



SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2023 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association
June 8, 2023, Division II Management Council and Presidents Council;
July 17-18, 2023, Management Council; and August 2, 2023, Presidents Council

JUNE 8, 2023, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCE.

1. **Welcome.** The Presidents Council and Management Council convened their joint videoconference at 2:02 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, June 8. The Presidents Council vice chair welcomed those in attendance.
 2. **Update on NCAA Media Rights.** The Management Council and Presidents Council received a media rights update.
 3. **Adjournment.** The Councils adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Eastern time June 8.
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JULY 17-18, 2023, MANAGEMENT COUNCIL IN-PERSON MEETING AND AUGUST 2, 2023, PRESIDENTS COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCE.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its quarterly meeting at 8:33 a.m. Monday, July 17. The chair thanked the Council for their attendance at the weekend Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

The chair welcomed Anthony Holloman, commissioner at the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as an observer to the meeting due to Curtis Campbell, former Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference representative, having resigned from the Council.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its videoconference at 12:04 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, August 2.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present.

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

2. **Review of Previous Minutes.**

a. March 2 Management Council and Presidents Council; April 17-18 Management Council; and April 26 Presidents Council.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions from its spring meetings.

b. Board of Governors.

(1) March 16 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its March 16 videoconference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its March 16 videoconference.

(2) April 25 Videoconference.

- **Legislation – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its April 25 videoconference. Per the request of the Board of Governors, the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee. The council noted the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee's duties overlap with a partnership between the NCAA and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). In addition, the council noted the NCAA's engagement with the USOPC Collegiate Advisory Council, which was established in 2017 to strengthen Olympic and Paralympic sports in the American collegiate system and is comprised of representatives from Division I institutions that have historically contributed to Team USA's success at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

[Note: The cooperation agreement between the NCAA and the USOPC will be amended to ensure that Divisions II and III are briefed and considered on issues and conversations related to Olympic, Paralympic, and elite athlete participation in international competition.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from its April 25 videoconference. No action was necessary.

(3) Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its May 18 videoconference.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report from its May 18 videoconference.

c. Administrative Committee.

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

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

3. Division II Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the SWOT analysis summary that was conducted this past spring for the Division II Strategic Plan, as well as the updated timeline for the 2026-32 Strategic Plan. The Management Council endorsed the updated timeline noting that the Presidents Council will be asked to approve the timeline during its August meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the SWOT analysis summary that was conducted this past spring for the Division II Strategic Plan, as well as the updated timeline for the 2026-32 Strategic Plan. The Presidents Council approved the updated time for the development of the 2026-32 Division II Strategic Plan.

4. Review and Approval of 2023-24 Division II Priorities.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the priorities for 2023-24, as amended to update the Division II SAAC priorities discussed during the Management Council/SAAC Summit over the weekend.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the priorities for 2023-24, as distributed.

5. **NCAA Convention and Legislation.**

a. **Proposed Legislation for the 2024 Convention Submitted by the Division II Membership.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council take the following action regarding the membership-sponsored proposals for the 2024 NCAA Convention.

- (1) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – First Contest – Championship Segment.** Refer to the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Division II Championships Committee, Division II Football Committee, Division II Legislation Committee, and the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (2) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Softball – Number of Contests – Maximum Limitations – Institutional and Student-Athlete – Nonchampionship Segment.** Refer to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Championships Committee, Legislation Committee, and Division II Softball Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council referred the proposals above to the recommended committees for review and position.

b. **Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form seven noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2024-5 through NC-2024-8 and NC-2024-10 through NC-2024-12), as presented. The seven proposals are listed below.

- (1) **Proposal No. NC-2024-5: Committees -- Association-Wide Committees - - General Committees -- Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct -- Elimination of Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.** To eliminate the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.
- (2) **Proposal No. NC-2024-6: Committees -- Division II Committees -- Division II General Committees – Championships Committee -- Duties - - Final Authority.** To specify that the Division II Championships Committee shall have final authority to approve Division II sport and rules committee appointments.

- (3) **Proposal No. NC-2024-7: Championships and Postseason Football and Executive Regulations – Merging Bylaw 18 And 31.** To amend and combine Bylaws 18 and 31, as specified.
- (4) **Proposal No. NC-2024-8: Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment -- Standardized Dates for End of Grace Period.** To permit the NCAA Eligibility Center to use October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date as the standard end date of the prospective student-athlete's grace period.
- (5) **Proposal No. NC-2024-10: NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship -- Football, Men's Golf, Women's Golf and Men's Lacrosse.** In the sports of football, men's golf, women's golf and men's lacrosse, to amend the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship, as specified.
- (6) **Proposal No. NC-2024-11: NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Provisional Membership -- Institutions - Change of Division Membership (All Sports) -- Division II Membership Process -- Provisional Period -- Assessment Program -- Removal of Institutional Self-Study Guide.** To eliminate the requirement that institutions in year one of the provisional process must complete a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of its intercollegiate athletics program using the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG).
- (7) **Proposal No. NC-2024-12: NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Provisional Membership -- Institutions - Change of Division Membership (All Sports) -- Division II Membership Process -- Provisional Period -- Assessment Program -- Director of Athletics Attendance at the NCAA Inclusion Forum.** To add the director of athletics as a required institutional representative at the NCAA Inclusion Forum once during the three-year provisional membership process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. **Review of Committee Recommendations Affecting Division II.**
 - a. **Update on Referrals from Division II Implementation Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an overview of the referrals made by the Division II Implementation Committee. The Council also received a status update from the respective committee liaisons on each referral.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an overview of the referrals made by the Division II Implementation Committee. The Council also received a status update from the respective committee liaisons on each referral.

b. Division II Committees.

(1) Academic Requirements Committee.

- (a) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaws 7.3.1.5.12.1 and 7.3.1.5.13 – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Academic Success Rate and Academic Performance Census – Failure to Submit.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the timing of the withholding of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution funds for failure to submit Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) data will be done with the next distribution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (b) Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 7.3.1.5.12.1.1 and 7.3.1.5.13.1 – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Academic Success Rate and Academic Performance Census – Failure to Submit – Waiver – Final Authority.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall have final authority over waivers of an institution's failure to submit ASR and APC data by the legislated deadlines.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (c) Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 14.1.2.4 and 21.6 – General Eligibility Requirements and Common Committees – Committees with Governance Administration Responsibilities – High School Review Committee and Student Records Review Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the NCAA Student Records Review Committee (SRRC); further to amend the duties of the NCAA High School Review Committee (HSRC) to add former duties of the SRRC related to the validity of academic credentials.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Division II Academic Requirements Committee – NCAA Division II Academic Guiding Principles.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the NCAA Division II Academic Guiding Principles, as specified. [Attachment A]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Division II Academic Guiding Principles that would be used by the governance structure when discussing and recommending academic changes to Division II legislation.

(e) Waiver of Division II Degree-Completion Award Criteria Due to Circumstances Surrounding COVID-19.

Management Council. The Management Council waived the current Division II Degree-Completion Award requirements for student-athletes who received an extension request during the 2020-21 academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic to permit student-athletes to participate in their last season of eligibility during the 2024-25 academic year and still receive the award.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Division II Degree-Completion Award Increase.

Management Council. The Management Council approved an increase to the Division II Degree-Completion Award value that is the lesser of: Tuition for the remaining credits toward completing an undergraduate degree; or Up to \$15,000.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Change in the Division II Degree-Completion Award Criteria.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change in the Division II Degree-Completion Award criteria to specify that

an applicant must be within 40-semester hours (or 60-quarter hours) of completion of an undergraduate degree.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Championships Committee.

(a) May 1 Electronic Vote.

• **Sport Committee Appointment.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following sport committee appointment:

- **Women’s Rowing. Frank Gonzalez**, associate director of athletics/academic success, Barry University, to replace John Adkison, associate director of athletics, Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University, who left the institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[The appointments noted above were approved May 3 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

(b) May 4 Videoconference.

• **Sport and Rule Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2023, unless otherwise specified:

- i. **Women’s Basketball. Jenepher Banker**, assistant athletic director and head women’s basketball coach at Daemen University, to replace Karen Haag, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at College of Saint Rose, due to term expiration.
- ii. **Football (immediate appointment). David Sharp**, director of athletics at Ouachita Baptist University, to

replace Matt Mitchell, head football coach at Grand Valley State University, who left the institution.

- iii. **Men's Lacrosse Rules. Jason Lange**, head men's lacrosse coach at University of Montevallo, to replace Alex Smith, head men's lacrosse coach at Saint Michael's College, due to term expiration.
- iv. **Men's Soccer. Rudy Brownell**, head men's soccer coach at Tiffin University, to replace Michael Koehler, assistant director of athletics at Rockhurst University, due to term expiration.
- v. **Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving. Andrew Makepeace**, head swimming and diving coach at University of Findlay, to replace Kirk Sanocki, head swimming and diving coach at Wingate University, due to term expiration.
- vi. **Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules. Katie Rees**, head track and field coach at Adelphi University, to replace Zach Emerson, assistant director of athletics and head track and field coach at Franklin Pierce University, due to term expiration.
- vii. **Men's Volleyball. Anthony Holloman**, commissioner of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, to replace Ryan Booher, head men's volleyball coach at King university, due to term expiration.
- viii. **Women's Volleyball. Joey Pacis**, head coach at Bentley University (immediate appointment), to replace Stephanie Dragan, head women's volleyball coach at Franklin Pierce University, who resigned from the committee; and **Katie O'Brien**, assistant director of athletics at University of Montevallo, to replace Jill Stephens, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Florida Southern College, due to term expiration.
- ix. **Women's Volleyball Rules. Julia Rowland**, senior associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Coker University, to replace Tiffany

McCampbell, associate director of athletics at Colorado School of Mines, due to term expiration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **June 26-27 Videoconference.**

i. **2024 NCAA Convention Legislation – Bylaws 18.2.4.1, 18.2.4.2 and 18.2.10 – Minimum Sponsorship for Championships and Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements – 35 and a Three-Year Grace Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2024 Convention to amend Bylaws 18.2.4.1 (men’s sports) and 18.2.4.2 (women’s sports) to specify that the minimum number of sponsoring institutions required to establish and/or maintain a championship is 35 for either gender (rather than the current requirements of 50 for men’s sports and 40 for women’s sports). (Note: Sports achieving the 35-sponsorship threshold would go through the existing legislative procedures for establishing a championship.) Further, to amend Bylaw 18.2.10 (failure to meet minimum sponsorship requirements) to establish a three-year grace period during which a sport that falls below the minimum sponsorship of 35 may regain the necessary sponsoring institutions before the championship is discontinued, and eliminate the current exceptions in Bylaws 18.2.10.1 (Olympic sports) and 18.2.10.2 (men’s and women’s lacrosse).

This proposal was among several recommended by the Division II Implementation Committee’s championships subcommittee during its review of Division II bylaws and policies in 2022 and subsequently referred to the Division II Championships Committee for further discussion. The Championships Committee has collaborated with membership stakeholder groups (e.g., Division II sport committees, the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, and the Division II Athletics Directors Association) to vet the proposal and has gathered membership feedback through surveys and the Division II Coaches Connection program indicating broad support not only for reducing the minimum requirement but also making

it consistent between genders. The Championships Committee believes 35 is an appropriate benchmark that reflects membership interest and commitment meriting a championship and one that gives emerging sports a reasonable target to transition to championship status.

The Championships Committee notes that the original referral from the Implementation Committee included a five-year grace period for sports that fall below the minimum sponsorship requirement; however, after much deliberation, the committee determined that the grace period should be three years, which the committee believes is a sufficient time for a given sport to recover should it fall below the minimum without unduly extending the grace period and tying up resources that could otherwise be devoted to championships in good standing and emerging sports that merit championship consideration. The grace period would begin at the start of the academic year in which the committee confirms the sport has fallen below the 35-sponsoring institution minimum (sport sponsorship information becomes available annually at the start of the academic year). The committee noted that as with many other legislated requirements, a waiver process would exist should a sport want to appeal the grace period.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2024 Convention.

ii. **2024 Convention Legislation – Bylaws 31.3.4 – Automatic Qualification.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2024 Convention to amend Bylaw 31.3.4 (automatic qualification) to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted in all team sports other than football that meet the 35-institution sponsorship threshold (rather than leave that decision up to a sport committee to determine).

The Championships Committee and Management Council believe that all conferences should be provided access to NCAA Division II Championships in all team sports when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. Currently, sport committees have the option of recommending when and if

to apply automatic qualification (AQ) to their selection processes. However, the concept of requiring automatic qualification rather than maintaining it as an option emerged during the Implementation Committee review process as being a core tenet of the Division II championships program. The Championships Committee also notes that automatic qualification has long been regarded as the most effective way to grow a sport, as it establishes an equitable path for member institutions to participate in NCAA championships and an incentive for sponsorship.

If the proposal is adopted, the Championships Committee will establish as policy a 60% maximum for AQs in a bracket. To mitigate the possibility of a sport exceeding the 60% limit, the committee will also establish as policy that bracket expansion be considered at the next budget opportunity whenever a sport reaches a 50% threshold. However, should a sport exceed the 60% limit while being considered for bracket expansion, the Championships Committee may maintain AQ while the field size is being addressed.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2024 Convention.

iii. 2024 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 31.3.5 – Earned Access.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2024 Convention to amend Bylaw 31.3.5 (earned access – football) to require representation in the bracket from all football-sponsoring conferences (i.e., include the highest-ranked team in a conference not already represented in the bracket).

The Championships Committee and Management Council believe that all conferences should be provided access to NCAA Division II Championships in all team sports when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. The concept of ensuring all conferences are represented in all team sports emerged during the Implementation Committee review process as being a core tenet of the Division II championships program. 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.

If the proposal is adopted, the Championships Committee will establish as policy a 60% maximum for earned access in the bracket. To mitigate the possibility of exceeding the 60% limit, 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% limit while being considered for bracket expansion, the Championships Committee may maintain earned access while the field size is being addressed.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2024 Convention.

iv. Access Ratio for Championships in Team Sports.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Presidents Council establish as championships policy an access ratio of 4.25 to 6 in team sports on which to determine brackets/field sizes.

This recommendation was among those referred from the Division II Implementation Committee to the Championships Committee for further review. In interactions with the Division II membership, the access ratio component of the championships structure package has been the most consistently supported during the span of review. The proposed range in the original recommendation was 4.5 to 6, but the Championships Committee subsequently decided, based on a review of current access ratios in all sports (see Attachment B), that expanding the ratio to 4.25 to 6 would further protect existing brackets in those sports sponsored by a large majority of the Division II membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council established as championships policy an access ratio of 4.25 to 6 in team sports on which to determine brackets/field sizes.

v. Joint Men's Basketball Championship in 2026.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Presidents Council approve that the 2026 Division II Men’s Basketball Championship game take place at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as part of the Division I Men’s Final Four.

Division II previously agreed to the concept of staging the Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships in conjunction with the Division I Men’s Final Four and Division I Women’s Final Four twice over the next 10 years, and 2026 represents an excellent opportunity for men’s basketball, as Indianapolis is a proven site for combined championships (the joint women’s basketball championships were conducted there in 2016). The Championships Committee and Management Council acknowledge that 2026 also will be the first Division II Festival conducted specifically for men’s and women’s basketball. Accordingly, the recommendation means that the basketball festival would be shortened by one day, as the men’s basketball championship game would be played in conjunction with the Men’s Final Four rather than at the festival. The Championships Committee does not believe that compromises the festival but rather provides an enhanced opportunity for the two finalists that advance to Indianapolis.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved that the 2026 Division II Men’s Basketball Championship game take place at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis as part of the Division I Men’s Final Four.

vi. Federated Playing Rules Process for Division II.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted the federated playing rules process developed for Division II (see Attachment C).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update regarding the adoption the federated playing rules process developed for Division II.

vii. Nullification Transparency.

Management Council. The Management Council modified the nullification process so that, in instances when nullification is applied, a general statement is included in the

bracket release indicating that nullification impacted selections. Further, the Council authorized the Division II Championships Committee to inform the affected regional advisory committee that nullification impacted selections.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update regarding the modification to the nullification process.

viii. Preliminary-Round Streaming Policy in Men’s and Women’s Basketball.

Management Council. The Management Council amended the preliminary-round streaming policy to require basketball regional hosts to have multiple cameras (at least two).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ix Super Region Placements in Wrestling.

Management Council. The Management Council approved placing the four newly sponsoring institutions (Frostburg State, Grand Valley State, Montevallo and Sioux Falls) into super regions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

x. Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sport committee appointments:

(a) **Men’s Basketball (immediate vacancy).** **Daryl Gross**, executive director of athletics at California State University, Los Angeles, to replace Mitch Cox, commissioner of the California Collegiate Athletic Association, who is retiring.

(b) **Men’s and Women’s Cross Country (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** **Randi Lydum**, director of athletics at Western Oregon University, to replace Chris Bradford, head cross country coach at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, due to term expiration.

- (c) **Field Hockey (immediate vacancy).** Renee Hellert, director of athletics at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, to replace Michael Cerino, director of athletics at Limestone University, who took a new position at the university outside of the athletics department.
- (d) **Field hockey (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** Rayelle Wallace, head field hockey coach at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Stacey Gaudette, head field hockey coach at Mercyhurst University, due to term expiration.
- (e) **Men’s and Women’s Track and Field (immediate vacancies).** Tabitha Bemis, assistant coach for cross country and track and field at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Melissa Ferry, head track and field coach at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, who resigned from the committee; and **Shane Drahota**, senior compliance administrator/senior deputy director of athletics/administration and student services at Minnesota State University, Mankato, to replace Brock Hime, head track and field coach at Arkansas Technological University, who resigned from the committee.
- (f) **Men’s and Women’s Track and Field (September 1, 2023, vacancy).** Nathan Cochran, director of athletics at Walsh University, to replace Doug Lipinsky, deputy director of athletics at Grand Valley State University, due to term expiration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Degree Completion Award Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 11 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Legislation Committee.**

(a) **April 19 Electronic Vote.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's April 19 electronic vote report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **June 28-29 In-Person Meeting.**

i. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 12.5 -- Amateurism -- Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel -- Incorporating into Playing and Practice Seasons Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to move Bylaw 12.5 (use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel) into Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.1.1.2 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes -- Four- Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- Removal of Notification of Recruitment Requirement.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to eliminate the requirement that a Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send written notification of recruitment to a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) institution prior to having contact with an NAIA student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. **Request for Feedback from NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators -- Bylaw 13 (Recruiting) and Bylaw 16 (Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes) – Membership Survey.**

Management Council. The Division II Management Council requested the Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators review the proposed membership survey

seeking feedback on the recommended concepts from Bylaw 13 (recruiting) and Bylaw 16 (awards, benefits and expenses for enrolled student-athletes) and provide feedback on whether the structure of the survey is manageable for the Division II membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's June 30 electronic vote report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 7.3.1.5.19.1 and 7.3.1.5.23 – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey and Financial Data – Failure to Submit.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to specify that the timing of the withholding of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution funds for failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data will be done with the next distribution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 7.3.1.5.19.1 and 7.3.1.5.23 – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey and Financial Data – Failure to Submit – Waiver Opportunity.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to establish a waiver opportunity for an institution's failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data by the legislated deadlines; further to specify that the Division II Membership Committee shall have final authority over waivers for an institution's failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data by the legislated deadlines.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **NCAA Division II Membership Committee – Policy Related to Reporting Requirements during the Provisional Membership Process.**

Management Council. The Management Council amended the Membership Committee’s policy to require institutions in the provisional membership process to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data starting in year two of the provisional process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Review of Annual Reports from Institutions in the Membership Process.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Membership Committee had taken the following actions with regard to institutions in the membership process:

- i. Move the following institution to active member status, effective September 1, 2023:
 - D’Youville University.
- ii. Move the following institutions to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2023:
 - a. Allen University;
 - b. Edward Waters University; and
 - c. Emory & Henry College.
- iii. Move the following institutions to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2023:
 - a. Thomas More University;
 - b. University of South Carolina Beaufort; and
 - c. Westmont College.

- iv. Approved the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2023:
 - a. Jessup University;
 - b. Menlo College;
 - c. Roosevelt University;
 - d. Sul Ross State University; and
 - e. Vanguard University.
- v. Did not accept the application of the following institution to enter provisional year one:
 - Talladega College.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the actions taken by the Membership Committee.

(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) May 9 Videoconference.

- **Committee Appointment.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update that the Administrative Committee approved the following appointment:

- **Division II Nominating Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Tony Duckworth).** David Haase, associate director of athletics, University of West Georgia, Gulf South Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note: The appointment noted above was approved May 22 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

(b) June 20 Videoconference.

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments:

- i. **Division II Committee on Infractions (one immediate vacancy replacing Melissa Reilly).** Amber Feldman, deputy commissioner/senior woman administrator, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- ii. **Division II Legislation Committee (two immediate vacancies replacing Kara Lindaman and Melinda Terry).** Deborah Rodgers, deputy chief athletic director/compliance, Tuskegee University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and **Melissa Thacker**, faculty athletics representative, Cameron University, Lone Star Conference.
- iii. **Division II Membership Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Jennifer Virgil).** Troy Dell, director of athletics, Frostburg State University, Mountain East Conference.
- iv. **Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (six February 2024 vacancies – three three-year members and three four-year members).** Curtis Janz, director of athletics, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, Lone Star Conference; **Brandi Laurita**, vice president for student affairs and athletics/senior woman administrator, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference; and **Frank Wu**, president, Queens College (New York) (three-year terms). **Joseph Arnold**, senior associate athletic director for compliance, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; **Pennie Parker**, director of athletics, Rollins College, Sunshine State Conference; and **David Wilmes**, chief student affairs officer, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (four-year terms).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(c) **July 6 Electronic Vote.**

• **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments:

- i. **Division II Committee on Infractions (one September 2023 vacancy).** Brooke Parsons, attorney, public member.
- ii. **NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (one September 2023 vacancy).** Dr. Jack Lewis Turban, doctor of psychiatry, public member.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the appointments, as recommended.

(8) **Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **Budget to Actual Report ending May 31.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending May 31, 2023.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending May 31, 2023.

(b) **April 20 Videoconference.**

i. **Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.**

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the amended Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary as the Presidents Council approved the Budget Guidelines and Principles during its April 2023 meeting.

ii. **Division II Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24.**

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the budget requests for the 2023-24 fiscal year, as noted

below. The rationale for each request is listed alongside the amount requested.

Request	Amount	Rationale
Championships Travel	\$682,152	Each year, NCAA accounting provides an estimate on expected travel inflation for Division II championships travel. NOTE: The Division II LRB projected a \$682,152 increase for championships travel expenses. The Planning and Finance Committee is requesting the full projected amount of \$682,152 and will allocate \$441,003 to new championships initiatives as part of the FY25 championships triennial budget process.
DII Championships Operations Right Sizing	\$222,232	Based on review of current championships expenses, the following items are requested based on an assessment of current expenditures vs budget. Additionally, some items were approved during the previous year based on health and safety and/or gender-equity review. The expenses include soccer travel and per diem; indoor and outdoor track and field supplemental officials; patches for all sports;

Request	Amount	Rationale
		softball bracket from 6 days to 7 days; baseball video replay; and officials at every court in tennis.
Revenue Distribution – Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund	\$173,228	Per the LRB, 3% increase.
Revenue Distribution – Institutional Equal Distribution Fund	\$57,742	Per the LRB, 3% increase.
Division II Championships Festival	\$50,000	Based on a review of expenses for the fall 2022 festival in Seattle and expected expenses in Orlando for the spring 2024 festival, these dollars will cover the increased costs associated with the special events at the festival (e.g., opening ceremonies, closing ceremonies, student-athlete lounges).
DII University	\$50,000	Per the LRB, to continue the development of new modules and maintenance of current modules.
Community Engagement at Championships	\$50,000	Each Division II national championship has a community engagement component. Given budget reductions

Request	Amount	Rationale
		<p>following COVID, many youth organizations and schools no longer have funding (e.g., bus transportation costs) to pay expenses for students at these schools and organizations to attend Division II championships. These dollars will assist the needed funding to continue the division’s community engagement outreach at championships as well as assist with the increased costs for shipping, giveaways and food and beverage.</p>
NCAA Convention	\$35,000	<p>This budget line item has not been increased in several years. With the increased cost of keynote speakers and food and beverage, these funds will assist with the Division II-specific costs at Convention.</p>
Staff Travel	\$23,000	<p>This request has been submitted as an Association-wide/national office budget request. In the event this request is not approved by the national office, the Division II governance staff is requesting an increase to the DII staff travel budget. Based on</p>

Request	Amount	Rationale
		assessment of travel for FY23 and expected travel in FY24, this request will cover the increased costs associated with flights, hotel and food.
Drug-Testing Contract	\$10,256	Per the long-range budget – 2% inflationary increase to pay for Division II’s portion of the Drug Free Sport contract.
Division II Student-Athlete Leadership Forum	\$8,000	To assist with increased costs for hotel, food and beverage and travel associated with the forum.
Additional Expenses for Services to Division II	\$4,800	Per the new NCAA Constitution and starting in FY23, an annual review will be conducted to validate additional Association service expenses that Division II pays for directly from its 4.37% allocation. Per for LRB, this is the 3% inflationary increase to this budget line item.
Reserve	\$82,807	Depending on the allocation for Division II championships travel and staff travel, the remaining funds will be placed in the reserve.
TOTAL	\$1,199,218	

Presidents Council. No action was necessary as the Presidents Council approved the Budget Guidelines and Principles during its April 2023 meeting. The Presidents

Council received a preview of the August 16 Planning and Finance Committee meeting.

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

a. April 13 In-Person Meeting and May 10 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's April 13 in-person and May 10 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Verbal Update from July 14-15 In-Person Meeting.

i. Referral to Championships Committee and, Legislation Committee – Student-Athlete Representation.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the Championships Committee and Legislation Committee to discuss whether it would be beneficial to add a current or former Division II student-athlete to serve on the committee in addition to the current Division II National SAAC representative.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. Referral to the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, Committee for Legislative Relief, Membership Committee and Nominating Committee – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Representation.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the Committee on Infractions, Infractions Appeals Committee, Committee for Legislative Relief, Membership Committee and Nominating Committee to discuss whether there is a need for SAAC representation on each of these Division II general committees that currently do not include a SAAC member.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(10) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's June 15 in-person meeting report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division II Subcommittees and Project Teams.

(1) Convention Planning Project Team.

- **2024 Convention Division II Schedule and Educational Programming.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the Division II schedule and educational programming for the 2024 Convention.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Division II schedule and educational programming for the 2024 Convention.

(2) Identity Subcommittee.

- **Division II 50th Anniversary Scholarship Waiver.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a blanket waiver to permit selected Division II student-athletes to receive the Division II 50th Anniversary Scholarship and allow for the scholarship to be exempt from the student-athlete's individual and team equivalency limit for the 2024-25 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

(1) Committee on Women's Athletics.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 12 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 9 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women’s Athletics Joint Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committees’ May 15 joint videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

• **April 20 and June 8 Videoconferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel’s April 20 and June 8 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s June 5-6 in-person meeting report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s April 23-24 in-person meeting report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. **Open Forum.**

Management Council. The Management Council participated in an open forum session Tuesday morning. No formal action was taken.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. **Management Council Issues.**

a. **Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed committee and project team assignments, noting those assignments that are open with the turnover in

Council representation. The Council was informed that if anyone was interested in being assigned to a specific committee or project team, they should inform the chair or one of the Division II staff members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Vice Chair Election Notice.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Jerry Wollmering's position as vice chair of the Management Council would expire at the conclusion of the 2024 Convention. Individuals interested in seeking the position should voice that interest to the chair or the managing director of Division II.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Management Council Chair Election Notice.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Carrie Michael's position as chair of the Management Council would expire at the conclusion of the 2024 Convention. Individuals interested in seeking the position should voice that interest to the chair or the managing director of Division II.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Summit.

Management Council. The Management Council discussed the feedback received on the Summit that was held the previous weekend.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

9. Presidents Council Issues.

a. Discuss Aug. 1 Presentation on Gender Equity Phase II Progress Report. The Presidents Council participated in a conversation regarding the gender equity assessment report.

b. NCAA Business Review Update. The Presidents Council participated in a joint videoconference with the Division I Board of Directors and the Division III Presidents Council to receive an update on the NCAA business review findings from President Charlie Baker.

c. Update on Independent Member Nomination Process for the Division II Executive Board. The Presidents Council was provided an update on the independent member nomination process. Presidents Council members were

encouraged to nominate members within their alumni or community that meet the qualifications.

- d. **Chair Election in October.** The Presidents Council was advised that a chair would be elected at the October meeting to serve from January 2024 to January 2025. President Council members who wish to serve should contact the vice president of Division II.

10. National Office Updates.

a. Executive.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council 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.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council 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 discussions on cannabis; discussions on concussion; mental health best practices; stakeholder athletic trainer meeting; and Division II Injury Surveillance Program participation numbers.

Presidents Council. The Presidents 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 discussions on cannabis; discussions on concussion; mental health best practices; stakeholder athletic trainer meeting; and Division II Injury Surveillance Program participation numbers.

d. Division II 50th Anniversary.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the plans for the Division II 50th anniversary celebration.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the plans for the Division II 50th anniversary celebration.

e. Inclusion Forum.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided a recap of the Division II enhanced attendance initiative at the NCAA Inclusion Forum.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Division II ADA Mentor Program.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the ADA Mentor Program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Division II Community Engagement.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the community engagements efforts of the division at Division II national championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Division II Coaches Connection Program.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the coaches connection program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. Affiliated Association Updates.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated associations. The Council endorsed the Division II Model Athletics Department document that was developed by the Division II Athletics Directors Association. No additional action was needed.

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 Administrators Association.**
- f. **National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. **Women Leaders in College Sports.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council endorsed the Division II Model Athletics Department Document.

12. Other Business.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. Meeting Recap/Things to Report Back to Conference.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included: 2024 Convention information; legislation for the 2024 Convention; Championship Committee updates, including access ratio for championships in team sports, federated rules process for Division II, nullification transparency, and preliminary-round streaming policy in men's and women's basketball; student-athlete congressional engagement template letter; 50th anniversary information; Division II Model Athletics Department Document, independent member nomination information for the Division II Executive Board; awards and scholarships opportunities; and the Management Council meeting article.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

14. Future Meetings.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2023 through January 2025.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2023 through January 2024.

15. Adjournment.

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 11:44 a.m. Eastern time July 17.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 3:43 p.m. Eastern time August 2.

June 8, 2023, Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council; July 17-18, 2023, Management Council; and August 2, 2023, Presidents Council	
Attendees:	
Management Council	Presidents Council
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College (<i>June 8</i>)
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Michaela Boyd, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive	Carlos Campo, Ashland University
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Mark Corino, Caldwell University (<i>June 8</i>)	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	Steven Shirley, Minot State University
Theresa Hanson, Simon Fraser University (<i>June 8</i>)	William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Kristi Kiefer Fairmont State University	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University (<i>June 8</i>)	Frank Wu, Queen College (New York)
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College	
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	

Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	
Vaughn Williams, director of athletics, Bentley University	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	
Absentees:	
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University (<i>June 8</i>)	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College (<i>August 2</i>)
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive (<i>June 8</i>)	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (<i>June 8</i>)
Mark Corino, Caldwell University (<i>July 17-18</i>)	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise (<i>June 8</i>)
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University (<i>June 8</i>)	William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College (<i>June 8</i>)
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University (<i>June 8</i>)	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College (<i>June 8</i>)
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines (<i>June 8</i>)	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University
Theresa Hanson, Simon Fraser University (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (<i>June 8</i>)	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College (<i>June 8</i>)	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Vaughn Williams, director of athletics, Bentley University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Guests in Attendance	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University (<i>July 17-18</i>)	Gary Brown, NCAA contractor (<i>August 2</i>)
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference (<i>June 8</i>)	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Gary Brown, NCAA contractor (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas (<i>June 8</i>)	
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (<i>June 8</i>)	

Anthony Holloman, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul (<i>June 8</i>)	
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University (<i>June 8</i>)	
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association (<i>June 8</i>)	
Jill Willson, NCAA Contractor (<i>July 17-18</i>)	
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Rachel Denton (<i>July 17-18</i>), Jenn Fraser (<i>July 17-18</i>), Haydyn Gibson (<i>June 8</i>), Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Kendee Hilliard (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Julie Kimmons (<i>June 8</i>), Karen Kirsch, David Lafiosca (<i>August 2</i>), Micaela Liddane (<i>June 8, July 17-18</i>), Jordan Lysiak, Corbin McGuire (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Rebecca Burchette Medel (<i>June 8</i>), Mario Morris (<i>August 2</i>), John Parsons (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Stephanie Quigg (<i>July 17-18</i>), Angela Red, Anne Rohlman (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Rachel Seewald (<i>July 17-18</i>), Jared Tidemann (<i>July 17-18, August 2</i>), Robert Turick and Jill Waddell.	

NCAA Division II Academic Guiding Principles

Below is a list of guiding principles as it relates to academics and the role of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee:

1. Division II is committed to protecting the well-being of our student-athletes.
2. Division II supports a “student-first” philosophy.
3. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee is the gatekeeper for the division as it relates to student-athlete academic readiness prior to initial enrollment and academic success after enrollment that will encourage career development towards life-long goals post-graduation.
4. The academic requirements shall support the philosophy of the division.
5. Recommendations for change shall be data driven and provide the opportunity for access to athletically related financial aid, practice, and competition.
6. The certification of requirements will support and promote administrative efficiency when possible.

ATTACHMENT B

	Number of Teams Sponsoring <i>do not include reclassifying or provisional</i>	Total Athletes (Taken from Sports Sponsorship Participation Rates Report)	Championship Bracket/Field Size	Access Ratio*
Men's Cross Country (individual)	264	3,949	262	15.07
Women's Cross Country (individual)	284	3,795	262	14.48
Men's Cross Country (team)	264	3,949	34	7.76
Women's Cross Country (team)	284	3,795	34	8.35
Women's Field Hockey	35	925	6	5.83
Football	161	20,346	28	5.75
Men's Soccer	200	7,414	40	5.00
Women's Soccer	252	8,024	56	4.50
Volleyball	283	5,349	64	4.42
Men's Basketball	296	5,567	64	4.63
Women's Basketball	294	4,912	64	4.59
Men's Swimming & Diving	75	1,732	175	9.90
Women's Swimming & Diving	99	2,249	205	10.97
Men's Indoor Track & Field	180	6,753	270	25.01
Women's Indoor Track & Field	205	6,600	270	24.44
Wrestling	64	2,243	180	12.46
Baseball	247	11,452	56	4.41
Men's Golf (individual)	218	2,355	108	5.45
Women's Golf (individual)	193	1,646	98	6.23
Men's Golf (team)	218	2,355	80	2.73
Women's Golf (team)	193	1,646	48	4.02
Men's Lacrosse	75	3,393	12	6.25
Women's Lacrosse	113	2,906	16	7.06
Women's Rowing	12	439	6	2.00
Softball	272	6,419	64	4.25
Men's Tennis	147	1,642	48	3.06
Women's Tennis	202	1,980	48	4.21
Men's Outdoor Track & Field	222	8,052	377	21.36
Women's Outdoor Track & Field	251	7,923	377	21.02

Individual team sports

* Access ratio determined as follows: Team Sports (Number of teams sponsoring/bracket size); Individual-team sports (Total athletes/field size)

Men's Swimming***	75	1,663	175	9.50
Women's Swimming***	99	2,130	205	10.39

Men's Diving**	26	69	18	3.83
Women's Diving**	30	119	22	5.41

** Swimming and diving sponsorship data is collected jointly through membership reports. The diving membership was asked to complete a survey reporting their current diving specific sponsorship and roster numbers. This reporting did not come from a formalized request, but provides context between the varying sponsorship of swimming and diving.

*** Swimming data with the removal of diving data.

**Division II Process for
Federated Review of Playing Rules**

The process outlined below for establishing Division II specific playing rules is consistent with the current process that is used for common rules.

1. INFORMATION GATHERING STAGE

During the nonchampionship and championship seasons, the secretary-rules editor and rules committee members compile hot topics from coaches, commissioners, athletics administrators and other stakeholders (e.g., coaches associations, sport management committees, officials, etc.). A Call for Proposals is sent to all head coaches and conference commissioners. Topics are presented and discussed at the coach's convention, if possible.

A rules survey is conducted to determine membership positions on certain issues.

If, based on Division II specific input/information gathered from the rules survey, there does not seem to be a majority support for a specific rules change, the Division II Championships Committee (or a subcommittee of the Championships Committee), along with the Division II members of the rules committee if time permits, will review this initial feedback and determine next steps (e.g., consider a federated playing rule).

2. ANNUAL RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The rules committee meets to discuss and vote on rules proposals.

In order to maintain an appropriate level of consistency among divisions, rules changes should initially be considered as common for all divisions. In particular, rules changes related to fundamental, foundational aspects of the sport or that have a health and safety impact should be recommended as common proposals.

However, based on Division II specific input/information gathered, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee may recommend and vote on rules proposals that are specific to Division II.

Prior to the annual rules committee meeting, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee will meet with the members of the relevant Division II sports committee to provide additional Division II perspectives on the proposals for consideration.

A simple majority vote of Division II rules committee members is required to approve a proposal for the division.

3. COMMENT PERIOD

After the annual meeting, a list of proposals approved by the rules committee is sent to head coaches, conference commissioners and athletics directors for feedback. This two-week comment period allows the membership to see and respond to the final language of the proposals.

4. RULES COMMITTEE REVIEW OF COMMENT PERIOD RESULTS

At the end of the two-week comment period, the rules committee meets to review the comment period results and qualitative feedback. The respective Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) representative participates in this meeting. The rules committee determines which proposals to send forward to PROP for final consideration.

The Division II members of the rules committee determine which Division II specific proposals to forward to PROP for final consideration. Prior to the review of the comment period results, the Division II member(s) of the rules committee will meet with the members of the relevant Division II sports committee to provide additional Division II perspectives on the proposals for consideration.

A simple majority vote of the Division II rules committee members is required.

5. PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL REVIEW OF PROPOSALS

PROP reviews all proposals the rules committee recommends and all feedback from the membership during the two-week comment period.

A recommendation from a rules committee shall be considered valid unless PROP determines that the recommendation harms the image of the games, creates an unsafe environment for student-athletes or places an unreasonable financial burden on the membership. PROP may request that playing rules committee chairs and/or secretary-rules editors present their cases to PROP when proposed changes are controversial or unusually complicated.

The full PROP votes on common rules proposals. The Division II members of PROP vote on Division II specific proposals. In addition, if a common rules proposal is not supported by the full PROP, the Division II members of the panel may vote to determine whether the proposal is approved for Division II.

Rules approved by PROP (or, for Division II specific rules, the Division II members of the Panel) are final and incorporated into the next edition of the rules book.