennis Francois Central Washington University	Great Northwest Athletic	Francois	Francois*		
4	C	Y/M	Jas Bains Western Colorado University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	Bains	Bains	Bains*	

2023-24 DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Four members. Two from the North region (Northeast-10, East Coast and independents); and two from the South region (Conference Carolinas RMAC, Sunshine State and independents). Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2**.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy, Ed Langham resigned, South region.**

Staff Liaison: Mitchell Bailey

REGION	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
South	C	N/M	Chris Barrett Belmont Abbey College	Conference Carolinas	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett*	
South	Assoc AD	N/M	Ed Langham University of Montevallo	Peach Belt	Langham	Langham	Langham*	
North	AD	N/F	Rachel Burleson Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	Burleson	Burleson*		
North (North)	Com (C)	N/M (N/M)	Dan Mara Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (Brian Novotny – Seton Hill Univ.)	Central Atlantic Collegiate (Pennsylvania Sate Athletic Conference)	Mara*	Novotny	Novotny	Novotny (9/28)

*Not eligible for reappointment
01/31/2024

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Four members, two from each region – South, Atlantic, Midwest and East. 50% Administrators (2).

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy, Jennifer Rushton resigned, South region. Coach or admin.**

Staff Liaison: Ryan Rea

REG	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
ATL	Assoc Comm	N/M	Doug DeBiase Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	Central Atlantic Collegiate	DeBiase	DeBiase*		
MIDW	C	N/F	Melissa Gyllenborg Maryville University of St. Louis	Great Lakes Valley	Gyllenborg	Gyllenborg	Gyllenborg	Gyllenborg*
EAST	Asst. AD/C	N/F	Dawn Sachs Mercy College	East Coast	Sachs	Sachs	Sachs*	
South	AD	N/F	Jennifer Rushton Young Harris College	Peach Belt	Rushton	Rushton	Rushton*	

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Atlantic – Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

East – East Coast Conference and Northeast-10 Conference

Midwest – Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Mountain East Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Independent Institutions (Alderson Broaddus University, Davis and Elkins College, Ohio Valley University, Ursuline College, Concordia University, St. Paul)

South – Conference Carolinas, South Atlantic Conference, Sunshine State Conference and Independent Institutions (University of Alabama, Huntsville, University of Montevallo, Shorter University, Young Harris College, Florida Institute of Technology)

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE
(Championship)

Legislated Requirements: Three members. One from each region. East (East, Midwest and Atlantic regions), South and West. Required number of administrators (50%): **2**
Vacancies: Two September 2024 vacancies: One from the East and West regions, one must be admin.

Staff Liaison: Alexander Mortillaro

REG	POS	EM/GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
S	Assoc AD	Y/M	Frank Gonzalez Barry University	Sunshine State	Gonzalez	Gonzalez	Gonzalez	Gonzalez *
W	C	N/M	Matt Weise Humboldt State University	California Collegiate Athletic/Great Northwest Athletic	Weise*			
E	Assoc AD	N/F	Jeanette McKillop Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	McKillop*			

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2023-24 DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members, including four representing men's track and four representing women's track. Three positions are allocated for men, three for women. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **4**
 One from each region: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East.

Vacancies: **One September 2024 vacancy, Southeast Region. Coach or admin. One immediate vacancy, Nate Cochran resigned, Midwest region, admin. One must identify as male.**

Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
(M/W)	West	C	Y/F	Tina Davis-Fernandes California State University, Los Angeles	California Collegiate Athletic	Davis-Fernandes	Davis-Fernandes*		
(M/W)	South	Asst AD	N/M	Austin Weyant Lynn University	Sunshine State	Weyant	Weyant	Weyant	Weyant*
(M/W)	SoC	Admin	Y/F	Danielle Anderson Lone Star Conference	Lone Star	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*	
(M/W)	SoE	C	Y/M	Joe Wassink Limestone University	South Atlantic	Wassink*			
(M/W)	East	C	N/F	Katie Rees Adelphi University	Northeast-10	Rees	Rees	Rees	Rees*
(M/W)	Cen	Sr. Dep AD	N/M	Shane Drahota Minnesota State University, Mankato	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Drahota	Drahota	Drahota	Drahota*
(M/W)	MidW	AD	N/M	Nathan Cochran Walsh University	Great Midwest Athletic	Cochran	Cochran	Cochran	Cochran*
(M/W)	Atl	C	N/F	Tabitha Bemis Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Bemis	Bemis	Bemis	Bemis*

* Not eligible for reappointment
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2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Composition: Eight members. One from each women's volleyball region: South, Atlantic, South Central, West, Central, Midwest, Southeast, East.
 Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.
Vacancies: Three September 2024 vacancy. Atlantic, Central and South Central regions. Coaches or administrators.
 Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter

REG	POS	EM	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
SoC	C	N/M	Joel List Regis University	Rocky Mountain Athletic	List*			
SoE	Exec AD	N/M	Brian Reese Lander University	Peach Belt Conference	Reese	Reese	Reese*	
Cen (Cen)	C (C)	N/M (N/F)	Jim Boos University of Minnesota Duluth (Caitlin Peterson – University of Central Missouri)	Northern Sun Intercollegiate (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics)	Boos*	Peterson	Peterson	Peterson (9/28)
East	C	N/M	Joey Pacis Bentley University	Northeast-10	Pacis	Pacis	Pacis*	
So	Asst AD	N/F	Katie O'Brien University of Montevallo	Gulf South	O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien*
West	AD/ SWA	N/F	Laura Dahlby Nicolai Central Washington University	Great Northwest Athletic	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai*
Mid- W	C/A	N/M	Matt Jennings Michigan Technological University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings *	
Atl (Atl)	C (C)	N/F (Y/M)	Leanne Piscotty, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Edric Poitier – Bowie State Univ.)	Pennsylvania State Athletic (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association)	Piscotty*	Poitier	Poitier	Poitier (9/28)

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 17-18, 2024, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Noncontroversial legislation – NCAA Bylaw 18.4.3.1 – Championships Administration – Administration of Division II Championships – Criteria for Selection of Participants – Team Championships Pairings.**
 - a. Recommendation. That the Division II Management Council adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 18.4.3.1 (team championships pairings), which specifies that sport committees shall pair teams strictly within their region and move it to championships policy. [Attachment A]
 - b. Effective date. Immediate.
 - c. Rationale. The Division II Implementation Committee in its final report in 2022 referred several items into the governance structure for further review, including the following to the Division II Championships Committee:

“While keeping regionalization principles related to selections, consider changes to the division’s championship model concerning regionalization bracketing policies with the goal of reducing first-round conference matchups and maintaining fiscal responsibility.”

The Championships Committee has reviewed this charge and has engaged the Division II membership and sport committees over the last 18 months to gather input and ideas regarding how best to address it. The committee believes the feedback obtained to date supports changing the current regionalization bracketing legislation. A recent survey in fact indicated support from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association specifically for eliminating Bylaw 18.4.3.1, and 10 of the 13 sport committees supported doing so as well.

The Championships Committee believes the first step in pursuing an improved regionalization bracketing model is to remove the current legislation. Removing Bylaw 18.4.3.1 as legislation and placing as policy would expedite the pursuit of a new model and send a clear message to the membership that changes are coming, and that the membership will be consulted for feedback on principles and concepts being considered all along the way.

The committee considered flipping the process so that pursuit of a recommendation would occur before asking the Management Council to adopt noncontroversial legislation to address the current bylaw, but the committee believes moving the current bylaw to policy now removes a perceived barrier to pursuing change and still retains the current bracketing principles via policy for as long as it takes to implement a new concept. Finally, the committee believes the membership feedback warrants removing the legislation as noncontroversial.

- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None in the short term, though input from student-athletes has indicated that pursuing a bracketing model to mitigate first-round conference matchups is a priority.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Joint Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championships.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the recommended year and site to conduct the Division II Women's Basketball Championship as part of a joint Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Championship.

- (2) Effective date. As specified in the recommendation.

(Note: The date and site for this recommendation are not specified here because the NCAA plans to issue an announcement if and once the recommendation is approved.)

- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee recognizes and embraces the opportunity for Division II women's basketball that a joint championship with Division I and Division III would provide and the outstanding student-athlete experience for the two Division II teams that advance to the final game, as well as the opportunity for greater exposure for the division at the Women's Final Four. The Championships Committee during its September 2018 meeting agreed to the concept of staging the Division II Women's Basketball Championship in conjunction with the Women's Final Four twice over a 10-year period. The other joint championship in 2016 (Indianapolis) and 2023 (Dallas) provided exceptional experiences for the Division II student-athletes. The committee expects a similar experience will be offered and looks forward to another joint championship. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports continuing future joint championships.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. \$250,000.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The student-athletes who advance to the championship game would be able to participate in several activities surrounding the Women's Final Four, including the Salute, an introduction during the semifinals of the Women's Final Four, involvement with in-venue and game presentation opportunities at the Division I championship game, and the winning team being introduced during the Division I championship game as the Division II national champion. These experiences provide lifelong positive memories. The student-athletes who advance to the championship would miss four additional days of class time to attend the championship. However, the committee asserts the impact of missing class time is less given the ability to conduct academic pursuits via online platforms.

b. Division II Neutrality Policy – Season-Ticket Holder Seating at Regionals.

- (1) Recommendation. Amend the neutrality policy in all sports for which it applies to clarify that season-ticket holders may have early access to tickets for regional competition but that seats directly behind the participating teams' benches must be reserved for those teams' fans.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. This recommendation emerged from the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees, but the Championships Committee believes it would be beneficial to all sports for which the neutrality policy applies. While the basketball committees and the Championships Committee support season-ticket holders having first access to purchase tickets to regional competition, they do not believe this should guarantee these individuals access to the same tickets as during the regular season. To decrease the potential for event management issues, seats directly behind the benches of the participating teams should be reserved for fans of those teams as part of the visiting team ticket allocation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. A participating institution's fans will be closer to the team's bench, which will enhance the student-athlete experience.

c. Use of Sideline Instant Replay in Football.

- (1) Recommendation. Allow the use of sideline instant replay during the 2024 NCAA Division II Football Championship at host sites that currently have the technology in place during the regular season; further, require preliminary-round hosts for the 2025 NCAA Division II Football Championship to provide sideline instant replay with at least two cameras.
- (2) Effective date. Permissible for the 2024 Division II Football Championship (the requirement for 2025 will be built into the bid specifications).
- (3) Rationale. Ten of the 15 football-sponsoring conferences either used sideline replay in 2023 or plan to this coming season. For the betterment of the game, instant replay should be used at any site with such capability during the 2024 championship to help ensure the correct calls are made. By the 2025 championship, any preliminary-round host must provide sideline instant replay with at least two cameras (one wide angle and one tight angle) for the first-round, second-round, and quarterfinal-round games. The committee believes it is essential to have sideline instant replay capabilities at each preliminary-round site.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Preliminary-round hosts would absorb all costs associated with sideline instant replay, similar to basketball (currently effective) and volleyball (effective for 2025 the championship).

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation would enhance the integrity of the competition by ensuring as much as possible that the correct calls are made.

d. Reporting Software for Diving.

- (1) Recommendation. Require institutions that sponsor diving to use the Dive Meets software as the results reporting system for regular-season and championship entry and results reporting purposes.
- (2) Effective date. 2025 championship season.
- (3) Rationale. The current method of gathering and tracking diving results is a manual process requiring institutions to scan/fax a result sheet to an NCAA staff member who then enters the results into an excel sheet for analysis. This process is both outdated and inefficient, especially compared to how results are reported in other sports. This recommendation has received support from both the Coaches Connection and Division II Athletics Directors Association.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The Dive Meets software costs roughly \$200 annually. Each Division II institution that hosts diving events would be required to have the software.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This adjustment will reduce any possible misreporting of qualifying scores and entries that could adversely affect a student-athlete's ability to be entered into the meet.

e. Application of Statistical Penalties to Teams that Have Earned the Conference Automatic Qualification (AQ).

- (1) Recommendation. Update the Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual and clarify that the statistical penalties for exceeding the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17 during a season and nullification, apply to teams that have earned the conference AQ.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The committee initially reviewed this issue in 2020 when a men's basketball team had exceeded the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17. At that time, the penalty was limited to the enforcement process, which typically imposed a 2-for-1 penalty for the following academic year. The committee supported a championships penalty being imposed during the academic year in which the institution scheduled too many contests and agreed to recommend a 1-for-1 penalty, similar to nullification. The Management Council ultimately approved that policy in April 2020. While the intention was for the Championships Committee to review a draft policy in June 2020, due to the disruptions caused by the necessary COVID-19 response at that time, this item was not placed on the agenda.

The issue surfaced again when this past May, a women's tennis team was reported to have participated in too many contests during the 2023-24 academic year. This team ultimately won the conference championship and earned the AQ for the Division II championship. Since the policy was not ever reviewed by the Championships Committee, it is unclear whether the penalty should have applied to a team that earned the AQ. As a result, staff determined that the penalty should not be applied until the committee had the opportunity to confirm its intent.

After discussion, the committee recommended that going forward the 1-for-1 statistical penalty for participating in too many contests should in fact apply to teams that have won the conference AQ. In addition, the committee recommended the 2-for-1 statistical penalty for nullification applies to teams that have won the conference AQ. The penalty would not result in the team being excluded from the championship field, but could impact the team's seed.

These policies will be included in the Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual, which the committee will review during its September meeting with any other necessary annual updates.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and roster updates.** Championships Committee Chair Nathan Gibson welcomed the group and introduced JJ Hayes, a basketball student-athlete at Palm Beach Atlantic University who is joining Courtney Medwin in representing the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The appointment comes from the Division II Management Council having adopted legislation that adds a second SAAC member to the Division II Championships and Legislation Committees. In other roster matters, Mr. Gibson noted that the Division II Nominating Committee continues to seek a replacement for Kristy Bayer, who began her term on the Division II Management Council in January. The individual who had been selected recently resigned her position, so the Nominating Committee is working to identify another nominee.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its March 7 videoconference and April 2 and April 12 electronic votes, as presented.
3. **Budget review.** The committee reviewed the division's 2023-24 budget-to-actuals through May, which do not yet reflect the total expenses for spring championships.
4. **Committee updates.**
 - a. **Management Council/Executive Board Summary of Actions.** Staff highlighted actions from the Management Council's April meeting and the new Executive Board's first meeting in April, noting that the Executive Board approved the budget requests for the 2024-25

fiscal year, including \$1.6 million for a \$20 per diem increase to \$135 for championships competition for the 2024-25 academic year.

Staff also noted that the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) during its March meeting considered two requests from the Championships Committee and took the following action:

Supported adjusting the current allocations to the long-range budget and increasing per diem prior to the next scheduled increase to \$135 as noted above. Further, the SPFC agreed to move to an annual review of per diem increases for purposes of the long-range budget, similar to the annual review of travel expenses.

Did not support adjusting the triennial budget process to allow for expanding the Division II Football Championship bracket before the next triennium. The SPFC noted that the rationale for considering the bracket expansion outside of the triennial budget cycle did not meet the current exceptions of health and safety or gender equity. The committee also did not believe there was strong or sufficient rationale to support an exception to the triennial budget process to allow the Division II Football Committee to recommend a bracket expansion outside the triennial budget cycle without creating precedent for other sports to bring similar requests outside of the cycle and diminishing the benefits of reviewing all sports within the same time frame.

- b. Membership Committee.** Staff noted that the Division II Management Council, per the Membership Committee's recommendation, approved a Membership Committee policy change that establishes a two-year expedited provisional membership process as specified, effective for institutions applying to reclassify by the October 1, 2024, deadline. Also, per the Membership Committee's request, the Management Council considered issues surrounding minimum contest and participant requirements for men's and women's tennis and asked the Division II Men's and Women's Tennis Committee for feedback in this regard. Staff also updated the Championships Committee on movement within the Division II membership, including institutions that are reclassifying and institutions that are closing.
 - c. Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).** The committee reviewed reports from PROP's recent meetings as information.
 - d. Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Courtney Medwin and JJ Hayes updated the committee on the Division II SAAC goals for the coming year and noted the opportunity for several SAAC members to represent the group at various leadership meetings over the past few months, as well as noting those members appointed to attend the Division II Think Tank at the national office this fall.
- 5. Sport committee reports.** *(Note: Beginning with this meeting, sport committee reports include a recap of their respective championship as information. Sport committees in all three divisions are providing these recaps for their respective oversight committees to review.)*

- a. **Men's basketball.** The Championships Committee received the report from the Men's Basketball Committee's annual meeting as information only.
- b. **Women's basketball.**
 - (1) **Joint championship.** The Championships Committee supported the Women's Basketball Committee's recommendation to conduct a joint championship in conjunction with Division I and Division III. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-a above.)
 - (2) **Seeding criteria at the finals site.** The Championships Committee noted as information the Women's Basketball Committee's decision to use KPI as the lone metric to seed teams for the Elite Eight. Several other sports use just one metric (RPI, PI) to seed at the finals site. For this year's championship, the KPI would have identified the same 1-4 seeds, though seeds 5 and 6 would have been flipped and seeds 7 and 8 would have been flipped. Both of those were under heavy discussion by the committee when reviewing the full data.
- c. **Men's and women's basketball.**
 - **Neutrality policy adjustment.** The Championships Committee supported the recommendation from the basketball committees to amend the neutrality policy to clarify that season-ticket holders may have early access to tickets for regional competition but that seats directly behind the participating teams' benches must be reserved for those teams' fans. The Championships Committee expanded the recommendation to apply to all sports for which the neutrality policy applies. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b above.)
- d. **Football.**
 - (1) **Tablets for in-game video.** The Championships Committee approved the Football Committee's recommendation to allow the new playing rule for the 2024 football season regarding tablets for in-game video to also be available to participating teams during the championship.
 - (2) **Sideline instant replay.** The Championships Committee supported the Football Committee's recommendation to implement the use of sideline instant replay during the 2024 NCAA Division II Football Championship at host sites that currently have the technology in place during the regular season, as well as require sideline instant replay with at least two cameras at all preliminary-round sites in 2025. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-c above.)
 - (3) **Number of officials.** The Championships Committee considered but did not support the Football Committee's recommendation to allow conferences to assign the same number of officials in the Division II tournament as they do for regular-season games (i.e., allowing conferences that use eight-person crews rather than seven to be able to use eight-person crews in the tournament). Currently, all tournament games are officiated by seven people with an alternate official being provided on site. The

Championships Committee expressed concern with the inconsistency the recommendation would present, as advancing teams could compete in games officiated by crews of different numbers. Championships Committee members also did not agree that if an alternate official worked in a tournament game as part of an eight-person crew, they would still be paid the alternate official fee, which is less than the fee other seven officials are paid.

While the Championships Committee did not support the proposal as specified, the committee did request that the Division II Football Committee provide guidance to conferences and coordinators of officials about instructing the mechanics for the seven-person crew when those individuals have been accustomed to being part of an eight-person crew in the regular season.

(4) **Bench size request.** The Championships Committee considered the Football Committee's request to limit the bench size to 140 individuals but modified the recommended number to 125. The Championships Committee acknowledged the Football Committee's desire to set a specific number rather than leave the bench size to an institution's discretion (which is the current policy), but the Championships Committee believes the 125 number will help mitigate capacity and monitoring issues for host venues and still be enough to accommodate the desired number of non-competing student-athletes and the necessary coaches and team and medical personnel.

e. Men's and women's swimming and diving.

- **Diving entry process.** The Championships Committee supported the sport committee's request to mandate the use of Dive Meets software as the results reporting system for regular-season and championship entry and results reporting, effective with the 2025 season. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-d above.)

f. Wrestling.

(1) **2025 Super Region One site replacement.** The Championships Committee approved the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown as a replacement to host Super Region One competition during the 2025 Division II Wrestling Championships. This change of site is the result of the previously selected host (Mercyhurst University) reclassifying to Division I. Pittsburgh-Johnstown will provide participants with an outstanding championships experience while in the proximity of the previously selected host.

(2) **2026 Super Region sites.** The Championships Committee approved the following sites to host super regionals in 2026:

Super Region	Host	Facility
One	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Koehler Fieldhouse
Two	Lander University	Finis Horne Arena

Three	University of Findlay	Koehler Fitness Center
Four	University of Central Oklahoma	Hamilton Fieldhouse
Five	Southwestern Minnesota State University	Recreations Athletic Facility
Six	Colorado School of Mines	Student Recreation Center Lockridge Arena

(3) Super region alignment. The Championships Committee approved the Wrestling Committee’s recommendation to place six newly sponsoring institutions [Allen University; California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt; Emory & Henry College, Felician University; Salem University (West Virginia); and Shorter University] into a super region as noted in Attachment B.

6. Additional discussion items.

- a. **Review of winter and spring championship misconduct issues.** As part of the newly revised process in which misconducts are reviewed seasonally, the committee noted there were no incidents during the winter championships, and one potential incident in the spring that the sport committee will review during its annual meeting later this month. If a recommendation emerges, the Championships Committee will review it in September.
- b. **Review of automatic qualification recommendations.** The committee approved the automatic qualifying conferences as recommended by sport committees and listed in Attachment C for the following championships effective for the 2024-25 academic year: baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, field hockey, football, men’s golf, women’s golf, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, softball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, and women’s volleyball. The committee noted that this will be the first year that men’s and women’s lacrosse and field hockey are receiving AQs.
- c. **Selection criteria.** Staff noted that all six committees that initially proposed to use KPI for the 2024-27 selection criteria cycle (baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, football, softball and women’s volleyball) have confirmed their intent to use the metric effective for the 2024-25 academic year through the 2026-27 academic year.
- d. **Penalties for exceeding maximum contest limits.** The committee reviewed the penalty assessed in cases when an institution exceeds the maximum contest limits per Bylaw 17. After discussion, the committee recommended that going forward the 1-for-1 statistical penalty for participating in too many contests should in fact apply to teams that have won the conference AQ. In addition, the committee recommended the 2-for-1 statistical penalty for nullification apply to teams that have won the conference AQ. (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-e.)

These policies will be included in the Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual, which the committee will review during its September meeting with any other necessary annual updates.

- e. **Roster change policies.** The committee reviewed a document outlining the various roster change policies across Division II championships, noting there is not one uniform approach. The committee discussed the issue and agreed that these policies should be handled on a sport-specific basis (with consistency among genders in like sports) and allow sport committees to make changes as needed.
- f. **2024 Division II Spring Festival recap.** Staff provided a recap of the 2024 Spring Championships Festival conducted in Orlando and hosted by Rollins College and the Orlando Sports Commission. The SAAC representatives also noted the overwhelmingly positive response they have received from student-athletes who participated. This was the 13th festival the division has conducted since the inception of the concept in the early 2000s. The 2024 festival in fact marked 20 years since the very first festival – also for spring sports and held in Orlando – was conducted.

7. Regionalization review.

- a. **Review of survey feedback.** The committee received an overview of the survey feedback from the Division II Athletics Directors Association, the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, and the sport committees that have been involved in the process throughout.
- b. **Divisions I and III bracketing philosophies.** The committee also heard from staff liaisons in Divisions I and III regarding the bracketing philosophies and principles in their respective divisions. Included in this presentation was an overview of the NCAA Power Index (NPI) metric that Division III will begin using for all championships this coming academic year. The committee expressed interest in this metric and asked staff to provide specific examples from select sports (i.e., how the NPI compares with the field a sport committee selected in previous years) for review during its September meeting.
- c. **Potential new budget allocations.** Staff updated the committee about discussions the SPFC will begin having during its meeting later this month concerning how to allocate additional dollars coming to the division from the NCAA's new broadcast agreement with ESPN and spending down on the division's reserve (e.g., whether to pursue long-term initiatives, support one-time spends or a combination of both). The SPFC feedback will be shared with the Management Council and Executive Board this summer and the Championships Committee will review those deliberations in September.
- d. **Breakout group discussions.** Committee members separated into three small groups to discuss the survey feedback and then consider (1) whether any of the current regionalization principles need to be revisited; and (2) whether to pursue specific concepts further. The breakout discussions produced support for both considerations, and after further discussion among the entire committee, members agreed to ask the Division II Management Council to adopt noncontroversial legislation to remove the current regionalization bracketing legislation (Bylaw 18.4.3.1) to allow the committee to begin considering alternative concepts and signal to the membership that changes that have been called for will be pursued. (See Legislative Action Item.) Additionally, the committee

agreed to test potential bracketing principles utilizing the same bracketing software used by Divisions I and III prior to the September meeting.

(Note: Importantly, while these discussions centered on how teams may be bracketed to avoid first-round conference matchups, the Championships Committee did not waver from its commitment to selecting teams regionally. In other words, the committee believes that the division's regionalization philosophy should continue to apply through the selection process.)

8. Staff updates.

- a. Legal update.** Staff updated the committee on the legal items impacting the division specifically and the Association overall.
- b. Championships.** New Senior Vice President for Championships, Lynda Tealer, joined the committee via videoconference to introduce herself and provide an overview of her vision for the NCAA championships program. Ms. Tealer, who most recently was a deputy athletics director at the University of Florida and has spent the past 29 years in college athletics administration, has served in several leadership positions in the NCAA governance structure, including as chair of the Division I Council and the council's Competition Oversight Committee. She will oversee 84 NCAA championships (including all 25 Division II championships) and manage functions in event operations, media coordination and statistics, playing rules, ticket operations and marketing, merchandise and licensing, and social and digital media.
- c. Social media and NCAA.com broadcast analytics.** Staff updated the committee on social media and NCAA.com statistics from the winter and spring sport championships.
- d. Division II streaming updates.**
 - (1) Division II Championships Pass (Hudl).** Staff summarized results from the arrangement Division II reached with Hudl and NCAA Digital, managed by Warner Bros. Discovery Sports, to stream more than 200 Division II championship contests in 2023-24, including live and on-demand coverage of the Division II Football and Women's Volleyball Championships in the fall and the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships this winter. Staff noted that about 35,000 new users were added to the database through this partnership, which expands the Association's marketing and interaction capacity with fans.
 - (2) Lacrosse innovation project 2.0.** Staff also updated the committee on the NCAA's collaboration with Hudl to provide an aggregated, enhanced streaming experience for the 2024 Divisions II and III Men's and Women's Lacrosse Championships. Through Hudl's technology, all preliminary-round games of all four championships were streamed live on NCAA.com, school/conference Hudl partner portals and the NCAA Championships Pass OTT app for free.
- e. Community engagement.** Jill Willson joined the committee via videoconference to recap the community engagement activities from winter and spring sport championships,

including those conducted as part of the Division II National Championships Festival in Orlando.

f. Governance.

- **Division II Operating Plan.** Staff guided the committee through a discussion of the draft Division II Operating Plan to help facilitate development of the new six-year Division II Strategic Plan, which will be launched in January 2026. The committee assembled in small groups to discuss prescribed questions about the plan in detail and provide feedback.

9. Committee operations.

- a. Committee chair election.** The committee elected Regan McAthie, director of athletics at Concordia University, St. Paul, as chair for the 2024-25 academic year.
- b. Recognition of outgoing members.** The committee recognized the outstanding contributions from outgoing members Karen Haag and Carol Rivera, whose terms expire at the end of August. The committee also expressed its appreciation for outgoing member and chair Nathan Gibson for his contributions throughout his term and particularly for his leadership and guidance as chair over the past year.

10. Other business.

- **Women's flag football.** Staff noted that women's flag football is expected to apply for the NCAA's Emerging Sports for Women Program by the August 1 deadline. Women's flag football is gaining popularity and will be included as an Olympic sport at the 2028 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

11. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- July 11, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- August 8, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (monthly videoconference).
- August 29 (2026-28 site selection videoconference).
- September 10-11, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- February 24-25, 2025, Virtual.
- June 25-26, 2025, Indianapolis, Indiana

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

*Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*

Division II Championships Committee June 17-18, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.	
Sande Mott, Texas Woman's University (via videoconference).	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Absentees:	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
Joni Comstock, NCAA Contractor.	
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.	
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.	
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Eric Breece, John Bugner, Randy L. Buhr (via videoconference), Antonio Cannavaro, Nate Flannery, Terri Steeb Gronau, Anthony Holman (via videoconference), Cara Hubert, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Angela Red, Micki Spears, Andy Supergan, Lynda Tealer (via videoconference), Jared Tidemann, Mikaela Topper (via videoconference) and Robert Turick.	

Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-19

Title: CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS PAIRINGS -- CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE POLICY

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: June 20, 2024

Status: Last Review

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Championships Administration

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a sport committee must pair teams strictly within their region; further, to place the requirement that a sport committee must pair teams strictly within their region in the NCAA Division II Championships Committee's policies and procedures.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4.3, as follows:

18.4.3 Criteria for Selection of Participants.

18.4.3.1 Team Championships Pairings. Sports committees shall pair teams strictly within their regions.

[18.4.3.2 through 18.4.3.5 renumbered as 18.4.3.1 through 18.4.3.4, unchanged.]

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

Jun 18, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Championships Committee.

Additional Information:

The Division II Implementation Committee in its final report in 2022 referred several items into the governance structure for further review, including the topic of regionalization. The Championships Committee has reviewed this charge and has engaged the Division II membership and sport committees over the last 18 months to gather input and ideas regarding how best to address it. The committee believes the feedback obtained to date supports changing the current regionalization bracketing legislation. A recent survey indicated support from various external and internal groups. The committee believes the first step in pursuing an improved regionalization bracketing model is to remove the current legislation. Removing Division II Bylaw 18.4.3.1 would expedite the pursuit of a new model and send a clear message to the membership that changes are coming, and that the membership will be consulted for feedback on principles

and concepts being considered along the way. Moving the current bylaw to policy now removes a perceived barrier to pursuing change and still retains the current bracketing principles via policy for as long as it takes to implement a new concept.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
18.4.3	Criteria for Selection of Participants.
18.4.3.1	Team Championships Pairings.

2024-25 Super Regionals Alignment Chart

# of Teams	Super Region One (Yellow on map)		Super Region Two (Blue on map)		Super Region Three (Purple on map)		Super Region Four (Orange on map)		Super Region Five (Green on map)		Super Region Six (Red on map)	
1	American Int'l	Ind.	Allen	C. Carolinas	Ashland	GMAC	Central Mo.	MIAA	Augustana (SD)	NSIC	Adams St.	RMAC
2	East Stroudsburg	PSAC	Belmont Abbey	C. Carolinas	Bluefield St.	C. Carolinas	Central Okla.	MIAA	Mary	NSIC	Cal Poly Humbolt	GNAC
3	Fairmont St.	MEC	Coker	C. Carolinas	Davenport	GMAC	Drury	GLVC	Minnesota St.	NSIC	Chadron St.	RMAC
4	Felician	CACC	Emmanuel (GA)	C. Carolinas	Davis & Elkins	MEC	UIndy	GLVC	Minot St.	NSIC	Colorado Mesa	RMAC
5	Frostburg St.	MEC	King (TN)	C. Carolinas	Emory & Henry	C. Carolinas	Ky. Wesleyan	GMAC	MSU Moorhead	NSIC	Colo. Sch. of Mines	RMAC
6	Gannon	PSAC	Lander	C. Carolinas	Findlay	GMAC	Maryville (MO)	GLVC	Northern St.	NSIC	CSU Pueblo	MIAA
7	Kutztown	PSAC	Limestone	C. Carolinas	Glenville St.	MEC	McKendree	GLVC	St. Cloud St.	NSIC	Fort Hays St.	MIAA
8	Millersville	PSAC	Lincoln Memorial	C. Carolinas	Grand Valley St.	Ind.	Newman	MIAA	Sioux Falls	NSIC	Neb.-Kearney	RMAC
9	Pitt.-Johnstown	PSAC	Montevallo	C. Carolinas	Lake Erie	GMAC	Ouachita Baptist	MIAA	Southwest MN	NSIC	N.M. Highlands	RMAC
10	Seton Hill	PSAC	Mount Olive	C. Carolinas	Salem	Ind.	Quincy	GLVC	UW-Parkside	NSIC	San. Fran. St.	GNAC
11	Shippensburg	PSAC	Newberry	C. Carolinas	Tiffin	GMAC			Upper Iowa	GLVC	Simon Fraser	GNAC
12	Wheeling	MEC	Shorter	C. Carolinas	West Liberty	MEC					Western Colo.	GNAC
13			UNC-Pembroke	C. Carolinas								





REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JUNE 17-18, 2024, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Baseball championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Men's basketball championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic

Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Women's basketball championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Women's field hockey championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following three conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: Northeast-10 Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and South Atlantic Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(4) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

e. Football championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 15 conferences receive earned access for the 2024-25 academic year: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for earned access.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

f. Men's golf championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach

Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Women's golf championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference*; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

i. Men's lacrosse championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 8 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: Central Athletic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, East Coast Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, South Atlantic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

j. Women's lacrosse championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 11 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: List conferences. Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

h. Men's soccer championship.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

k. Women's soccer championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

l. Softball championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

m. Men's tennis championships.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 16 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

n. Women's tennis championships.

(1) Recommendation. That the following 20 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Sunshine State Conference.

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

o. Women's volleyball championship.

- (1) Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2024-25 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; *Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

Note: “*” grace period.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- None.

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.

Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.

Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
JULY 3, 2024, ELECTRONIC VOTE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Sport committee appointments.** The Division II Championships Committee approved the following sport committee appointments, effective as noted (see Attachment).
 1. **NCAA Division II Men’s Lacrosse Committee** (one-year term extension): **Dan Mara**, commissioner Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
 2. **NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committee** (one immediate vacancy): **Steve Picucci**, head men’s and women’s track and field coach, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
 3. **NCAA Division II Women’s Volleyball Committee** (one immediate vacancy): **Megan Sanger**, assistant commissioner for compliance/senior woman administrator, South Atlantic Conference.

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
 Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
 Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee July 3, 2024, Electronic Vote	
Attendees:	
Terry Beattie,	West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Marcus Clarke,	Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Chris Colvin,	Conference Carolinas.
Nathan Gibson,	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
JJ Hayes,	Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Regan McAthie,	Concordia University, St. Paul.
Courtney Medwin,	West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Sandee Mott,	Texas Woman’s University.
Gary Pine,	Azusa Pacific University.
Carol Rivera,	California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Absentees:
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Leslie Havens.

2023-24 DIVISION II MEN'S LACROSSE COMMITTEE

(Division II Championships Administration Only)

Composition: Four members. Two from the North region (Northeast-10, East Coast and independents); and two from the South region (Conference Carolinas RMAC, Sunshine State and independents). Quota of 50 percent administrators: **2**.

Vacancies: One immediate vacancy, Rachel Burleson resigned, North region, Admin.

Staff Liaison: Mitchell Bailey

REGION	POS	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
South	C	N/M	Chris Barrett Belmont Abbey College	Conference Carolinas	Barrett	Barrett	Barrett*	
South (South)	Assoc AD (Admin)	N/M (N/M)	Ed Langham University of Montevallo (Joseph Reich – Wingate University)	Peach Belt (South Atlantic Conference)	Langham (Reich)	Langham (Reich)	Langham* (Reich)	(Reich)
North	AD	N/F	Rachel Burleson Franklin Pierce University	Northeast-10	Burleson	Burleson*		
North	Com (C)	N/M (N/M)	Dan Mara Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (Brian Novotny – Seton Hill Univ.)	Central Atlantic Collegiate (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference)	Mara*	Novotny	Novotny	Novotny (9/28)

*Not eligible for reappointment
05/16/2024

2023-24 DIVISION II MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members, including four representing men’s track and four representing women’s track. Three positions are allocated for men, three for women. Quota of 50 percent administrators: **4**
 One from each region: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East.
 Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy, Nate Cochran resigned, Midwest region, coach or admin. One must identify as male.**
 Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter

	REG.	POS.	EM/ GEN	NAME AND INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
(M/W)	West	C	Y/F	Tina Davis-Fernandes California State University, Los Angeles	California Collegiate Athletic	Davis-Fernandes	Davis-Fernandes*		
(M/W)	South	Asst AD	N/M	Austin Weyant Lynn University	Sunshine State	Weyant	Weyant	Weyant	Weyant*
(M/W)	SoC	Admin	Y/F	Danielle Anderson Lone Star Conference	Lone Star	Anderson	Anderson	Anderson*	
(M/W)	SoE	C	Y/M	Joe Wassink Limestone University	South Atlantic	Wassink*	(Viebrock)	(Viebrock)	(Viebrock)
(M/W)	(SoE)	(Admin)	(N/M)	(Samuel Viebrock – Clayton State University)	(Peach Belt Conference)				(Viebrock) (09/28)
(M/W)	East	C	N/F	Katie Rees Adelphi University	Northeast-10	Rees	Rees	Rees	Rees*
(M/W)	Cen	Sr. Dep AD	N/M	Shane Drahota Minnesota State University, Mankato	Northern Sun Intercollegiate	Drahota	Drahota	Drahota	Drahota*
(M/W)	MidW	AD	N/M	Nathan Cochran Walsh University	Great Midwest Athletic	Cochran	Cochran	Cochran	Cochran*
(M/W)	Atl	C	N/F	Tabitha Bemis Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic	Bemis	Bemis	Bemis	Bemis*

* Not eligible for reappointment
 05/21/2024

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Composition: Composition: Eight members. One from each women's volleyball region: South, Atlantic, South Central, West, Central, Midwest, Southeast, East.
Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy replacing Brian Reese, SoE region, coach or admin**

Staff Liaison: Donisha Carter

REG	POS	EM	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
SoC	C (Asst AD/ C)	N/M (N/M)	Joel List Regis University (Chuck Waddington Angelo State University)	Rocky Mountain Athletic (Lone Star)	List*	Waddington	Waddington	Waddington (9/28)*
SoE	Exec AD	N/M	Brian Reese Lander University	Peach Belt Conference	Reese	Reese	Reese*	
Cen	C (C)	N/M (N/F)	Jim Boos University of Minnesota Duluth (Caitlin Peterson – University of Central Missouri)	Northern Sun Intercollegiate (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics)	Boos*	Peterson	Peterson	Peterson (9/28)
East	C	N/M	Joey Pacis Bentley University	Northeast-10	Pacis	Pacis	Pacis*	
So	Asst AD	N/F	Katie O'Brien University of Montevallo	Gulf South	O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien	O'Brien*
West	AD/ SWA	N/F	Laura Dahlby Nicolai Central Washington University	Great Northwest Athletic	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai	Dahlby Nicolai*
Mid- W	C/A	N/M	Matt Jennings Michigan Technological University	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings *	
Atl	C (C)	N/F (Y/M)	Leanne Piscotty, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Edric Poitier – Bowie State Univ.)	Pennsylvania State Athletic (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association)	Piscotty*	Poitier	Poitier	Poitier (9/28)

*Not eligible for reappointment

03/18/2024

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II DEGREE-COMPLETION AWARD COMMITTEE
MAY 6, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The chair convened the videoconference at 9:07 a.m. Eastern time, welcoming those in attendance. She noted that this videoconference would be the last meeting for Clyde Doughty. The Division II Athletics Directors Association will appoint one representative to serve on the committee, effective July 1, 2024.
2. **Approval of the March 11 NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee Meeting Report.** The committee approved the report from the March in-person meeting. The committee noted that the Division II Management Council met in April and reviewed the report as written.
3. **Review Division II Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed the Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures without taking any action.
4. **Review Timeline for Division II Degree-Completion Award Program for 2025-26.** The committee approved the recommended timeline for the 2025-26 awarding cycle.
5. **Discuss Recommended Changes to the Division II Degree-Completion Award Program Resources and Forms for 2025-26.**
 - a. **Division II Degree-Completion Award Website Updates.** The committee approved the updated changes to the Degree-Completion Award Program website and directed the staff to update the information on NCAA.org.
 - b. **Application on Program Hub.** The committee reviewed the application. No changes were made for the upcoming cycle; however, it was suggested that the committee might want to begin tracking the reason(s) why each student has not graduated to determine if there are any trends that are developing among applicants.

- c. **Rubric.** The committee reviewed and no changes were made to the rubric.
 - d. **Application Information and Scoring Sheet.** The committee reviewed and made no changes to the Application Information and Scoring Sheet.
 - e. **Forms Sent to Recipients and Nominators.** The committee reviewed the acceptance form, institution confirmation form and progress report form, and decided to not make any changes to these forms for 2025-26.
6. **Update on 2024-25 Process.** The committee received an update on the 2024-25 award process. A total of 65 persons will receive funding for the 2024-25 cycle, in an amount determined by the amount of each student’s actual tuition cost, not to exceed \$15,000. Payments for the summer session and fall semester are in process to all institutions.
 7. **Future Meetings.** The committee noted that the next in-person meeting would be March 10-11, 2025, in Indianapolis, to review and determine the awardees for the 2025-26 awarding cycle.
 8. **Adjournment.** The chair thanked Clyde Doughty for his support of the committee and commitment to the degree-completion award process. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University
Staff Liaison: Ruth Reinhardt, Contractor

NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee May 6, 2024, Videoconference
Attendees:
Andro Barnett, Shepherd University.
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.
Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University.
Clyde Doughty Jr., Bowie State University.
Liz Jorn, Truman State University.
Ryan Quann, Goldey-Beacom College.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaison:
Ruth Reinhardt.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Maritza Jones.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2024, ELECTRONIC VOTE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

- **Approval of Division II University test bank for required courses, policies and procedures and communication plan for the 2024-25 academic year.** The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee reviewed and approved the test questions to be included in the 2024-25 coaches certification learning plan, the 2024-25 Division II University policies and procedures and the communication plan to inform the membership of the release of the learning plan.

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

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee February 19, 2024, Electronic Vote
Attendees:
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University.
Matt Green, Flagler College.
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo.
Kristina Oritz, Georgian Court University.
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University.
Deborah Rodgers, Tuskegee University.
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University.
Melissa Thacker, Cameron University.
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.
Absentees:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Rachel Denton, Chelsea Hooks and Megan McDonald.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Angela Red.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 25-26, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.1.2 -- Name, Image and Likeness -- Institutional Involvement.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to establish regulations for permissible institutional involvement associated with name, image and likeness (NIL) activities, as specified.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. To effectively protect student-athletes and meaningfully regulate NIL activities, new solutions, including legislation directly addressing NIL activities, are required. Institutions do not need Association-wide regulation to know the best ways to support their student-athletes with obtaining NIL opportunities, including whether to contract with third-party providers, so long as student-athletes are given independent authority over the terms of their agreements and are not indirectly or directly compensated by the institution. Providing institutions with discretion to determine the type of assistance they provide student-athletes allows institutions to make local decisions that best fit their circumstances and the needs and desires of their student-athletes. Although this proposal permits institutions to contract with third-party service providers to provide student-athletes the same support an institution is permitted to provide, the proposal does not permit institutions to contract with third parties to do what institutions are not permitted to do (e.g., provide indirect or direct compensation for use of NIL).
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.7 -- Eligibility -- Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility -- Participation During the Nonchampionship Segment.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit student-athletes to participate in outside competition during the nonchampionship segment.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2025.

- (3) Rationale. Currently, student-athletes may participate in outside competition provided the competition does not occur during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport, which includes both the championship and nonchampionship segment. This proposal would permit a student-athlete to participate in outside competition during their sport's nonchampionship segment, while still making it impermissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition during their sport's championship segment.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. This proposal will provide student-athletes with additional opportunities to participate in outside competition.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.7.6 -- Eligibility -- Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility -- Collegiate All-Star Contests -- Eliminate Prohibition.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the prohibition on student-athletes competing in collegiate all-star contests.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, a student-athlete with remaining eligibility is precluded from participating in a collegiate all-star contest. If a student-athlete participates in a collegiate all-star contest, they will be denied any remaining eligibility in that sport. By eliminating this prohibition, a student-athlete's eligibility will no longer be impacted due solely to participation in a collegiate all-star contest. Instead, a student-athlete's participation in a collegiate all-star contest will be treated in a similar manner as their participation in any other outside competition.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

d. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 16 -- Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes -- Modernization and Deregulation.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes), as specified. [Attachment A]
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2025.

- (3) Rationale. Following the adoption of the new constitution at the 2022 NCAA Convention, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, now named the NCAA Division II Executive Board, established the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee, which was charged with starting and leading the division's work. The Implementation Committee reviewed the division's rules and policies and made recommendations to ensure that changes were consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution. The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee determined that amending Bylaw 16 as recommended will simplify the application of the legislation and provide Division II institutions with more autonomy and discretion.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
- e. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.11.9 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities -- Use of Helmets and Spider Pads.**
- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify, in football, that protective equipment is restricted to helmets and spider pads during noncontact spring practice sessions.
 - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
 - (3) Rationale. Current legislation limits protective equipment during noncontact spring practice sessions to headgear. By limiting protective equipment during noncontact spring practice sessions to helmets and spider pads, the legislation would align with other noncontact practice sessions that occur throughout the football playing and practice season (e.g., the preseason acclimatization period).
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.
- f. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.13.4 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Gymnastics -- End of Regular Playing Season -- Women's Collegiate Gymnastics National Invitational Championship.**
- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend the name of the USA Gymnastics championship event. [Attachment B]
 - (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.

(3) Rationale. Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, USA Gymnastics will no longer be involved in running the gymnastics championship but will transition to being a sponsor of the championship. This change will codify the new name of the gymnastics championship. A similar change has also been requested to be made in Divisions I and III.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

g. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.24.7 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Tennis -- Number of Dates of Competition -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional and Student-Athlete -- Intercollegiate Tennis Association Indoor Tournament.

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that the Division II Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Indoor Tournament shall count as one date of competition.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Division II Intercollegiate Tennis Association Indoor Tournament, which occurs in February each year, currently counts as three dates of competition for institutions. This proposal would permit this tournament to only count as one date of competition.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Request for Feedback from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee -- Institutional Camp or Clinic Photograph.

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division II Management Council request that the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provide feedback on whether a photograph of a prospective student-athlete, where the prospective student-athlete is identifiable, taken while at an institutional camp or clinic, may be used by an institution to advertise their institutional camp or clinic.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, an institution may not use identifiable photographs and/or videos of a prospective student-athlete in camp or clinic information and/or advertisements, if the prospective student-athlete has not signed a National Letter of Intent, the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or if the institution has not received their financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission. However, an institution may post a camp photograph that includes a prospective student-athlete to one of their social media accounts provided the prospective student-athlete's appearance in the photo is part of an action shot, is not staged (e.g., candid), there is not a focus on one prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete is not identifiable. During its discussion, the Legislation Committee discussed amending Bylaw 13.10 (publicity) to permit an institution to use a photograph of an identifiable prospective student-athlete that attends the institutional camp or clinic to advertise the institutional camp or clinic and agreed to seek feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee before making a recommendation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Request for Feedback from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief, NCAA Division II Coaches Connection and Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators -- Bylaws 14.2.4.2.1.3, 14.2.4.2.1.3.1 and 14.2.4.2.1.3.2.

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council request the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Committee for Legislative Relief, Coaches Connection groups and Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators provide feedback on whether the academic year in residence requirement under the organized competition legislation should be eliminated.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. As part of the work of the Implementation Committee, the Legislation Committee was charged with reviewing Bylaw 14 (eligibility: academic and general eligibility). The committee completed their review and supported the elimination of the academic year in residence requirement associated with the organized competition legislation. The

committee is requesting feedback on whether the concept is appropriate and whether there are any unintended consequences.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete well-being. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion regarding the Division II Implementation Committee Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee priority two and three items.** The committee continued its discussion on the Implementation Committee's Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee's priority two and three items. Specifically, the committee reviewed a draft of the Bylaw 13 (recruiting) proposal and approved the draft, as amended.

The committee also reviewed feedback from the Management Council and the CCACA and recommended noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes), as specified [see Legislative Action Item No. 1d]. The committee will review an updated draft at its September videoconference.

Further, the committee concluded its review of Bylaw 14 (eligibility: academic and general requirements) and discussed next steps regarding membership feedback. The committee requested feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Committee for Legislative Relief, Coaches Connection groups and CCACA and will review the feedback at its September videoconference [see Nonlegislative Action Item No. 1b].

Finally, the committee began its initial discussion regarding Bylaw 15 (financial aid) and continued its discussion regarding Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons). The committee will continue its discussion at its November in-person meeting.

2. **Review of the sports wagering legislation.** The committee reviewed and discussed the sports wagering legislation. Specifically, the committee provided feedback on amending the sports wagering legislation to permit sports wagering on professional athletics activities. The committee was supportive of amending the sports wagering legislation to permit sports wagering on any professional athletics activities and not adding restrictions. The committee expressed the need to focus on educating student-athletes on the impact surrounding wagering on professional athletics activities.
3. **Update regarding Name, Image and Likeness in Division I.** The committee received an update regarding NIL in Division I. Specifically, the committee received an update on the adoption of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-3 (NIL activities -- role of institutions) and discussed whether a similar legislative change should be recommended for Division II. The committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit Division II institutions to assist Division II student-athletes in their NIL activities [see Legislative Action Item No. 1a].

Further, the committee received an update on the adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2024-2 (NIL activities -- disclosure of NIL activities) and discussed whether a similar legislative change should be recommended for Division II. During the March 26-27 in-person meeting, the committee discussed Division I Proposal No. 2023-58 (NIL activities -- student-athlete protections) and determined that disclosure of a student-athlete's NIL deal(s) to campus administrators should be left to institutional policy and state law. With the adoption of Division I Proposal No. 2024-2, which amends Division I Proposal No. 2023-58 and allows a Division I student-athlete to elect to disclose NIL information, the committee discussed whether a similar change is necessary in Division II. The committee confirmed that disclosure should continue to be dictated by institutional policy and state law.

- 4. Referral from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee regarding the June 15 written notification of transfer date.** The committee continued its discussion regarding the June 15 written notification of transfer date and a potential consequence for a Division II student-athlete's failure to meet the deadline. Further, the committee reviewed the feedback provided by the Management Council regarding a potential consequence tied to the failure to provide written notification of transfer by the June 15 deadline.

The committee also discussed Bylaw 15.5.4.1 (reduction or cancellation permitted) which permits an institution to reduce or cancel an athletics aid agreement signed for the next academic year if a Division II student-athlete provides written notification of transfer. The committee determined that since a Division II institution may currently reduce or cancel the athletics aid agreement signed for the next academic year, there is already a consequence in place when a Division II student-athlete fails to provide written notification of transfer by June 15.

The committee also noted that since it has been communicated to the Division II membership that there would be no consequence for the 2024-25 academic year, the application of Bylaw 15.5.4.1 will begin to apply for the 2025-26 academic year (e.g., if a student-athlete provides written notification of transfer after June 15, 2025, then the institution may cancel an athletics aid agreement signed for the 2025-26 academic year).

Finally, the committee requested staff present data for them to review during its September 2025 videoconference that outlines the number of Division II student-athletes that entered the NCAA Transfer Portal after the June 15 written notification of transfer deadline.

- 5. Review of the referral to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee regarding the publicity legislation.** The committee continued its discussion on Bylaw 13.10 (publicity) and reviewed feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on whether it was appropriate to eliminate Bylaw 13.10 (publicity). Based on the feedback, the committee determined that eliminating Bylaw 13.10 (publicity) was not appropriate at this time. The committee did agree to seek feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

regarding an institution's use of a prospective student-athlete's photograph to advertise their institutional camp or clinic [see Nonlegislative Action Item No. 1a].

6. **Discussion regarding Division I institutions contacting Division II student-athletes outside of the applicable Division I transfer window.** During its November 29-30, 2023, in-person meeting, the committee recommended a legislative change to limit Division I institutions from contacting Division II student-athletes outside of the applicable Division I sport transfer window. Since then, some questions regarding the restrictive application of the recommendation were raised. Specifically, if the recommendation was adopted, a Division I institution would not be able to contact a Division II student-athlete, that was permissibly entered into the Transfer Portal, outside of the applicable Division I sport transfer window; whereas other student-athletes in Divisions I and III in the Transfer Portal would be able to be contacted by any institution. The committee recommended that the Management Council not move the legislative recommendation that the council approved in concept during its January 10, 2024, in-person meeting. The committee believes once Division II student-athletes are placed in the Transfer Portal, Division II legislation should not regulate the contact opportunities available to Division II student-athletes.
7. **Review of the referral to the NCAA Division II Football Committee regarding use of protective equipment during noncontact spring practice.** During its November 29-30, 2023, in-person meeting, the Legislation Committee requested the Football Committee review Division I Proposal No. 2023-31 (playing and practice seasons -- football --spring practice -- use of spider pads) and provide feedback on whether protective equipment used during noncontact spring practice sessions should be restricted to helmets and spider pads, similar to noncontact practice sessions during the preseason acclimatization period. Based on the feedback from the Football Committee, the Legislation Committee recommended sponsoring noncontroversial legislation [see Legislative Action Item No. 1e].
8. **2025 NCAA Convention membership-sponsored proposals update.** The committee received an update on potential membership-sponsored proposals for the 2025 Convention. Further, the committee discussed the membership-sponsored proposal that would permit Division II institutions to count the ITA Indoor Tournament as one date of competition. The committee recommended sponsoring the proposal as noncontroversial legislation, as opposed to it moving forward as legislation for the 2025 Convention [see Legislative Action Item No. 1g].
9. **Update on the National Letter of Intent program.** The committee received an update on the recent discussions surrounding the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program. Specifically, the committee received an update on the potential recommendation from the Division I NLI Policy and Review Committee to eliminate the NLI program based on the current recruiting environment. The committee was asked to review the core benefits of the NLI program (celebratory signing, signing period and recruiting ban) and determine whether they could be incorporated into the current institutional financial aid agreement. Additionally, to assist in the review, the committee received an update that a working group

- (Signing Working Group), that will consist of Legislation Committee and NLI Advisory Group members, will be established. The committee elected Matt Green, senior associate director of athletics for internal operations, Flagler College; Ashley Grimm, associate director of athletics, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; and Kristina Ortiz, assistant director of athletics for compliance/senior woman administrator, Georgian Court University, to represent the committee, effective July 2024. The committee will review the final recommendation from the Signing Working Group at its September videoconference.
10. **Request from the USA Gymnastics Championships Committee.** The committee reviewed a request from the USA Gymnastics Championships Committee regarding the name change to the USA Gymnastics Championships and recommended noncontroversial legislation to amend the name of the championship [see Legislative Action Item No. 1f].
 11. **Division II University update.** The committee received an update on the five required courses for the 2024-25 coach's certification. As of June 25, 2024, over 2,828 users completed the required curriculum while 9,316 users were enrolled.
 12. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors' most recent meeting.
 13. **Update from the NCAA Division II Executive Board and Management Council spring 2024 meetings.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the spring 2024 Division II Executive Board and Management Council quarterly meetings.
 14. **Review of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved updates to its policies and procedures.
 15. **Review of the March 1, 2024, videoconference and March 26-27, 2024, in-person meeting reports.** The committee reviewed and approved its March 1, 2024, videoconference and March 26-27, 2024, in-person meeting reports.
 16. **Review of the May 20, 2024, and June 7, 2024, electronic voting reports of the Division II Legislation Committee Legislative Review Subcommittee.** The committee reviewed and approved the Legislative Review Subcommittee's May 20, 2024, electronic voting report. Further, the committee reviewed and approved the subcommittee's June 7, 2024, electronic voting report and approved the subcommittee's recommendations regarding two pieces of noncontroversial legislation [see Legislative Action Item Nos. 1b and 1c].
 17. **Subcommittee Appointment.** The committee appointed Ashley Grimm, associate director of athletics, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, to the Interpretations Subcommittee, effective immediately.

18. Future meeting dates.

- a. September 2024, videoconference; date to be determined.
- b. November 18-19, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
- c. March 18-19, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
- d. June 2025, videoconference; date and 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 June 25-26, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University.	
Matt Green, Flagler College.	
Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Audra Kedy, Great American Conference.	
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo.	
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.	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.	
Absentees:	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Rachel Denton, Chelsea Hooks and Megan Villanueva.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Brooke Dixon, Terri Steeb Gronau, Molly Hansen, Maritza Jones, Susan Peal, Angela Red and Jared Tidemann.	



**NCAA Division II Legislation Committee
Bylaw 16 (Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes)
Priority Two and Three Items**

Noncontroversial Legislation

DIVISION II BYLAW	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
16.01 (general principles)	Amend	To permit institutions to use institutional discretion to provide reasonable benefits and expenses in limited extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete to support a student-athlete's personal health, safety and well-being (e.g., natural disaster, life threatening emergency).
16.1 (awards)	Eliminate	To eliminate the awards legislation and allow Division II institutions and conferences to use institutional discretion to provide student-athletes with awards.
16.1.6 (expenses to receive noninstitutional awards)	Eliminate	To eliminate the restriction that only two of the student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians may receive expenses to attend the recognition event or awards presentation.
16.2 (complimentary admissions and ticket benefits)	Eliminate	To eliminate the restriction on the number of complimentary admissions an institution may provide student-athletes for home or away contests in their sport (Bylaw 16.2.1.1), partial qualifiers for home contests in their sport (Bylaw 16.2.1.1.1) and student-athletes participating in an NCAA championship or bowl game (Bylaw 16.2.1.1.2).
16.2.1.2 (general regulations)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide complimentary admissions in any manner as determined by institutional policy.
16.3 (academic, career and other support services)	Amend	To permit an institution to finance academic, career and other support services for student-athletes at the institution's discretion.
16.5.1-(a) through (d) (permissible) and 16.5.1.1 (effect of violation -- preseason practice expenses)	Eliminate	To eliminate the current restrictions on meals, housing and vacation period expenses; further, to permit an institution to provide meals, housing and vacation period expenses to student-athletes, incidental to their participation in intercollegiate athletics at their discretion.
16.5.1-(f) (permissible -- occasional meals)	Amend	To permit an institution, representatives of athletics interests and other individuals to provide student-athletes with meals and snacks at any time on an occasional basis per institutional policy.
16.7 (entertainment incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide reasonable entertainment to student-athletes at any time.

DIVISION II BYLAW	ACTION	RECOMMENDATION
16.8.1 (permissible)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide travel expenses for ineligible student-athletes to attend away-from-home competition. Further, to specify that an ineligible student-athlete that receives travel expenses to attend away-from-home competition shall not miss class time.
16.8.1.3 (incidental expenses at NCAA Championships, National Governing Body Championships in Emerging Sports and Bowl Games)	Amend	To permit an institution to cover student-athletes' unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or national governing body championship events in emerging sports per institutional policy.
16.9 (permissible travel expenses)	Amend	To permit an institution to provide student-athletes with reasonable transportation per institutional policy.
16.11 (benefits, gifts and services)	Amend	To combine Bylaw 16.11.1 (general rule) and Bylaw 16.11.2 (nonpermissible) and its subsections and amend the legislation to specify that a student-athlete (or their relatives or friends) shall not receive a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation or receive a benefit from the institution or representatives of the institution's athletics interest unless it is demonstrated that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's students (or their relatives or friends).
16.11.2.5 (athletics equipment)	Amend	To permit student-athletes to accept free of charge or at a discounted or reduced price, athletics equipment, supplies or clothing (e.g., tennis racquets, golf clubs, hockey sticks, balls, shirts) from a manufacturer or commercial enterprise regardless of whether the items are necessary for practice or competition.

Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-21

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GYMNASTICS -- END OF REGULAR PLAYING SEASON -- WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE GYMNASTICS NATIONAL INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: June 27, 2024

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: To amend the name of the USA Gymnastics championship event.

Bylaws: Amend 17.13.4, as follows:

17.13.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in gymnastics by the conclusion of the ~~USA Gymnastics~~ **Women's Collegiate Gymnastics National Invitational Championship** or National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Collegiate Championships, whichever is later (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

Jun 26, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Additional Information:

Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, USA Gymnastics will no longer be involved in running the gymnastics championship but will transition to being a sponsor of the championship. This change will codify the new name of the gymnastics championship. A similar change has also been requested to be made in Divisions I and III.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.13.4	End of Regular Playing Season.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 9-10, 2024, IN-PERSON MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the 11 institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:

- a. **Move the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2024:**

- (1) Allen University;
- (2) Edward Waters University;
- (3) Emory & Henry University; and
- (4) Westmont College.

[NOTE: Debbie Snell, executive director of athletics, Hawaii Pacific University, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Westmont College. Christie Ward, deputy athletics director, Catawba College, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Emory & Henry University. Christina Whetsel, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augusta University, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Allen University.]

- b. **Move the following institutions to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2024:**

- (1) Thomas More University; and
- (2) University of South Carolina Beaufort.

[NOTE: Cindy McKnight, director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Ursuline College, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Thomas More University. Christina Whetsel, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augusta University, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding University of South Carolina Beaufort.]

- c. **Move the following institutions to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2024:**

- (1) Jessup University;
- (2) Menlo College;
- (3) Roosevelt University;
- (4) Sul Ross State University; and
- (5) Vanguard University.

[NOTE: Debbie Snell, executive director of athletics, Hawaii Pacific University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Jessup University, Menlo College and Vanguard University. Keri Becker, director of athletics, Grand Valley State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Roosevelt University.]

2. Review of the applications of the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2024:

- a. Approved the following institution to enter provisional year one of the three-year provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2024:
 - Point Park University.

[NOTE: Troy Dell, director of athletics, Frostburg State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding Point Park University.]

- b. Approved the following institutions to enter provisional year one of the two-year expedited provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2024:
 - (1) University of California, Merced;
 - (2) University of Jamestown; and
 - (3) University of Texas at Dallas.

[NOTE: Melanie Brunson, senior woman administrator, Winona State University, recused themselves from the discussion and voting regarding the University of Jamestown.]

3. Review of waiver requests submitted regarding the membership process. The committee reviewed waiver requests submitted by Thomas More University and Westmont College to waive year three of the provisional membership process and advance the institutions to active membership status, effective September 1, 2024. The committee denied the waiver request for Thomas More University, noting that the institution did not

demonstrate its readiness to become an active Division II member. The committee approved the waiver request for Westmont College, noting that the institution demonstrated its readiness to become an active Division II member.

In addition, the committee reviewed waiver requests submitted by Point Park University; University of California, Merced; University of Jamestown; and University of Texas at Dallas, to enter the two-year expedited provisional membership process, effective September 1, 2024. The committee approved the waiver request for University of California, Merced; University of Jamestown; and University of Texas at Dallas, noting that the institutions demonstrated their readiness to enter the expedited provisional membership process. The committee denied the waiver request for Point Park University, noting that the institution did not demonstrate its readiness to enter the expedited provisional membership process.

[NOTE: Debbie Snell, executive director of athletics, Hawaii Pacific University, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Westmont College. Cindy McKnight, director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Ursuline College, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding Thomas More University. Troy Dell, director of athletics, Frostburg State University, recused himself from the discussion and voting regarding Point Park University. Melanie Brunson, senior woman administrator, Winona State University, recused herself from the discussion and voting regarding the University of Jamestown.]

- 4. Update on recent active member issues.** The committee received an update on the potential merger between the University of Findlay and Bluffton College (Division III). During its discussion, the committee determined that additional information and clarity is necessary to make a determination regarding the membership status of the institution. As a result, the committee agreed to table its discussion until additional information is provided and accreditation is resolved through the regional accrediting agency.

Additionally, the committee received an update regarding recent guidance issued by the United States Department of Education related to mergers of institutions. Specifically, it was noted that the Department of Education now requires merging institutions to have a singular federal ID number in which they report to the federal government.

[NOTE: Cindy McKnight, director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Ursuline College, recused herself from the discussion regarding the University of Findlay.]

- 5. Update regarding institutions seeking reclassification from Division II to Division I.** The committee received an update that Mercyhurst University and the University of West Georgia submitted a membership application by the June 1, 2024, deadline, to reclassify all sports to Division I.
- 6. Update on compliance blueprint review program.** The committee discussed the performance of vendors for the compliance blueprint review program during the 2023-24

academic year. In addition, the committee received an update regarding the status of the compliance blueprint review program for the 2024-25 academic year.

7. **Review of Division II health and safety legislation for provisional year-one institutions.** The committee received an update regarding a request from provisional member institutions seeking clarification on the Division II health and safety legislation that is required for institutions to follow in year one of the provisional membership process [see Division II Bylaw 7.4.1.5.3.1 (assessment program)]. Staff is consulting with the NCAA Sports Science Institute on this request and the committee will receive an update during its September 23, 2024, videoconference.
8. **Discussion regarding the minimum participant requirement in the sport of tennis for sports sponsorship.** During its April 10, 2024, videoconference, the Membership Committee requested that the Division II Tennis Committee provide feedback on whether an increase to the minimum participant requirement in tennis is necessary. Based on the feedback, the Membership Committee determined that increasing the minimum participant requirement in tennis is not appropriate at this time.
9. **Review of the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Report.** The Membership Committee reviewed items outlined in the Division I Transformation Committee report that directly impacts areas specific to membership. During this review, the Membership Committee discussed feedback provided by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee that are student-athlete focused. The Membership Committee will continue this discussion at its September 23, 2024, videoconference.
10. **Education update.** The committee received an update on the five required courses for the 2024-25 coaches certification requirement. As of June 25, 2024, over 2,800 users completed the required curriculum while over 9,300 users were enrolled. Additionally, the committee received an update that the 2025 Regional Rules Seminar will be held June 18-20, 2025, in Indianapolis.
11. **Review of Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) use by provisional institutions.** The committee received an update on the usage of RSRO by provisional institutions during the 2023-24 academic year.
12. **Review of expedited provisional membership application.** The committee reviewed and approved the application for the two-year expedited provisional membership process.
13. **Approval of the Membership Committee April 10, 2024, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its April 10, 2024, videoconference.
14. **Review of the April 2024 NCAA Division II Executive Board and NCAA Division II Management Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Executive Board and Management Council April 2024 meetings.

15. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update from the NCAA Board of Governors' most recent meeting.
16. **Discussion regarding the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) recruiting efforts to active Division II institutions.** The committee discussed recent efforts by the NAIA to recruit Division II institutions. The committee will continue to track on any future NAIA recruitment efforts.
17. **Election of chair and vice chair.** The committee elected Christina Whetsel, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Augusta University, as chair; and Melanie Brunson, senior woman administrator, Winona State University, as vice chair, effective September 1, 2024.
18. **Recognition of outgoing members.** The committee recognized the service of three outgoing members: Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University; Will Prewitt, Great American Conference; and Debbie Snell, Hawaii Pacific University.
19. **Review of the Membership Committee roster.** The committee reviewed its updated roster.
20. **Future meetings/videoconferences schedule.**
 - a. September 23, 2024, videoconference; 2 to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
 - b. November 13, 2024, videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - c. February 11, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - d. April 2025, videoconference; time to be determined.
 - e. July 8-9, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Debbie Snell, Hawaii Pacific University

Staff Liaisons: Jeremy Christoffels, Academic and Membership Affairs

Jordan Lysiak, Academic and Membership Affairs

Katelyn Skarr, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Membership Committee July 9-10, 2024, In-Person Meeting	
Attendees:	
Michael Bazemore, Montana State University Billings.	
Keri Becker, Grand Valley State University.	
Melanie Brunson, Winona State University.	
Troy Dell, Frostburg State University.	

Robert Mallory, Missouri Southern State University.
Jessica McIntyre, Lee University.
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College.
Thomas Newsom, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University (Management Council chair).
Will Prewitt, Great American Conference.
Debbie Snell, Hawaii Pacific University.
Christie Ward, Catawba College.
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Amy Mallett, The Compliance Group.
Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.
NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:
Jeremy Christoffels, Jordan Lysiak and Katelyn Skarr.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Brooke Dixon, Terri Steeb Gronau, Molly Hansen, Maritza Jones and Angela Red.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Process for adding a new Division II championship.**

- Recommendation. Create an exception to the championships triennial budget process in the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles (see Attachment) to allow for the creation of a new Division II championship once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions; further, require that the Division II Executive Board approve the budget for the new championship before the membership votes on a proposal to establish the new championship at the NCAA Convention.
- Effective date. Immediate.
- Rationale. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee discussed the process for adding a new Division II championship in light of the division adopting legislation in January that establishes 35 as the number of sponsoring institutions to add a championship in a men's or women's sport. The committee weighed whether the process should be conducted within the existing triennial budget process or whether an exception should be created and opted for the latter, noting that a new championship should be expedited as much as possible to optimize the chance for student-athletes in that sport to have a postseason experience during the course of their athletics participation. The recommendation also includes requiring Executive Board budget approval before the membership votes on adding the championship at the next Convention. The committee believes doing so ensures fiscal responsibility and that the new championship will be appropriately funded to assure its success.
- Estimated budget impact. None.
- Student-athlete impact. Establishing the ability to approve a new championship outside of the triennial budget process optimizes the chance for student-athletes in that sport to have a postseason experience during the course of their athletics participation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Chair Julie Ruppert welcomed the group to its second meeting and previewed the agenda.
2. **Review of previous report.** The committee approved the report from its March 21 videoconference as presented.
3. **Discussion of process for adding a new Division II championship.** The committee discussed whether to allow adding a Division II championship outside the championships triennial budget process once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions and agreed to create an exception providing such a process. (See Action Item No. 2 above.) If approved, the exception to the championships triennial budget process will be added to the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.
4. **Division II budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed the division's budget to actuals through May 31, 2024, noting that the report does not yet include all the expenses for spring sport championships.
5. **Division II long-range budget and assumptions.** The committee began discussing the division's long-range budget philosophy in light of the increased revenue coming to the division from the NCAA's new media rights agreement with ESPN and the intention to spend down the division's reserves to reach the mandated 60% of the operating budget by the end of the rights agreements (2032). While no decisions were required during this meeting, the initial discussion included how to allocate the new dollars and how to balance long-term initiatives and one-time spends to best position the division for fiscal success. The committee noted the review coincides with the development of the division's new operating/strategic plan to be launched in January 2026, and it also comes at a fortuitous time given the upcoming Division II Think Tank sessions that will occur just before the SPFC's September meeting. Accordingly, the committee agreed to seek feedback on the division's budgeting principles after the Think Tank sessions from the Division II Management Council and Executive Board. The SPFC will continue reviewing this matter during its next videoconference in August.
6. **Division II revenue distribution – Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund.** The committee revisited the request from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA) to consider implementing a one-year waiver process for the Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund for a conference that falls below the minimum number of six institutions sponsoring a specific sport to retain a distribution unit if the reason(s) for the shortfall is based on unforeseen circumstances that are no fault of the conference office itself.

The committee discussed the issue during its March videoconference and at that time it did not believe that a waiver process would be a good change for this distribution as it would require manipulation of financial distributions that were not supported by auditors, implementation of a waiver process, policies and procedures, and subjective consideration of mitigating circumstances that are not ideal for a financial distribution.

The committee also discussed a potential grace period (as an alternative to the waiver) and directed the staff to ask the auditors what impact a grace period would have on the automated process. Upon consultation, the auditors discouraged any methodology that would require manipulating underlying source systems and data to calculate. In their opinion, manual manipulation significantly increases the risk of distribution errors and alters source records for historical and analytical value.

After further discussion, the committee agreed not to grant the CCA's request and recommended that no changes be made to the Division II Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund to address reduction in sponsorship numbers.

7. **Conference Strategic Priorities Fund.** Staff noted that conference reports are due at the end of June and that the internal review of those already submitted has begun. The committee will conduct its annual review of these reports during its August videoconference.
8. **Future meetings and videoconferences.**
 - a. Monday, August 12, 1 to 4 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
 - b. Wednesday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
 - c. Wednesday, December 11, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).

Committee Chair: Julie Ruppert, Commissioner, Northeast-10 Conference
Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance
Cara Hubert, Administrative Services
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance
Ryan Jones, Division II Governance
Andrea Worlock, Administrative Services

Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee June 20, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Joseph Arnold, Clark Atlanta University.	
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University.	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College.	
Curtis Janz, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College (Executive Board chair).	
Brandi Laurita, University of Findlay.	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	

Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.
Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference.
David Wilmes, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin.
Frank Wu, Queens College (New York).
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau, Cara Hubert, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Andrea Worlock.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Gary Brown and Jill Waddell.

Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles

In accordance with NCAA Article 3 (finance), Division II is guaranteed revenue through allocations made to each division from the Association's general operating revenue; and Division II shall receive at least 4.37 percent of the Association's annual general operating revenue, as agreed on January 9, 1996.

The NCAA Division II Executive Board, Management Council and Strategic Planning and Finance Committee are committed to developing budgetary principles/guidelines that are reflective of the NCAA mission and principles and the Division II philosophy, strategic positioning platform and strategic plan. These principles/guidelines will be used to guide any deliberations that may occur related to the possible use of funds allocated to Division II.

These principles/guidelines include the following:

1. That budget decisions will be made to support the Division II strategic positioning platform and the strategic positioning outcome areas outlined in the Division II strategic plan, including, but not limited to, academics and life skills; athletics operations and compliance; diversity and inclusion; game day and conference and national championships; and membership and positioning initiatives.
2. That as budget discussions occur and decisions are made, funding championships will remain a priority to ensure the best possible championship experience for Division II student-athletes.
3. That an institution's expenses for participating in championship rounds of NCAA Division II championships will be covered, as prescribed by the Division II Championships Committee and championships policies and procedures, and that consistent transportation and per diem guidelines will be maintained for all Division II championships.
4. That Division II championships policies will reflect an interest in generating Division II championships revenue to the greatest extent possible, consistent with Division II championships principles and guidelines. Further, Division II championship policies will reflect an overall cost-containment philosophy supporting initiatives, such as the regionalization concept. For purposes of these budget principles, cost containment encompasses the efficient and cost-effective operation of Division II championships.
5. That the Division II Championships Committee shall initially approve any budget request from a sports committee. Sport committees should collaborate where appropriate across genders when making requests. The Championships Committee review process of budget request should ensure that any gender difference across sports are necessary appropriate and equitable. The Division II Executive Board shall have final approval.
6. That Division II championships shall operate on a triennial budget timeline to ensure a manageable approach to proposed adjustments. A triennial budget allows the division to make strategic decisions versus immediate reaction to items brought forth by the committees and keeps the division in alignment with the long-range budget determined for the division.

The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee shall, however, have the ability to address certain items outside of the triennial budget process and recommend any such items to the Management Council and Executive Board, which allows the division to address any immediate needs related to championships that may come forth between budget proposal years. These items include:

a. Issues related to gender equity;

b. Issues related to health and safety; and

~~a-c. Adding a new Division II championship once a sport meets the minimum sponsorship of 35 institutions, brought forth outside of the normal budget process, and recommend any such items to the Executive Board, which allows the division to address any immediate needs related to championships that may come forth between budget proposal years.~~

Decisions regarding whether a budget request needs to be made outside of the triennial budget cycle should be made in consultation with necessary subject matter experts (e.g., Office of Inclusion, Sports Science Institute, championships staff).

7. For programs and other strategic initiatives, the division shall operate on an annual budget process. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Executive Board may review such budget requests prior to final approval by the Executive Board [Note that in some instances it may be necessary to use the legislative process.]
8. That there will be an annual distribution of funds to Division II institutions and conferences via the approved Division II Revenue Distribution Policy. The formula(s) shall include a principal goal of strengthening conference and institutional operations.

For the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, the total budget for the distribution will be \$7,930,033, distributed as follows:

- a. Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund: \$5,947,525; and
 - b. Institutional Equal Distribution Fund: \$1, 982,508.
9. That the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will be responsible for the mechanics of distributing the revenue distribution, and the distribution policy will be reviewed annually by the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.
 10. That the Division II cash reserve maintains a balance of at least 60 percent of the operating revenue for the division. The balance shall include the prior year's cash reserve and the current year's budget surplus.

11. That the Division II Administrative Committee shall be gathered to address issues in light of an unexpected event to determine the use of Division II insurance and reserve dollars. As needed, the Administrative Committee will seek input from the Division II Executive Board and NCAA Board of Governors. Further, the division shall prioritize expenses in the following order:
 - a. Contractual obligations.
 - b. Championships.
 - (1) Bracket reduction.
 - (2) Experience monies.
 - (a) Game experience.
 - (i) Official's assignments and fees.
 - (ii) Practice days and/or days off between competition days.
 - (iii) Web stream.
 - (iv) Marketing and promotion.
 - (v) Signage.
 - (b) Student-athlete experience.
 - (i) Trophies.
 - (ii) Awards (participant medallions).
 - (iii) Banquets.
 - (iv) Mementos (jackets, for example).
 - (v) Watches.
 - (3) Adjustment of regional sites.
 - (4) Reduction of per diem.
 - c. Revenue distribution.
 - d. Conference strategic priorities fund.
 - e. Strategic initiatives.
12. That the use of the annual operating surpluses from the previous fiscal year will be adopted each year by the Executive Board.
13. That the division (including colleges, universities and conferences) shall commit to fiscal responsibility at the local, conference, regional and national levels and that the division shall be held accountable for spending its dollars in a fiscally responsible manner. To that end, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee has the authority to audit dollars allocated to Division II institutions and conferences from the Division II budget, including, but not limited to, sports sponsorship requirements of Division II member conferences.

14. That care will be taken to avoid funding special interests of various segments of the Division II membership or items that may be more an institution's or conference's responsibility than that of the Association or the division.
15. That Division II will follow the Association's request for proposal (RFP) process when the division has specific vendor relationships and/or consultant needs.
16. That these budget principles will be reviewed annually by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, Management Council and Executive Board and modified as necessary to ensure that they are reflective of the Division II philosophy, strategic positioning platform and strategic plan. The Executive Board has ultimate authority to approve the modifications to these guidelines and principles.

Approved August 2023 by the Division II Planning and Finance Committee and Presidents Council.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 13-14, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Referral for Feedback from NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.** The committee discussed a referral from the Division II Legislation Committee regarding the elimination of NCAA Division II Bylaw 13.10 (publicity). The committee highlighted potential unintended consequences related to eliminating the bylaw. The committee determined that anything released publicly should have student-athlete consent to eliminate the pressure of choosing specific institutions based on public opinion or comments shared on social media. The committee also discussed the roles coaches/fan bases could play in the decision-making process if institutions and coaches could publicly comment on the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. It was noted that the recruiting process can be stressful and overwhelming, and the committee recommended that the bylaw be amended but not eliminated.
2. **Referrals for Feedback from NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** The committee discussed three referrals from the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
 - a. **Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of competition).** The committee recommended changes to Bylaw 14.2.4.1 to support student-athlete retention, team continuity and skill development. When determining a season of competition, the committee discussed developing a metric based on the percentage of contests played in one season rather than a fixed number of contests. The committee also discussed how this metric could affect individual sports. The committee evaluated the effect of this change on student-athletes who decide to transfer without competing in any contests during the previous season. The committee advocated for giving student-athletes one opportunity to play a few contests during any championship season without using a season of competition and noted this would support retention and skill development, especially early in the student-athlete's career. The committee also discussed unintended consequences of expanding this legislation and how it could impact freshmen student-athletes, senior student-athletes and the overall team dynamic.
 - b. **Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.1.6 (preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition/preseason scrimmages during initial year).** The committee supported amending the bylaw to allow student-athletes to participate in preseason exhibition contests, dates of competition or preseason scrimmages beyond their initial year of collegiate enrollment without it counting as a season of competition. The committee stated that the opportunity to compete during the preseason is crucial for skill development and team bonding, especially for new student-athletes.

- c. **Division II Bylaw 14.2.5 (hardship waiver).** The committee discussed the impact of incapacitating injuries or illnesses occurring during competition or prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship for that sport. The committee discussed whether it was still appropriate for the injury or illness to occur prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season to receive a hardship waiver and did not reach consensus.
3. **Discussion on Term Extension for NCAA Board of Governors Former Division II Student-Athlete Representative.** The committee discussed the August 2024 term expiration of Madeleine McKenna, the Board of Governors' former Division II student-athlete representative. The committee requested a one-year term extension through August 2025, noting that she would provide some stability for the Board of Governors' former student-athlete representatives as the new Division I and Division III former student-athlete representatives begin their terms in August 2024.
4. **Discussion on NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.** As part of the Board of Governors review of Association-wide committees, the SAAC discussed the work of the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and whether there remains a need for the committee to continue. The SAAC expressed support for an Association-wide committee that is focused on issues involving all three divisions considering that the divisional SAACs oftentimes focus on issues pertinent to their particular division. The committee is in favor of the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee having its own strategic initiatives as opposed to having similar initiatives as the SAACs. The SAAC feels given the composition of the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, it can focus on different topics that impact student-athletes and make a difference in other important areas. The SAAC also expressed support for updating the Student-Athlete Engagement Committee's composition by including one administrator from each division instead of having two administrators – one president/chancellor who is a current or former member of the Board of Governors and one member of the Division I Council or Division II or Division III Management Council that is from a different division than the Board of Governors representative.
5. **Discussion on NCAA Division I Transformation Committee Report.** The committee discussed several student-athlete focused recommendations that were put forward by the Division I Transformation Committee. The recommendations will be discussed by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee for further consideration in July.
 - a. **Student-Athlete Survey.** This recommendation, not yet adopted by Division I, would require Division I institutions to administer an NCAA managed survey with their student-athletes about the support received in the Division I student-athlete holistic model (Division I Proposal No. 2023-19) and regularly examine the results for areas of improvement when an institution is not meeting recommended benchmarks. The committee expressed support for the development and administration of a survey for Division II student-athletes. The committee stated

institutions commonly administer a student-athlete survey to gain honest feedback. The committee feels the information Division II could gain directly from student-athletes could be beneficial. While the development of a survey will result in additional work on the committee, NCAA staff and institutions, the committee agreed that the pros outweighed the cons. If Division II creates a survey, the committee stated that it would be important to be mindful of the length of the survey and how long it would take to complete.

The committee thought the survey could be taken by campus SAAC members during campus SAAC meetings and it could be promoted to all student-athletes at practices and meetings. The committee brainstormed an extensive list of topics for a potential Division II student-athlete survey, including:

- Student-athletes' awareness of SAAC and their awareness of their access to resources created by national SAAC, their conference SAAC and campus SAAC;
- Whether non-SAAC members see SAACs as representative of the student-athlete voice;
- Name, image and likeness, including whether student-athletes feel like they are receiving the necessary support;
- Awareness of the mental health resources available;
- Student-athletes' experiences with their coaches and support staff;
- Academic support and whether student-athletes feel they have the support from their professors, coaches and support to prepare for life after college;
- Athletic training support and the support needed to recover from injury;
- Access to proper nutrition and meals;
- Life after the game and whether student-athletes feel they are prepared to succeed after graduation;
- For those who are graduating, their plans for their next step (e.g., internship, full-time job, attending graduate school); and
- Life in the Balance and whether student-athletes can balance academics, athletics and community engagement.

- b. **Student-Athlete Voice in Decision-Making at Conference and Campus Levels.** This recommendation, adopted by the Division I Council as Division I Proposal No. 2023-9, requires conferences to 1) provide SAAC oversight by a senior staff member; 2) establish a SAAC executive team; 3) have at least one student-athlete serving on any ad hoc or conference committee established to address issues directly impacting student-athletes; and 4) recommends that conferences establish sport-specific student-athlete engagement and advocacy groups, in at minimum, football where applicable and men's and women's basketball. As part of Proposal No. 2023-9, the committee learned two additional requirements of conferences for 1) student-athletes to be involved and engaged on conference sport committees; and 2) for student-athletes to be involved and engaged with the primary operational-level committee(s) at the conference level.

The committee expressed support for conference SAACs to be overseen by a senior staff member, for the establishment of a SAAC executive team and to have at least one student-athlete serving on any ad hoc or conference committee established to address issues directly impacting student-athletes. The committee believes these requirements would provide needed structure to help conference SAACs be more effective and stronger, and these requirements would result in conference SAACs being taken more seriously. The committee discussed how a senior staff member would provide stability in the support they provide and provide structure when leadership changes occur with the conference SAAC executive team and when the committee turns over. The committee also expressed how it would be beneficial to have more regular contact with senior staff members and have a greater opportunity to share the student-athlete voice in conference meetings.

The committee expressed support for all conferences having established conference SAACs that meet regularly to discuss conference-wide issues. By meeting regularly, conference SAACs will have a stronger student-athlete voice, will have an opportunity to discuss important issues that are directly impacting them, and it would require that a higher priority be placed on conference SAACs.

The new Division I legislation also requires institutions 1) to provide SAAC oversight by a senior staff member; 2) establish a SAAC executive team; and 3) to have at least one student-athlete serving on any ad hoc or athletics department committee established to address issues directly impacting student-athletes. As part of Proposal No. 2023-9, the committee learned two additional requirements of institutions for 1) student-athletes to be involved and engaged on the primary athletics department operational level committee(s); and 2) student-athletes to be involved and engaged at coaches' meetings.

The committee expressed support for these requirements, believe they would be beneficial for campus SAACs and help campus SAACs be taken more seriously. The committee expressed interest in having campus SAACs be overseen by a senior staff member and believe the senior staff member would provide stability in the support they provide and provide structure when leadership changes occur with the campus SAAC executive team and when the committee turns over. The committee also expressed interest in meeting with campus administrators and coaches and creating mutually beneficial relationships with them.

In addition to having requirements in place, the committee felt accountability by conference and campus administrators with their respective SAACs and the support they provide is important.

- c. **Career Preparation, Education and Programming.** This recommendation, adopted by the Division I Board of Directors as part of the Division I student-athlete holistic model (Division I Proposal No. 2023-19), will require the establishment of an annual attestation requirement for institutions regarding career services

availability for current and former student-athletes. In addition, institutions will be required to annually attest that they provide student-athletes with access to education and programming in the following areas: mental health, strength and conditioning, nutrition, name, image and likeness, financial literacy, transfer requirements, career preparation, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, and sexual violence prevention.

The committee felt that it would be beneficial to have career services for current and former future student-athletes and access to education and programming in the areas noted in the Division I proposal. However, the committee acknowledged that it would be difficult for institutions from a financial and staff support perspective to provide the same resources for career services, education and programming as Division I will be required to provide. The committee offered a few ideas for how Division II could consider replicating the intent of the proposal, including sharing a list of important topics as suggestions instead of requirements, offering a predetermined number of education sessions in select topics over the course of an academic year, and building programming in the important areas over time until programming is built in all the topic areas.

6. **Discussion with NCAA President Charlie Baker.** The committee met with President Charlie Baker and discussed an update on the NCAA's sports wagering efforts, NCAA's plans to establish a fan database to promote sports and upcoming championships, the goals of Project Division I and whether it could impact Division II, an update on the discussion to remove cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drug classes and the NCAA's Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.
7. **Updates on 2023-24 SAAC Goals.** The committee discussed its progress towards the three E's – empowering student-athletes with resources, empathizing with their concerns and enhancing the student-athlete voice and experience – through the work of the following committee teams:
 - a. **Congressional/Civic Engagement.** The congressional engagement team is expanding its focus to also support civic engagement. The team is aiming to provide education surrounding voter registration, mail-in ballots and the importance of voting. The team also plans to address emerging congressional engagement issues.
 - b. **Life After the Game.** The Life After the Game team plans to gather content and resources related to professionalism and career development to promote on the [@d2saac X](#) and [Instagram](#) channels. Additionally, the group is exploring other ways to promote these materials, possibly by reactivation of the Life After the Game podcast.
 - c. **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.** The diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging team aims to create a content calendar for the social media subcommittee to highlight diverse groups of student-athletes over the coming months.

- d. **Mental Health.** The mental health team is preparing for mental health awareness month during the month of May. The group plans to spotlight the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document and develop content for the SAAC's social media platforms to promote mental wellness.
8. **Discussion on April 2025 SAAC Super Region Convention.** SAAC will host its seventh super region convention for schools in the Central and Midwest Regions at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, April 25-27, 2025. The committee discussed topics for the next super region convention and expressed support for continuing to emphasize the importance of the student-athlete voice, mental health, preparation for life after athletics, social justice and biases, and leadership. The committee also discussed potential speakers for NCAA staff to consider pursuing.
9. **Campus SAAC Guide.** The [Division II Campus SAAC Guide](#) is now available for campus SAAC members and campus SAAC advisors. It includes information about the purpose of SAAC, how campus SAACs can consider organizing, best practices for campus SAAC communication, running campus SAAC meetings and much more. The committee is updating a conference SAAC guide and anticipates it will be completed this summer to share with the Division II membership.
10. **SAAC Executive Board Name Change.** Due to the NCAA Division II Presidents Council becoming the NCAA Division II Executive Board on February 1, the committee has voted to change the name of its executive board, which includes the chair, vice chair, internal operations coordinator and external communications coordinator. The executive board's new name is the executive team or E-Team for short.
11. **NCAA Transfer Portal Update.** The committee received an update on Transfer Portal data, such as the number of Division II student-athletes in the portal, where Division II student-athletes are transferring and the percentage of Division I and Division III student-athletes transferring to Division II. The committee was briefed on the transfer trends dashboard designed to provide more transparency in Transfer Portal data to help student-athletes make informed decisions about transferring.
12. **Make-A-Wish®.** Beginning in 2024, Make-A-Wish World Wish Month will be held annually in April. Resources are available for Division II conferences and schools on the [Division II Make-A-Wish program page](#) on ncaa.org to help with their Make-A-Wish fundraising.
13. **Team IMPACT®.** The committee was informed that Division II currently has 166 active matches involving Team IMPACT children and there have been 658 all-time matches with Division II schools. The committee received an update that the Team IMPACT [fellowship program](#) applications deadline has been extended to May.
14. **New NCAA Division II Championships Committee Representative.** The committee elected JJ Hayes (Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State Conference) as the committee's second Division II Championships Committee representative, joining Courtney Medwin (West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference).

Mr. Hayes was elected to the Championships Committee following Management Council's adoption of noncontroversial legislation in January to amend Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.1 (Championships Committee – composition) to include a second SAAC representative on the Championships Committee.

15. **New Division II Legislation Committee Representative.** The committee elected Cullen Dore (Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas) as the committee's second Legislation Committee representative, joining Kara Amos (Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association). Mr. Dore was elected to the Legislation Committee following Management Council's adoption of noncontroversial legislation in January to amend Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.6.1 (Legislation Committee – composition) to include a second SAAC representative on the Legislation Committee.
16. **Division II Committee Reports.** Committee members serving on Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Administrative Committee, the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, Executive Board, Legislation Committee, Management Council and Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.
17. **Association-wide Committee Reports.** Committee members representing Association-wide committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Committee on Women's Athletics and the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.
18. **NCAA Board of Governors Update.** The committee received an update on the work of the Board of Governors. In the Board of Governors' January meeting, the board approved the Mental Health Best Practices 2nd Edition, made changes to the penalty tied to the NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy for schools that do not meet the attestation deadline, and elected Mary Beth Cooper as vice chair.
19. **Management Council/SAAC Summit.** The committee previewed the Management Council/SAAC Summit taking place in Indianapolis on July 20-21. The summit is in conjunction with the next quarterly SAAC meeting and will allow SAAC to connect with administrators serving on the Management Council and discuss Division II hot topics.
20. **Division II 50th Anniversary.** The committee received an update on the Division II 50th anniversary marketing campaign. The celebration continues with the activation of the \$1,000 scholarship initiative for student-athletes. The Management Council Identity Subcommittee will choose 46 scholarship recipients; one male and one female recipient to represent each of the division's 23 conferences. Recipients will be publicly announced at the Division II National Championships Spring Festival in Orlando. There will be a release

on ncaa.org acknowledging all scholarship recipients. The 50th anniversary celebration will culminate with the Division II Baseball Championship finals in June.

21. **DII Day Recap.** The committee discussed the third annual DII Day. Division II conferences, schools and student-athletes across the country participated in the celebration of Division II and highlighted the division's mission and Life in the Balance philosophy on Feb. 22. Overall, the day was successful as #D2Day was trending at No. 8 on X.
22. **Division II National Championships Spring Festival.** The Division II Spring Festival will be held May 19-25 in Orlando. This festival will host the sports of men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis. Division II will host its next festival for the winter sports of men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's swimming and diving and men's wrestling March 11-15, 2025, in Indianapolis.
23. **SAAC Logo Pack.** SAAC logos are available and bring a united and modern look for campus and conference SAACs to identify with and use. Campus and conference SAACs are encouraged to update their existing SAAC logos by pairing their athletics logo with the SAAC mark to support their mission and create visual unity among all the student-athlete leadership groups across the NCAA. Access the logo set [here](#) and the logo guidelines [here](#).
24. **January 2024 and March 2024 Meeting Reports.** The January and March committee meeting reports were reviewed and approved.
25. **Future Meetings.**
 - a. July 19-20, 2024, SAAC meeting; Indianapolis.
 - b. July 20-21, 2024, Management Council and SAAC Summit; Indianapolis.
 - c. November 23-24, 2024; SAAC meeting; videoconference.
 - d. January 13-17, 2025, SAAC meeting in conjunction with 2025 NCAA Convention; Nashville, Tennessee.
 - e. April 24-27, 2025, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Indianapolis.
 - f. July 18-19, 2025, SAAC meeting; Indianapolis.
 - g. July 19-20, 2025, Management Council and SAAC Summit; Indianapolis.
 - h. November 2025, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; dates and location TBD.

Committee Chair: Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference
Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance
Marcus Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
Becca Burchette Medel, Governance
Megan Villanueva, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee April 13-14, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University, East Coast Conference.	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. (April 14)	
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association. (April 13)	
Addison Courtney, Fairmont State University, Mountain East Conference.	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College, South Atlantic Conference.	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas.	
Haley Gilbert, Augusta University, Peach Belt Conference.	
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
DJ Guest Jr., California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State Conference	
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University, Great American Conference.	
Grace Hoepfner, Michigan Technological University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman's University, Lone Star Conference.	
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference.	
David Mayser, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Pacific West Conference.	
Dustyn McKenney, Western Oregon University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference. (April 14)	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Alexis Montalvo, Ashland University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Derrick Parker II, Grand Valley State University, At-Large.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. (Management Council chair)	
Larry Parkinson, Division II Executive Board Independent Member.	
Alia Scotka, University of West Florida, Gulf South Conference.	
Haley White, Lincoln Memorial University, At-Large.	

Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University, Northeast-10 Conference.
Absentees:
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. (April 13)
Eddie Baker, The College of Saint Rose, At-Large.
Scott Borgmann Jr., Wilmington University (Delaware), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association. (April 14)
Dustyn McKenney, Western Oregon University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference. (April 13)
Justin Zavala, Bowie State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Charlie Baker, Marcus Brown, Terri Steeb Gronau, Kendee Hilliard, Chelsea Hooks, Maison Hubbard, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Becca Burchette Medel, Kaylen Overway, Susan Peal, Angela Red and Megan Villanueva.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Election of NCAA Division II SAAC's Think Tank Representatives.** The committee elected five SAAC members to serve on the Division II Think Tank. The representatives include Addison Courtney (Fairmont State University, Mountain East Conference), DJ Guest Jr. (California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association), Scout Huffman (Texas Woman's University, Lone Star Conference), Alia Scotka (University of West Florida, Gulf South Conference) and Haley White (Lincoln Memorial University, At-Large). The Think Tank participants will meet in a videoconference this summer and in-person September 16-17 in Indianapolis.
- 2. Update on The Team's Engaged Athlete Fellowship.** The committee was informed that The Team provides nonpartisan civic engagement resources to student-athletes, coaches and administrators. The organization has previously worked with NCAA Division I SAAC and shared resources with the Division II and Division III SAACs. The Team has a fellowship program that aims to empower student athletes to strengthen nonpartisan civic participation on their teams, their campuses and their broader communities. Applications are open for the 2024-25 fellowship program on its [website](#) until July 7. The fellowship begins in August and concludes in June 2025. The committee was encouraged to share this information with its conference and campus SAACs.
- 3. Future Meetings.**
 - a. July 19-20, 2024, SAAC meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - b. July 20-21, 2024, Management Council and SAAC Summit; Indianapolis, Indiana.
 - c. November 23-24, 2024; SAAC meeting; videoconference.
 - d. January 13-17, 2025, in conjunction with 2025 NCAA Convention; Nashville, Tennessee.
 - e. April 24-27, 2025, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Indianapolis, Indiana.
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- h. November 2025, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; dates and location TBD.

Committee Chair: Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference
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Marcus Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
Becca Burchette Medel, Governance
Morgan Melchert, Eligibility Center
Megan Villanueva, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee June 5, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University, East Coast Conference.	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Addison Courtney, Fairmont State University, Mountain East Conference.	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College, South Atlantic Conference.	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas.	
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Absentees:
Scott Borgmann Jr., Wilmington University (Delaware), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Alexis Montalvo, Ashland University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
Derrick Parker II, Grand Valley State University, At-Large.
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Marcus Brown, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Becca Burchette Medel, Morgan Melchert and Megan Villanueva.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT
May 15-16, 2024, IN-PERSON MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- a. 2025 NCAA Convention Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.1 -- Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Participation During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment.**
- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2025 NCAA Convention to specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to 30% of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) without using a season of competition.
 - (2) Effective date. August 1, 2025.
 - (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. Allowing a Division II student-athlete in any sport to participate in minimal competition during their initial year of collegiate enrollment will provide consistency in applying the season of competition legislation. Further, the opportunity for all sports to participate in minimal competition will ease the decision for coaches and help with student-athlete development and transition to the college game. Additional flexibility with substitutes may allow starters and more experienced student-athletes additional rest and/or to feel less pressure to play through injuries. Finally, amending the season of competition legislation to allow minimal competition in all sports will assist with roster management and student-athlete retention.
 - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
 - (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes in all sports would be provided an opportunity to represent a Division II institution in minimal competition during their initial year of enrollment without using a season of competition.
- b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.2.4.1.6 -- Eligibility -- Season of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Minimum Amount of Competition -- Preseason Exhibition Contests**

or Dates Competition/Preseason Scrimmage During Initial Year – Participation During Any Year.

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to specify that a student-athlete may participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (competition that occurs prior to the first countable contest or date of competition) during any year of their collegiate enrollment and not use a season of competition. [See Attachment.]
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2024.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation, a student-athlete in their initial year of collegiate enrollment may participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) that occur prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport without counting such competition as a season of competition. Expanding the legislation to permit a student-athlete to participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages, regardless of their year of collegiate enrollment, and not use a season of competition, will enhance the student-athlete experience. Further, amending the legislation will create consistency of the application across all sports while also reducing the burden on athletics administrators. Finally, allowing this sort of participation during any year will improve student-athlete retention.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. A student-athlete, regardless of their year of enrollment, would be provided the opportunity to participate in preseason exhibitions and scrimmages and not use a season of competition.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of NCAA Proposal No. EM-2025-1 and impact to student-athletes who served a transfer year-in-residence during the 2023-24 academic year.** The committee reviewed Proposal No. EM-2025-1 (eligibility -- academic and general requirements -- transfer regulations -- four-year transfer -- four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes) which eliminated the transfer year-in-residence requirement for undergraduate student-athletes transferring from other four-year institutions and implemented new

academic standards for immediate eligibility. The committee directed the reinstatement staff to consider the 2023-24 academic year a denied participation opportunity as part of an extension of eligibility waiver request for any student-athlete that could have been otherwise academically eligible to compete but for serving a year in residence given the timing of when the proposal was adopted and the immediate effective date of the proposal to the 2023-24 academic year. The committee also directed reinstatement staff if a spring sport student-athlete became eligible for competition with the adoption of Proposal No. EM-2025-1 and chose to compete in the limited season that was remaining, reinstatement staff should assess those cases under the current season-of-competition waiver legislation.

2. **Review and discuss feedback from NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Division II Coaches Connection, Division II Conference Commissioner Association Compliance Administrators and Division II Institutional Compliance Administrators regarding Bylaws 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of competition), 14.2.4.1.6 (preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition/preseason scrimmage during initial year) and 14.2.5 (hardship waivers).** The committee reviewed feedback from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Coaches Connection, Conference Commissioner Association Compliance Administrators and institutional compliance administrators regarding the application of Bylaws 14.2.4.1, 14.2.4.1.6 and 14.2.5. Based on the feedback, the committee recommended sponsoring 2025 Convention legislation (see Legislative Action Item 1a) and noncontroversial legislation (see Legislative Action Item 1b). The committee did not recommend amending Bylaw 14.2.5 at this time.
3. **Update on the review of NCAA sports wagering legislation.** The committee received an update on a current review of sports waiver legislation, as well as next steps on the review.
4. **Update on Division II Mental Health Hardship Waiver pilot program.** The committee received an update specific to the mental health hardship waiver pilot program and data surrounding cases reviewed under the program.
5. **Review of NCAA Divisions I, II, and III Committees on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Policies and Procedures.** The committee provided initial feedback on a comprehensive review of the committee's policies and procedures. Based on the committee's initial feedback, reinstatement staff will draft updated policies and procedures for review during a future meeting.
6. **Review of final status report from the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee.** The committee received an update on the work of the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee.
7. **Review and discuss Division II Operating Plan.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback related to the Division II Operating Plan.

8. **Update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.** The committee received an update from the office of legal affairs.
9. **Review of the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Guidelines.
10. **NCAA Division II Summary of Legislative Actions.** The committee received an update on legislative actions relevant to student-athlete reinstatement.
11. **Approval of the November 15, 2023, videoconference meeting report of the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** The committee reviewed and approved its November 15, 2023, in-person meeting report.
12. **Chair election.** The committee elected Lynn Griffin, director of athletics, Coker University, as the new chair of the committee effective September 1, 2024.
13. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates:
 - a. November/December 2024 videoconference; timing to be determined.
 - b. May/June 2025 in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Jessica Harbison-Weaver, Pacific West Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs.
 Jess Rigler, Academic and Membership Affairs.

NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement May 15-16, 2024, In-Person Meeting
Attendees:
Addison Courtney, Fairmont State University.
Lynn Griffin, Coker University.
Jessica Harbison-Weaver, Pacific West Conference.
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University.
Chad Williams, Pennsylvania Western University, Edinboro.
Denise Wisniewski, Chestnut Hill College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:
Maison Hubbard and Jess Rigler.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Cynthia Alanis, James Bullock, Gary Brown, Connor Bush, Dana Conner, Tianna Hill, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Liz Perry, Jared Tidemann, Robert Turick, Angela Red and Jerry Vaughn.

Division: II

Proposal Number: NC-2025-20

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- PRESEASON EXHIBITION CONTESTS OR DATES OF COMPETITION/PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES DURING INITIAL YEAR -- PARTICIPATION DURING ANY YEAR

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: June 20, 2024

Status: Last Review

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete during any year of their collegiate enrollment may participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (competition that occurs prior to the first countable contest or date of competition) and not use a season of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.4.1, as follows:

14.4.3.4.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[14.4.3.4.1.1 through 14.4.3.4.1.5 unchanged.]

14.4.3.4.1.6 Preseason Exhibition Contests or Dates of Competition/Preseason Scrimmages ~~During Initial Year. During a~~ student-athlete's ~~initial year of collegiate enrollment, they~~ may compete in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) that occur prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport without counting such competition as a season of competition.

[14.4.3.4.1.7 unchanged.]

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

May 15, 2024: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, a student-athlete in their initial year of collegiate enrollment may participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) that occur prior to the first countable contest or date of competition in the sport without counting such competition as a season of competition. Expanding the legislation to permit a student-athlete to participate in preseason exhibition contests or dates of competition and preseason scrimmages, regardless of their year of collegiate enrollment, and not use a season of competition, will enhance the student-athlete experience. Further, amending the legislation will create consistency of the application across all sports while also reducing the burden on athletics administrators. Finally, allowing this sort of participation during any year will improve student-athlete retention.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
14.4.3.4.1	Minimum Amount of Competition.
14.4.3.4.1.6	Preseason Exhibition Contests or Dates of Competition/Preseason Scrimmages During Initial Year.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CONVENTION PLANNING PROJECT TEAM
JUNE 20, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. 2025 NCAA Convention Division II Schedule.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the Division II schedule for the 2025 NCAA Convention, as attached.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The core Division II Convention schedule is similar from previous in-person Conventions. Timing will allow Division II delegates to participate in as many Association-wide events as possible, while still being able to attend Division II functions and conduct the quarterly governance business of the division. Further, for the 2025 Convention, the Association-wide core schedule has shifted to begin one day earlier, to Tuesday, January 14, and end Friday, January 17, thus having the Division II business session moved to Friday, and shifting all other Division II programming a day earlier.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. 2025 Convention Division II Educational Programming.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the programming for the 2025 Convention, as follows:
 - (a) Wednesday afternoon, January 15 (60-Minute Session):

Division II Education Session in Association-wide time slot – Strategic approach to adding new Division II sports. This session will be led by a panel of athletics administrators.
 - (b) Wednesday afternoon, January 15 (60-Minute Session):

Division II Education Session in Association-wide time slot – NIL: Who is doing it? What are others doing at the Division II level? This

session will be led by a panel of athletics administrators and student-athletes.

- (c) Thursday morning Division II programming from 9 to 10:15 a.m. January 16:

A concurrent series of three sessions:

- i. Fundraising/alternative revenue streams. This session will allow participants to share ideas in a round-table format.
- ii. Enrollment management/roster management. This session will allow participants to share ideas in a round-table format.
- iii. Staffing at Division II campuses. This session will allow participants to share ideas in a round-table format.

- (d) Thursday Division II Keynote Session from 10:30 a.m. to noon January 16.

The project team reviewed possible speakers for the Keynote Session. The project team ranked the selections in the following order:

- i. **Steve Jones**, The Twin Thieves. Steve Jones is a leadership coach, keynote speaker, consultant, and best-selling author who empowers leaders to build strong, united, and resilient cultures. His positive impact developed as a teacher and head football coach at Kimberly High School in Wisconsin, where he led his team to a record of 129-9 (including 70 consecutive wins) and multiple state championships. Steve's winning formula captivates Fortune 500 companies, pro sports teams, and competitive leaders aiming to inspire successful, connected teams.
- ii. **Betsy Butterick**, Coach & Communication Specialist, Butterick Coaching & Communications LLC Relating to Today's Student-Athlete: Effectively Coaching Gen Z Today's coaches cite challenges with their student-athletes' perceived short attention spans, inability to accept criticism (even when it's constructive) and an almost constant need for reassurance and validation. This session unpacks why "kids these days" are so different from previous generations and offers 56 options to better communicate with, connect with and coach Gen Z athletes.

iii. **Panel with Independent Members of the Division II Executive Board and/or NCAA Board of Governors.** Independent members (e.g., Lisa Borders, Allison Feaster, Larry Parkinson, Nadja West) can share their insight as to their motivations to serve on these boards, their experiences as student-athletes (if applicable), and as successful executives in their fields.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The project team reviewed the surveys that were submitted by the Division II membership, as well as feedback from the Management Council and Presidents Council, and structured the recommendations to align with the feedback received, as well as current issues and hot topics.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The videoconference was convened the at 11:01 a.m. Eastern time June 20. The project team was welcomed along with the NCAA and Short's Travel staff members in attendance.

2. **Association-Wide Update.** The Convention management team provided a brief update regarding logistics. All 2025 Convention meetings and programming for all divisions will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. The meeting space portal will open Monday, June 24 and the registration portal will open Tuesday, September 10. The registration fee for delegates remains flat for the 2025 Convention (\$325 for early bird registration, September 10 through October 11). The room rate for the for the Gaylord is \$272 per night, plus taxes. Finally, transportation from hotels to the airport will be provided on Friday only.

a. **Schedule.** The project team reviewed the core schedule for all Association activities during the 2025 Convention. The Convention management staff noted that the Association-wide core has shifted to begin one day earlier, to Tuesday, January 14 through Friday, January 17. Due to the shift in dates, the programming has also shifted to one day earlier. Programming will be similar to the 2024 Convention.

b. **Programming and Events.** The project team was updated concerning the educational sessions and events for Association-wide functions. Final determinations on Association-wide programming and education sessions will be made this summer and shared as a part of the registration process.

Project Team Chair: Danny McCabe, Adelphi University

Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance

Maritza Jones, Division II Governance

NCAA Division II Convention Planning Project Team June 20, 2024, Videoconference	
Members in Attendees:	
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University.	
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines.	
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California.	
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.	
Kristinia Ortiz, Georgian Court University.	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.	
Kim Pate. Lenoir-Rhyne University.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests:	
Emily Tisdale, Short's Travel Management.	
NCAA Staff Support:	
Stacey Blackwell, Terri Steeb Gronau, Anna Lynn Houk, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Randall Kelso, Ann Martin, Becca Medel, Angela Red, Crystal Reimer and Jill Waddell.	



2025 NCAA Convention
Division II Core Schedule of Events

Monday, January 13

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Division II Management Council Meeting

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting

2:30 to 4:45 p.m. Association-Wide Featured and Education Sessions

5 to 6:30 p.m. Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Wednesday, January 15

8 to 11 a.m. Division II Executive Board/Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Breakfast and Meeting

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Breakfast for New Division II Athletics Directors

8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Association-wide Featured and Education Sessions

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Division II Executive Board Meeting

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Division II Management Council Mentor/Mentee Meeting and Lunch

5 to 6 p.m. Woman of the Year Presentation

~~6 to 7:15 p.m. NCAA Delegates Reception~~

7:30 to 9 p.m. Division II Management Council Toast

Thursday, January 16

7:45 to 11 a.m. Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast and Meeting

7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Division II Delegates Breakfast

9 to 10:15 a.m. Division II Education Sessions

10:30 a.m. to Noon	Division II Keynote Session
1 to 5 p.m.	Division II Conference Meetings
2:30 to 7 p.m.	NCAA Board of Governors Meeting
5 to 6 p.m.	Division II Faculty Mentor Award Presentation and Reception
6 to 7 p.m.	FARA Reception
Friday, January 17	
7 to 8 a.m.	Delegates Breakfast
8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Division II Business Session
	Hotel Departure

Note: Events noted in blue font are part of the Association-wide Convention schedule and are still being discussed and subject to change.



REPORT OF THE NCAA
DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IDENTITY SUBCOMMITTEE
MAY 9, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion on Scholarship Finalists.** The NCAA Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee discussed the male and female finalists for the Division II 50th anniversary scholarship and determined one male and one female recipient from each of the division's 23 conferences.
2. **Scholarship Communication Plan and Confidentiality.** The committee discussed the importance of keeping the information pertaining to the Division II 50th anniversary scholarship confidential until the 46 recipients are announced May 20 at the Division II National Championships Spring Festival, on ncaa.org and the division's social media channels.
3. **Discussion on Division II Yearbook.** An annual Division II Yearbook has been provided to the membership at the NCAA Convention for the last 15 to 20 years. The purpose of the yearbook is to highlight the division's accomplishments, championships, work in the governance structure, news and a special feature section that spotlights an important item for Division II. The committee discussed whether the yearbook is still a benefit of the Division II membership and if so, what content should be featured. The committee concluded that the membership enjoys the yearbook, it gives Division II an opportunity to tell its story and that schools and conferences would be disappointed if they did not receive a printed copy of the yearbook at the NCAA Convention. The committee recommended spotlighting the work of national SAAC more in the publication and highlighting SAAC alumni who are having successful careers. The committee agreed that the membership particularly enjoys the special feature section and is interested in reading more human-interest stories on student-athletes, coaches and staff. The committee suggested that the championships section be scaled down or removed since most people who are interested in the information will look it up prior to the yearbook being distributed. The group recommended that staff seek feedback on the yearbook from conference and campus athletic communicators.
4. **Future Meetings.** The subcommittee will meet next on July 22 after the first day of the Management Council meeting. Following the July meeting, the subcommittee noted an October virtual meeting will occur at a time and date to be determined.

Committee Chair: Sandee Mott, Texas Woman’s University, Lone Star Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Jones, Division II Governance
Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance
Maritza Jones, Division II Governance
Becca Burchette Medel, Division II Governance

Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee May 9, 2024, Videoconference
Attendees:
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University.
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California.
Danny McCabe, Adelphi University.
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University.
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman’s University.
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University.
Absentees:
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos.
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College.
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Becca Burchette Medel.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
MAY 14, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Committee on Women's Athletics chair, Ragean Hill, welcomed the committee, including new member Gabriella Miller, student-athlete from Wisconsin Lutheran College representing the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
2. **Review of previous report.** The committee approved the report from its February 7, 2024, videoconference as presented.
3. **Emerging sports for Women biannual updates.** The committee received a biannual update on the progress of the six emerging sports (acrobatics & tumbling; equestrian; rugby; stunt; triathlon; and women's wrestling) from their national governing body or recognized national organization. NCAA staff noted that each of emerging sports submitted its biannual updates through a standardized form. The form included questions related to the following:
 - a. Institutions and conferences that added or dropped the sport since fall 2023;
 - b. Efforts to grow the sport in each division;
 - c. A summary of the current landscape of the sport at the club level and growth in the youth/high school pipeline;
 - d. Collaborative efforts to grow the pipeline;
 - e. Any challenges the sport is facing; and
 - f. Other important information.

The committee discussed each sport and raised any relevant questions or concerns regarding each sport's progress.

The biannual update also included a summary of the legislative timeline to establish a national collegiate championship and sport committee in women's wrestling. It is anticipated that the three divisions will sponsor legislation for votes during the 2025 NCAA Convention. If adopted, the new women's wrestling committee would begin its work immediately to begin planning for the first championship in winter 2026. It was noted that the NCAA Board of Governors formally approved the budget to support the championship and committee during its April videoconference.

4. **Review and approval of changes to the Emerging Sports for Women program guide for current sports.** The committee reviewed a draft of the new guide for sports accepted into the emerging sports for women program. The draft included recommended changes from a subgroup of the committee, as well as feedback from current emerging sports leaders, past applicants, outside stakeholders and other individuals who worked with the program in the past.

The new guide includes enhanced support for current emerging sports, among other improvements. The committee discussed additional components that should be added to the guide, including the addition of a more thorough five-year review to provide more specific feedback to sports before they approach the 10-year mark. The committee believes such a review might help address growth concerns and provide feedback to sports facing unanticipated challenges from when they entered the program. More guidance related to communications, the governance process and the role of the NCAA will be included in the guide. Staff noted that it will continue revising the document based on feedback, with plans to submit the guide for review before final approval in late summer or early fall.

5. **Anticipated applications for the 2024-25 academic year for the Emerging Sports for Women program.** Staff provided an update on sports that have indicated intent to apply to the program, including women's flag football. The deadline for applications is August 1, 2024.
6. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.** The SAAC representatives from Divisions II and III provided updates on their April meetings and other ongoing initiatives, including congressional engagement efforts. A report from the Division I SAAC was not provided, as that representative was unable to attend the videoconference.
7. **Feedback from CWA on NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (voting on football issues).** Staff solicited the committee's feedback on whether Division II should sponsor legislation to eliminate the current legislation that precludes an active member institution or conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football. The legislation was adopted by the Association in 1988 as a common provision and became a federated rule in 1997 to permit each division to amend it separately, if desired. The Division II membership has raised questions about whether the legislation should be eliminated to allow all schools and conferences to vote on issues related to any sport, regardless of sponsorship. The committee emphasized that schools that do not sponsor football could be affected (either directly or inadvertently) by football-specific legislation and thus should be permitted to vote on those proposals. The committee also agreed that it was not equitable for football to be the only sport to which such a restriction applied.
8. **2024 NCAA Woman of the Year award process overview and updates.** The committee discussed the 2024 award process and changes made to align the process with other NCAA awards. The committee encouraged staff to continue pursuing ways to streamline the application to relieve the administrative burden, particularly with the community service

portion. The committee also discussed the selection of an additional committee member from Division I and that the vacancy would be filled via electronic mail.

9. Other business.

a. Updates related to Title IX. Staff highlighted the recently released Title IX regulations from the Biden Administration, which includes guidance on athletics equity. Staff also shared the [recent study from the U.S. Government Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#) regarding athletics equity.

b. Future meetings. The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule, including a joint videoconference with the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee scheduled for May 22 and an in-person meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26.

10. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Staff Liaisons: Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs.

Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.

Ashlesha Lokhande, Office of Inclusion.

Gretchen Miron, Office of Inclusion.

NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics May 14, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University.	
Katherine Rowe Fell, University of Findlay.	
Sharief Hashim, Susquehanna University.	
Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.	
Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University.	
Gabiella Miller, Wisconsin Lutheran College.	
LaWanda Miller, Fayetteville State University.	
Michael Perez, California State University, Fullerton.	
Chuck Sack, Neumann University	
Steve Stoute, Canisius University.	
Sean Sullivan, Salve Regina University.	
Dawn Turner, Lander University.	
Absentees:	
Greg Bamberger, Fairmont State University.	
Elise Byun, University of California, Berkeley.	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College.	

Quinton Ross, Alabama State University.
Tracy Shoemake, Texas State University.
Marion Terenzio, State University of New York at Cobleskill.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Maison Hubbard, Ashlesha Lokhande and Gretchen Miron.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting
Stacey Blackwell, Niya Blair-Hackworth, Debbie Brown, Gary Brown, Gail Dent, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Melody Lawrence, Jean Merrill, Angela Red, Stephanie Quigg, Sadé Sleet, Mikaela Topper, Amy Wilson and Donovan Wilson.



NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Program Updates

June 2024

ESW Program



- The NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program was created in 1994 based on a recommendation from the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force.
- Purpose of the program is to grow meaningful intercollegiate sport participation for women and reach the required number of varsity teams to be considered for NCAA championship status.
- Past emerging sports that have become championship sports are rowing (1996); women's ice hockey (2000); women's water polo (2000); bowling (2003); and women's beach volleyball (2015).

ESW Program Review



- The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics oversees the program and has undergone a program review over the past year.
- NCAA business plan emphasizing women's sport growth opportunities provided opportune time for program improvements and enhancements to better support all sports.
- CWA solicited feedback from all six current emerging sports, the USOPC, past applicants, and NCAA administrators that have supported or engaged with the program.

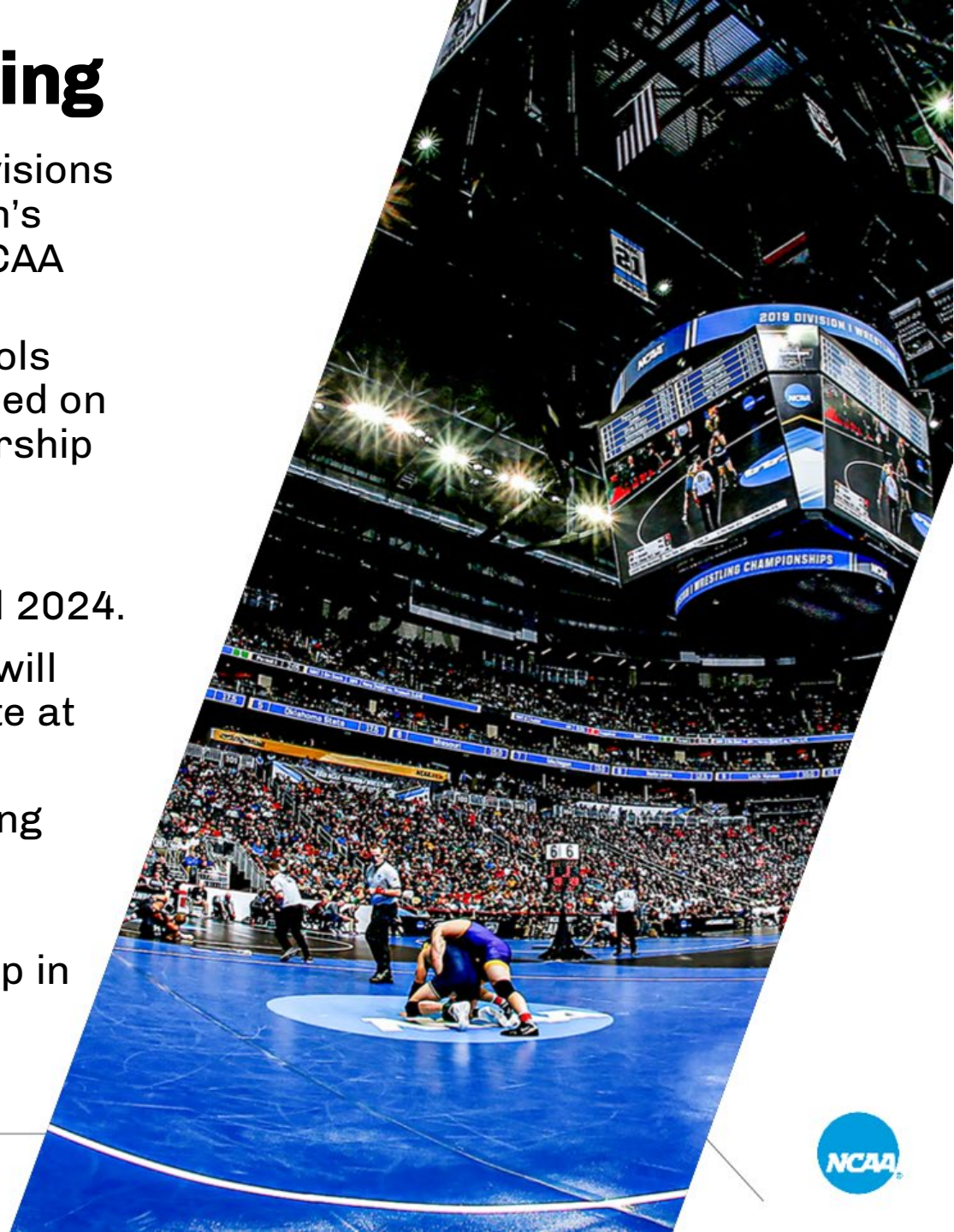
ESW Program Review Highlights



- CWA will continue to support and seek additional enhancements to support current and prospective sports.
- Progress thus far includes:
 - Created a new application guide and online application.
 - Created a new interest form for prospective sports.
 - Created a new guide specific to current sports to be shared with sport leaders in fall 2024.
 - Increased support from NCAA communications to highlight current sports, elevate student-athlete stories and better inform membership about emerging sports.
 - Increased educational opportunities for NCAA membership (e.g., NCAA Convention session, Regional Rules session, planned webinar series, etc.).

Women's Wrestling

- CWA recommended to the divisions in February 2024 that women's wrestling become the next NCAA championship.
 - Confirmed over 40 schools sponsored the sport based on 2022-23 Sports Sponsorship and Participation data.
- Budget was approved in April 2024.
- Anticipate all three divisions will introduce legislation for a vote at the 2025 NCAA Convention.
- If approved, women's wrestling committee would be effective immediately.
- Anticipated first championship in **winter 2026**.



Women's Flag Football



- Anticipate they will apply to the ESW Program this year.
 - Application will be submitted by RCX Sports Foundation with support from USA Football.
- CWA will begin reviewing the application in September 2024.
- Upon review, the committee will decide whether to recommend the sport to the divisions to add to the program.
- Same legislative process as all other emerging sports will apply.

Women's Flag Football



- Identified in business plan as an opportunity to support women's sport growth and take a new approach.
- NCAA has engaged with members and women's flag football stakeholders to proactively engage around the sport and understand membership interest.
- External interest from the USOPC (Olympic sport in 2028), NFL, NFHS, NIRSA and other key stakeholders.
- Eleven NCAA schools have announced varsity programs for 2024-25 and over 15 NCAA schools have announced club programs.

Women's Flag: Key contacts and resources



Key contacts

- **NCAA:** Mikaela Topper (mtopper@ncaa.org)
- **RCX Sports Foundation:** Jade Strawberry (jstrawberry@rcxsports.com)
- **NFL:** Isaac Gittens (Isaac.Gittens@nfl.com)
- **USA Women's Flag Football:** Mary Kate Bula (mkbula@comcast.net)

Resources

- RCX Sports Foundation Grant intake form: [HERE](#)
- Recap of 2023 Flag Finals: [HERE](#)
- Recap of Falcons showcase (30 seconds): [HERE](#)
- NAIA overview video (4 mins): [HERE](#)
- NCAA informational video (20 mins): [HERE](#)

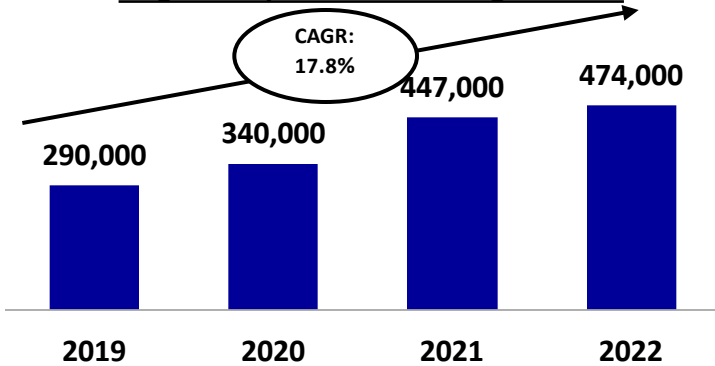
Women's Flag Overview: Youth and high school participation



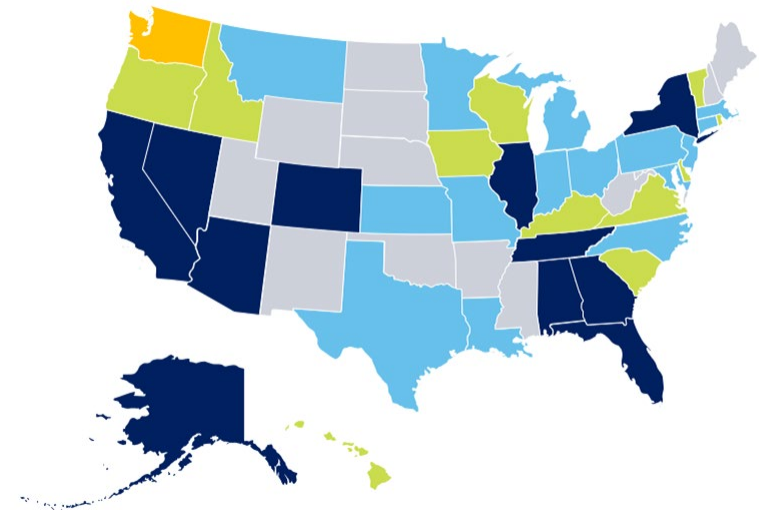
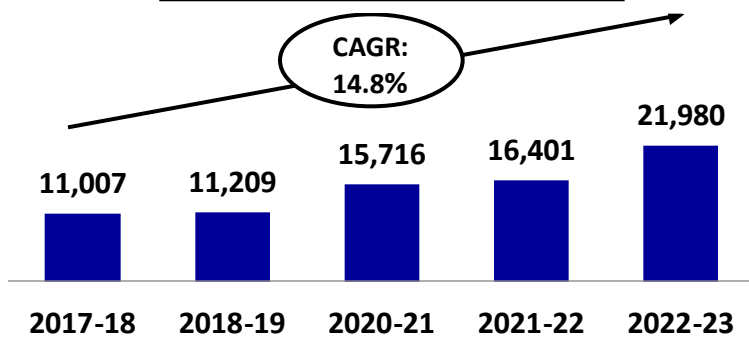
The numbers of girls playing flag football at the youth and HS level continues to grow

...and the number of states sanctioning Girls Flag as a Varsity sports is also increasing

Flag Participation for Girls Aged 6 – 17



High School Girls Flag Participation



- Sanctioned (11 states)
- Shows Interest/Target States
- Pilot Programs
- Voting in '24

Source: SFIA & NFHS

Women's Flag Overview: Collegiate participation



Details follow

Women's Collegiate Flag Football



- 11 confirmed varsity programs for 2024-2025 year across all divisions
 - Atlantic East 1st conference to add Flag Football as varsity sport

- 24 varsity schools participating
- 5 additional planning to start next season
- Ongoing conversations with additional conferences



- 7 varsity schools participating
- 5 additional colleges planning to launch Women's Flag Football



*as of May 2024

NCAA women's flag football sponsorship



Over the last 2 months, 410+ schools have expressed interest in learning more about women's flag football

11 member institutions have officially announced varsity teams for 2024 – 2025 season:

Name	Primary Conference	Primary Division
Alabama State University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	Division I
Benedictine University (Illinois)	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference	Division III
Centenary University (New Jersey)	Atlantic East Conference	Division III
College of Staten Island	East Coast Conference	Division II
Emmanuel University (Georgia)	Conference Carolinas	Division II
Huntingdon College	Collegiate Conference of the South	Division III
Immaculata University	Atlantic East Conference	Division III
LaGrange College	Collegiate Conference of the South	Division III
Marymount University (Virginia)	Atlantic East Conference	Division III
Neumann University	Atlantic East Conference	Division III
Rockford University	Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference	Division III

14 club teams competed this year and at least 2 more will compete next year:

Name	Primary Conference	Primary Division
Boston University	Patriot League	Division I
California Lutheran University	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf.	Division III
Florida A&M University	Southwestern Athletic Conf.	Division I
Florida Atlantic University	American Athletic Conference	Division I
Florida State University	Atlantic Coast Conference	Division I
Gallaudet University	United East Conference	Division III
North Carolina Central University	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conf.	Division I
Princeton University	The Ivy League	Division I
University of Central Florida	Big 12 Conference	Division I
University of Florida	Southeastern Conference	Division I
University of Georgia	Southeastern Conference	Division I
University of Maryland, College Park	Big Ten Conference	Division I
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	Atlantic Coast Conference	Division I
University of Redlands	Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf.	Division III
University of South Florida	American Athletic Conference	Division I
University of Tampa	Sunshine State Conference	Division II

NCAA and RCX Sports Foundation are actively working with NIRSA to identify additional club and intramural women's flag football programs



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REPORT OF THE
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE
MAY 16, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome, announcements and review of mission and duties.** The vice chair of the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee welcomed the group, including new members Karla Meija, head athletic trainer at New Jersey City University; Ashlee Williams, director of diversity and inclusion for athletics, deputy Title IX coordinator for athletics, and athletics academic support coordinator at Eastern University; and Oliver Williams, student-athlete at Westfield State University representing the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. After announcements, the committee reviewed its mission and duties.
2. **Review and approve the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 14, 2024, videoconference report.** The committee approved the February 14, videoconference report.
3. **Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee (ADID) engagement.**
 - a. **ADID Summit recap.** NCAA staff updated the committee on the ADID Summit that was held in conjunction with the annual NCAA Inclusion Forum in April. There was an increase in attendance this year and feedback from the attendees indicated that the educational sessions, workshops and networking opportunities were relevant and helpful.
 - b. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Modules.** Staff updated the committee on efforts underway to develop two education modules that will be available in the fall 2024 through the NCAA learning portal for athletics diversity and inclusion designees (ADIDs). These modules will assist in providing foundational diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging education. While the modules will be for ADIDs within all three divisions, the modules will support the new Division I legislation, effective in August 2025. The legislation requires member schools to appoint a senior-level administrator with appropriate training as an athletics diversity and inclusion designee. The modules will emphasize the training component and provide users with tools to foster an inclusive and welcoming environment on their campuses. A total of four to six modules are expected to be completed by the fall 2025.
4. **NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.**
 - a. **Division I.** The Division I SAAC representative was not present to provide an update.

- b. **Division II.** The Division II SAAC representative provided an update on the completion of its Division II campus SAAC guide, which provides best practices for campuses on engaging SAAC. The Division II conference SAAC guide will be complete in the coming weeks. The representative promoted the DII University modules on the NCAA learning portal and noted Division II SAAC's commitment to supporting the 2024 Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign to increase student-athlete engagement.
 - c. **Division III.** The Division III SAAC representative provided an update on Division III SAAC's April meeting where representatives were engaged in discussions related to current transfer legislation, student-athletes as institutional employees, sports betting and efforts student-athletes can engage in to influence congressional opinions on issues related to student-athletes.
5. **2024 Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign themes and dates.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2024 campaign dates and themes, which will be conducted October 15-17. This themes for the 2024 social media campaign are as follows: (1) Who am I – identifying an aspect of an individual's identity that makes them who they are, how they provide leadership in the team environment and how they see the world; (2) Leveling the Playing Field – discussing what's being done on campus to recognize and value minoritized student-athletes, coaches, and administrators; and (3) The 1% Rule – action steps on how participants can be one-percent better with their individual and collective DEIB efforts going forward.
6. **Senior Minority Administrator (SMA) Working Group update.** The SMA Exploratory Working Group chair and staff provided an overview to the committee on the history of the SMA proposal and why the working group was established. The chair summarized the working group's February and March meetings, noting that the group's charge was to explore the feasibility of the SMA designation and make a recommendation to MOIC at its May 2024 meeting. After extensive discussion and review of data and research, along with presentations from constituents and stakeholders, the exploratory working group arrived at the following recommendation for MOIC to consider:
 - a. Create a resource for the NCAA membership detailing the value and importance of diverse representation within leadership roles in intercollegiate athletics (highlighting relevant leadership development programs, relevant research, and other initiatives/programs related to diverse hiring from the office of inclusion). The resource should be actively shared with the NCAA membership at the NCAA Convention, Inclusion Forum, and other platforms that target athletics directors and presidents/chancellors.
 - b. Obtain feedback from the Division I membership regarding the senior minority administrator concept/proposal, including the relevance, need, name, etc., of the SMA.

- c. Pause moving forward with the SMA designation with Division I until the previously noted actions have been completed.
- d. Make recommendations to Divisions II and III based on direction moving forward with Division I and consider the unique differences that Divisions II and III will face if the SMA designation is implemented.

The committee supported the recommendation and acknowledged the working group's efforts to reach this recommendation.

7. **Award for Diversity and Inclusion new process.** The committee noted the new process for selecting the 2025 NCAA Award for Diversity and Inclusion recipients honoring three recipients, one representing each division, rather than the current process of selecting one overall recipient. The new process will begin in the 2024-25 academic year, and recipients will be recognized at the 2025 NCAA Convention.
8. **2024 MOIC Champions of Diversity and Inclusion Honorees.** Staff informed the committee of the three individuals who were selected for their work in supporting ethnic minorities and other underrepresented populations in athletics. Those recipients will be officially recognized with a release on the NCAA website in May.
9. **Current issues and impact on intercollegiate athletics discussion.** The committee discussed current issues that may have an impact on intercollegiate athletics, particularly as it relates to the impacts on diversity and inclusion. The discussion focused primarily on the new ADID requirements in Division I and whether similar legislation would be beneficial for Divisions II and III. The committee agreed that the Divisions II and III leadership councils should be asked to provide feedback regarding the potential benefits and challenges of adopting such a proposal before moving forward. Staff also updated the committee on trends regarding international student-athletes and adaptive sport student-athletes, highlighting initiatives in 2024 related to the NCAA's partnership with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.
10. **Other business.** The committee formally recognized the contributions from outgoing members, Marshall Fey, Lonnie Folks, Jason Johnson Jr. and Dwaun Warmack, who are completing their terms on the committee.
11. **Future meetings.** The committee will meet jointly with the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics on Wednesday, May 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Eastern Time. The committee will meet in-person September 26-27, 2024, at the NCAA national office.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. Eastern time.

Report of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee

May 16, 2024, Videoconference

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Committee Chair: Adam Hutchinson, Earlham College.
Staff Liaisons: Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion.
Dee Kennedy, Enforcement.
Sadé Sleet, Office of Inclusion.

NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee May 16, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University.	
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.	
Hamilton Cook, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.	
Marshall Fey, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Lonnie Folks, Maryville University of St. Louis.	
Lisa Freeman, Northern Illinois University.	
Adam Hutchinson, Earlham College.	
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University.	
Karla Meija, New Jersey City University.	
Tommye Robinson, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.	
Christian Spears, Marshall University.	
Zulma Toro, Central Connecticut State University.	
Ashlee Williams, Eastern University.	
Oliver Williams, Westfield State University.	
Absentees:	
Adam Hutchinson, Earlham College.	
Jason Johnson Jr., Alabama A&M University.	
William Kelly, Christopher Newport University.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Myora Slaughter, Rosemont College.	
Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Niya Blair Hackworth, Dee Kennedy and Sadé Sleet.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:	
Debbie Brown, Gary Brown, Gail Dent, Maritza Jones, Ashlesha Lokhande, Louise McCleary, Gretchen Miron, Stephanie Quigg, Amy Wilson and Donovan Wilson.	



REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AND
MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2024, JOINT VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics chair, Ragean Hill, welcomed members from both committees, including those members who are new to their respective committees, and previewed key agenda items.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committees approved the September 19, 2023, joint meeting report.
3. **Updates from the CWA and MOIC May meetings.** Representatives from both committees provided key takeaways from the Committee on Women's Athletics and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee's meetings in early May.
 - a. **Committee on Women's Athletics.** It was noted that the committee received biannual updates from the six sports in the Emerging Sports for Women Program and reviewed a draft of the Emerging Sports for Women program guide to help support the current sports. The committee also provided feedback on whether Division II should sponsor legislation to eliminate the current legislation that precludes an active member institution or conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football. In addition, the committee reviewed the NCAA Woman of the Year process, including the application procedures. Finally, the committee received updates related to recently released Title IX regulations and the Government Accountability Office report.
 - b. **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** It was noted that the committee reviewed and approved the proposed dates and themes for the 2024 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign, which will be conducted October 15-17. The committee also reviewed the new process, which will begin in the 2024-25 academic year, for selecting the NCAA Award for Diversity and Inclusion to honor three recipients (one representing each division) rather than the current process of selecting one overall recipient. Finally, the committee reviewed programs and initiatives designed to increase engagement among athletics diversity and inclusion designees.
4. **Gender equity evaluation update.** The committees received a historical summary of the external gender equity review and ongoing efforts within the NCAA national office to assess operations from an equity perspective proactively. NCAA staff noted that modules are in development for national office staff to address equity in all aspects – not just gender – in their work. It is anticipated that the modules will be available in the fall.

5. **Ongoing efforts to expand opportunities for student-athletes.**
 - a. **NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Program and women's wrestling.** The committees received updates on the six current emerging sports, including possible legislation in all three divisions during the 2025 NCAA Convention that would establish a national collegiate championship and sport committee in women's wrestling. Staff noted that the NCAA Board of Governors approved the budget to support the championship and committee during its April videoconference. If the proposals are introduced and adopted, the first NCAA National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship would be conducted in winter 2026.
 - b. **Women's flag football.** Staff informed the committees that women's flag football is expected to submit its application to the Emerging Sports for Women program by the August 1 deadline.
 - c. **Para-College Inclusion Project and paralympic sports.** The committees received updates on initiatives to engage NCAA schools with adaptive sports while simultaneously increasing Paralympic sport understanding, awareness and connection across the collegiate landscape. These initiatives include competitive wheelchair events conducted at this year's Division I Women's Final Four, Division I Men's and Women's Tennis Championships, and Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships. It was noted that a new and innovative online hub highlighting collegiate sport for adaptive athletes is close to launching. The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and NCAA designed the site to grow Para sport programs and athlete participation across campuses. The site is expected to be completed before the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
 - d. **HBCU engagement.** Staff updated the committees regarding ongoing efforts to better support and communicate with HBCU administrators and student-athletes, including roundtable sessions with HBCU commissioners, supporting six HBCU student-athletes to attend the annual Black Student-Athlete Summit as NCAA HBCU Fellows, and sessions at the 2024 NCAA Inclusion Forum during which HBCU leaders shared how they support and lead diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts at their institutions and conferences.
6. **NCAA transgender student-athlete participation policy updates.** Staff updated the committees on the NCAA transgender student-athlete participation policy and the legal/legislative landscape impacting transgender student-athletes.
7. **Senior Minority Administrator (SMA) status.** MOIC representatives updated the committees on the recommendations from the SMA Exploratory Working Group. The SMA Working Group was charged to explore the feasibility of the SMA designation and make a recommendation to MOIC at its May 2024 meeting. The following recommendations were approved by MOIC during its meeting:

- a. Create a resource for the NCAA membership detailing the value and importance of diverse representation within leadership roles in intercollegiate athletics (highlighting relevant leadership development programs, relevant research, and other initiatives/programs related to diverse hiring from the office of inclusion). The resource should be actively shared with the NCAA membership at the NCAA Convention, Inclusion Forum, and other platforms that target athletics directors and presidents/chancellors.
 - b. Obtain feedback from the Division I membership regarding the senior minority administrator concept/proposal, including the relevance, need, name, etc., of the SMA.
 - c. Pause moving forward with the SMA designation with Division I until the previously noted actions have been completed.
 - d. Make recommendations to Divisions II and III based on direction moving forward with Division I and consider the unique differences that Divisions II and III will face if the SMA designation is implemented.
8. **NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee updates.** The Division II SAAC representatives from CWA and MOIC updated the committees on the April meetings and other ongoing initiatives, including congressional engagement efforts. The Division II SAAC also finalized its campus guide for SAAC best practices and will complete the conference guide in the coming weeks. The Division III SAAC representative from MOIC provided an update on Division III SAAC's April meeting where representatives were engaged in discussions related to current transfer legislation, student-athletes as institutional employees, sports betting and efforts student-athletes can engage in to influence congressional opinions on issues related to student-athletes. A report from Division I SAAC was not provided, as those representatives were unable to attend the videoconference.
9. **Board of Governors review of Association-wide committees.** The committees received updates from the NCAA DEI Committees Review Working Group assigned with reviewing the charge from the NCAA Board of Governors to examine the function and duties of the committees to assess whether potential changes would better align the committees' work with the new constitution and determine how to streamline the Association-wide governance structure. The working group is in the process of developing a model that would establish one centralized committee that would include subcommittees and an Administrative Committee to manage specific topics within the DEI space. The recommended model will be reviewed by all four DEI groups in June before the Board of Governors reviews the recommendation in August.
10. **Social Justice Working Group update.** Staff noted that the group met earlier this month and agreed to sunset the working group due to the Association-wide committees' review. Rather than continuing as a separate entity, the group determined that the foundational work it has accomplished would be better incorporated into the future committee structure.

11. The working group members agreed that these contributions will be of value going forward for the new committee.
12. **NCAA Inclusion Forum recap.** The committees received updates from the 2024 NCAA Inclusion Forum conducted in April. Staff noted the increased attendance, summarized the sessions, and acknowledged positive feedback from participants. Staff also provided summaries of the ADID Summit and the inaugural Student-Athlete Symposium, which were conducted in conjunction with the Forum.
13. **Future meetings.** It was noted that both committees will conduct separate in-person meetings September 26, and then convene jointly September 27 at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis.
14. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chairs: CWA: Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
MOIC: Adam Hutchinson, Earlham College.

Staff Liaisons (CWA): Maison Hubbard, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Ashlesha Lokhande, Office of Inclusion.
Gretchen Miron, Office of Inclusion.

Staff Liaisons (MOIC): Niya Blair Hackworth, Office of Inclusion.
Dee Kennedy, Enforcement.
Sadé Sleet, Office of Inclusion.

NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee May 22, 2024, Joint Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Committee on Women’s Athletics	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University.	
Greg Bamberger, Fairmont State University.	
Ragean Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.	
Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University.	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College.	
LaWanda Miller, Fayetteville State University.	
Quinton Ross, Alabama State University.	
Chuck Sack, Neumann University.	
Tracy Shoemake, Texas State University.	
Steve Stoute, Canisius College.	
Dawn Turner, Lander University.	

Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University.
Amanda Braun, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
Marshall Fey, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
Lisa Freeman, Northern Illinois University.
Adam Hutchinson, Earlham College.
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University.
Jason Johnson Jr., Alabama A&M University.
Karla Mejia, New Jersey City University.
Tommye Robinson, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
Ashlee Williams, Eastern University.
Oliver Williams, Westfield State University.
Absentees:
Committee on Women’s Athletics
Elise Byun, University of California, Berkeley.
Katherine Rowe Fell, University of Findlay.
Sharief Hashim, Susquehanna University.
Gabriella Miller, Wisconsin Lutheran College.
Michael Perez, California State University, Fullerton.
Sean Sullivan, Salve Regina University.
Marion Terenzio, State University of New York at Cobleskill.
Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee
Hamilton Cook, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Lonnie Folks, Maryville University of St. Louis.
William Kelly, Christopher Newport University.
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.
Myora Slaughter, Rosemont College.
Christian Spears, Marshall University.
Zulma Toro, Central Connecticut State University.
Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Niya Blair Hackworth, Maison Hubbard, Dee Kennedy, Ashlesha Lokhande, Gretchen Miron and Sadé Sleet.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance for Portions of the Meeting:
Geoff Bentzel, Debbie Brown, Gary Brown, Gail Dent, Jean Merrill, Stephanie Quigg, Jared Tidemann, Shay Wallach, Amy Wilson and Donovan Wilson.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL
JUNE 6, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Tiffany Daniels, chair of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, welcomed the panel.
2. **Duties and conflict of interest.** PROP reviewed its duties and the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy.
3. **Approval of April 18, 2024, meeting report.** PROP approved the April 18, 2024, meeting report as written.
4. **NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved two rules changes submitted by the Men's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Amending the current rules to require that physical abuse of an official is an ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.
 - b. Allowing officials to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in either half or any overtime period.

Lastly, it was noted that the men's basketball rules committee approved a proposed experimental rule for the 2025 National Invitation Tournament that would allow a coach to appeal out-of-bounds calls for video replay review in the last two minutes of games. The experimental rule would eliminate the official's voluntary ability to review out-of-bounds calls on the floor in the last two minutes of the game. Instead, these calls for a video review would be tied to the timeouts a team has remaining. If a team appeals the call and it is overturned, the team making the appeal would retain the timeout. The NIT Board is scheduled to review this proposed experimental rule during an upcoming meeting.

5. **NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved three rules changes submitted by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee, which included:
 - a. Amending the current rules to require that physical abuse of an official is an ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.

- b. Allowing officials to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in any quarter or overtime.
 - c. Requiring that any replay review, whether initiated by a coach's appeal or by the officials of their own volition, occur immediately following the foul to determine whether a successful field goal or free throw should count or be canceled when an "off-ball" foul is committed by either team.
6. **NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee annual meeting report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed and approved 18 rules changes submitted by the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee. Significant changes included:
- a. Adding penalty options for referees when enforcing penalties for contact to the head and hitting from behind fouls.
 - b. Adjusting the rules for delayed penalties so that if a goal is scored during the calling of a delayed minor penalty, the scoring of the goal nullifies the minor penalty enforcement.
 - c. Removing optional rules relating to the overtime game format and shootout procedures; PROP noted some dissent in the comment period, but the rules committee's rationale was supported by PROP. Additionally, PROP noted the federated rules process was followed and no proposals were initiated at the rules committee or PROP level to federate.
 - d. In cases where a disqualification penalty is enforced, allowing a conference to appeal to the NCAA secretary-rules editor and national coordinator of officials (men's or women's) to review the penalty for a possible reduction.
 - e. Strengthening the rule regarding prohibited behavior/unsportsmanlike conduct to include profane, threatening, vulgar or derogatory remarks relating to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.
 - f. Adding more specific language to identify tactics in women's ice hockey that should be permitted and additional guidance when enforcing penalties for body checking.
 - g. Adjusting several areas of the rules (e.g., faceoff procedures and locations; high-sticking the puck, supplemental discipline) that received strong support in the comment period.
7. **NCAA Football Rules Committee email report and comment period results.** PROP reviewed one proposal from the Football Rules Committee related to the permissive use of commercial logos in the field of play during the regular season. The proposal was not approved initially by the Football Rules Committee during its annual meeting in February because the committee

had not yet surveyed the membership on the proposal. Before recommending the rules change, the committee agreed to collect informal feedback. In April, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal as the membership feedback was largely supportive of the change to align regular season commercial logo restrictions with that of the postseason and neutral site games. The comment period was conducted, and PROP approved the proposal. Staff noted that a question-and-answer document will be prepared for the membership to assist with implementation.

8. **NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee annual meeting report.** PROP reviewed the annual meeting report submitted by the Wrestling Rules Committee. No rules changes were proposed during the non-rules change year.
9. **Use of federated playing rules during cross-divisional contests.** With the federated playing rules process in effect, PROP discussed the use of federated playing rules during cross-divisional contests. PROP agreed that the playing rules of the host institution should be used for cross-divisional contests; however, teams may mutually agree to use the other division's playing rules. PROP further agreed that the rules of the designated home team should be used for neutral site games.
10. **Future videoconference dates.** The next PROP videoconference is scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, July 17.
11. **Other business.** None.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m. Eastern time.

Report of the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel

Videoconference

June 6, 2024

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Committee Chair: Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference

*Staff Liaisons: Stanley Broaden, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Jay Fitzwater, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Connor Lancashire, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating
Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel June 6, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Joseph D'Antonio, Coastal Athletic Association.	
Tiffany Daniels, Southeastern Conference.	
Robert Davenport, Oklahoma Baptist University.	
Richard Duran, University of the Incarnate Word.	
Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.	
Keith Gill, Sun Belt Conference.	
Scott Musa, Wilkes University.	
Joe Schaly, Thiel College.	
Ed Scott, University of Virginia.	
Lexie Vernon, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Absentees:	
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.	
Brad Walker, America East Conference.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Stanley Broaden, Jay Fitzwater, Ashlee Follis, Ty Halpin, Connor Lancashire, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Ben Brownlee, Greg Johnson and Stephanie Quigg.	



REPORT OF THE
NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
MAY 6-7, 2024, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome.** The chair convened the meeting and welcomed the committee.
2. **Report of the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee meeting.** The committee approved the report of its February 26-27, 2024, meeting.
3. **Review of Postgraduate Scholarship application.** The committee reviewed the application and decided to approve excluding a letter of recommendation from the faculty athletics representative. The nomination from the faculty athletics representative will be considered a form of support for the nominee.
4. **Review of postgraduate scholarship applications.** The committee reviewed 106 winter sports applications (36 men and 70 women) and awarded 21 postgraduate scholarships for men’s sports and 21 postgraduate scholarships for women's sports.

Committee Chair: Patricio I. Meneses, Fordham University
 Staff Liaison: Lori Thomas, Administrative Services

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee May 6-7, 2024, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Patricio I. Meneses, Fordham University.	
John Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University.	
David Pearson, California Baptist University.	
Heather Ryan, Duke University.	
Lisa Swope, St. Francis University (Pennsylvania).	
Absentees:	
Kelcy McKenna, University of Wisconsin-Madison.	
Betsy Mitchell, California Institute of Technology.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Lori Thomas.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	



REPORT OF THE
NCAA WALTER BYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 28-29, 2024, IN-PERSON MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Announcements.** The NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee welcomed its new committee members.
- 2. Interviews and selection of Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed five finalists for the Jim McKay Scholarship. The committee selected Megan Klose, a former softball student-athlete at Arcadia University, and Jonathan Nielsen, a former golf student-athlete at Clemson University, as the 2023-24 Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.
- 3. Interviews and selection of Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed six finalists for the Walter Byers Scholarship. The committee selected Alexandra Turvey, a former swimming and diving student-athlete at Pomona College, and Ian Cleary, a former men's baseball student-athlete at Oakland University, as the 2023-24 Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.
- 4. Future meetings.** No future meetings are scheduled at this time.

Committee Chair: *Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville*
 Staff Liaison: *Lori Thomas, Administrative Services*

NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee April 28-29, 2024, In-Person Meeting	
Attendees:	
Jarett Gerald; Duke University.	
Anita Hazelwood; University of Louisiana at Lafayette.	
Peg Hefferan; New Jersey Institute of Technology.	
Natalie Knowles; University of Waterloo.	
Keiko Price; Emory University.	
Valerie Rutledge; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.	
Absentees:	
Jeremy Elliott; University of Alabama in Huntsville.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:	
Lori Thomas.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	

Think Tank – Discussion Topics for Consideration

Championships	Finances	Membership Requirements/Expectations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to modify championship bracketing. • Championships experience (e.g., student-athlete mementos). • Minimum numbers for selections to qualify for championships (e.g., difficulties in building a regular-season schedule). • Reconsider current festival concept and consider a new vision that captures festival atmosphere on a sport-by-sport basis. For instance, men’s and women’s soccer or men’s and women’s basketball versus all fall sports. Seek broad and in-depth feedback from membership specifically about festivals. • Automatic qualification in football. • Participate in national dialogue around national collegiate sports and championships and identify solutions that could assist in DII membership recruitment, including ice hockey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieve participating schools of the financial burden of competing in the postseason. • Review DII championships triennial budget process. • Explore potential new revenue streams for DII/revenue diversification. • Increase the percentage of DII budget devoted to championships to allow for bracket expansion, new championships, increased travel sizes, higher per diems, etc. • Long-range budgeting to ensure our division’s resources are not negatively impacted by changes at the DI level (e.g., continued support for championships and membership service support from the national office). • Purchasing opportunities for technology (e.g., replay systems). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of required sports for DII membership (more or less?). • Additional potential changes to the membership process, including NAIA, DIII and DI. • Closing and mergers of institutions. • Undercurrent within DII regarding a sentiment that “we” have to placate those institutions that have a supposed larger financial commitment to football than others. • Tool that could be used outside of athletics to assess the health of the athletics department. • Creation of tools and resources to assist schools going through the DII membership process.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing of drug testing at championships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooling together on things like bus travel, airfare, hotels, athletic training equipment. • How can DII institutions and conferences become more financially independent? • Develop materials that include robust financial data and comparisons vs DI to market DII as a positive alternative to DI. • Address challenges as higher education enrollment declines and in turn increases reliance on athletics to assist with enrollment management. 	
Legislation	Division I	Division III
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review DII scholarship equivalency limits (including review of roster limits vs. equivalency limits). • Graduation and retention rates for transfers. • Transfer portal data (other divisions, within DII, do not matriculate). • NIL opportunities and education for student-athletes, number of schools with (or plan to start) collectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DI conferences looking to reclassify to DII as entire leagues. • Multi-division sport solutions (particularly football). Maybe even non-divisional based alignment for some sports that is more focused on equivalencies or head count. Another consideration is FBS/FCS style set-up for DII football. • DII schools with DI sports (e.g., ice hockey). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DII schools reclassifying to DIII.

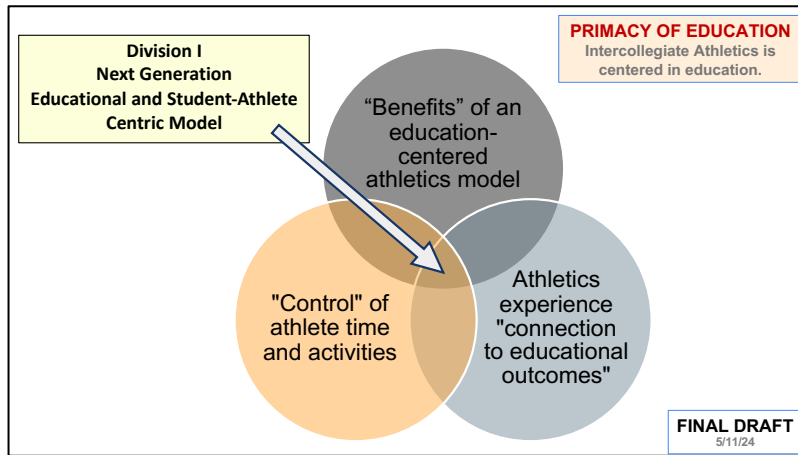
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civic engagement legislation – review to determine whether it is still meeting the original goal.• Explore eligibility rules. For example, should DII allow five years of athletics eligibility and greatly reduce redshirt options?• Study the impact of recent Bylaw 13 changes (e.g., recruiting calendars, local sports clubs, permissible involvement of basketball coaches).• Nimble and flexible decision-making process.• For playing and practice seasons, potentially simplify declaration and calculating practice dates per sport. Also determine whether 20 hours is reasonable as DII student-athletes still have extreme time demands with other activities (fundraising, community service, travel, etc.).• Review two-year college transfer requirements.• Review of post enrollment prize money by student-athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will the growing separation from DI autonomy schools impact the financial solvency of DII athletics?• Can the work of the DI non-FBS leaders help guide how we treat student-athletes in the future? (DIFutureModel.pdf and FrameworksPrinciples.pdf)• What is the likely outcome for financially challenged DI programs coming out of the House v. NCAA settlement? Do they continue to try to keep up with DI, do they reclassify to DII or DIII, do they drop athletics, etc.	
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Legal	Congressional	Division II Brand/Marketing/Communications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the nuclear option if the NCAA ceases to exist in the future? Who will provide legal cover for future lawsuits involving DII conference and member schools? • Athletes as employees. • Transgender participation in college athletics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify political advocates for DII. • Impact of new FLSA salary threshold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing campaign/effort to brand DII (e.g., re-brand DII moniker) as the traditional model of intercollegiate athletics focusing on the access to championships and graduation. • Create a DII fan database and determine how to monetize this segment of the market. • Message that a college education is valuable.
Media/Streaming	Staffing	Student-Athlete Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify national media advocates for DII. • Opportunities to bundle DII streaming productions to see what type of revenue could be generated with a third party looking to invest in sports content. • Impacts of championships rights deal [positive and potential impacts (e.g., sports betting)]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting, retaining, and respecting officials for all sports. • How to secure and retain athletic trainers for our member institutions. • How to secure and retain athletics communication/SID personnel for our member institutions. • What types of services and support will the NCAA continue to provide in the future? Will the expectations for conference offices change, and if so, how? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources and opportunities available to student-athletes (e.g., support systems, nutrition, career services, mental health services). • Programming to prep for life after athletics (life skills, resumes, financial planning, professional development, etc.). • Student-athlete voice (best practices, current trends, advocacy issues, etc.).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broader collaborative purchasing programs in areas that help address staffing challenges (e.g., AI video cameras, highlight software, coaches scouting solutions).• Programming to attract and retain DII student-athletes to work in the division at campus and conference levels.• Technology Integration – using advancements in sports technology and analytics to improve training, performance and injury prevention giving DII programs a competitive edge.	
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Division I Next Generation Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model

The **Division I Next Generation Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model** comprises three foundational elements, each having a philosophical and legal context. At the center of the Venn Diagram is a new model of college sports that grounds the athletics experience more deeply in education, reorients control of student-athlete time and activities, enhances student-athlete benefits, and centers the athlete as a student.



The **Division I Next Generation Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model** is designed to give student-athletes a greater voice and control over their experience and to improve the overall educational benefit of their athletics experience. Division I administrators, coaches, faculty, student-athletes, and legal experts collaborated to develop this model as well as the governance, academic, competitive, and financial/resource frameworks needed to support its success.

A brief description of each foundational element follows, and the tools developed to assist implementation are available at <https://nacda.com/sports/2024/2/6/DIPositionPaper.aspx>

Control of athlete time and activities (Supplement #1):

This model treats student-athletes like other students on campus and gives them more control and autonomy over their academic experience. As with other members of the student body, such as a theater or music student, some level of control over student-athletes' time and activities is essential to preserve the education, health, safety, and well-being of student-athletes and to maintain the integrity of the academic and athletics mission.

The **Control Factors Scorecard** was created using recent developments regarding the NLRA, FSLA, and other legal issues as a framework. Its purpose is to provide an illustrative and not exhaustive set of guidelines to reduce unnecessary control over student-athlete time and activities while preserving the vitality of college athletics.

Benefits of an education-centered athletics model (Supplement #2):

Institutions sponsor Division I athletics because there is great value to the students they serve as well as to the institution itself. A **Benefits Valuation Tool** was created to demonstrate the synergistic relationship between the two. While specific benefits may vary across sports within and among institutions, the student-athlete benefits outlined in the valuation tool are generally provided to all Division I student-athletes. The benefits to the institution may vary disproportionately across sports. The purpose of the valuation tool is to help institutions better understand – and test their assumptions regarding – the various benefits of intercollegiate athletics and to identify areas where enhancing student-athlete benefits at the institutional, conference, or national level may be necessary.

Athletics experience connection to educational outcomes (Supplement #3):

Data show there is inherent academic value in the student-athlete's athletics experience. By creating a direct link between the student athlete's athletics experience and the related educational outcomes, their experience can be better understood, measured, and studied. The **Connecting Athletics to Educational Outcomes Tool** was created to demonstrate potential academic pathways for institutions to follow.

Division I is the highest level of competitive collegiate sport so full development of this model includes the integration of holistic and elite performance outcomes and recognizes the role of the coach and administrators as educators, which will require a new level of educational standards.

Control Factors Scorecard



Appropriate

Overreaching

(Potential Employment Triggers)

This scorecard has been designed from the most recent case law, for the purpose of providing an illustrative, but not exhaustive, set of guidelines to reduce unnecessary control of student-athletes and to preserve the vitality and guiding principles of NCAA college athletics.

Control Analysis:

- The Student-Athlete should be treated similarly to the general student body population unless and only if reasonably necessary to advance the athletic mission, while not interfering with meaningful education.
- The Institution may direct and oversee activities and possess a significant interest in maintaining control over the student-athlete experience when:
 - It is in the interest of the education, health, safety, and well-being of the student-athlete(s)
 - Maintaining the integrity of:
 - The Student-Athlete (e.g. academic pursuits, eligibility standards)
 - The Teams (e.g. maintain vital competitive opportunities which enhance student-athlete experience)
 - The Athletics Department & The University (e.g. pursuit of the educational mission, fair play)

Academic Requirements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advising/Study hall on an individual basis • Scholarship offers • Eligibility Standards & Progress Toward Degree • No restrictions on major selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer school • Required Educational Sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole team study hall • Infractions resulting in removal from the team • Required/pressured major selection • Restriction of time-consuming majors
Athletes Are Directed at What Tasks to Perform and How to Perform Them		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectation of proactive communication • Compliance meetings • Athletic related instruction • Safety/well-being related instruction • Social Media education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary workouts/player development • Pre-/post-game activities • Hosting recruits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole team punished for one person's actions • Required to play when sick • Being rushed back from illness/injury • More controlling of higher revenue sports • Social Media Restrictions • University handling of Media Interviews
Mandatory Time Commitments		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowing ample/majority of time to be spent on academics • No penalties for missing practice to go to class • Consistent practice times • Detailed itineraries • Mental health days • Season and game day scheduling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer workouts/camps • Limited allowances for missed practice for class • General flexibility in scheduling conflicts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film outside of allotted hours • Penalties for missing practice/competition for class • Inconsistent required practice • Excessive/unreasonable time commitments • Lack of downtime on road trips
Off the Playing Field Activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing for Performance Enhancing Drugs (fair & equitable play) • Gambling prevention/monitoring • Restraint that protect or ensure well-being of athlete • Hazing/bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service • Time off during holidays/breaks • Team Fundraising • Outside employment restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational drug testing • Can't see family who travel • What can/can't be worn around campus • Rules around jewelry/hair color • Diet restrictions • Living location restrictions • Restricting athletes from attending family events • Relationship monitoring

DI-AAA and FCS Athletics Directors Associations Collaboration
Next Generation Division I Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model

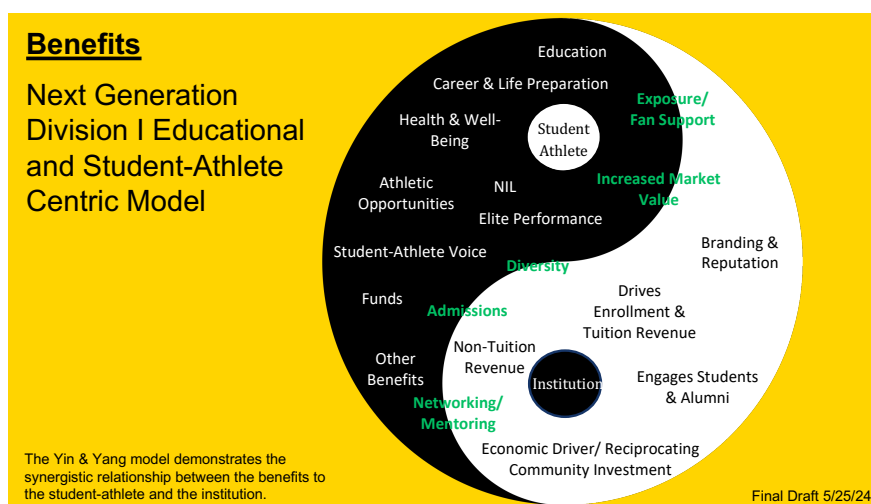
Benefits Valuation Tool

In a post-amateur college athletics landscape, now more than ever, campuses are asking the question, “What are the benefits of Division I intercollegiate athletics?”

Division I intercollegiate athletics brings value to students and the institution as it fulfills its public purpose to uniquely prepare citizens, provide educational access, develop leaders and empower underrepresented minorities, advance holistic health, and catalyze the U.S. and global sports ecosystem.

This **Benefits Valuation Tool** was created to help institutions better understand, articulate, and measure how student-athletes and the institution benefit from the athletics program. The Yin and Yang model was chosen to illustrate the synergistic relationship between the benefits to the student-athletes and the institution.

Student-athlete benefits are seen on the model's left side, the institution on the right, and highlighted in green down the middle are those benefits that are more integrated or reciprocating. This model was developed with input from Division I student-athletes, administrators, and faculty. It is designed to be illustrative and does not provide an exhaustive list of benefits. An explanation and sample valuation of each benefit is available on the NACDA website.



While specific benefits may vary in quality or quantity across sports among and within institutions, the student-athlete benefits outlined in the valuation tool are generally provided to all Division I student-athletes, regardless of their sport. The benefits to the institution commonly vary disproportionately across sports – some sports generate a larger impact than others. The valuation tool is created to help institutions better understand – and test their assumptions regarding – the various benefits of intercollegiate athletics and to identify areas where enhancing student-athlete benefits at the institutional, conference, or national level may be necessary.

Though not always easy to quantify, each benefit listed has value. As example:

- Beyond scholarship and support systems related to student-athletes education and well-being, the 2020 NCAA Gallup study shows that Division I NCAA student-athletes (64%) are more likely than their non-athlete peers (61%) to have graduated college in four years or less, they are less likely to have taken more than five years to graduate (7% vs. 13%)
- NCAA student-athletes are 1.3 times more likely to earn an advanced degree.
- Former DI NCAA student-athletes are more likely to thrive in purpose, social, community, physical, and financial well-being than non-athletes.

Further explanation of the benefits listed in the model and example benefit values can be viewed on the [NACDA website](#).

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Next Generation Division I Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model

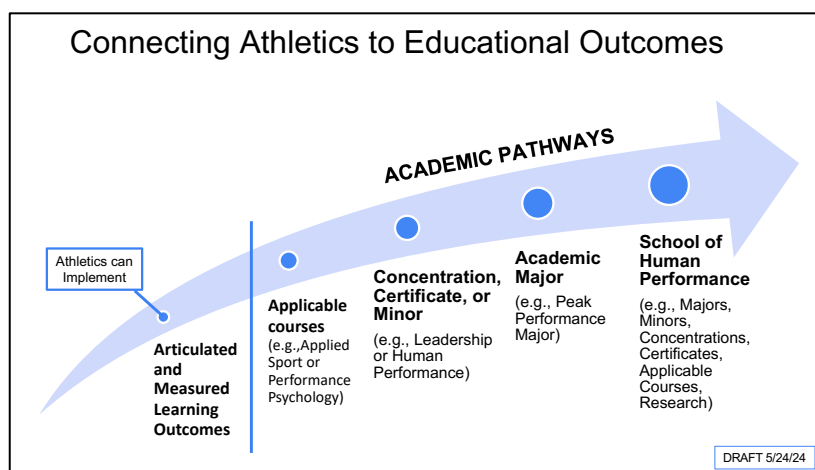
Connecting Athletics to Educational Outcomes Tool¹

Participation in college athletics helps students develop critical thinking skills and values systems and teaches (among many other things) discipline, dedication, hard work, teamwork, resilience (learning how to fail and perform under pressure), leadership, sportsmanship, compassion, and integrity. For many athletes, however, these benefits are largely incidental to their athletic performance. The invaluable lessons learned through athletic participation are not taught, measured, structured, or even recognized formally. This model would reframe college athletics through a higher education lens and transform the college athletic experience into part of the educational mission and academic experience on college campuses.

This new approach ultimately seeks to transform athletic participation into a formalized academic field, comparable to music and performing arts. At a minimum, this would include the development and measurement of learning outcomes. Ideally, it would encompass rigorous academic programs centered on the athletic experience of student-athletes, moving beyond the study of off-field topics such as sports law or sports business.

The following depicts a scale of potential academic pathways:

In every scenario, student-athletes have the right to select their major and related coursework. Each academic pathway enhances the benefits to student-athletes academically and further empowers them athletically.



While the athletics department could articulate and measure learning outcomes (a beginning point in the academic pathway), advancing a sport-centric curriculum lies in the organizational integration of athletic programs within their universities. Given that athletics traditionally does not reside within an academic department or school, and athletics coaches and staff are not generally viewed as faculty, they do not have the power, authority, or institutional pathways to create curricula without a faculty champion within a department that has the interest, resources, and bandwidth to add a course or program.

For sustainable programs to emerge, collaboration is needed to lower barriers to entry through shared program design, course-level resource sharing, and start-up funding for faculty to navigate the bureaucracy and siloes that often prevent interdisciplinary collaboration. This level of cooperation can happen at the conference and national levels, so each school isn't duplicating effort. Piloted by Faculty Athletics Representatives and/or institutional faculty liaisons, online programming, syllabi, and subject matter expertise can be shared to reduce the curriculum design costs that are often prohibitive.

Educational standards for credentialing and care are essential for coaches, athletics staff, and faculty to demonstrate their proficiency as qualified educators. Transparent and shared financial models are needed for program developers to support realistic budgets and sustainable practices. As we move into a new era of intercollegiate athletics, fully incorporating an elite and integrated high-performance approach and embedding athletics within the higher educational structure is paramount.

¹ This model has been developed from the work of four authors who prepared papers for this purpose: Professor Gabe Feldman (Tulane University); Professor Erienne Weight (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill); Coach Education Expert; Dr. Lauren McHenry (McHenry Mental Performance); High-Performance Expert, Teena Murray (The PICTOR Group).

Next Generation Division I Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model

FRAMEWORKS PRINCIPLES

This document includes the recommended principles for the modernized Governance, Academic, Financial and Resources, and Competitive frameworks needed to support the **Next Generation Division I Educational and Student-Athlete Centric Model** of college sports.

GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES

1. National responsibilities and governance are shared for areas of commonality that define all Division I institutions based on membership requirements that may include:
 - a. Alignment around the sport played by all Division I member institutions, basketball, and governance is no longer subdivided by football;
 - b. Sports sponsorship, e.g., basketball and minimum number of sports;
 - c. Education, health, and safety support standards;
 - d. Academic standards and eligibility;
 - e. Structure and administration of fair and equitable national championships;
 - f. Revenue distribution formulas and policies that reflect core values and principles; and,
 - g. Recruiting and playing rules.
2. Provides flexibility¹ for institutions, conferences and/or sports to make decisions such as:
 - a. Institutional and/or multisport conference autonomy regarding sports sponsorship offerings and creative partnerships, and prospective and student-athlete benefits enhancements; and,
 - b. Sport-specific flexibility and national governing body cooperation for sustainable operations and/or post-season opportunities.
3. The education, health, safety, well-being, and success of all student-athletes are central to the structure, organization, and decision-making authority of the governance of intercollegiate athletics.²
 - a. Student-athletes are represented with meaningful voting authority at every level of Division I governance.
 - b. A new Student-Athlete Policy and Experience Committee will provide expertise and leadership to ensure the collegiate model remains student-athlete and education-centric.³ The new entity will:
 1. Serve as a unified voice for student-athlete;
 2. Provide opportunity for athletes to present legislation; and,
 3. Make its recommendations directly to the Division I Council; and,
 4. May include independent members selected by the student-athletes to provide health, safety, well-being, legal, educational, and administrative guidance.
 - c. A new dispute resolution system will allow student-athletes to resolve certain disputes.
 - d. Education and training will provide student-athlete representatives with knowledge about governance, leadership, negotiation, legal rights, and more.
4. Requires minimum membership standards to access meaningful and equitable representation.

¹ May require a bifurcated structure (e.g., Autonomy subdivision) to support differences based upon resource investment.

² This section is created to give student-athletes a meaningful voice and a scope of authority within the NCAA governance system primarily as an alternative to organizing through third parties outside the system. The scope of authority needs to be fleshed out but would provide student-athletes greater influence on policy related to student-athlete rights, benefits, and those areas that directly impact their experience.

³ Each Division I institution and conference may consider a similar structure for student-athletes to engage greater influence and control over the student-athlete experience.

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COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES

1. Division I athletics plays an important role in the United States and the global sports ecosystem and it provides competition at the highest level that culminates in national championships.
2. Recognizes the primacy of education.
 - a. Competition and preparation for competition are recognized as integral to student-athletes educational experience.
 - b. Educational responsibilities are primary in decision-making about appropriate time restrictions related to student-athlete commitments (e.g., practice, competition).
 - c. Broad-based and equitable opportunities provide diverse student-athlete experiences
3. Operates with sustainable support systems.
 - a. May allow for flexibility through regionalization and/or sport-specific management, e.g., scheduling, travel, membership.
 - b. Multi-sport conference affiliation advances the value of “brand” and “competition” for institutions, conferences, and Division I.
 - c. Permits flexible and innovative sport-specific partnership, management and promotional initiatives at the institutional, single-sport or multi-sport conference and national/international levels to ensure sport sustainability.
4. Requires minimum membership standards to access and meaningful participation in national championships.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES

1. Intercollegiate athletics serves a public purpose through broad-based and equitable educational opportunities funded primarily through investments from institutional resources, student fees, and its community.
2. Athletics departments are integrated and operate within an institutional non-profit, higher education entity.
 - a. Expenditures are aligned with the institutional mission and to fulfill its public purpose; and,
 - b. Expenditures focus primarily on human development and student-athlete support.
3. National and conference revenue are shared to promote financial sustainability.
 - a. Institutions invest an amount at least equal to all shared athletics revenue directly to student-athlete education, health, safety, well-being, and equity.
4. Allows freedom within the governance structure to provide enhanced benefits to “qualified” student-athletes when needed.

ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLES

1. Recognizes the inherent academic value of the student-athlete experience as an integrated part of the educational experience.
2. Learning outcomes reflect the institutional mission and uniquely define and measure the student-athlete experience.
3. Education is required for coaches and specific staff to effectively foster healthy environments for student-athletes and support the athletics experience as part of the educational mission.
4. A holistic approach to high performance is integrated into the student-athlete educational experience.
5. Requires minimum membership standards to access national shared athletics revenues.

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National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Think Tank

Microsoft Teams Meeting

August 13, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern Time

1. Welcome and introductions. [Supplement No. 1] (Colleen Perry Keith)
2. Division II overview information. (Lee Rathbun)
 - a. 2022-23 Division II membership facts. [Supplement No. 2]
 - b. Trends in Division II membership information (e.g., number of schools, number of sports sponsored, number of student-athletes, overall athletics budget). [Supplement No. 3]
 - c. Geographic map of Division II schools. [Supplement No. 4]
 - d. Summary of divisional characteristics. [Supplement No. 5]
 - e. Division II budget overview. [Supplement No. 6] (Maritza Jones)
3. Update from the office of legal affairs. (Jared Tidemann)
4. Review of draft Division II Operating Plan. [Supplement Nos. 7 and 8] (Gary Brown)
5. Overview and preparation for the September 16-17 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 9] (Keith)
6. Questions. (All)
7. Future meeting. (Keith)
 - September 16-17, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana.
8. Adjournment. (Keith)



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National Collegiate Athletic Association
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TBD
NCAA National Office

September 16-17, 2024

2 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, September 16

1. Welcome. [Supplement No. 1] (Colleen Perry Keith) (2 p.m.)
2. Goals for the meeting. (Keith)
3. Update on Division III initiatives from Louise McCleary, vice president of Division III. [Supplement No. 2] (Louise McCleary) (2:15 to 3:15 p.m.)
4. Update on Division I initiatives from Jenn Fraser, vice president of Division I. [Supplement No. 3] (Jenn Fraser) (3:15 to 4:15 p.m.)
5. Additional questions for the office of legal affairs. (Jared Tidemann) (4:15 to 4:45 p.m.)
6. Roundtables. (All) [Supplement No. 4] (4:45 to 6:15 p.m.)

6:15 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 16

7. Reception in the NCAA Hall of Champions.

8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 17

8. Roundtables reporting out. (8:30 to 9:15 a.m.)
9. Roundtables continue. (9:15 to 11:30 a.m.)
10. Lunch break. (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.)
11. Roundtables reporting out and group discussion. (12:15 to 1:45 p.m.)
12. Next steps. (Keith) (1:45 to 2 p.m.)
13. Adjournment. (Keith) (2 p.m.)

Supplemental Materials:

1. Draft Division II Operating Plan. [Supplement Nos.]

2. 2022-23 Division II membership facts. [Supplement No.]
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**DIVISION II OPERATING PLAN
QUESTIONS FOR COMMITTEES**

June 2024

The following document serves as a Q&A regarding the strategic priorities contained in the Division II Operating Plan (Academics, Athletics, Health and Wellness, Governance, and Operations and Positioning).

Governance committees are being asked how these priorities can be implemented as part of the division's next strategic plan to be launched in January 2026. Feedback has been obtained from the following groups during their meetings on the dates specified:

- Division II Presidents Council (Executive Board) – January 11 during the NCAA Convention
- Division II Management Council – January 11 during the NCAA Convention
- Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – January 11 during the NCAA Convention
- Division II Membership Committee – February 13
- Division II Academic Requirements Committee – February 20
- Division II Nominating Committee – February 21
- Division II Committee for Legislative Relief – March 7
- Division II Legislation Committee – March 26
- **Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee – May 16**
- **Division II Championships Committee – June 18**

The feedback for each of the following strategic priorities selectively includes points that garnered significant discussion or thoughts expressed by multiple groups. The entire body of feedback from each committee is retained on file for reference, but this document provides an executive summary to facilitate a high-level overview of the more salient discussions. Each priority also includes the respective bullet points from the draft operating plan for ease of reference.

This document will be updated monthly to capture additional committee input. All feedback will ultimately help inform the next Division II Membership Census to be distributed in winter 2025, and census results will help inform the new strategic plan that will be introduced at the January 2026 NCAA Convention.

**DIVISION II OPERATING PLAN
QUESTIONS FOR COMMITTEES**

Strategic Priority No. 1 – Academics

(points from the operating plan)

1. Maintain rules and policies that enable institutions to support student-athletes' academic achievement.
2. Continue to achieve a student-athlete graduation rate above that of the general student body.
3. Promote and honor student-athletes, institutions and conferences that achieve a high level of academic success.
4. Support student-athletes in their efforts not only to complete their undergraduate degrees but also pursue postgraduate work.
5. Ensure that student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to develop the skills they need to succeed in life after college.

Questions to Consider:

1. Point No. 1 states the desire to “maintain rules and policies that enable institutions to support student-athletes’ academic achievement.” Can we take a deeper dive into what the division can do more specifically in this regard? For example:
 - Are our current playing and practice seasons structured to encourage balance?
 - ❖ Multiple committees suggested reviewing the nonchampionship segment to study the impact of practice and conditioning on student-athletes’ academic success, and on personnel who support them (e.g., SIDs and athletic trainers). [Note: The Division II Legislation Committee is conducting a review of Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) that may produce recommendations relevant to the next strategic plan.]
 - ❖ Multiple committees also expressed concern that in recent years we have been chipping away at balance with proposals that have added more competition opportunities and less time for other ventures. Consider revisiting Life in the Balance (perhaps a 2.0 version) to ensure the philosophy is producing desired outcomes. Also consider expanding the Life in the Balance scope to coaches and administrators (i.e., work/life balance).

- ❖ Consider eliminating requiring a student who delays enrollment and is charged a season of competition per the organized competition legislation from also sitting out a year. Having them sit out may be detrimental to their overall success in college.
 - ❖ Consider making the countable athletically related activities (CARA) hours sport-specific.
 - How can the division encourage or incentivize reduced missed class time?
 - ❖ The best way to reduce missed class time is to reduce the number of contests or dates of competition in the championship segment and/or the number of days/contests in the nonchampionship segment.
 - ❖ Encourage more contests vs. opponents in close proximity (though many coaches resist this if such games do not count as in-region contests).
 - ❖ Encourage conference offices to continuously review their scheduling parameters/philosophies.
 - How can the division ensure that student-athletes are not restricted in their choice of major because of athletics obligations?
 - ❖ Engage FARA and the Division II SAAC to discuss best practices; encourage FAR engagement with coaches, as well as with faculty senates if applicable.
 - ❖ Consider a faculty training module (perhaps on DII U) with the premise of: “So you have a student-athlete in your class...” Also consider a module designed to demonstrate how the athletics department can collaborate with campus academic departments to achieve desired outcomes.
 - ❖ This area would benefit from presidential or chancellor involvement/oversight. The choice-of-major issue is a significant distinction between Division II and Division I that works to our advantage, and we need to ensure that athletics participation does not negatively impact that choice.
 - Does our most recent research on student-athlete time demands indicate the need to take action in some regard?
 - ❖ FARA will conduct a survey on this matter this spring (e.g., campus policies on missed class time for student-athletes).
2. Are our current initiatives adequate to support student-athlete degree completion (both undergraduate and postgraduate)?
- ❖ Yes, Division II legislation supports degree completion.

- ❖ Help students understand requirements, especially on transfers. Transfers could drastically impact academic degree progress at the next institution. Also, update the transfer module on DII U. Require completion of the module AND create and complete a checklist that reviews transfer impact.
3. What best practices might you be aware of in the area of life skills that might translate to an action step(s) for this strategic priority?
- ❖ There are individuals called “success coaches” who can help in this area.
 - ❖ Find institutions that have a life skills course or some sort of curriculum devoted to this area and share best practices.
 - ❖ Require conferences to spend a portion of their strategic priorities fund on life skills areas.
4. Other ideas or thoughts?

**DIVISION II OPERATING PLAN
QUESTIONS FOR COMMITTEES**

Strategic Priority No. 2 – Athletics
(points from the operating plan)

1. Seek innovative approaches to support up-and-coming sports that offer new, exciting and equitable opportunities.
2. Create a game environment at the campus, conference and national levels that is welcoming, inclusive, fan-friendly, entertaining and civil.
3. Celebrate student-athletes' success in regular-season and postseason competition.
4. Implement a championships access ratio and selection methodology that enhances the postseason for participants and fans without compromising the regional model as a core tenet of the Division II regular-season experience.
5. Help student-athletes maximize their opportunities related to Name, Image and Likeness.
6. Develop initiatives and practices that strengthen the officiating pool; provide education, training and resources to support current officials and attract new officials.

Questions to Consider:

1. How can the division ensure adequate funding to support both current championships as well as potential new championships in up-and-coming sports?
 - ❖ Multiple committees cited the NCAA's new media rights agreement to further support championships. Accordingly, the Championships Committee suggested the division consider increasing the current 60% budget allocation to championships (the committee noted that the SPFC is discussing this as part of a more comprehensive budget process review).
 - ❖ New sports will hopefully grow with the recently adopted legislation regarding automatic bids and lowering the required number of teams to 35; also consider providing grants to schools sponsoring these sports to help get them off the ground. New sports also will help promote/brand the division, as tightened resources at the DI level may inhibit adding sports there.
 - ❖ Local sponsorship for championships. The local organizing committees we visit are supportive; maybe we can sell sponsorships.

- ❖ One of NCAA President Baker's goals is to explore economies of scale in buying equipment/travel/etc. at member schools (the NCAA acting as an agent for establishing purchasing collectives). Schools were surveyed in February regarding interest.
 - ❖ Review whether we're spending our resources wisely. Does the way we allocate resources need to be updated? (For example, consider whether the institutional equal distribution fund is still needed or whether that money can be used elsewhere in the DII budget.)
2. What has the Make Game Day Yours initiative taught us so far? Are there ways to further activate/implement that program at the campus and conference level to help improve game environments?
- ❖ This is always a work in progress, but we've already learned the benefits of education on behavior and considering having other folks on campus (e.g., public safety, facility managers) watch the modules as well.
 - ❖ Conference offices could take a more active role in ensuring each campus (e.g., graduate assistants and game ops teams) make it mandatory training. Do it as a beginning of the year training for campus and conference personnel.
 - ❖ Continue communicating the benefits of the modules to encourage use (e.g., devote an educational session to MGDY at the 2025 NCAA Convention).
 - ❖ Consider setting it as a requirement to host an NCAA championship.
 - ❖ Consider a best practice implemented by the Pac West Conference to require "medical emergency meetings" before every contest to walk through who is in charge of certain responsibilities, where different emergency response items are located, what a plan would be, etc.
 - ❖ The Championships Committee discussed whether MGDY is effective enough to address what has grown into a significant cultural shift fueled by social media that emboldens fans (especially parents) to be disruptive or abusive. May need to seek alternate approaches to mitigating this behavior.
3. What steps should the division take to educate student-athletes about NIL?
- ❖ Provide education for student-athletes and administrators surrounding NIL.
 - ❖ As this evolves and we wrap our arms around different state laws and changes at the Division I level, perhaps we can create one-pagers or modules for SAs and administrators regarding NIL.

- ❖ Explore the size and scale of NIL deals for DII SAs. Find real examples within our division to share their story at the SAAC super region conventions and conference SAAC meetings.
 - ❖ One conference SAAC experienced success staging a development session with a professional in this area who focused on “creating your why and your personal brand.”
 - ❖ Maintain a database for SAs to explore NIL opportunities.
 - ❖ Consider leveraging the regulations and resources Division I recently approved for Division II purposes.
 - ❖ Develop modules on DII U to help administrators manage NIL.
4. What about the transfer environment? Does that need to be addressed and how?
- ❖ Education on statistics of the transfer portal. Help prepare SAs for the pitfalls of transferring. Increased transfer rates could be impacting not only the time to earn a degree but also grad rates/ASR. Entering the portal might be the end of an athletics career and unfortunately an education career as well.
 - ❖ Educate coaches to better help SAs decide their options.
 - ❖ Notification of transfer is the issue, not the transfer portal.
 - ❖ Committees within the Division II governance structure are reviewing current year-in-residence requirements and exceptions given the recent temporary restraining order in DI.
5. How can the division help in the area of athletics communications (i.e., help sports information personnel manage the increased demands and boost retention)?
- ❖ Devote more resources for our athletics communications’ offices.
 - ❖ Continue branding efforts and educating campus and conference personnel with talking points and messaging to enhance the value of the DII experience.
 - ❖ Share best practices on how use student assistance. Be more flexible in hours (e.g., in office vs. at the events vs. at home/remote).
 - ❖ Consider using AI to help write game summaries or to manage other duties. Explore CSC education on AI integration.
6. What might you be doing locally in the area of officiating that might help the division develop initiatives and practices that strengthen the officiating pool?

- ❖ Keep in touch with stakeholders at the high school and youth sports levels – that’s the training ground.
- ❖ Consider partnering with local athletics organizations to host referee clinics or promote officiating.
- ❖ Use the MGDY modules to educate regarding behavior toward officials, particularly in certain sports (e.g., soccer).
- ❖ Use ideas that have been successful at the conference level (e.g., Battlefields to Ballfields).
- ❖ Hold a summit or similar session with assignors across the country to brainstorm ideas (both for increasing the officiating pool and for addressing undesired behavior).
- ❖ Consider including officiating in sport management programs.
- ❖ Similar to the game environment issue, a shift in behaviors has crept into the officiating realm as well, as players, coaches and fans seem to think it’s acceptable to challenge officials in an unacceptable manner. The best way to mitigate these behaviors may be at the ground level (institutional) with student-athletes and SAACs taking the lead on how to treat officials with respect.

7. Other ideas or thoughts?

**DIVISION II OPERATING PLAN
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Strategic Priority No. 3 – Health and Wellness

(points from the operating plan)

1. Collaborate with the Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to create a culture that supports and enhances total wellness for all individuals (physical, mental, social and personal well-being).
2. Prioritize destigmatizing mental health concerns and foster a culture of acceptance and wellness; emphasize mental wellness as an asset to athletic performance.
3. Provide education and training that allow athletics department personnel to manage mental wellness issues.
4. Emphasize access and opportunity as a best business practice at the campus, conference and national levels.
5. Collaborate within the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee network to activate the DII SAAC's commitments and goals, including empowering student-athletes with resources, empathizing with their concerns, and enhancing their voice and experience.

Questions to Consider:

1. This area is wide ranging and dependent upon university resources for success. Would it be worth developing a guidance document or something similar to help institutions with varying resources be able to provide adequate assistance? (The newly released Mental Health Best Practices Document may be relevant here.)
 - ❖ Create resources informing student-athletes where to go for help on campus – almost like an SA map for available resources. In addition, educate coaches on this resource to help them be more of a navigator than be expected to address the issue themselves.
 - ❖ It would be helpful for schools to have an “aim” or “goal” when discussing mental health and wellness.
2. Similarly, one of the perceptions regarding mental wellness is that athletics department personnel are somehow expected to be the ones administering care. How can we help institutions understand that the point is to educate staff on how to navigate what the campus offers to steer student-athletes to the help they need?

- ❖ Educate coaches about the resources available on campus or in the area so they are aware of these support outlets.
 - ❖ Virtual care allows for more options.
 - ❖ Emphasize mental wellness topics, such as sleep, nutrition and recovery from injury; equip ATs with resources in this regard.
 - ❖ One Division II administrator noted a mental health first aid document developed at her institution that is shared with coaching staffs and is required for full-time coaches. Coaches/staff help direct SAs to people/resources and they don't try to handle the situation themselves.
 - ❖ It is important for SAs to have a good relationship with ATs considering how often they interact.
3. Are there best practices/policies/initiatives in how institutions structure their sports medicine departments to help alleviate the increased pressures on athletic trainers?
- ❖ Provide training and more resources to alleviate pressure on ATs and workload.
 - ❖ Seek healthcare from the community and other university employees.
 - ❖ Provide resources to help strength and prevention services (S&C coaches).
 - ❖ Reduce travel for athletic trainers (more need at home).
 - ❖ Some schools contract with hospitals nearby; some schools have ATs report to a group outside of athletics.
 - ❖ Having a dedicated strength and conditioning coach to help with injury prevention is important.
4. The second and fourth points for this area in the operating plan are aspirational in nature, and both address creating a culture of acceptance. These concepts are grounded in being “the right thing to do,” but are there specific steps that can be taken to help institutions understand the positive impact on student-athlete athletic performance and overall staff chemistry?
- ❖ Stigma is improving but is not gone; fear is still present. It's important to create a safe space for student-athletes to discuss their concerns. Perhaps the FAR can offer a space that is then removed from within the athletics department.
 - ❖ Educating those around student-athletes – coaches, ATs, administrators (more understanding of what mental health struggles are prevalent).

❖ Campus SAACs can and should play a critical role in these discussions.

5. Other ideas or thoughts?

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Strategic Priority No. 4 – Governance

(points from the operating plan)

1. Maintain a diverse and inclusive governance and committee structure that represents all Division II constituents through the one school/one vote legislative process at the NCAA Convention.
2. Increase participation in the governance and committee structure from all levels (e.g., presidents/chancellors, ADs, commissioners, compliance administrators, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, coaches, student-athletes, staff).
3. Ensure a strong student-athlete presence in decision-making at the campus, conference and national levels.
4. Use research and data points to inform decision making.
5. Emphasize effective communication and transparency in decision making to strengthen trust.

Questions to Consider:

1. Encouraging committee nominations has been a challenge recently, particularly when it comes to diversity. What specific actions can be taken to help?
 - ❖ Ask conferences and institutions to explain to applicants what the service will entail and how it can serve as a professional development tool to advance their careers, and as another way to benefit student-athletes. Use former committee members as spokespersons to promote the benefits of committee service. Also ensure that presidents and chancellors understand – and advocate for – committee service, as it reflects well on the institution.
 - ❖ Emphasize the acceptance of (and dependency on) self-nomination as part of the process. Individuals don't have to wait to be nominated by their institution or conference.
 - ❖ Conduct sessions at the SAAC super region conventions for administrators.
 - ❖ Use coaches as messengers to peers at coaches association meeting regarding RAC/sport committee service.
 - ❖ SAAC has a pipeline in the institution and conference structure. Create a pipeline for the other parts of the NCAA structure.

- ❖ Regarding the diversity component, emphasize that the Division II Nominating Committee considers experience to diversify committees (i.e., providing a balance of experienced and new members).
2. Division II has increased student-athlete representation in the governance structure – has that been enough to elevate the student-athlete voice in decision making? What more can be done?
 - ❖ Be more intentional about getting SAAC feedback during legislative/policy concept development process.
 - ❖ Encourage conferences and schools to include their own SAAC reps in their leadership meetings.
 3. The last point in the operating plan for this area addresses effective communication, which ironically can be a rather nebulous pursuit. Any ideas to make this more concrete?
 - ❖ Communicating via multiple mediums.
 - ❖ Should SAAC/Management Council meet more often?
 - ❖ The trust factor can be compromised by how athletics administrators communicate with those who report to them. Leaders need to share how the governance structure is created by the membership through support from staff at the national office. The Coaches Connection program and the Super Region Conventions are good examples of how larger groups can be “educated” about the decision-making processes within the governance structure.
 4. Other ideas or thoughts?

**DIVISION II OPERATING PLAN
QUESTIONS FOR COMMITTEES**

Strategic Priority No. 5 – Operations and Positioning

(points from the operating plan)

1. Maintain achievable and meaningful membership standards that position Division II as a destination of choice for current and potential new members.
2. Maintain presidential oversight of the division's budgeting process that protects membership interests and supports excellent championships programming.
3. Help institutions and conferences enhance their community engagement operations and strengthen relationships.
4. Develop educational materials and resources that help institutions support a culture of compliance.
5. Provide leadership and professional development opportunities for student-athletes, athletics administrators, coaches and faculty members.
6. Seek new revenue streams and opportunities to increase ticket sales, corporate sponsorships and media partnerships.

Questions to Consider:

1. Bullet points 1, 3, 4 and 5 are all overarching goals. What do you think the membership needs specifically in each of these areas?
 - ❖ Multiple committees emphasized developing a more streamlined process that maintains the current rigor but enables qualified and capable institutions of achieving active status more quickly, which would attract more applicants. Be more specific about expectations, similar to the checklist approach being used in Division I.
 - ❖ Support the Division II Membership Committee's development of a replacement for the ISSG. Whatever alternative accountability structure is put in place should help current active members maintain the same commitment to compliance as schools in the membership process do. In other words, schools in the process place a great emphasis on compliance in order to achieve active status, but there is a tendency for that emphasis to wane once schools become active.

- ❖ Refocus on the “culture of compliance.” Encourage athletics departments to understand that “compliance” is not a word to be feared but embraced. Compliance is much more than just following rules; it pertains to building a program focused on student-athlete success and adhering to the needs of others. In that way, compliance is not solely the responsibility of the compliance staff (which often is one person) but a department-wide responsibility and something of which to be proud.
 - ❖ Consider adding compliance-related modules on DII U, as many compliance officers need help mastering the “how to” components such as processing waivers, etc.
 - ❖ Keep promoting Division II’s unique attributes and characteristics to attract new members (i.e., give potential new members a reason to consider DII as a destination of choice).
 - ❖ Emphasize that professional development is not solely about grooming people to be the AD. While that is important, professional development can be expanded to learning new skill sets not already in someone’s job description. Also encourage staff to join their respective organizations (Women Leaders, NACDA, College Sports Communicators, NATA, etc.).
2. Similarly, bullet point 6 is worthy but aspirational – the resulting question is “how?” Any ideas?
- ❖ Finding groups to connect and partner with like how we do with Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT is important – continue contacting corporations and organizations who can help with what we are trying to accomplish but also benefit themselves from being associated with the NCAA.
 - ❖ Consider appointment/hiring an individual to oversee development of revenue streams in Division II.
 - ❖ Encourage conference offices to designate a media liaison.
3. Presidential oversight remains as a core component of any planning exercise. Are there specific tips we can offer presidents and chancellors to stay engaged?
- ❖ Attending the joint PC/MC/SAAC sessions at Conventions or attending a SAAC meeting at least once a year or semester (either their campus or conference SAAC) and gaining that experience and perspective is invaluable.
 - ❖ Use annual townhalls that either your conference or national SAAC conducts to provide information to presidents and chancellors.
4. Other ideas or thoughts?



**NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.10.2 -- Legislative Process -- Amendment
Process -- Special Voting Requirements -- Voting on Football Issues**

Issue:

Whether the NCAA Division II Management Council should sponsor legislation for the 2025 NCAA Convention to eliminate NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (voting on football issues), which precludes an active member institution or voting member conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football.

Background:

At the 2014 Convention, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association sponsored NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2014-13 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing season regulations -- time limits for athletically related activities -- institutional vacation period -- strength and conditioning personnel designing and conducting workout programs during summer vacation period -- football), which specified that in football, beginning June 1 through the conclusion of the institution's summer vacation period, strength and conditioning personnel may design and conduct workout programs for student-athletes, as specified. The proposal was adopted by 64 percent of the football playing institutions and conferences.

During the post-Convention Management Council meeting, members inquired as to the legislative history of the special voting legislation on football issues because of concern that the adoption of Proposal No. 2014-13 reached far beyond football. For example, many delegates questioned why the proposal was not extended to other fall sports based on the health and safety argument identified by the sponsors supporting the proposed change. Thereafter, the Council directed staff to research the legislative history of the special voting requirements on football issues.

Following discussion of this item in April 2014, the Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council (current Division II Executive Board) recommended sponsorship of a proposal for a vote at the 2015 Convention to eliminate legislation that allows for a football-only vote on issues affecting only football. The Management Council also asked to seek feedback concerning the recommendation from the membership. (See excerpt from April 2014 summary of actions below).

**Football-Only Votes—Constitution 5.3.10.3—Legislative Process—
Amendment Process—Special Voting Requirements—Voting on Football
Issues.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2015 Convention to eliminate NCAA Constitution 5.3.10.3, which precludes an active member institution or voting member conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football, effective August 1, 2015.

Additionally, the Management Council agreed that conference representatives should seek feedback concerning the potential change to Constitution 5.3.10.3 and the issues involved, and provide feedback to the Council during its July 2014 meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation.

Following membership feedback, the Management Council recommended the Presidents Council not sponsor the proposal for the 2015 Convention based on the feedback from the membership (see excerpt from summer 2014 summary of actions below).

(4) Division II Proposal No. 2015-4 (NCAA Membership --Legislative Authority and Process --Amendment Process --Special Voting Requirements --Voting on Football Only Issues).

Management Council. The Management Council defeated this proposal and recommended that the Presidents Council not sponsor this legislation for the 2015 NCAA Convention.

In April, the Management Council agreed to seek feedback from every conference regarding this issue. In July, members of the Council discussed the feedback gathered and, ultimately, decided to not approve the proposal due to concerns with unique aspects of the sport, which require significant resources in terms of scholarships, travel, etc.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council took the action on the proposal above, as recommended by the Management Council.

In summer 2023, when the Management Council and the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee were reviewing two membership-sponsored proposals for the 2024 Convention (one related to football and one related to softball), the issue of football only voting was raised again. Members questioned why the football proposal would only be voted on by football sponsoring institutions and conferences, while the softball proposal would be voted on by the entire membership, regardless of whether an institution or conference sponsored the sport of softball. Similar questions arose when other groups/committees discussed these proposals.

Staff shared with several groups the legislative history on the issue, as well as a recap of discussions and actions from 2014, when the issue was last discussed.

During its November 2023 meeting, the Division II Legislation Committee once again discussed the issue and whether the legislation is still appropriate. The committee raised concerns that allowing football only voting creates inequities for other sports. The committee also noted that all other sport specific legislation can be voted on by all Division II voting members, even if that sport is not sponsored by the voting member's institution or conference. The committee agreed to

request that the Management Council discuss Bylaw 9.3.10.2 at its January meeting. (See recommendation below).

Referral to the Division II Management Council to Discuss Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (Voting on Football Issues).

- (1) Recommendation. That the Management Council continue discussions regarding Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (voting on football issues) and whether any legislative changes are warranted.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, when a legislative proposal affects only the sport of football, only football sponsoring institutions and conferences are eligible to vote on the proposal at the NCAA Convention. This voting procedure is only applicable for football-specific legislation. Equity concerns regarding football only votes have been raised by the membership since no other sports have similar restrictive voting. Further, although a proposal may be specific to the sport of football, other non-football sponsoring member institutions may still be impacted by the legislative amendment.

The Management Council approved the referral in January 2024 and agreed to continue discussions regarding this issue and whether any legislative changes are warranted.

During its April 2024 meeting, the Management Council participated in breakout sessions, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on the referral from the Legislation Committee. The Management Council agreed to seek feedback from several groups (the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, coaches' connection groups, and sport committees). Additionally, it was agreed that each representative on the Management Council should seek feedback from their conference concerning the potential change to Bylaw 9.3.10.2 and the issues involved and provide feedback to the Council during its July 2024 meeting to determine whether to sponsor legislation for the 2025 Convention.

Analysis of Legislation:

In January 1988, the membership adopted Proposal No. 1988-6 (football voting privileges) as a common provision¹ to affirm that only football-playing institutions and conferences may vote on issues affecting only football. Per Bylaw 9.02.1.2 (common), a common provision is a regulation

¹ A common provision is legislation that is derived from the common bylaws (9, 10, 12 and 13) in the 1988-89 Manual. All such legislation is identified by a pound sign [#].

that applies to more than one of the divisions of the Association. A common provision shall be adopted by each of the applicable divisions acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Bylaw 9.3 (amendment process) and must be approved by all applicable divisions to be effective. Proposal No. 1988-6 was included in the consent package at the 1988 Convention; therefore, there was no discussion on the floor of the business session in regard to this provision.

In the 1988-89 Manual, the NCAA designated new voting requirements, including dominant provisions.² A dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of the Association and is of sufficient importance to the entire membership that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting in joint session at an annual or special Convention. At that point, the voting line of the legislation for the special voting requirement for football issues was changed from a common provision to a dominant provision.

The legislation was not amended further until the governance structure of the Association was federated in 1997. The voting line of current Bylaw 9.3.10.2 was revised from a dominant provision to a federated provision as part of the membership restructuring of the constitution and bylaws to permit a divisional vote on the issue rather than requiring a vote of the entire NCAA membership. (See Bylaw 9.02.1.3 for the definition of a federated provision.)

At the time of federation, Division III also required this special voting provision for football playing institutions and conferences. However, in 2002, Division III removed the legislation from its constitution via noncontroversial legislation [see Division III Proposal No. NC-2002-4 (voting rights -- football issues)].

Since federation in 1997, there have been approximately 26 proposals on the agenda at Division II business sessions where Bylaw 9.3.10.2 was invoked and active member institutions or voting member conferences that sponsor football voted on issues affecting only football [see Attachment]. Although Bylaw 9.3.10.2 specifies the membership groups that may vote on football only issues, because the legislation itself affects all institutions and conferences, any future amendment to this provision would be voted on by all active member institutions and conferences. Essentially, any proposal to amend Bylaw 9.3.10.2 is a membership-wide issue that does not only impact football.

Questions to Consider:

1. What are the benefits of the special voting legislation on football issues?
2. What are the detriments of the special voting legislation on football issues?

² A dominant provision is legislation that is derived from the constitution in the 1988-89 Manual (the manual format that was employed until the membership approved the revised format at the 1989 Convention). All such legislation is identified by an asterisk [*].

3. What positive impacts would the removal of the special voting legislation on football issues have on institutions and conferences that sponsor football?
4. What negative impacts would the removal of the special voting legislation on football issues have on institutions and conferences that sponsor football?
5. Should the division retain the special voting legislation for institutions and conferences that sponsor football? [Please explain.]
6. What unintended consequences might occur if the special voting legislation on football issues is removed from the Manual?
7. Please note any additional information your constituents would like shared with the Division II Management Council.

Associated References

Division II Bylaws:

9.02.1.2 Common. A common provision is a regulation that applies to more than one of the divisions of the Association. A common provision shall be adopted by each of the applicable divisions, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Bylaw 9.3, and must be approved by all applicable divisions to be effective. Common provisions are identified by the pound sign (#).

9.02.1.3 Federated. federated provision is a regulation adopted by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting of one or more of the divisions or subdivisions of the Association, acting separately pursuant to the divisional legislative process described in Bylaw 9.3. Such a provision applies only to the division(s) or subdivision(s) that adopts it.

9.3.10.2 Voting on Football Issues. An active member or voting member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football.

Division II Proposals:

[Note: See Attachment for the 26 proposals that have been voted on by football-sponsoring institutions and conferences per Bylaw 9.3.10.2.]

Division III Proposal:

Title: VOTING RIGHTS -- FOOTBALL ISSUES

Date Submitted: January 25, 2001

Effective Date: Immediate

Official Notice Number: NC-2002-4

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)].

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

Status: Adopted

Intent: To eliminate legislation permitting only conferences and institutions that sponsor the sport of football to vote on proposals related to the sport of football.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.3.2.2.4, as follows:

[Division III]

~~"3.3.2.2.4 Football Issues. In addition to meeting the requirements of Constitution 3.3.2.2.3 for men's and/or women's sports, conference championship competition shall be conducted in the sport of football in order for the conference to vote on issues pertaining only to football."~~

B. Constitution: Amend 5.3.11.4, as follows:

[Division III]

~~"5.3.11.4 Voting on Football Issues. An active member or voting member conference with no football program shall not be permitted to vote on issues affecting only football."~~

Division: II

Proposal Number: 1998-6

Title: FINANCIAL AID -- DIVISION II MAXIMUM EQUIVALENCY LIMITS -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 1998

Date Submitted: January 1, 1998

Status: Defeated Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2001

Source: Abilene Christian University; Bemidji State University; Fairmont State College; Ferris State University; Fort Lewis College; Michigan Technological University; University of Minnesota, Duluth; University of Minnesota, Morris; Moorehead State University; Quincy University; St. Joseph's College (Indiana); Wayne State University (Michigan); West Virginia Wesleyan College; Western State College of Colorado; and Winona State University.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Intent: To decrease the limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in Division II football from 36 to 30.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.3.2.1, as follows:

"15.5.3.2.1 Division II Men's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each Division II men's sport, as follows:

"Football	36.0 30.00"
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Rationale: With 60 percent of all Division II football playing institutions already providing less than the value of 30 equivalencies, this proposal will not dilute the quality of football or the quality of student-athletes that can be recruited at the Division II level. The survey results from the financial aid project team showed that the average Division II football equivalency per institution is 24.1. The "phase in" period of three years will allow institutions providing in excess of 30 equivalencies to reduce financial aid awards at their own pace and will permit all current student-athletes to finish their playing careers at the same scholarship level. Division II institutions that sponsor football have difficulty being in compliance with Title IX because of the cost to operate a successful football program. This proposal will allow the monies saved to be transferred to the women's program to assist an institution in achieving gender equity.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Legislative Review Subcommittee The committee took no position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
15.4.3.2	Multisport Participant Receiving Nonathletically Related Institutional Aid.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 1998-7

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SPRING PRACTICE -- DIVISION II FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 1998

Date Submitted: January 1, 1998

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Division II Management Council upon recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In Division II football, to specify that 12 of the spring practice sessions may involve contact, provided contact does not occur prior to the third practice session; to specify that full contact 11-on-11 sessions are limited to three of the 12 practice session; further, to reduce the number of spring football contact sessions that may involve tackling to eight.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.6, pages 217-218, as follows:

"17.10.6 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:

[17.10.6-(a) unchanged.]

"(c) Spring Practice -- Division II. In Division II, 15 postseason practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in 17.10.5.2-(a)] are permissible, provided they are conducted within a period of 29 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution closed due to inclement weather, with no practices permitted on Sundays. Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session. Only ~~10~~ **12** of the 15 sessions may involve contact **and such contact shall not occur prior to the third practice session. The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment. Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling and no more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted to 11-on-11 scrimmages. Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions.** An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities **(other than tackling)** that may occur during **the four noncontact nontackling** sessions *(e.g., use of blocking dummies), provided no football gear or as well as the protective equipment other than head gear, shoulder pads, shoes, pants and porous lightweight jerseys are to be worn* by the *involved* student-athletes. **If an institution conducts a "spring game" per 17.10.5.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that can be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.** A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see 17.02.1.1) during the spring practice period shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week;"

Rationale: Currently, the NCAA's national injury surveillance system (ISS) shows a two to three times higher risk of total and serious injury (e.g., concussion, fractures, surgeries and knee injuries) in spring football practice when compared to fall. This proposal should assist in reducing serious injury in spring football by (a) reducing the number of days where tackling is permitted from 10 to eight (these practices are where 90 percent of the serious injuries occur); (b) reducing the number of practices where over 50 percent of the practice time is devoted to 11-on-11 scrimmaging from a potential of 10 to three (almost half of the injuries

reported in spring practice occur in this type of scrimmage activity); and (c) requiring the first two days of practice to involve no contact (helmet only) to allow acclimatization to the activity (current legislation would allow a full-pad scrimmage on the first day of spring practice). This proposal is based on reliable injury data provided by athletics trainers and focuses on contact type rather than quantity. Its potential effectiveness has been endorsed by the American Football Coaches Association and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.9.6	End Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 1999-9

Title: RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- DIVISION II FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 1999

Date Submitted: January 1, 1999

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: In Division II football, to permit one telephone call to a football prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians) during the month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school; further, to preclude any additional telephone calls until September 1 at the beginning of the prospect's senior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.01.6, pages 75-76, as follows:

"13.01.6 Time Periods for Telephone Calls and Contacts. In Divisions I and II, telephone calls or in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians prior to July 1 (~~August 15 in Division II football and~~ September 1 in Divisions I-A and I-AA football **and Division II football**) following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school. In Division III, in-person, off-campus contacts with a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) may not be made until the prospect has completed the junior year in high school. In Divisions I and II football and basketball, such contacts are confined to specific contact periods. In all Divisions I and II sports, time periods are established during which no on- or off-campus contacts are permitted (see 30.11 and Figures 13-1 through 13.7).

"13.01.6.1 Exception -- Division II Football. In Division II football, one telephone call to a prospect [or prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may be made during the month of May of the prospect's junior year in high school."

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

"13.1.1.1 High-School Prospects. In Divisions I and II, in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) prior to July 1 following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school. Telephone calls shall not be made with a prospect [or the prospect's parents or legal guardian(s)] prior to July 1 (~~August 15 Division II football and~~ September 1 in divisions I-A and IAA football **and Division II football**) following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school. In Division III, in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s) until the prospect has completed the junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in 13.17.1.

"13.1.1.1.1 Exception -- Division II Football. In Division II football, one telephone call may be made during the months of May of the prospect's junior year in high school."

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3.1.1, as follows:

"13.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Division II Football. In the sport of Division II football, **one** telephone calls to a prospect [or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may ~~not~~ be made ~~prior to August 15 following the completion~~ **during the month of May** of the prospect's junior year in high school. **Additional telephone**

calls to a prospect [or a prospect's relatives or legal guardian(s)] may not be made prior to September 1 of the beginning of the prospect's senior year in high school; thereafter, such telephone contact is limited to once per week outside of a contact period. During a contact period, such telephone contact may be made at the institution's discretion."

Rationale: Because many football prospective student-athletes are recruited by both Divisions I-AA and II institutions, differences in recruiting legislation for the two divisions causes confusion. Prospects, as well as their parents and high-school coaches, likely will question a Division II institutions level of interest if that institution does not call the prospect until July 1, when Division I-AA institutions have previously called him the prior May. The rationale expressed for the current Davison I-AA legislation also is applicable to Davison II institutions. Having an early opportunity to gauge a prospects interest will allow institutions to spend recruiting dollars wisely. In short, making Division II legislation governing initial telephone contact for football prospects consistent with that in Division I-AA will eliminate confusion and the existence of a needless recruiting advantage for Division I-AA institutions. Prior to the adoption of Division Proposal No. 97-5(b), Divisions II and I-AA had the same telephone contact restrictions.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.01	General Principles.
13.1.1.1	High School Prospective Student-Athletes.
13.1.3.1	Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 1999-12

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDAR -- DIVISION II FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 1999

Date Submitted: January 1, 1999

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 1999

Source:

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: In Division II, to permit contact with a two-year college football prospect at the conclusion of the two-year college prospect's football season.

Bylaws: Amend 30.11.6, as follows:

"30.11.6 Football, Division II. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football in Division II:
[30.11.6-(a) and 30.11.6-(b) unchanged.]

"(c) November 1 through November 30 **except for (1) below**: Evaluation Period

"(1) For two-year college prospects, the conclusion of the prospect's two-year college football season through November 30: Contact Period"

[Remainder of 30.11.6 unchanged.]

Rationale: The initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent for a midyear two-year college transfer is December 16, 1998 (and a similar date in future years), which allows approximately two weeks from the initial contact date of December 1 for institutions to contact prospects. If coaches are permitted to contact prospects following the conclusion of the two-year college football season, it would allow institutions approximately two additional weeks for a total of approximately four weeks, which is not excessive but more reasonable.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Legislative Review Subcommittee The committee supports this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.17	Recruiting Calendars.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2000-23

Title: GEOGRAPHICAL SCHEDULING WAIVER -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2000

Date Submitted: January 1, 2000

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2000

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee)]

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Membership and Institutional Control.

Intent: To eliminate the geographic scheduling waiver in the sport of football that is based on athletically-related aid awarded by the institution.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.4.3.4, as follows:

"20.10.4.3.4 Geographical Waiver — Division II Football. The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may waive the provisions of 20.10.4.1 for a Division II institution that does not offer athletically related financial aid in the sport of football, or which offers fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in Division II football, if it is determined that fewer than six other Division II football programs exist within a 500-mile radius of the institution's campus that do not offer athletically related financial aid in the sport of football or offer fewer than 20 percent of the maximum allowable number of scholarships in Division II football. An institution shall calculate the applicable percentage based upon the amount of athletically related financial aid received by its student-athletes in the sport of football as opposed to including all institutional aid in that sport."

Rationale: The geographical waiver of the 50-percent scheduling requirement in the sport of football should be eliminated inasmuch as such a waiver in Division II should not be contingent upon the amount of athletically-related financial aid an institution awards in football or the number of institutions granting minimal aid that are located in close proximity to the institution. This legislation was written specifically to assist Division I-AA institutions and does not have a practical application in Division II. An institution that has legitimate geographical difficulty in scheduling opponents may apply for a waiver per Bylaw 20.10.4.4.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
20.10.3	Sports Sponsorship.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2000-42

Title: CONTEST EXEMPTION -- DIVISION II FOOTBALL -- MINERAL WATER BOWL

Convention Year: 2000

Date Submitted: January 1, 2000

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2000

Source: All members of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and all members of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Championships/Postseason Events

Intent: To permit teams from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to participate in the Mineral Water Bowl and to exempt such participation from the limitations governing the permissible number of contests.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.4, pages 224-225, as follows:

[17.10.4.1 and 17.10.4.2, unchanged.]

"17.10.4.3 Mineral Water Bowl Restrictions. All members of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference shall participate in the Division II Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation. In addition, members of those conferences that participate in the Division II Football Championship shall not participate in the Mineral Water Bowl during the same year."

[17.10.4.3 renumbered as 17.10.4.4, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.5.2, pages 226-227, as follows:

"17.10.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-13):

[17.10.5.2-(a) through 17.10.5.2-(d), unchanged.]

"(e) Mineral Water Bowl. Participation in the Mineral Water Bowl held between representatives of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference."

[17.10.5.2-(e) through 17.10.5.2-(r) relettered as 17.10.5.2-(f) through 17.10.5.2-(s), unchanged.]

Rationale: This proposed legislation would afford a representative from the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and a representative from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to participate in a postseason bowl game. All members of both conferences would continue to participate in the NCAA Division II Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation. This game would involve only teams not selected for the Division II football playoffs. This legislation is modeled after the Pioneer Bowl which matches teams from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Championships Committee The Committee took no position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.9.4	End Date of Practice and Competition -- Championship Segment.
17.9.5	First Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2001-41

Title: CONTEST EXEMPTION -- FOOTBALL -- TEXAS BOWL

Convention Year: 2001

Date Submitted: January 1, 2001

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2001

Source: All members of the Lone Star Conference and all members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Championships/Postseason Events

Intent: To permit teams from the Lone Star Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to participate in the Texas Bowl beyond the legislated end of the playing season and to exempt such participation from the maximum permissible number of contests.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.4, pages 224-225, as follows:

[17.10.4-(a) unchanged.]

"(b) Bowl Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, International Competition, Heritage Bowl ~~and~~ , Pioneer Bowl **and Texas Bowl**. One postseason game ~~approved by the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet or those games~~ played in the National Collegiate Division I-AA, Division II and Division III Football Championships; football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution, or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. ~~In Division I-AA only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Heritage Bowl to be held between representatives of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference no earlier than the Monday after the conclusion of the National Collegiate Division I-AA Football Championship. In Division II only, a~~ **A** member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Pioneer Bowl to be held between representatives of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference no earlier than one week after the conclusion of the National Collegiate Division II Football Championship **or may include participation in the Texas Bowl to be held between representatives of the Lone Star Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.**"

[17.10.4.2 unchanged.]

"17.10.4.3 Texas Bowl Restrictions. All members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and the Lone Star Conference shall participate in the Division II Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation. In addition, members of those conferences that participate in the Division II Football Championship shall not participate in the Texas Bowl during the same year."

[17.10.4.3 renumbered as 17.10.4.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.5.2, pages 226-227, as follows:

[17.10.5.2-(a) through 17.10.5.2-(d) unchanged.]

"(e) Texas Bowl. Participation in the Texas Bowl, held between representative of the Lone Star Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference."

[17.10.5.2-(e) through 17.10.5.2-(r) relettered as 17.10.5.2-(f) through 17.10.5.2-(s), unchanged.]

Rationale: This proposed legislation would afford a representative from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and a representative from the Lone Star Conference to participate in a postseason bowl game. All members of both conferences would continue to participate in the NCAA Division II Football Championship, if selected. This game would involve only teams not selected for the Division II football playoffs. This legislation is modeled after the Pioneer Bowl and Mineral Water Bowl currently in effect for selected Division II conferences.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Championships Committee The committee took no position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.9.4	End Date of Practice and Competition -- Championship Segment.
17.9.5	First Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2001-42

Title: CONTEST EXEMPTION -- FOOTBALL -- WEST COAST BOWL

Convention Year: 2001

Date Submitted: January 1, 2001

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2001

Source: All members of the Pacific West Conference and all members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Championships/Postseason Events

Intent: To permit teams from the Pacific West Conference/Columbia Football Association and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to participate in the West Coast Bowl beyond the legislated end of the playing season and to exempt such participation from the maximum permissible number of contests.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.4, pages 224-225, as follows:

[17.10.4-(a) unchanged.]

"(b) Bowl Games, NCAA and NAIA Championships, International Competition, Heritage Bowl ~~and~~ , Pioneer Bowl **and West Coast Bowl**. One postseason game ~~approved by the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet or those games~~ played in the National Collegiate Division I-AA, Division II and Division III Football Championships; football contests played on a foreign tour certified by the member institution, or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football championships. ~~In Division I-AA only, a member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Heritage Bowl to be held between representatives of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference no earlier than the Monday after the conclusion of the National Collegiate Division I-AA Football Championship. In Division II only, a~~ **A** member institution's last contest also may include participation in the Pioneer Bowl to be held between representatives of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference no earlier than one week after the conclusion of the National Collegiate Division II Football Championship **or may include participation in the West Coast Bowl to be held between representatives of the Pacific West Conference/Columbia Football Association and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.**"

[17.10.4.2 unchanged.]

"17.10.4.3 Texas Bowl Restrictions. All members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and the Lone Star Conference shall participate in the Division II Football Championship, if eligible and selected for participation. In addition, members of those conferences that participate in the Division II Football Championship shall not participate in the Texas Bowl during the same year."

[17.10.4.3 renumbered as 17.10.4.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.5.2, pages 226-227, as follows:

[17.10.5.2-(a) through 17.10.5.2-(d) unchanged.]

"(e) West Coast Bowl. Participation in the West Coast Bowl, held between representative of the Pacific West Conference/Columbia Football Association and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference."

[17.10.5.2-(e) through 17.10.5.2-(r) relettered as 17.10.5.2-(f) through 17.10.5.2-(s), unchanged.]

Rationale: This proposed legislation would afford a representative from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and a representative from the Pacific West Conference/Columbia Football Association to participate in a postseason bowl game. All members of both conferences would continue to participate in the NCAA Division II Football Championship, if selected. This game would involve only teams not selected for the Division II football playoffs. This legislation is modeled after the Pioneer Bowl and Mineral Water Bowl currently in effect for selected Division II conferences.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Championships Committee The committee took no position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.9.4	End Date of Practice and Competition -- Championship Segment.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2002-27

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL SPRING PRACTICE

Convention Year: 2002

Date Submitted: January 30, 2001

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2002

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

Category: Deregulation

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: To eliminate the prohibition against Sunday practice during spring football.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.6, as follows:

"(b) Spring Practice. Fifteen postseason practice sessions (including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game are permissible, provided they are conducted within a period of 29 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, ~~with no practices permitted on Sundays~~. Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session. Only 12 of the 15 sessions may involve contact, and such contact shall not occur before the third practice session. The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment. Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and no more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages. Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn by the student-athletes. If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.10.5.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that can be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) during the spring practice period shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week."

Rationale: The committee agreed that practice on Sunday should be an institutional decision and should not be legislated at the national level. Some institutions may wish to use some of the permissible 15 days on Sundays in order to avoid conflict with classes and labs. Further, it may be necessary to use a Sunday as one of the 15 days in situations when inclement weather causes cancellation days and an institution is not able to complete the 15 days without applying to the NCAA Division II Administrative Review Subcommittee to extend the 29 day "window." An institution certainly may adopt an institutional policy to prohibit countable athletically related activities on Sunday in football, or any other sport.

FAQ:

Budget Impact:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.9.6	End Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2002-33

Title: RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING CALENDAR

Convention Year: 2002

Date Submitted: January 30, 2001

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: Gulf South Conference

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: To revise the football recruiting calendar by changing the spring evaluation period to April 15 through May 31 and to specify that four weeks of evaluation is selected at the discretion of the institution.

Bylaws: Amend 30.11.3, as follows:

"30.11.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football ~~in Division II:~~

[30.11.3-(a) through 30.11.3-(d) unchanged.]

"(e) The 31st day after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent through ~~April 30~~ **April 14:** Quiet Period

"(f) ~~May 1~~ **April 15** through May 31 **except (g) below:** Evaluation Period

"(1) Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics

"(g) Those days in April/May not designated in (f) for evaluation opportunities: Quiet Period"

[30.11.3-(g) relettered as 30.11.3-(h) unchanged]

Rationale: Current legislation in Division I permits evaluations to begin April 15. Evaluations by Division II coaches may not begin until May 1. This difference results in two-year college scrimmages being conducted in late April at which Division II coaches are unable attend. This proposal does not extend the period of evaluation beyond the four weeks as permitted in current legislation. This changes does, however, "level the field" by permitting Division II coaches to evaluate in the same time period as Division I.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Gulf South Conference
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Presidents Council, Management Council and
Legislation Committee

The Councils and committee support
this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.17.3	Football.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2002-36

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2002

Date Submitted: January 31, 2001

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2002

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In the sport of football, to permit student-athletes to view a maximum of two hours of game film per week as part of the permissible eight hours of required weight-training and conditioning activities that may occur during the academic year outside of the playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.5.2, as follows:

"17.1.5.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season. Outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in the countable athletically related activities specified in 17.02.1-(c), 17.02.1-(d), ~~and~~ 17.02.1-(e) **and in the sport of football, 17.02.1-(a)-(6)** shall be permitted. 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 individual skill workouts set forth in 17.02.1-(e) and 17.1.6.2.1, **and in the sport of football, the viewing of game film per 17.02.1-(a)-(6)**. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year)."

Rationale: Currently, student-athletes in the sport of football are the only student-athletes excluded from the skill-instruction opportunities outside the playing season during the academic year. The opportunity to view a maximum of two hours of game film with the coaching staff as part of the eight hours of permissible weekly conditioning is a good alternative to actual skill-related instruction. This proposed change does not increase the time for out-of-season activities; it simply permits another type of activity during that time.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.1.6.2	Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2004-34

Title: AMATEURISM -- PROFESSIONAL DRAFT -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2004

Date Submitted: May 30, 2003

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Amateurism

Intent: In football, to permit a student-athlete to enter the National Football League's draft without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares his intention to resume intercollegiate football participation within 72-hours following the National Football League draft declaration date.

Bylaws: Amend 12.2.4.2, as follows:

"12.2.4.2 Draft List. Subsequent to initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual loses amateur status in a particular sport when the individual asks to be placed on the draft list or supplemental draft list of a professional league in that sport, even though:

[12.2.4.2-(a) through 12.2.4.2-(c) unchanged.]

[12.2.4.2.1 unchanged.]

"12.2.4.2.2 Exception -- National Football League (NFL) Draft. An enrolled student-athlete in football may enter the National Football League (NFL) draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete is not drafted by any team in that league and the student-athlete declares his intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 72-hours following the National Football League (NFL) draft declaration date. The student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics."

Rationale: This proposal will provide a football student-athlete the opportunity to investigate professional sports opportunities in the National Football League (NFL) in the same manner that other college students are permitted to review professional employment options from sources outside the institution. Further, because the student-athlete is required to declare his intent to resume intercollegiate participation prior to the initial-signing period for the National Letter of Intent, football coaches will have a better grasp on team composition in order to effectively prepare for the following football season. Please note that this proposed change is for only the sport of football and is only applicable to National Football League's draft. It is necessary that this proposal be effective immediately in order for student-athletes to be permitted to have the benefit of this legislation as soon as possible.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
12.2.4.2	Draft List.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2004-50

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL SPRING PRACTICE -- CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES AND/OR REVIEW OF GAME FILM

Convention Year: 2004

Date Submitted: June 25, 2003

Status: Withdrawn

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: Lone Star Conference and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, during the spring practice period, to specify that 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 video/film.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11.8, as follows:

"17.11.8 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:

[17.11.8-(a) unchanged.]

"(b) Spring Practice. Fifteen postseason practice sessions (including intrasquad scrimmages) and the spring game are permissible, provided they are conducted within a period of 29 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. **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 video/film.** Any such practice sessions held during vacation days may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session. Only 12 of the 15 sessions may involve contact, and such contact shall not occur before the third practice session. The noncontact practice sessions may involve headgear as the only piece of protective equipment. Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and no more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages. Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn by the student-athletes. If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.1.9.1-(j), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that can be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) during the spring practice period shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week."

Rationale: The proposal permits Division II institutions to meet on off-days to view video/film and/or engage in required conditioning activities during spring football practice and the institution would not be required to count the day as one of its 15 designated days. The ability to view video/film and/or engage in required conditioning activities on off-days does not increase the limitation on the number of hours per week of countable athletically-related activity because these hours will be counted in that limitation. Presently, teams meet on days in which they practice to view video/film of the previous practice. This adds more hours onto an already long day and is a bigger inconvenience for student-athletes than meeting for an hour in the

afternoon on off days. When the 20 hours per week are used should not matter. Division I has adopted this legislation to permit institutions to meet on off-days to view video/film during spring football practice. This proposal has an immediate effective date, in order for institutions to take advantage of this legislation for spring football practice in 2004.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Presidents Council, Management Council and
Legislation Committee

The Councils and committee take no
position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.10.8	Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2005-28

Title: FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM EQUIVALENCY LIMITS -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2005

Date Submitted: June 1, 2004

Status: Defeated Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2006

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Intent: In football, to reduce the maximum limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards from 36 to 24.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.2.1.1, as follows:

"15.5.2.1.1 Men's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each men's sport, as follows:

"Football ~~36.0~~ **24.0**"

Rationale: During the 2000-01 academic year, of the Division II institutions that sponsored football, 50 percent of them awarded 24 or fewer scholarships to football student-athletes. This proposal reduces the maximum number, measured in equivalencies, of financial aid awards in football from 36 to 24 to assist competitive balance, access to championships and gender equity by limiting all institutions at the level chosen by the majority of institutions that sponsored football in 2000-01. This legislation permits one full scholarship for each offensive and defensive position as well as two scholarships for special teams. The effective date for this proposal is August 1, 2006 to provide institutions time to comply with the new equivalency limit.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Division II. Reviewed

(NCAA Division II Presidents Council, Management Council and Legislation Committee): The Councils and committee oppose the proposal for the following reasons: (1) Research indicates that institutions that offer near the financial aid equivalency limit in a particular sport do not earn greater access to championships due to the aid being provided. Other factors contribute to a team's success; (2) Changes to the limits would cause harm to student-athletes because financial aid is a benefit to student-athletes and provides access to higher education; (3) Changes to the limits would further accentuate the difference between public and private institutions, with an

adverse impact on private institutions; and (4) Changes to the limits would cause harm to institutions in less populated areas because the ability to provide financial aid attracts some student-athletes from different regions.

Review History:

Jul 16, 2004: Reviewed - Division II.

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
15.4.2.1.1	Men's Sports.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2006-37

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- WALK-THROUGHS

Convention Year: 2006

Date Submitted: August 4, 2005

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2006

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to permit an institution to conduct one one-hour walk-through per day during the five-day acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.2.3, page 205, as follows:

"17.11.2.3 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.11.2.3-(a) unchanged.]

"(b) Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than three hours.

"(1) Exception -- During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session (i.e., testing, practice or walk-through) occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically-related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time."

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.2.4.1, page 206, as follows:

"17.11.2.4.1 Exception - "Walk-Through".

"During the preseason practice period *only and subsequent to the five-day acclimatization period*, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.11.2.4, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour and may only be conducted on days in which one practice is permitted. Further,

student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the on-field practice and the walk-through. During this recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time."

Rationale: After experiencing the first couple of years of preseason football practice under the new out-of-season conditioning model, teams should be able to engage in on-field "walk-throughs" that provide for critical teaching/learning opportunities without compromising the health and well-being of student-athletes during the five-day acclimatization period. Further, the proposed time limitations will help prevent encroachment on academic orientation activities.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Additional Information: Report of The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee, item 1-(b)-(4), July 2005.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.10.2.2	Five-Day Acclimatization Period.
17.10.2.3.1	Exception -- "Walk-Through."

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2007-7

Title: FINANCIAL AID AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- STRUCTURE OF FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Convention Year: 2007

Date Submitted: June 1, 2006

Status: Defeated Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2008, for those conferences and institutions participating in the championship segment on or after August 1, 2009.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Football Task Force) (Developed by the Football Task Force and introduced by the NCAA Division II Management Council to fulfill its obligation to the membership by recommending a proposal to address issues regarding the Division II football championship structure)].

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Intent: In football, to establish two championship classifications, based on the total number of financial aid equivalencies provided by an institution; further, to specify that an institution or conference on behalf of its member institutions shall declare once every three years the championship classification in which its member institutions will participate.

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.2.1.1, pages 156-157, as follows:

"15.5.2.1.1 Men's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per 15.02.4.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each men's sport (**See Bylaw 31.3.1.1 regarding additional football equivalency limitations for championships.**) as follows:"

B. Bylaws: Amend 31.2 by adding new 31.2.1, pages 322-326, as follows:

"31.2 Eligibility for Championships

"31.2.1 Institution or Conference Eligibility -- Football. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in an NCAA Division II football championship (see Bylaw 31.3.1.1), an institution or conference on behalf of its member institutions shall declare the championship classification in which it will participate. The institution or conference eligibility declaration shall be completed by September 1, and is binding on the institution or conference for a period of three years.

"31.2.1.1 Compliance with Deadline. Any dues payment or approved form(s) shall be received in the national office by the applicable date or must have been postmarked not later than seven days before the applicable date."

[31.2.1 through 31.2.3 renumbered as 31.2.2 through 31.2.4, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 31.3.1 by adding new 31.3.1.1, as follows:

"31.3.1 Size of Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships.

"31.3.1.1 Size of Football Championship Classifications. The size of the two football championship classifications are based on the total number of financial aid equivalencies provided annually by an institution. Per Bylaw 31.2.1, an institution or conference on behalf of its member institutions shall declare the championship classification in which it will participate. One football championship classification is open to institutions or conferences' member institutions who provide up to the maximum financial aid equivalency limit or less in Bylaw 15.5.2.1.1. The other football championship classification is open to institutions or conferences' member institutions who provide 50 percent or less than the maximum financial aid equivalency limit in Bylaw 15.5.2.1.1. All other policies and procedures regarding the administration of the two football championship classifications shall be established by the Championships Committee."

Rationale: Following the 2005 NCAA Convention, the Division II Football Task Force was created to study a possible change to the Division II football championship structure that would provide more competitive equity. The consensus was that the current maximum financial aid equivalency limit in football should be protected; however, new opportunities should be considered to give programs that offer significantly fewer scholarships a chance to be competitive in the postseason. This proposal will establish two national championship classifications in Division II football. One championship classification will be established for institutions that provide financial aid from zero to 36 total equivalencies. The other championship classification will be established for institutions that provide 50 percent or less than the maximum financial aid equivalency limit, or zero to 18 total equivalencies. This new Division II football championship model will take effect for the 2009 championship season. In addition, this proposal will also require institutions or conferences on behalf of its member institutions to declare once every three years, its level of playoff competition. This commitment will be binding for three years. The creation of this model will enhance and preserve the competitive equity in Division II football, while improving the student-athlete experience.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

May 4, 2006:	Recommends Approval - Football Task Force	
Jul 18, 2006:	Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council.	Review
Aug 3, 2006:	Approved in Legislative Format - Presidents Council	Review
Aug 30, 2006:	Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Subcommittee	Review

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
15.4.2.1.1	Men's Sports.
31.2	Eligibility for Championships.
31.3.1	Size of Championships Fields.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 06, 2007	Financial Aid and Executive Regulations -- Eligibility for Championships -- Structure of Football Championship Classifications (II)

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2014-13

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- INSTITUTIONAL VACATION PERIOD -- STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING PERSONNEL DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING WORKOUT PROGRAMS DURING SUMMER VACATION PERIOD -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2014

Date Submitted: June 26, 2013

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: June 1, 2014

Source: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to specify that beginning June 1 through the conclusion of an institution's summer vacation period, strength and conditioning personnel may design and conduct workout programs for student-athletes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.02.13, as follows:

17.02.13 Strength and Conditioning Personnel. Strength and conditioning personnel may monitor voluntary individual workouts (e.g., summer workouts) for safety purposes without considering such supervision as a countable athletically related activity per Bylaw 17.02.1. Although an institution may designate more than one strength and conditioning coach, it is not permissible for an institution to designate a specific strength and conditioning coach for each of the institution's intercollegiate teams. If the strength and conditioning coach is also a coaching staff member for one of the institution's intercollegiate teams, such assistance may be provided only if that staff member performs such duties for all intercollegiate teams. This exception shall apply during and outside the declared playing and practice season (see Bylaw 17.1.6.2). **(See Bylaw 17.1.6.2.6.1 for further information regarding the exception for summer workouts in football.)**

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.02.1, as follows:

17.02.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. Countable athletically related activities include any required activity with an athletics purpose, involving student-athletes and at the direction of, or supervised by, any member or members of an institution's coaching staff (including strength and conditioning coaches) and must be counted within the weekly and daily limitations under Bylaws 17.1.6.1 and 17.1.6.2. Administrative activities (e.g., academic meetings, compliance meetings) shall not be considered as countable athletically related activities. **(See Bylaw 17.1.6.2.6.1 for further information regarding the exception for summer workouts in football.)**

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.6, as follows:

17.1.6.2.6 Institutional Vacation Period. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year).

17.1.6.2.6.1 Exception -- Football. In football, beginning June 1 through the conclusion of an institution's summer vacation period, a student-athlete may participate in workouts designed and conducted by the institution's strength and conditioning personnel, provided such workouts are

voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. Strength and conditioning personnel who conduct such workouts must perform strength and conditioning duties for at least one of the institution's other intercollegiate teams during the academic year, must be certified through a national strength and conditioning program and must maintain current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use.

Rationale: This proposal would permit strength and conditioning personnel to design and conduct specific workout programs for football student-athletes during the summer as they do during the academic year, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete. This recommendation also promotes student-athlete well-being by allowing conditioning programs to occur in a safe and controlled environment and by permitting strength and conditioning personnel to work more closely with football student-athletes, rather than only stepping in during voluntary workouts if there is a safety issue. Permitting strength and conditioning personnel to design and conduct workouts administered at the request of the student-athlete beginning June 1 ensures football student-athletes are afforded individual conditioning instruction and the opportunity to prepare for the physical demands of preseason practice. Further, amending the legislation regarding the permissible involvement of strength and conditioning personnel with football student-athletes alleviates confusion as to whether such activities are considered countable athletically related activities. The June 1, 2014, effective date will allow strength and conditioning personnel to design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes during the summer of 2014.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Committee on
Competitive
Safeguards
and Medical
Aspects of
Sports.

Supports

The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that the proposal requires strength and conditioning coaches conducting voluntary summer workouts to have strength and conditioning certification through a nationally recognized certification program; further, the proposal requires such strength and conditioning coaches to maintain current first aid, CPR and AED certification. By requiring strength and conditioning coach certification, the legislation helps assure that football players are afforded protection during voluntary summer conditioning. In addition the committee noted that the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook recommends that member institutions have on file an annually updated Emergency Action Plan. The committee further noted that there is a limit to when these conditioning sessions can occur and the proposal requires such sessions to remain voluntary.

Review History:

: Supports - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.02.1	Countable Athletically Related Activities.
17.02.13	Strength and Conditioning Personnel.
17.1.6.2.6	Institutional Vacation Period.
17.1.6.2.6.1	Exception - Fall Championships Sports.

Proposals

Proposal Number	Title
2014-13-1	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- FINANCIAL AID -- COST OF ATTENDANCE -- STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
2014-13-2	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- FINANCIAL AID -- COST OF ATTENDANCE -- REPORTING OF VARIANCES
2014-13-3	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- FULL GRANT-IN-AID -- OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO ATTENDANCE UP TO COST OF ATTENDANCE -- PROPORIONALITY
2014-13-4	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- FINANCIAL AID -- COST OF ATTENDANCE -- EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS -- BOOKS

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 15, 2014	Proposal No. 2014-13 (No. 2-20) Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing Season Regulations -- Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities -- Institutional Vacation Period -- Strength and Conditioning Personnel Designing and Conducting Workout Programs During Summer Vacation Period -- Football (II)
June 08, 1998	Summer Practice and Workouts

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2016-5

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2016

Date Submitted: June 25, 2015

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: South Atlantic Conference, University of West Alabama, Wingate University, Mars Hill University, Carson-Newman University, University of Central Missouri, Brevard College, Limestone College, Tusculum College, Pittsburg State University, North Greenville University, Newberry College, Northwest Missouri State University, West Texas A&M University, Missouri Western State University, Stillman College, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Lane College, Kentucky State University, Angelo State University.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to specify that outside the playing season during the academic year, a student-athlete may participate in individual skill instruction, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.2, as follows:

17.1.6.2.2 Skill Instruction. ~~In sports other than football,~~ participation by student-athletes in individual skill-related instruction is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season. More than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction with their same coach(es) in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach.

17.1.6.2.2.1 Groups of Student-Athletes. In sports other than football, the following number of student-athletes is permitted in each group for skill instruction.

[17.1.6.2.2.1-(a) through 17.1.6.2.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Football. 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.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.3, as follows:

17.1.6.2.3 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. 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. During individual 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.** See Bylaw 17.9.5 for the first permissible date of nonchampionship segment practice sessions.

Rationale: Currently, football is the only sport that is not permitted to engage in individual skill instruction. Therefore, outside of the playing season during the academic year, except during the spring practice period, football student-athletes may not engage in skill instruction with sport-specific equipment (e.g., footballs, shields, bags) used in regular practices. Further, other fall team sports (e.g., soccer, volleyball) are permitted to participate in 24 practice or competition opportunities that occur within 45 consecutive calendar days

during the nonchampionship segment in addition to conditioning, weight training, team activities and/or skill instruction outside the playing season during the academic year. Football would still be limited to 15 designated days of spring practice within 29 consecutive days, with only 12 of those 15 being contact sessions. The immediate effective date would permit football student-athletes to engage in individual skill instruction sessions during the spring of 2016.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

South Atlantic Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

<p>Presidents Council, Management Council, Championships Committee and Legislation Committee</p>	<p>Supports</p>	<p>The Presidents Council, Management Council, Championships Committee and the Legislation Committee agreed to support this proposal. The Councils and committees noted that the proposal will not increase the number of hours of athletic activity a football student-athlete may engage in outside the playing season. Further, the Councils and committees noted that person-to-person contact would not be permitted during skill instruction. In addition, the Councils and committees noted that this change will align the legislation in football with the out-of-season activity legislation in other sports.</p>
<p>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.</p>	<p>Opposes</p>	<p>The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that it jeopardizes student-athlete health and safety by straining sports medicine resources, particularly in their ability to provide adequate medical coverage for these additional sessions.</p>

Review History:

- Supports - Presidents Council, Management Council, Championships Committee and Legislation Committee
- Opposes - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.1.6.2.3	Football.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 13, 2016	Proposal No. 2016-5 (No. 2-5) Playing And Practice Seasons -- General Playing Season Regulations -- Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside The Playing Season -- Skill Instruction (II)

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2017-16

Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- CONTACT PERIOD -- MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Convention Year: 2017

Date Submitted: June 28, 2016

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Source: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northeast-10 Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Recruiting

Intent: In football, to revise the recruiting calendar to begin the winter contact period on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

[Roll call, football only]

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) ~~December 1~~ **The Monday after Thanksgiving** through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.3-(d)-(1) through 13.17.3-(g) unchanged.]

Rationale: Currently, the winter contact period begins on December 1. In most years, December 1 falls in the middle or end of week. The Monday following Thanksgiving is a more appropriate day to begin this contact period as both collegiate institutions and secondary schools have resumed classes following the Thanksgiving break.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Northeast-10 Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Football
Committee

Supports

The Football Committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that it makes sense to allow the contact period to begin on a Monday, rather than the arbitrarily determined December 1 date, as most institutions have resumed classes on that Monday after the Thanksgiving break.

Legislation Committee	Supports	The Legislation Committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that this change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the Division I FBS and FCS football recruiting calendars.
Presidents Council Management Council.	Supports	The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal. The Councils agreed with the rationale of the Football Committee and the Legislation Committee, noting that the change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the recruiting calendars in Division I.
Championships Committee	Took No Position	The Championships Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Review History:

- : Supports - Football Committee
- : Supports - Legislation Committee
- : Supports - Presidents Council , Management Council.
- : Took No Position - Championships Committee

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is a contact period?

Answer: A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Question No. 2: When does the current football winter contact period begin?

Answer: December 1.

Question No. 3: If this proposal is adopted, when will the first day of the winter contact period occur in future years?

Answer: The chart below outlines the first Monday after Thanksgiving for the next 10 years should the proposal be adopted.

Academic Year	First Date of Winter Contact Period - Current Legislation	First Date of Winter Contact Period if Proposal No. 2017-16 is Adopted
2017-18	Friday, December 1, 2017	Monday, November 27, 2017
2018-19	Saturday, December 1, 2018	Monday, November 26, 2018
2019-20	Sunday, December 1, 2019	Monday, December 2, 2019
2020-21	Tuesday December 1, 2020	Monday, November 30, 2020

2021-22	Wednesday December 1, 2021	Monday, November 29, 2021
2022-23	Thursday, December 1, 2022	Monday, November 28, 2022
2023-24	Friday, December 1, 2023	Monday, November 27, 2023
2024-25	Sunday, December 1, 2024	Monday, December 2, 2024
2025-26	Monday, December 1, 2025	Monday, December 1, 2025
2026-27	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Monday, November 30, 2026

Question No. 4: What is the current legislation in Divisions I and III?

Answer: Division I FBS and FCS football begin the winter contact period on the Sunday following the last Saturday in November. Division III does not have recruiting calendars and coaches are permitted to recruit at any time.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
13.17.3	Football.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 18, 2017	Proposal No. 2017-16 (No. 2-10) (No. 1-3) Recruiting -- Recruiting Calendars -- Football -- Contact Period -- Monday After Thanksgiving (II)

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2018-4

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- FIRST PRACTICE DATE -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Convention Year: 2018

Date Submitted: July 17, 2017

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution shall not begin official preseason practice sessions in the championship segment before 24 days prior to the first permissible contest or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2.1, as follows:

[Roll Call, football only]

17.10.2.1 First Practice Date -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before ~~21~~ **24** days before the first permissible contest or ~~seven~~ **10** days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

Rationale: The Interassociation Consensus on Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations included a recommendation to discontinue two-a-day practices. Accordingly, the Division II Presidents Council adopted emergency legislation (Proposal No. EM-2018-1) to eliminate multiple on-field practices in the same day. To account for that, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief provided waiver relief for the 2017 football season only to allow institutions additional days for preseason practice. This proposal would amend Bylaw 17.10.2.1 (first practice date -- championship segment) to codify the waiver relief and specify that the first practice date in the championship segment is 24 days before the first permissible contest date, or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Adoption of this proposal would ensure that institutions are able to adhere to the emergency legislation without compromising their student-athletes' preparedness for the upcoming 2018 season. Additionally, allowing institutions to begin practice three days earlier will provide adequate time for football teams to take the recommended day off per week during the preseason.

FAQ:

Question No. 1: Under current legislation, when is the first permissible preseason practice date in the championship segment?

Answer: The first permissible preseason practice date is 21 days before the first permissible contest or seven days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

Question No. 2: Would institutions be required to begin preseason practice 24 days before the first permissible contest date, or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: Would this proposal change or eliminate the five-day acclimatization period?

Answer: No.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

Jun 28, 2017: Recommends Approval - Championships Committee

Jul 18, 2017: Approved in Concept - Management Council.

Aug 9, 2017: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

Aug 30, 2017: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.10.2.1	First Practice Date -- Championship Segment.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 17, 2018	Proposal No. 2018-4 (No. 2-4) Playing and Practice Seasons -- Football -- Preseason Practice -- First Practice Date -- Championship Segment (II)

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2019-8

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SPRING PRACTICE -- 36-CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS

Convention Year: 2019

Date Submitted: June 29, 2018

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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:

[Roll Call, football only]

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.]

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.

FAQ:

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Great Midwest Athletic Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

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 the proposal.

Management Council. Presidents Council

The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to oppose this proposal. The councils noted the proposal extends the spring practice period, which negatively impacts the time demands on student-athletes and could adversely impact academics.

Football Committee

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

Review History:

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the football spring practice legislation?

Answer: Current legislation specifies that an institution may conduct 15 practice sessions within a period of 29-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. This proposal would increase the number of consecutive calendar days from 29 to 36.

Question No. 2: Would this proposal change any other aspect of the spring practice legislation?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: Would this proposal increase the permissible number of practice sessions during the spring practice period?

Answer: No.

Question No. 4: Would institutions be required to conduct 15 practice sessions over a period of 36-consecutive calendar days?

Answer: No.

Question No. 5: Would conditioning activities and/or review of game film be permissible during the additional seven calendar days?

Answer: Yes.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.10.8	Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 31, 2019	Proposal No. 2019-8 (2-9) Playing And Practice Seasons -- Football -- Out-Of-Season Athletically Related Activities -- Spring Practice -- 36-Consecutive Calendar Days (II)

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2022-8

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES MODEL

Convention Year: 2022

Date Submitted: July 14, 2021

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: Immediate

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Football Committee)]

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area:

Intent: To amend the football preseason practice and out-of-season athletically related activities legislation, as follows: (1) extend the five-day acclimatization period to seven days, with one required day off; (2) establish protective equipment and contact restrictions, as specified; and (3) eliminate the restriction on the number of student-athletes per group that may engage in skill instruction.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

[17.1.6.3.1 unchanged.]

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:

[17.1.6.3.2-(a) through 17.1.6.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) 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

[17.1.6.3.2-(d) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.3 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

17.11 Football.

[17.11.1 through 17.11.2 unchanged.]

17.11.3 Preseason Practice.

[17.11.3.1 unchanged.]

17.11.3.2 Required Day Off.

Following the five-seven-day acclimatization period, all physically related activity shall be prohibited one calendar day per week.

17.11.3.3 FiveSeven-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-seven-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-seven-day acclimatization period. The five-seven-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) Institutions may not conduct conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests prior to the start of the five-seven-day acclimatization period.
- (b) Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-seven-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than three hours.
 - (1) Exception -- During the five-seven-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. However, footballs may be used. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weightlifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.
- (c) During the first two days of ~~the acclimatization period~~ **practice or testing activity**, helmets **and spider pads** shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the ~~third and fourth days of the acclimatization period~~ **next three days of practice or testing activity**, helmets, **spider pads** and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment student-athletes may wear. ~~During the final day of the five-day acclimatization period and on days thereafter,~~ **On the sixth day of practice or testing activity**, student-athletes may practice in full pads.
- (d) **An institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off during the seven-day acclimatization period. The required day off may occur as early as the second day or as late as the seventh day.**

[17.11.3.3.1 unchanged.]

17.11.3.4 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining **17 on-field** preseason practice **sessions after the acclimatization** period shall be conducted as follows:

- ~~(a) Following the five-day acclimatization period, institutions may practice in full pads. However, an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions on the same day; and~~
- ~~(b) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day.~~

(a) General.

- (1) Multiple on-field practice sessions shall not be conducted on the same day;**
- (2) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day;**
- (3) On-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.11.3.4, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. An**

institution may use footballs during a walk through. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour; and

- (4) Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During this time, student-athletes may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

(b) Protective Equipment Restrictions.

- (1) Up to eight on-field practice sessions may be conducted in full pads;
- (2) During at least five on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets and spider pads;
- (3) During the remaining on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets, spider pads and/or shoulder pads; and
- (4) On-field practice sessions may be conducted in less protective equipment than the maximum restrictions noted above.

(c) Contact Restrictions.

- (1) Full contact (tackling to the ground) is only permitted during an on-field practice session in full pads;
- (2) An institution shall not conduct more than two consecutive days of full contact (tackling to the ground) practices;
- (3) An institution shall not conduct more than 60 minutes of contact (thud or full) on two consecutive days per week;
- (4) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than during the two permissible scrimmages; and
- (5) An institution shall not conduct more than two scrimmages during the preseason practice period. A scrimmage is a practice devoted primarily (greater than 50% of practice time) to 11-on-11, full contact (tackling to the ground) activities. A scrimmage counts as one of the eight permissible practices in full pads and may include more than 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground).

17.11.3.4.1 Exception -- "Walk-Through." During the preseason practice period, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.11.3.4, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. An institution may use footballs during a walk-through. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour. Further, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the on-field practice and the walk-through. During this recovery time, student-athletes may not engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent in film review, team meetings, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.11.3.4.2 renumbered as 17.11.3.4.1, unchanged.]

[17.11.4 through 17.11.10 unchanged.]

Rationale: The proposed revisions to the football playing and practice season model, developed with feedback from multiple stakeholders including student-athletes, coaches, practitioners, institutional medical personnel and conferences, make several changes to the preseason practice period intended to enhance student-athlete safety. The changes to the acclimatization period better align with existing research related to transitioning into football activities. The other revisions reduce the maximum number of full contact practices that could occur during the preseason from 17 to nine and establish limits on the amount of contact

that may occur during the preseason while retaining flexibility for programs regarding how to structure that period. The elimination of the skill instruction group size limit aligns football with all other Division II sports and will provide better balance for Division II coaches without negatively impacting student-athlete health and safety.

FAQ:

Seven-Day Acclimatization Period

Question No. 1: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the current five-day acclimatization period legislation?

Answer: Currently, in the sport of football, institutions are required to begin the preseason practice period with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshman and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. If adopted, this proposal will extend the five-day acclimatization period to seven days and will incorporate a required day off that may occur no earlier than the second day but no later than the seventh day in the period, at the institution's discretion.

Additionally, under current legislation surrounding the acclimatization period, there are protective equipment requirements, specifically: (1) During the first two days of the acclimatization period, helmets shall be the only piece of protective equipment; (2) During the third and fourth days of the acclimatization period, helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only pieces of protective equipment; and (3) During the final day of the five-day acclimatization period and on days thereafter, student-athletes may practice in full pads.

If adopted, the proposed seven-day acclimatization period will maintain protective equipment restrictions, but will expand the current legislation as follows:

	Acclimatization Period
Proposed Change	Seven-day acclimatization period. Days 1-2: Helmets and spider pads only. Days 3-5: Helmets, spider pads and shoulder pads only. Day 6: Full pads.

One required day off during the seven-day period.

Post-Acclimatization Preseason Practice Period

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the current post-acclimatization preseason practice period legislation?

Answer: Current legislation permits practice in full pads at the conclusion of the five-day acclimatization period during the football preseason period; however, it does not permit multiple on-field practice sessions on the same day. Additionally, under the current legislation, student-athletes are not permitted to engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day.

If adopted, this proposal will establish the following protective equipment and contact restrictions following the seven-day acclimatization period during the football preseason period:

	Protective Equipment Restrictions	Contact Restrictions
Proposed Changes: Post-Acclimatization Preseason Practice Period	Up to eight on-field practice sessions -- full pads. Minimum of five on-field practice sessions -- helmets and spider pads only.	Full contact (tackling to ground) only permitted during an on-field practice session with full pads. No more than two consecutive days of full-contact practices (tackling to ground).

	<p>Remaining on-field practice session -- helmets, spider pads and/or shoulder pads only.</p>	<p>No more than 60 minutes of contact (thud or full) on two consecutive days per week.</p> <p>No more than 75 minutes in any full-contact (tackling to ground) practice session (excluding scrimmages).</p> <p>Limit of two scrimmages.</p>
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Elimination of Group Size Limitations During Skill Instruction Outside Playing Season

Question No. 3: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: If adopted, this proposal will eliminate the group size limitation for skill instruction activities conducted outside of the football playing season; however, institutions would still have the discretion to limit the number of student-athletes that participate in skill instruction.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

- Jul 12, 2021: Recommends Approval - Football Committee
- Jul 20, 2021: Approved in Concept - Management Council.
- Aug 4, 2021: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council
- Aug 25, 2021: Approved in Legislative Format - Administrative Committee

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.1.6.3	Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.
17.1.6.3.2	Football.
17.11	Football.
17.11.3	Preseason Practice.
17.11.3.2	Required Day Off.

Legislative Cite	Title
17.11.3.3	Five-Day Acclimatization Period.
17.11.3.4	Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period.
17.11.3.4.1	Exception -- "Walk-Through."

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 28, 2022	NCAA DIVISION II PROPOSAL NO. 2022-8 (2-7) -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES MODEL

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2023-10

Title: ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE AND FOOTBALL -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY AND OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTION -- COMPETITION IN THE NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT AND SPRING PRACTICE -- SCRIMMAGE AGAINST A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION

Convention Year: 2023

Date Submitted: March 24, 2022

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Source: Great American Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and South Atlantic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area:

Intent: In football, to permit a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during spring practice as one of the three permissible 11-on-11 scrimmages to occur on or after the 10th day of spring practice; further, to specify that participation in a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution does not trigger use of a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

14.2 Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.10 and 14.2.2). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of their seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[14.2.1 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.2 unchanged.]

14.2.4.1.3 Exception -- Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment **and Spring Football**. In field hockey, **football**, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's volleyball and men's and women's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment in the same academic year that concludes with the NCAA championship. In baseball, women's beach volleyball, softball and men's and women's lacrosse, a student-athlete may engage in outside competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition. Prior to participating against outside competition during the

nonchampionship segment **and spring football practice**, student-athletes shall be certified as eligible (e.g., amateurism, enrolled full time).

[14.2.4.1.4 through 14.2.4.1.6 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

17.11 Football.

[17.11.1 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

17.11.8.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in football shall exclude the following:

[17.11.8.3-(a) through 17.11.8.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) Spring Practice Scrimmage. One scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during spring practice.

[17.11.8.3-(i) through 17.11.8.3-(k) relettered as 17.11.8.3-(j) through 17.11.8.3-(l), unchanged.]

[17.11.8.3 through 17.11.8.4 unchanged.]

17.11.9 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:

[17.11.9-(a) through 17.11.9-(b) unchanged.]

[17.11.9-(b)-(1) through 17.11.9-(b)-(7) unchanged.]

(8) An institution may participate in a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution and the scrimmage shall count as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages. The scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution may not occur until on or after the 10th spring practice. [See Bylaw 14.2.4.1.3 for participation during the nonchampionship segment].

[17.11.9-(b)-(8) through 17.11.9-(b)-(9) renumbered as 17.11.9-(b)-(9) through 17.11.9-(b)-(10), unchanged.]

[17.11.9 through 17.11.10 unchanged.]

Rationale: Currently, outside of the playing season in the sport of football, an institution may participate in no more than three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages. However, it is currently impermissible for an institution to participate in a scrimmage against an outside team, four-year collegiate institution while outside of the playing season. Allowing a Division II institution, in the sport of football, to participate in a scrimmage against another four-year collegiate institution outside of the playing season will improve the development and retention of football student-athletes by providing them with a competitive opportunity against another team. Delaying the scrimmage to occur after the ninth day of spring practice allows for acclimatization to contact, as permitted in Bylaw 17.11.9. Further, allowing such participation to not count as a season of competition will align football with other fall sports that are permitted to participate during the nonchampionship segment and not use a season of competition. Finally, the immediate effective date will permit Division II institutions to take advantage of the legislative change for the 2023 spring term.

FAQ:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, in the sport of football during the spring practice period, an institution may participate in no more than three 11-on-11 scrimmages. However, it is currently impermissible for an institution to participate in a scrimmage against an outside team.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: If adopted, in the sport of football during the spring practice period, an institution may participate in one scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution as one of the three 11-on-11 scrimmages on or after the 10th day of spring practice.

Additionally, participation in the scrimmage would not count as a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

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Question No. 3: If adopted, when is it permissible for a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution to occur?

Answer: If adopted, the scrimmage may occur on or after the 10th day of the spring practice period.

Eligibility

Question No. 4: May a football student-athlete who is academically ineligible during the NCAA championship segment and regains eligibility for the spring term participate in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution?

Answer: Yes, however, the student-athlete would be charged with a season of competition.

Question No. 5: If adopted, is it permissible for a football midyear transfer student-athlete to participate in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during the spring practice period and not use a season?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the preceding fall term and is certified as eligible for the spring term.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Gulf South Conference
- South Atlantic Conference
- Great American Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

- None

Position Statements:

NCAA Division II
Football
Committee

The committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that allowing student-athletes the opportunity to participate in a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during the spring practice period will improve the development and retention of student-athletes by providing them with a competitive opportunity against an outside team. The committee also noted that requiring the scrimmage to occur on or after the 10th day of the spring practice period allows time for student-athletes to get acclimated to contact. Finally, the committee noted that allowing such participation to not count as a season of competition aligns football with other Division II fall sports that are permitted to participate in the nonchampionship segment and not utilize a season of competition provided they were eligible during the championship segment.

Committee on
Competitive
Safeguards and
Medical
Aspects of
Sports.
Legislation
Committee
Management
Council.
Presidents
Council

The councils and committees agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Review History:

Additional Information:

The vote on the immediate effective date was defeated. The effective date defaults to August 1, 2023, as outlined in Division II Bylaw 9.3.12.2.1.

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
14.2	Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.
14.2.4	Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.
14.2.4.1	Minimum Amount of Competition.
14.2.4.1.3	Exception -- Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment.
17.11	Football.
17.11.8.3	Annual Exemptions.
17.11.9	Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 20, 2023	Proposal No. 2023-10 (No. 2-8) – Eligibility and Playing and Practice Seasons – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule and Football – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility and Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities – Exception – Competition in the Nonchampionship Segment and Spring Practice – Scrimmage Against a Four-Year Collegiate Institution.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2023-11

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- UP TO THREE CONTESTS -- FOOTBALL

Convention Year: 2023

Date Submitted: April 20, 2022

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Source: Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Gulf South Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and South Atlantic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Eligibility

Intent: In football, to specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests in a season without using a season of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

14.2 Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.10 and 14.2.2). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of their seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[14.2.1 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.6 unchanged.]

14.2.4.1.7 Exception -- Football. In football, a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests in a season without using a season of competition.

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

Rationale: Under current legislation, a student-athlete who participates in any contest uses a season of competition in that sport. A Division II football student-athlete is not permitted to participate in an exhibition game or scrimmage and must count that experience as a season of competition. Additionally, some Division II student-athletes are permitted to participate in competition during the nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition, provided they were academically eligible during the segment that concluded with the NCAA championship. Academically, a student-athlete who participates in limited contests during the

initial year of collegiate enrollment will likely have a more favorable experience and it is more likely the student-athlete will be retained at the institution. In addition, academic success rates may increase with this change. Moreover, institutions sponsoring football are permitted to award athletically related financial aid to student-athletes equaling 36 equivalencies, compared to their Division I football bowl subdivision (FBS) and football championship subdivision (FCS) counterparts at 85 and 63 scholarships, respectively. There are fewer football student-athletes allowed on Division II game day rosters. Finally, this rule would not change the Division II 10-semester/15-quarter rule, or the eligibility of a partial qualifier to participate in NCAA athletics.

FAQ:

Question No. 1: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: If adopted, a football student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests without using a season of competition.

Question No. 2: If adopted, will any football student-athlete, including transfers, have access to the exception?

Answer: No. A football student-athlete must be enrolled at a Division II institution in their initial year of collegiate enrollment in order to have access to the exception.

Question No. 3: If adopted, will a student-athlete who initially enrolls midyear at a Division II institution and remains at the institution for the subsequent fall term have access to the exception?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If adopted, will a student-athlete who initially enrolls midyear at a collegiate institution and transfers to a Division II institution for the subsequent fall term have access to the exception?

Answer: Yes.

For example, if a student-athlete initially enrolls full-time at a collegiate institution for the 2023 spring term but then transfers and enrolls full-time at a Division II institution for the 2023 fall term, they would have access to the exception at the Division II institution, provided they do not participate in more than three contests during the 2023 fall term. The institution is responsible for ensuring that the transfer student-athlete is still in their initial year of collegiate enrollment.

Question No. 5: May the participation in the three contests occur at any time?

Answer: Yes. There is not a restriction in place related to when the contests must occur and the contests may take place during regular or postseason competition. A Division II football student-athlete will have access to the exception provided they do not participate in more than three contests during their initial year of collegiate enrollment.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
- Great Lakes Valley Conference
- Gulf South Conference
- South Atlantic Conference
- Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

NCAA Division II
Committee on Student-
Athlete Reinstatement

The council and committees agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Committee on
Competitive Safeguards
and Medical Aspects of
Sports.
Management Council.

Legislation Committee

The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that the change would be inconsistent with the application of the Division II medical hardship legislation. The committee also noted concerns that football would be the only sport permitting student-athletes to participate in up to three countable contests, at any time during the season, and not use a season of competition.

Football Committee
Presidents Council

The council and committee agreed to support this proposal. The council and committee noted that allowing student-athletes the opportunity to participate in up to three contests without utilizing a season of competition in their initial year of collegiate enrollment will permit student-athletes to get acclimated on the field. The council and committee also noted that allowing student-athletes to participate in minimal competition during their initial year without being charged a season of competition will help with student-athlete retention.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
14.2	Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.
14.2.4	Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.
14.2.4.1	Minimum Amount of Competition.
14.2.4.1.7	Exception -- Football.

Educational Columns

Date Published	Title
January 20, 2023	Proposal No. 2023-11 (No. 2-9) – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Competition – Up to Three Contests – Football.

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2024-1

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST

Convention Year: 2024

Date Submitted: May 26, 2023

Status: Adopted Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Source: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Gulf South Conference, Lone Star Conference and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Category: Membership Proposal

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Intent: In football, to specify that a member institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before one week prior to the Thursday preceding September 6.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

17.11 Football.

[17.11.1 through 17.11.2 unchanged.]

17.11.3 Preseason Practice.

17.11.3.1 First Practice Date -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 24 days before the **institution's** first *permissible* contest or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

[17.11.3.2 through 17.11.3.4 unchanged.]

17.11.4 First Contest -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the **week prior to the** Thursday preceding September 6.

[17.11.5 through 17.11.10 unchanged.]

Rationale: Currently, an institution may participate in its first permissible regular-season contest in the sport of football on the Thursday preceding September 6. Amending the first permissible contest date to allow institutions to play their first regular-season contest with outside competition one week prior to the Thursday preceding September 6, will provide institutions with the flexibility to schedule and play the maximum allowable 11 contests over a 12-week period, if desired. As a result, institutions will have the ability to schedule an off/bye week during the season which will benefit student-athlete health and safety. This proposal will also lessen the burden of finding available non-conference opponents and will create added flexibility and financial benefits to include unique opportunities such as sponsored or destination-site contests with opponents outside or within an institution's own conference.

FAQ:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation surrounding the first permissible contest date?

Answer: Currently, in the sport of football, an institution may participate in its first permissible contest with outside competition the Thursday preceding September 6.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation surrounding the first permissible contest date?

Answer: If adopted, in the sport of football, an institution would be able to participate in their first permissible contest with outside competition one week prior to the Thursday, preceding September 6. [See Question No. 3 below]

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will an institution be permitted to participate in their first permissible contest for the 2024 football season?

Answer: For the 2024 football season, the Thursday preceding September 6 is September 5, 2024. Therefore, if adopted, an institution would be able to participate in its first permissible contest on or after Thursday, August 29, 2024.

The chart below outlines the first permissible contest under current legislation and the first permissible contest in future years if the proposal is adopted.

Year	First Permissible Contest under Current Legislation	First Permissible Contest if Division II Proposal No. 2024-1 is Adopted
2025	September 4, 2025	August 28, 2025
2026	September 3, 2026	August 27, 2026
2027	September 2, 2027	August 26, 2027
2028	August 31, 2028	August 24, 2028
2029	August 30, 2029	August 23, 2029

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will this proposal amend the first permissible practice date?

Answer: Currently an institution may begin participating in preseason practice 24 days before the first permissible contest date or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

If adopted, an institution would utilize the **institution’s first contest date**, as opposed to the first permissible contest date, to determine when the 24 days would begin. The legislation would still permit an institution to begin their preseason practice 10 days before the institution's first day of classes.

For example, for the 2024 football season, if an institution schedules its first contest on August 29, 2024, an institution would be permitted to begin its preseason practice period on August 5, 2024, or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

The chart below outlines when an institution may begin participating in preseason practice in future years if Division II proposal is adopted.

Year	Institution's First Contest Date	Start of Preseason Practice
2025	August 28, 2025	August 4, 2025 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2026	August 27, 2026	August 3, 2026 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2027	August 26, 2027	August 2, 2027 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2028	August 24, 2028	July 31, 2028 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2029	August 23, 2029	July 30, 2029 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

[Note: The chart above outlines the start of the preseason practice period based on an institution participating in its first contest one week prior to the Thursday, preceding September 6. The start of the preseason practice period may vary depending on when an institution schedules its first permissible contest].

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Gulf South Conference
Lone Star Conference
Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf.

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

NCAA Committee
on Competitive
Safeguards and
Medical Aspects of
Sports.
NCAA Division II
Championships
Committee.

The committees agreed to take no position on this proposal.

NCAA Division II
Legislation
Committee.

The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II. Specifically, the committee noted concerns related to the student-athlete experience and student-athletes feeling compelled to forgo participating in nonathletically related activities, such as summer jobs and internships. The committee also noted the impact on the work-life balance of athletics administrators. Additionally, it was noted that this proposal may prompt other Division II sports to feel the need to begin their playing and practice seasons earlier. Finally, the committee noted that although the change may be permissive, there is a potential competitive advantage since some Division II institutions may not be able to bring in their student-athletes earlier due to budget constraints.

NCAA Division II
Presidents Council.
NCAA Division II
Management
Council.

The councils agreed to oppose this proposal due to the proposal being contrary to the Life in the Balance philosophy. Specifically, the councils noted concerns related to the student-athlete experience and student-athletes feeling compelled to forgo participating in nonathletically related activities, such as summer jobs and internships. The councils also noted the potential impact this proposal would have on athletic administrators. Further, the councils noted the budget impact this proposal would have on institutions, as well as institutions having to potentially cut institutional programming short (e.g., camps) due to football teams coming back early. Finally, the councils noted that there are other possible solutions (e.g., playing 10 contests, adding a 12th week at the end of the football season and adjusting the postseason schedule to be played one week later) to accomplish what the proposal is seeking to accomplish.

NCAA Committee
on Women's
Athletics

The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that this proposal would treat football differently than other fall sports, including women's sports, as well as create inequities in the opportunities for certain sports (e.g., soccer) to participate in an acclimatization period. Finally, the committee noted the proposal could create a financial burden on institutions already concerned about equitable resource allocation.

NCAA Division II
Football Committee

The committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that this proposal will provide the ability for member institutions and/or conferences to have more flexibility in scheduling (e.g., scheduling nonconference opponents). Further, it was noted the option for institutions to have a bye week will permit institutions to play their 11 contests over a 12-week period. Finally, the committee noted that this proposal is equitable by not allowing a member institution more preseason practice days than another member institution before their first scheduled contest.

Review History:

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
17.11	Football.
17.11.3	Preseason Practice.
17.11.3.1	First Practice Date -- Championship Segment.
17.11.4	First Contest -- Championship Segment.

Proposals

Proposal Number	Title
2024-1-1	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- AMEND THE DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT - ADD FOCUS ON UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE
2024-1-2	DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- AMEND THE DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT - PRECLUDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID

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Date Published	Title
January 16, 2024	Proposal No. 2024-1 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football—Preseason Practice and First Contest – First Permissible Contest

Division: II

Proposal Number: 2024-5

Title: CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- EARNED ACCESS -- FOOTBALL -- EARNED ACCESS FOR ALL FOOTBALL-SPONSORING CONFERENCES

Convention Year: 2024

Date Submitted: August 2, 2023

Status: Defeated Final

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

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

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Championships Administration

Intent: In football, to amend the earned access legislation to specify that all football-sponsoring conferences shall be represented in the bracket; further, to specify, that the highest-ranked team in a football-sponsoring conference that is not already represented in the bracket shall be included.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

18.4 Administration of Division II Championships.

[18.4.1 through 18.4.3 unchanged.]

18.4.3.4 Earned Access -- Football. The Division II Football Committee shall award earned access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship to **all** Division II football-playing conferences **that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.3.4.1** ~~for which at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. To be awarded earned access, the conference shall have a minimum of six active football-playing members.~~ The earned access shall go to the conference's highest-ranked team **that is not already represented in the bracket** ~~in the final regional Top 10 poll.~~

[18.4.3.4.1 through 18.4.3.4.2 unchanged.]

[18.4.3.5 unchanged.]

Rationale: Currently, in football, earned access only applies if at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. This proposal will amend earned access in football to require representation in the bracket from all football-sponsoring conferences. The Division II Championships Committee believes that all conferences should be provided access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. The Championships Committee also notes that earned access has long been regarded as the most effective way to provide guaranteed access to the championship.

FAQ:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, earned access only applies if a conference that is not currently represented in the bracket has a team within the top nine in the super region. A conference whose highest ranked team is outside of the top nine is not granted earned access to the field.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: All football-sponsoring conferences will be represented in the bracket. This proposal will also require that the highest-ranked team in a football-sponsoring conference that is not already represented in the bracket be included. Therefore, earned access will be determined by the Division II Football Committee, as opposed to the team being selected by the conference.

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will the Division II Football Committee begin utilizing the new earned access process?

Answer: The 2024-25 academic year.

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the bracket size in the sport of football?

Answer: If adopted, the Division II Championships Committee will establish as policy a 60% threshold for earned access in the bracket. To mitigate the possibility of exceeding the 60% threshold, the committee will also establish as policy that bracket expansion be considered at the next budget opportunity whenever the sport reaches a 50% threshold. However, should the sport exceed the 60% threshold while being considered for bracket expansion, the Championships Committee may maintain earned access while the field size is being addressed.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:

None

Co-sponsorship - Institution:

None

Position Statements:

Review History:

- Jun 27, 2023: Recommends Approval - NCAA Division II Championships Committee.
- Jul 18, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Management Council.
- Aug 2, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Presidents Council.
- Aug 30, 2023: Approved in Legislative Format - NCAA Division II Administrative Committee

Additional Information:

Legislative References

Legislative Cite	Title
18.4	Administration of Division II Championships.
18.4.3.4	Earned Access -- Football.



Membership Feedback: Division II Football-Only Vote

July 2024



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Methods

- ▶ At its April 15-16, 2024 meeting, the Division II Management Council agreed to seek feedback from several groups regarding NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.10.2 (voting on football issues), which precludes an institution or conference that does not sponsor football from voting on issues affecting only football.
- ▶ To do so, a feedback form was designed in collaboration with NCAA research, and representatives from the Committee on Women's Athletics, Division II Coaches Connection groups, Division II Management Council and Division II Sports Committees were asked to provide feedback on behalf of the committee, group or conferences they represented.
- ▶ The survey opened May 8 and closed July 3, 2024.
- ▶ 53 unique responses were received.
 - ▶ Committee on Women's Athletics (1)
 - ▶ Division II Coaches Connection groups (18)
 - ▶ Division II Management Council representatives (20)
 - ▶ Division II Sports Committees (14)

What are the benefits of the special voting legislation on football issues?

- ▶ Football has unique aspects setting it apart from other sports (e.g., roster size, resource requirements, and cultural significance). This uniqueness helps to justify a “football-only vote” system.
- ▶ This system leads to more informed and relevant decision-making for football, as these institutions are more familiar with the sport's specific needs and challenges. This approach ensures that decisions are made by those most qualified and invested in the sport's success.
- ▶ *Institutions with working knowledge of football operations, gameday, finances, health and safety, etc, would be at the forefront of decision making. It may not be in the best interest of advancing DII football to have those directing the votes who don't sponsor the sport. –Management Council response*
- ▶ *Only football schools should be voting on football legislation. To take it a step further [...] only schools sponsoring a specific [sport] should be allowed to vote on legislation pertaining to that sport. Bottom line, if a school is not willing to invest in a particular sport, then they should have no voice in the governance of that sport... –Coaches Connection response*
- ▶ *While every sport is unique, football is different in several ways, including their participant numbers and the cost to maintain a program. Additionally, the physicality of the sport lends itself to different/additional health and safety issues that may require schools to function in a different manner. The football only vote acknowledges these differences. –Sport Committee response*



What are the detriments of the special voting legislation on football issues?

- ▶ Likelihood that other sports will want to follow suit.
- ▶ Special treatment of football is seen as creating potential inequities and eroding trust/collaboration, as decisions made by football-sponsoring institutions can have trickle-down effects on other sports. Comments suggest that if football-related legislation could impact all sports, then all institutions should have a say in the voting process.
- ▶ *Other sports are eventually going to want to follow suit, with what legislation is passed just for football. [There's] potential [for] frustrations from membership without football not having the ability to have a voice in the discussion. –Management Council response*
- ▶ *Isolating football can lead to disproportionate funding and resources being directed towards it, potentially at the expense of other sports. This can create imbalances within athletic programs. [...] Special voting might reduce transparency, as decisions could be made by a smaller, less representative group. Ensuring accountability and broad stakeholder involvement is crucial to maintaining trust in the decision-making process. –Coaches Connection response*
- ▶ *Lacks valuable opinions from other institutions/conferences that may be adversely impacted by a football specific decision. –Sport Committee response*



What positive impacts would the removal of the special voting legislation on football issues have on institutions and conferences that sponsor football?

- ▶ Many respondents indicated there would be no positive impact.
- ▶ Others noted that such a removal would “level the playing field” for all sports and provide equity in decision making.
- ▶ *We don't feel there [are] any positives.* –Sport Committee response
- ▶ *It becomes more fair for all schools to have the ability to vote on all issues*–Management Council response

What negative impacts would the removal of the special voting legislation on football issues have on institutions and conferences that sponsor football?

- ▶ Many respondents expressed concern that those not sponsoring football may not have the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions about football-specific legislation or that they could have a negative impact on the growth/health of the sport.
- ▶ *Schools making decisions regarding a significant sport without a vested interest or the knowledge to vote appropriately on the issues at hand. –Coaches Connection response*
- ▶ *Schools that don't sponsor the sport could have a heavy bearing on close decisions on issues that don't affect them. –Management Council response*

Should the division retain the special voting legislation for institutions and conferences that sponsor football?

	Overall	Committee on Women Athletics	Division II Coaches Connection Group	Division II Management Council Representative	Division II Sport Committee
Yes	68%		13 (72%)	12 (60%)	11 (79%)
No	30%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 (28%)	7 (35%)	3 (21%)
No response	2%		0	1 (5%)	0

Note: For those responding “No,” the rationale was often tied to being unable to have a voice when football-specific legislation has explicit or implicit impact over other sports.

What unintended consequences might occur if the special voting legislation on football issues is removed from the Manual?

- ▶ More tension/friction during legislative discussions.
- ▶ Possible harm to the football student-athlete experience.
- ▶ Uninformed votes.
- ▶ Harm to the growth or maintenance of the sport of football in Division II.
- ▶ Some also expressed concerns that such removal might lead some schools to considering reclassifying to Division I FCS, while others noted that this was an irrational fear.

- ▶ *Removing this provision could cause a greater divide among the current Division II membership and might encourage some football-playing institutions to transition to a different division. – Management Council response*



Please note any additional information your constituents would like shared with the Division II Management Council.

- ▶ Many sport committees and coaches connection groups responded that such a voting system should be considered for sport-specific legislation across all sports (i.e., only those schools that sponsor the impacted sport should be able to vote on related legislation).



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NCAA Division II Management Council
Committee and Project Team Assignments for 2024

(Mentor assignments are listed in italics below new Management Council members' names)

Management Council Representative (<i>Mentor</i>)	Committees/Project Teams
Femi Alao	NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Kristy Bayer <i>(Santee Mott)</i>	Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Patrick Britz	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Nominating Committee
Bennett Cherry	Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Carlin Chesick <i>(Marcus Clarke)</i>	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee
Marcus Clarke	Division II Championships Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Peter Crabb <i>(Bo Pagliasotti)</i>	Division II Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee
Jeremy Elliott	Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>) NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee
Theresa Grosbach	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Kim Hancock	NCAA Honors Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team
David Hansburg	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Committee on Infractions
Jerry Haywood <i>(Bennett Cherry)</i>	Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Amy Henkelman	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
David Hicks <i>(Danny McCabe)</i>	Division II Infractions Appeals Committee Division II Management Council Liaison to College Sports Communicators
Erin Lind, <i>vice chair</i>	Division II Administrative Committee Division II Championships Committee (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Division II Management Council Liaison to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA)
Katherine Loh	NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee

Management Council Representative (Mentor)	Committees/Project Teams
Danny McCabe	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team (chair) Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Cindy McKnight	Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Membership Committee
Courtney Medwin	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Austin Mondello	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Sandee Mott	Division II Championships Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Kristina Ortiz (<i>Christina Whetsel</i>)	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Legislation Committee
Roberta Page, <i>chair</i>	NCAA Board of Governors (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Administrative Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>ex officio</i>)
Bo Pagliasotti	NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Kim Pate (<i>Amy Henkelman</i>)	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Liaison to Division the II Athletics Directors Association (ADA)
Sarah Ramey	Management Council Liaison to Women Leaders in Sports NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
Rubin Stevenson (<i>David Hansburg</i>)	Division II Nominating Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Christina Whetsel	Division II Membership Committee Division II Management Council Liaison to National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Vaughn Williams	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Association (MOAA) Division II Legislation Committee

Management Council Subcommittee chairs:

- Appeals of Membership Committee decisions on provisional membership status: Jeremy Elliott
- Appeals of Academic Requirements Committee decisions on waivers involving the Academic Performance Census and the Academic Success Rate: Christina Whetsel
- Appeals of Legislative Review Subcommittee decisions involving the amateur status of prospective student-athletes: Marcus Clarke
- Appeals of Championships Committee decisions: Bo Pagliasotti



Division II Management Council
Vice Chair Election

The duties of the Management Council vice chair are listed below:

1. Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
2. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee (*monthly videoconferences*);
3. Serve as a member of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (*four videoconferences*); and
4. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Championships Committee and all Division II sports committees (*two in-person meetings*).

Note that the vice chair of the Council shall serve a term of office not to exceed two years. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Council before serving as vice chair.

The term of Erin Lind as the vice chair of the Management Council will end at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2025 NCAA Convention. Erin would be eligible for re-election and has conveyed her interest to serve in the vice chair capacity for a second term.

If you have an interest in serving in the vice chair position or would like to nominate another Management Council representative for the position, please contact Roberta Page or Maritza Jones prior to the October meeting. We will take the appropriate action at that meeting.



Management Council Chair Duties

Listed below are the duties and responsibilities of the Division II Management Council chair:

1. Preside at Management Council meetings;
2. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
3. Report to the Division II membership at the annual Convention the activities of the Management Council and Division II committees;
4. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of any Division II committee or project team that reports to the Division II Management Council; and
5. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Roberta Page's term as chair of the Management Council will end at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2025 NCAA Convention. Roberta would be eligible for re-election and has conveyed her interest to serve in the chair capacity for a second term.

If you have an interest in serving as chair for 2025, please contact Maritza Jones not later than September 27, 2024.



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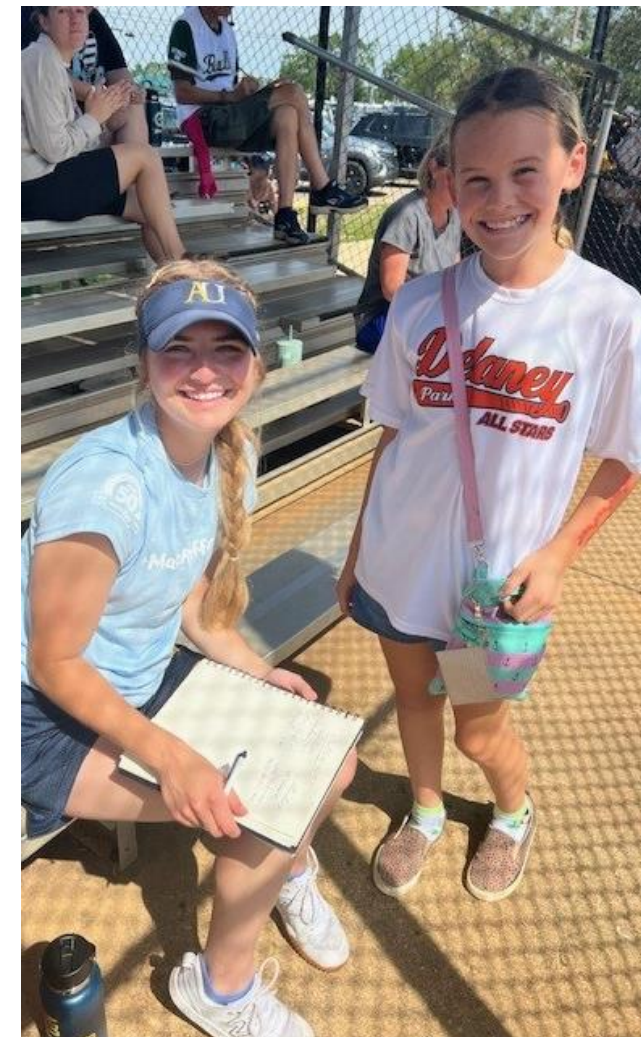
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By the Numbers Non-Festival:

- 11 elementary schools
- 7 boy's and girl's clubs
- 2 YMCA's
- 2 retirement villages
- 2 VA Hospitals
- Big Brothers Big Sisters event
- 2 pizza parties
- Journey's Program
- Three flag presentations with Red Cross Volunteers
- 1968 Total

By the Numbers Festival:

- ▶ 2 miracle league teams- concessions, fans in the stands, players on the field- softball
- ▶ 2 VA hospitals- bingo- softball
- ▶ 4 little league teams- chants and cheers- softball
- ▶ 2 retirement villages- bingo- softball and lacrosse
- ▶ 3 boy's and girl's clubs- skills and drills- lacrosse
- ▶ 36 fallen soldiers honored- golf- Folds Of Honor
- ▶ 1 elementary school takeover- lacrosse- reading, skills and drills
- ▶ Field Trip: retirement village to softball, boy's and girl' clubs to tennis
- ▶ Masters tennis to Friday matches for breakfast with champions
- ▶ 3 Team Impact kiddos throw out the first pitch- softball
- ▶ Flag presentations with Red Cross Volunteers- softball and lacrosse
- ▶ 2136 Total



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Review of Sports Wagering Legislation

Purpose.

The purpose of this document is to present background, potential next steps and a draft timeline for the review of the NCAA sports wagering legislation.

Background.

Review of Sports Wagering Legislation – Initial Considerations.

During the April 2024 meetings, the Division I Council, Division II Management Council and Division III Management Council discussed initial considerations for a review of the NCAA sports wagering legislation. The groups generally agreed that the sports wagering legislation should remain as common provisions for all three divisions at this time. Maintaining the legislation as common facilitates the administration of educational efforts and enforcement, and efforts to work with legal gambling entities.

Initial feedback has indicated that it may be appropriate to conduct a thorough review of all the elements of the sports wagering legislation. Such a review would include the definition of sports wagering and the scope of application of the prohibition on sports wagering. In addition, the review could include other considerations, such as whether a membership oversight body should be established to inform the NCAA's approach to sports wagering activities and provide ongoing review of NCAA legislation. This review can occur on a longer timeline, as determined by feedback from the membership in all three divisions.

Additional feedback, however, has indicated it may be appropriate to propose more immediate changes to the prohibition on sports wagering activities involving professional athletics.

Regardless of whether recommendations for changes to the sports wagering legislation are made, there is universal agreement that educational efforts on the potential dangers and consequences of sports wagering will remain paramount.

Concept to Allow Sports Wagering on Professional Athletics.

Legislative and Policy History.

NCAA legislation governing sports wagering activities was first adopted by all three divisions voting together in 1984. The legislation prohibited staff members of athletics departments from knowingly providing information to assist individuals involved in organized gambling activities, soliciting a bet on an intercollegiate team, accepting a bet on a team representing the institution or participating in gambling involving intercollegiate athletics through a bookmaker, a parlay card or any other method employed by organized gambling. One year later, the legislation was amended to prohibit student-athletes from participating in the same activities.

In 1996, the prohibition on participation in gambling activities that involve professional athletics was added to the legislation but was only applicable to student-athletes. A year later, the legislation

was revised again to also preclude athletics department staff members from participating in gambling activities involving professional athletics. The rationale for the proposal that added the prohibition on gambling involving professional athletes noted that the NCAA opposes all forms of sports wagering because it undermines, or carries the potential to undermine, the integrity of sports contests and noted that sports wagering was illegal, at the time, in every state except Nevada. The rationale also noted that the legislation that “prohibits gambling on intercollegiate athletics, is somewhat neutralized without a companion piece related to professional athletics, because all of the pitfalls related to gambling on intercollegiate sports exist if a student-athlete is permitted to gamble on professional sports.” In 1998, legislation was adopted to prohibit conference staff members from participating in gambling activities.

In 2000, legislation was adopted to establish separate eligibility ramifications for a student-athlete’s participation in sports wagering activities. A student-athlete who participated in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or solicited or accepted a bet on the student-athlete’s institution became subject to permanent ineligibility. Participation in other gambling activities resulted in eligibility for one year and the student-athlete being charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition. A subsequent violation would result in permanent ineligibility.

In 2007, the legislation was restructured, and clarifications were made regarding prohibited sports wagering activities and the individuals to whom the prohibitions applied. The proposal clarified that prohibited sports wagering activities included “internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.” The proposal also clarified that the prohibition against sports wagering applied to “nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports).” In addition, the proposal clarified the scope of the application of the prohibition on sports wagering activities by stating that it “applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.” Finally, when the proposal was adopted, the three divisions agreed to make the sports wagering legislation “common,” meaning that in order to change the legislation in the future, each division would be required to adopt the same changes through the use of its separate legislative process.

In 2018, legislation was adopted to eliminate the legislated sanctions for a student-athlete’s participation in sports wagering activities, which were established in 2000 (as noted above). The legislation was recommended by the Committees on Student-Athlete Reinstatement from all three divisions in order to allow sports wagering violations to be reviewed on an individual basis and for the totality of the circumstances of the violation to be considered, and to promote increased fairness by providing an appellate opportunity. The change to the legislation was also influenced by the proliferation of internet-based and mobile wagering activities, such as daily fantasy sports games. More student-athletes were becoming involved in fantasy sports wagering activities and the strict legislated penalties were seen by many to be unduly punitive for the level of the sports wagering activity.

Another significant event occurred in May 2018 when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, which banned sports betting in most states. Since that decision, there has been an unprecedented proliferation of legal and regulated sports wagering in the United States (see Attachment for sports betting landscape as of May 2024), including drastic changes on the internet-based nature of the majority of that wagering (e.g., through internet sportsbooks, daily fantasy sites). There have also been changes to the NCAA sports wagering championships hosting policy, which now allows states that have single-game sports betting the opportunity to host NCAA championship events. Further signaling an evolving landscape in this area, institutions and conferences have entered official partnerships with gaming companies.

When legislation was adopted in 2018 to eliminate the legislated sanctions for a student-athlete's participation in sports wagering activities, the sanctions were incorporated into the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement's guidelines, which previously addressed scenarios not captured by the legislation. The guidelines serve as a starting point for the student-athlete reinstatement staff to begin its case-by-case analysis of sport wagering violations. The reinstatement guidelines remained largely unchanged until they were reviewed and updated in January 2024 by Division II. In reviewing and updating the guidelines, it was acknowledged that there is a need to be nimble, given the evolving landscape specific to sports wagering, while underscoring the severity of activities designed to influence the integrity of competitions, and addressing the growing need to recenter student-athlete health and well-being as a primary focus within sports wagering policy.

Gambling opportunities extend beyond professional and intercollegiate athletics. Those susceptible to problem gambling may experience difficulties regardless of whether NCAA rules preclude wagering on professional athletics. Providing a permissible avenue for wagering on professional athletics may reduce the likelihood of student-athletes and staff wagering on intercollegiate athletics.

Education related to gambling will continue regardless of changes to the NCAA legislation. Enhanced educational efforts and collaboration with gaming entities and integrity services entities may be necessary.

Potential Models to Allow Sports Wagering on Professional Athletics.

1. Permit student-athletes, athletics department and conference office staff members to wager, as permitted by law, on professional athletics activities in sports other than their own or the sports for which they participate.

This model would deregulate the current legislation to allow student-athletes to wager, through legal and regulated methods, on professional sports other than the sport or sports in which they participate. Sport specific institutional staff members would be permitted to wager on professional sports other than the sport or sports in which they perform a majority of their duties.

- A prohibition on wagers related to the professional sport or sports in which a student-athlete or staff member participates in could reinforce the importance of

those individuals maintaining the integrity of the game and not wagering in their intercollegiate sports.

- Application of the prohibition to athletics department staff members who work with several sports, as opposed to all sports, could be confusing and require interpretations.
 - Educational efforts and collaboration with legal and regulated gaming entities could be complicated by maintaining a restriction in specific sports for specific individuals.
2. Permit student-athletes, athletics department and conference office staff members to wager, as permitted by law, on any professional athletics activity.

This model would deregulate the current legislation to allow student-athletes and staff members to wager, through legal and regulated methods, on any professional sports.

- A complete deregulation of the prohibition on wagers related to professional sports would be easily understood and applied by student-athletes and staff members.
- Fewer interpretive issues would need to be addressed.
- Educational efforts and collaboration with gaming entities and regulatory bodies would be less complicated.

Questions to Consider:

1. Consider potential impact of permitting sports wagering on professional sports. Would allowing wagering on professional sports result in student-athletes and administrators being more likely to wager on intercollegiate athletics? Or would providing a permissible avenue for sports wagering on professional sports reduce the likelihood of wagering on intercollegiate athletics?
2. Should the Association deregulate the legislation to permit student-athletes, athletics department and conference office staff members to wager, as permitted by law, on professional sports activities in sports other than their own or the sports for which they participate.
3. Should the Association deregulate the legislation to permit student-athletes, athletics department and conference office staff members to wager, as permitted by law, on any professional sports activity.
4. Are there any other potential legislative changes that should be considered regarding sports wagering (e.g., definition, scope of application)?

Potential Timeline for Review.

Below is a potential timeline for Division II's review of a concept to allow sports wagering on professional athletics.

Date	Meeting/Deadline	Discussion and Deliverables
April 15-16, 2024	Management Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General status update and feedback
May 15-16, 2024	Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General status update and feedback
June 9, 2024	Division II Athletics Directors Association Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General status update and feedback
June 12, 2024	Division II Conference Commissioners Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General status update and feedback
June 20, 2024	Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
June 25-26, 2024	Legislation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
July 19-20, 2024	Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
July 22-23, 2024	Management Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
August 7, 2024	Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
August 8, 2024	NCAA Board of Governors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss concept and provide feedback
October 21-22, 2024	Management Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update
October 28-29, 2024	Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update
October 30, 2024	NCAA Board of Governors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update
November 2024	Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update • Potential recommendation of concept
November 18-19, 2024	Legislation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update • Potential recommendation of concept
January 14, 2025	Management Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update • Potential adoption of recommendation in concept
January 15, 2025	Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update
April 14-15, 2025	Management Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update • Potential adoption of recommendation in legislative form
April 22, 2025	Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status update

Current NCAA Sports Wagering Legislation.

Bylaw 10.02.1 Sports Wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, amateur or professional team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; Internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

10.02.2 Wager. A wager is any agreement in which an individual or entity agrees to give up an item of value (e.g., cash, shirt, dinner) in exchange for the possibility of gaining another item of value.

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:)

- (a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- (b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- (c) Staff members of a conference office; and
- (d) Student-athletes.

10.3.1 Scope of Application. The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any competition (intercollegiate, amateur or professional) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

10.3.1.1 Exception. The provisions of Bylaw 10.3 are not applicable to traditional wagers between institutions (e.g., traditional rivalry) or in conjunction with contests (e.g., bowl games). Items wagered must be representative of the involved institutions or the states in which they are located.

10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body. A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

Current Sports Wagering Violation Reinstatement Guidelines.

Division II Guidelines for violations reported on or after November 15, 2023:

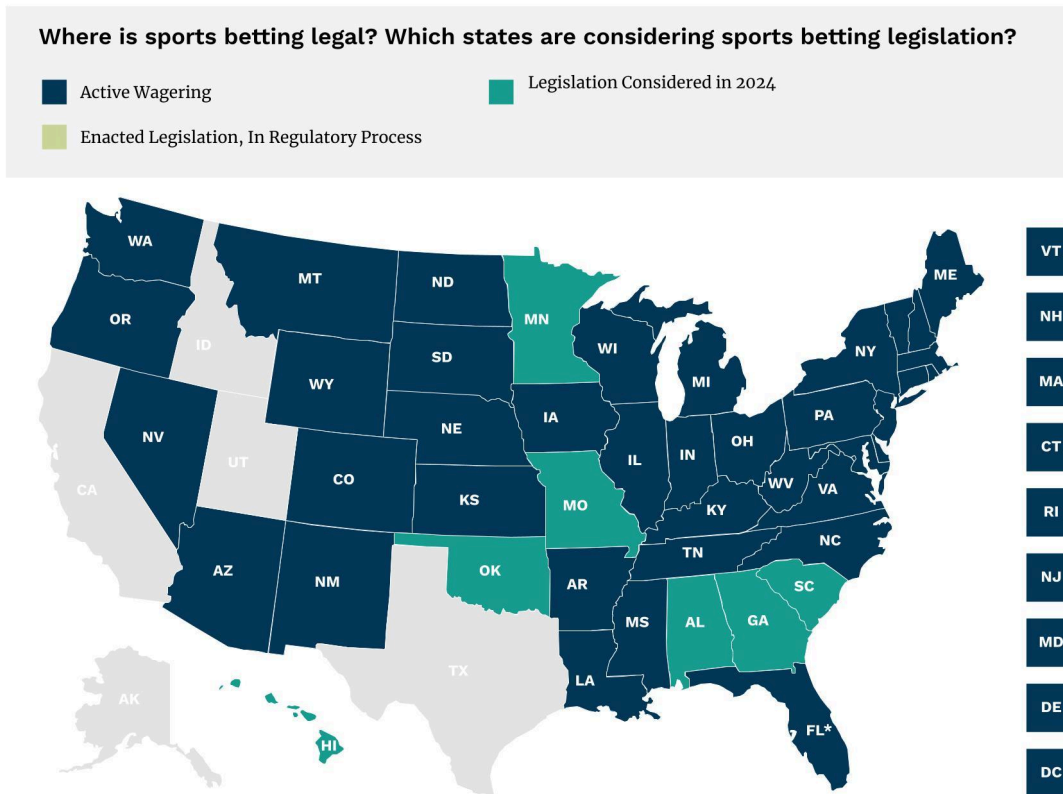
- (1) In situations where a student-athlete engages in activities designed to influence the outcome or integrity of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins ("point shaving"), who participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete's institution, or who knowingly provides information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. (May 2018, affirmed November 2023)
- (2) In situations where a student-athlete participates in any sports wagering activity involving another collegiate institution, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to require the student-athlete participate in sports wagering rules and prevention education and begin its withholding analysis at sit-one-season of competition and charge the use of one season of competition. (May 2018, updated November 2023)
- (3) For all other violations of Bylaw 10.3 (e.g., in-game betting, person-to-person wagers), the following guidelines shall apply (dollar value is cumulative amount wagered or risked):
 - (a) \$200 or less = participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (b) Greater than \$200 to \$500 = 10% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (c) Greater than \$500 to \$800 = 20% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (d) Greater than \$800 = 30% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.

In cases where the impermissible sports wagering activity greatly exceeds \$800, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to consider whether additional withholding, including permanent ineligibility, may be appropriate. (December 2011, affirmed May 2013, updated November 2023)

- (4) For any violation where a student-athlete receives winnings associated with any sports wagering activity, the student-athlete must make repayment of full value received. (December 2011, affirmed May 2013, affirmed November 2023)
- (5) If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the committee directed staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. (affirmed November 2023)

Sports Betting Landscape

Data as of May 21, 2024



- **States That Have Adopted Sports Betting Via Legislation or Compact (38 + DC):** [AZ](#), [AR \(2\)](#), [CO](#), [CT](#), [DE](#), [DC](#), [FL*](#), [IL \(2\)](#), [IN](#), [IA \(2\)](#), [KS \(2\)](#), [KY](#), [LA \(2, 3, 4, 5\)](#), [ME](#), [MD \(2,3\)](#), [MA](#), [MI \(2\)](#), [MS](#), [MT](#), [NE](#), [NV](#), [NH \(2\)](#), [NJ \(2, 3\)](#), NM**, [NY \(2\)](#), [NC \(2\)](#), ND**, [OH](#), [OR](#), [PA \(2\)](#), [RI \(2, 3\)](#), [SD](#), [TN](#), [VT](#), [VA \(2, 3, 4, 5\)](#), [WA](#), [WV](#), WI**, [WY](#)

* Florida is in a litigation hold

** Tribes began offering sports wagering via their existing gaming compacts and not through legislation

- **States That Have Not Adopted Sports Betting Legislation:** AK, AL, CA, GA, HI, ID, MN, MO, OK, SC, TX, UT
- **States with Active Wagering (38 + DC):** AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MA, MI, MS, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

- **States That Have Authorized Mobile Wagering (30 + DC):** AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, NV, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, TN, VT, VA, WV, WY
 - **Active Mobile Wagering (30 + DC):** AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, RI, TN, VT, VA, WV, WY
 - **In Process (0):**
 - **In Litigation (1):** FL (but the Seminole tribe has resumed mobile wagering despite the litigation)
- **States with 2024 Sports Betting Bills (7):** AL, GA, HI, MN, MO, OK, SC
- **States With 2024 Legislation to Amend Existing Sports Betting Laws (19):** AZ, CT, DE, IL, KS, LA, ME, MD, MS, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TN, VA, WA, WV, WY
- **States With Proposed/Enacted Legislation Related to Harassment of Athletes by Sports Bettors (4):** NJ, NM, OH, WV
- **States That Have Banned Student-Athlete Prop Bets in 2024 (4):** LA, MD, OH, VT
- **States That Have Proposed Student-Athlete Prop Bet Bans (4):** MN, MO, NJ, NC



Quarterly Report

NCAA Division II

June 2024

- **CSC UNITE:** CSC's annual convention saw 807 attendees, speakers and partners gather in Las Vegas June 9-12 for learning, networking and honors celebrations, including 108 attendees from Division II institutions and conference offices. President John Paquette of the BIG EAST Conference passed the gavel to incoming president Kevin Trainor of the University of Arkansas. Sights and sounds from the convention can be found at CSCcommunicators.com/2024Convention.
- **CSC Division II Cabinet Leadership:** CSC's Division II Cabinet will be led in 2024-25 by President Brian Henry of the University of West Florida. The full roster of Division II Cabinet members will be announced in the near future.
- **Membership Purchases and Renewals Begin in August:** CSC membership renewals for 2024-25 will open on Aug. 1. Early-bird rates for Division II for the coming academic year will be \$385 for All-In group memberships and \$195 for individual memberships. The association finished 2023-24 with a record 4,410 members, including 604 members from NCAA Division II schools and conference offices. CSCcommunicators.com/Membership.
- **Academic All-America:** CSC's Academic All-America program continues to honor elite student-athletes. Fall, winter and several spring sport Academic All-District and Academic All-America Teams can be found [here](#). Following are Academic All-Americans of the Year for Division II for 2023-24 winter and spring sports to date:
 - Erik Timko, Jefferson - Men's Basketball
 - Samantha Pirosko, Gannon - Women's Basketball
 - Kyle Micallef, Florida Southern - Men's Swimming & Diving
 - Benedict Nagy, Colorado Mesa - Women's Swimming & Diving
 - Marko Javanovic, Adelphi - Men's Tennis
 - Anais Ruysen, Wayne State - Women's Tennis
 - Shelby Robb, MSU Denver - Softball

Academic All-America Teams for baseball will be announced on July 2, women's track & field/cross country on July 9, men's track & field/cross country on July 10, women's at-large on

July 16, and men's at-large on July 17. The Overall Academic All-Americans of the Year will be released on Aug. 13.

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