



SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2025 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association

July 21-22, 2025, Division II Management Council and August 6, 2025, Executive Board

1. Welcome and Announcements.

Management Council. The Management Council convened its quarterly meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 21. The chair thanked the Council for their attendance at the Friday Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.

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

The chair welcomed Jenn Bell, director of athletics at Converse University, as the new Conference Carolinas representative.

The chair also welcomed Drew Howard, director of athletics at Florida Southern College, as an observer to the meeting due to Katherine Loh, former Sunshine State Conference representative, having resigned from the Council.

Finally, 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 11:01 a.m. Eastern time Wednesday, August 6.

The chair welcomed those in attendance. The chair also acknowledged 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. April 14-15, 2025, Division II Management Council and April 22, 2025, Executive Board.

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

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

b. Board of Governors.

(1) April 24 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its April 24 videoconference.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its April 24 videoconference.

(2) Board of Governors Consultative Process.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. The Executive Board discussed the key agenda items for the Board of Governors' August 7 meeting.

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. Review and Approval of Draft 2025-26 Division II Priorities.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the priorities for 2025-26, as recommended.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the priorities for 2025-26, as distributed.

4. NCAA Convention and Legislation.

a. Governance-Sponsored Proposals for the 2026 NCAA Convention.

- **NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons -- Emerging Sports For Women -- Women's Flag Football**, which would add women's flag football as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to membership, financial aid and playing and practice seasons, as specified.

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

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

b. Proposed Legislation for the 2026 Convention Submitted by the Division II Membership.

Management Council. Per NCAA Bylaw 9.3.7, the Management Council referred the following membership-sponsored proposals to various committees for a position of support, opposition or no position.

- (1) **Recruiting -- Definitions and Applications -- Football Recruiting Dead Period.** Referred to the Division II Football Committee and Division II Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (2) **Financial Aid -- Eligibility for Athletics Aid -- Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Athletics Aid -- Retroactive Athletics Aid -- Issuance of Retroactive Athletics Aid.** Referred this proposal to the Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

The Management Council also requested that the Legislation Committee review this proposal to consider whether it should be recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

- (3) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities -- Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Nonchampionship Segment.** Referred to the Division II Baseball Committee, NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (4) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Baseball -- Number of Contests -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Student-Athlete.** Referred to the Baseball Committee, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (5) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- First Permissible Contest.** Referred to the Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (6) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Number of Contests -- Annual Exemptions -- Region Challenge Event -- Out-Of-Region Opponents From Contiguous States.** Referred to the Men's and Women's Basketball Committees and Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

The Management Council also requested that the Legislation Committee review this proposal to consider whether it should be recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

- (7) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Golf -- Number of Dates of Competition -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Student-Athlete.** Referred to the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Committees and Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (8) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Soccer -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Practice -- Championship Segment.** Referred to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Legislation Committee and Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Committees for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (9) **Playing and Practice Seasons -- Softball -- Number of Contests -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional and Student-Athlete -- Nonchampionship Segment.** Referred to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Legislation Committee and Division II Softball Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (10) **Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Minimum Sponsorship for Division II Championships -- Exemption for Women's Field Hockey and Women's Rowing.** Referred to the Division II Championships Committee, Division II Women's Field Hockey Committee and Division II Rowing Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.
- (11) **Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Criteria for Selection of Participants -- Automatic Qualification -- Requirements -- Division Championship -- Institutions in Final Year of Division II Membership Process.** Referred to the Championships Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update that the Management Council referred the proposals above to the recommended committees for review and position.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form five noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal

Nos. NC-2026-13 through NC-2026-17), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

- (1) **NCAA Proposal No. NC-2026-13: NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Financial Donations from Outside Organizations -- Relationships With Third-Party Organizations.** To deregulate the financial donations from outside organizations legislation, as specified.
- (2) **Proposal No. NC-2026-14: Eligibility -- Academic Eligibility -- Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice with Women's Teams -- Travel Expenses in Conjunction with Away-From-Home Competition.** To permit a male practice player to receive travel expenses to participate in practice sessions in conjunction with an institution's away-from-home competition.
- (3) **Proposal No. NC-2026-15: Playing And Practice Seasons -- Definitions And Applications -- Tryouts -- Enrolled Student -- Timing Of Medical Examination.** To clarify that a medical examination for a currently enrolled student must be administered within six-months prior to participation in a tryout.
- (4) **Proposal No. NC-2026-16: NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships -- Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships -- Options When No Division II Championship Is Conducted -- Men's Ice Hockey.** In men's ice hockey, to specify that an active Division II institution is eligible to compete in the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship provided there is not a men's ice hockey championship conducted in Division II.
- (5) **Proposal No. NC-2026-17: Organizational Structure and Committees -- Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees -- Honors Committee -- Name, Composition and Duties.** To amend the name, composition and duties of the NCAA Honors Committee, as follows: (a) Rename the Honors Committee to the Awards Committee; (b) Increase the composition of the committee from nine to 10 members specifying that one position shall be allocated for a former student-athlete who was a Woman of the Year nominee; (c) Replace the position allocated for a current or former chancellor or president from a member institution with a senior-level athletics administrator at a member institution or conference; and (d) Expand the duties of the committee to include oversight, management and selection of the Woman of the Year Award.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

5. Review of Committee Recommendations Affecting Division II.

a. Division II Committees.

(1) Academic Requirements Committee.

- (a) Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 7.3.1.5.12.1 – NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Academic Success Rate -- Failure to Submit Data -- Elimination of Penalty for Failure to Submit Academic Success Rate Data in Any Two Years During a Five-Year Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the penalty for an active member institution that fails to submit its Academic Success Rate (ASR) data in any two years during a five-year period.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- (b) Division II Previously Approved Waiver Checklist.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved updates to the previously approved waiver checklist, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(2) Championships Committee.

- (a) May 1 Videoconference and May 20 Electronic Vote.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 1 videoconference and May 20 electronic vote reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- (b) June 25-26 In-Person Meeting.**

- i. 2026 Convention Legislation -- Various Bylaws -- Division II Championships -- Women's Bowling.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board sponsor legislation for

the 2026 Convention to establish a Division II Women's Bowling Championship; further, to establish an NCAA Division II Women's Bowling Committee.

The recommendation is based on membership survey results indicating strong support for establishing a Division II-specific championship from the existing National Collegiate championship. Those results indicated that among those institutions that sponsor women's bowling, there is a strong preference for competing in and winning a Division II championship as opposed to a National Collegiate championship. As of the 2023-24 academic year, 38 Division II institutions sponsor women's bowling, which triggered a review of whether to establish a Division II Women's Bowling Championship. The Legislation Committee also recommended sport-specific legislation, which the Championships Committee supported. The immediate effective date for the formation of a Division II women's bowling committee will permit the women's bowling committee to begin its work in January 2026 to prepare for the first Division II championship in April 2028.

Executive Board. The Executive Board sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to establish a Division II Women's Bowling Championship; further, to establish an NCAA Division II Women's Bowling Committee.

- ii. **2026 Convention Legislation – Bylaws 18.4.3.1-(c) and 18.4.3.1-(d) -- Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Criteria for Selection of Participants -- Criteria for Selection in Team Sports -- Required Selection Criteria and Sport-Specific Selection Criteria – NCAA Power Index.**

Management Council. The Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to specify that Division II team sports shall use the NCAA Power Index (NPI) for selections beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.

The NPI, which has been used in Division I and Division III men's ice hockey for several years and which Division III adopted last year for all team sport committees to use, is a system of statistical data that objectively applies the selection criteria to the data based on a sport committee's established weighted criteria. The NPI is a combination of

winning percentage; strength of schedule; home-away multiplier; quality win bonus; and overtime results (when relevant). The metric can be adjusted by what are referred to as “dials,” or specific components of the metric that each sport committee has the authority to set, thus placing any desired subjectivity within the criteria themselves that are then applied objectively.

The Championships Committee has discussed the merits of the NPI at length over the past year and has gathered feedback from sport committees and other membership stakeholders indicating strong support for using the metric as the sole selection criterion for team sports. Because selections would be based solely on the NPI data, teams would no longer be required to have a .500 record or higher to be considered for selections. Additionally, Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) would be eliminated if the proposal is adopted.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council sponsored legislation in concept for the 2026 Convention to specify that Division II team sports shall use the NPI for selections beginning with the 2026-27 academic year.

- iii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 8.5 and 8.7 – Organizational Structure and Committees -- Playing Rules Oversight Panel and Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities – Establishment of New Playing Rules Structure and Process.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to establish a new playing rules structure and process for Division II, as outlined.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council sponsored noncontroversial legislation to establish a new playing rules structure and process for Division II.

- iv. **Noncontroversial legislation – Bylaw 18.3.1 – National Collegiate Championships – Fencing – Establish Separate Men’s and Women’s Championships.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to divide the current NCAA National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships into separate men's and women's championships. The women's championship (sponsorship of 44) and men's championship (sponsorship of 35) would be held at the same site and conducted concurrently. The men's championship would remain in place under the Olympic sport exception (Bylaw 18.2.10.1).

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

v. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.02.8 -- Playing and Practice Seasons – Definitions and Applications – Winter Break -- Participation in Division II Football Championship.**

Management Council. The Management Council did not consider adopting noncontroversial legislation to amend the winter break legislation to permit the two Division II football teams participating in the Division II Football Championship to participate in countable athletically related activities (CARA) except during a four-consecutive-calendar-day period (December 23-26). This recommendation is moot since the recommendation to amend the football championship date formula was not approved [see Item No. 5-a-(2)-(b)-(vi)].

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

vi. **Football Championship Date Formula.**

Management Council. The Management Council did not approve a recommendation to amend the football championship date formula to move the Division II Football Championship game to the first week of January.

During its discussion, the council noted lack of support for this change from Division II football student-athletes, as well as the Division II Football Committee. In addition, the Management Council noted the importance of week zero in providing additional scheduling opportunities that have a positive financial impact, as well as concerns about the length of the season if week zero was maintained and the championship was moved to January.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council did not approve a recommendation to amend the football championship date formula to move the Division II Football Championship game to the first week of January. The Executive Board noted support for the Management Council's decision.

vii. Men's Lacrosse Championship Bracket Expansion/Access Ratio.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve expanding the NCAA Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 16 to 18 teams; further, the Management Council approved establishing men's lacrosse as an access ratio sport (i.e., allocate bids annually based on an access ratio model).

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved expanding the Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 16 to 18 teams.

viii. High-Cost City Per Diem.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve implementing a per diem rate of \$205 for Division II championship competition conducted at sites located in cities that the NCAA travel staff has identified as high-cost cities.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved implementing a per diem rate of \$205 for Division II championship competition conducted at sites located in cities that the NCAA travel staff has identified as high-cost cities.

ix. Division II National Championships Festivals.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve sunsetting the Division II National Championships Festivals after completion of the fall championships festival in 2026.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved sunsetting the Division II National Championships Festivals after completion of the fall championships festival in 2026.

x. Sport-Specific Selection Criteria – Men’s Basketball.

Management Council. The Management Council approved updating the Men’s Basketball Committee’s approved sport-specific selection criteria to the following:

- In-region Rating-Percentage Index (RPI).
- Performance Indicator (PI).
- KPI.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(3) Degree Completion Award Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s May 6 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(4) Committee on Infractions.

(a) Infractions Program – Use of Multiple Resolution Methods.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 19 to account for the option to resolve a single infractions case through more than one resolution method.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) Infractions Program – Notification of Possibility of Differing Outcomes.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to require the NCAA enforcement staff to notify parties to an infractions case of the possibility of differing outcomes when they elect to resolve their allegations through different resolution methods.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(5) Legislation Committee.

(a) May 5 Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 5 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) May 20-21 Videoconference.

i. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.14 -- Ice Hockey – Length of Playing Season, Preseason Practice and First Contest -- Women's Ice Hockey.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend the women's ice hockey playing and practice season, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

ii. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.32.1.8 -- Foreign Tour Opponents – One Game Against Any Institution.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit a team to compete in one game against any opponent during an institutional foreign tour.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(c) June 16 Videoconference.

i. Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control and Championships Administration -- National Collegiate Championships -- Separate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships.

Management Council. This recommendation was approved during the Championships Committee report, Item No. 5-a-(2)-(b)-vii.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- ii. **Request for Feedback from the Division II Athletics Directors Association, NCAA Division II Coaches Connection, Division II Conference Commissioners Association, Division II Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators, Championships Committee, Division II Membership Committee and Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee -- Direct Institutional Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) and Required Reporting.**

Management Council. The Management Council requested the Athletics Directors Association, Coaches Connection groups, Conference Commissioners Association, Conference Commissioners Association Compliance Administrators, Championships Committee, Membership Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee provide feedback related to direct institutional NIL, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(6) Legislative Relief Committee.

- **NCAA Division II Legislative Relief Committee Information standards, Guidelines and Directives.**

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(7) Membership Committee.

- **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:

- (a) Moved the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2025:
 - i. Jessup University;

- ii. Thomas More University;
 - iii. University of South Carolina Beaufort; and
 - iv. Vanguard University.
- (b) Moved the following institutions to provisional year three, effective September 1, 2025:
- i. Roosevelt University; and
 - ii. Sul Ross State University.
- (c) Moved the following institution to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:
- Point Park University.
- (d) Required the following institution to repeat provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:
- Menlo College.
- (e) Moved the following institutions to expedited provisional year two, effective September 1, 2025:
- i. University of California, Merced;
 - ii. University of Jamestown; and
 - iii. University of Texas at Dallas.
- (f) Approved the following institution to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2025:
- Middle Georgia State University.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the actions taken by the Membership Committee.

(8) Nominating Committee.

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointments, effective as noted:

- (a) **Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (one immediate vacancy – public member - physician).** **Stacey Schley**, MD, public physician, effective immediately.

[Note: This appointment was approved June 20 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

- (b) **Honors Committee (one immediate vacancy – public member and former recipient).** **Joan Cronan**, former NCAA Honors recipient, effective immediately.

[Note: This appointment was approved June 20 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

- (c) **NCAA Committee on Access, Opportunity and Impact (one September vacancy – Division II CEO).** **Janet Gooch**, chancellor, University of Illinois, Springfield, Great Lakes Valley Conference, effective September 1, 2025.

- (d) **Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (one immediate vacancy – Division II Director of Athletics – must identify as male).** **James DuBose Jr.**, director of athletics, Elizabeth City State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, effective immediately.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(9) **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **June 23 Videoconference.**

- i. **Policy for Moving a National Collegiate Championship to a Divisional Championship.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board amend the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles to codify a policy to guide the creation of a division-specific championship following a

National Collegiate Championship that would state that following adoption of a Division II-specific championship from a National Collegiate Championship, its effective date shall be after a minimum of two National Collegiate Championships have taken place in the sport and with at least two years notice provided to the National Collegiate Championship committee and sponsoring members in the sport.

Executive Board. The Executive Board amended the Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles to codify a policy to guide the creation of a division-specific championship following a National Collegiate Championship that would state that following adoption of a Division II-specific championship from a National Collegiate Championship, its effective date shall be after a minimum of two National Collegiate Championships have taken place in the sport and with at least two years notice provided to the National Collegiate Championship committee and sponsoring members in the sport.

ii. Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship Bracket Expansion.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board approve funding for expanding the Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 16 to 18 teams.

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved funding for expanding the Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 16 to 18 teams.

(b) Budget-to-Actual Report Ending May 31, 2025.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending May 31, 2025.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending May 31, 2025.

(c) Feedback Regarding Division II Revenue Distribution.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an overview of the feedback from their conference constituents on

whether any changes are warranted to the current Division II Revenue Distribution formula and policies. This feedback will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee during its August videoconference.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(d) Division II Operating Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update regarding the development of the Division II operating plan. The council noted that during its June meeting, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee reviewed a draft of the 2026-32 Division II Operating Plan that includes potential action steps and timelines based on input from the Division II Think Tank conducted last fall and feedback from membership stakeholders, including the comprehensive membership survey that was conducted after the 2025 Convention. The Management Council reviewed each of the five operating areas – Academics, Athletics, Health and Wellness, Governance, and Operations and Positioning Initiatives – and offered input for the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to continue its discussions. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will review the feedback from the Management Council and Executive Board during its August meeting and take steps accordingly to finalize the recommended plan by the end of its September meeting. The new plan will be launched at the 2026 Convention.

The Management Council was also provided with an update that the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee continued discussing the Division II long-range budget and reviewed models that staff created for allocating new revenue and existing reserves based on the committee's previous consideration. The review is a critical component to continuing to build the new Division II Operating Plan with initiatives, timelines and financial allocations. The models the committee considered during this meeting reflected potentially increasing the division's allocation to the championships program from the current 62 percent to 65, 70 or 75 percent. After discussion, most committee members supported the model that allocates 65 percent to championships, as that provides an immediate increase without compromising the division's ability to increase revenue distribution, fund other initiatives, and maintain its reserve policy. While there also was consideration for the model that increases the championships allocation to 70 percent, it was acknowledged that this would require either reducing current allocations to Division II

initiatives or not meeting the reserve policy by 2030-31. The Management Council discussed this topic during its roundtables and provided feedback to be shared with the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update regarding the development of the Division II operating plan. The board noted that during its June meeting, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee reviewed a draft of the 2026-32 Division II Operating Plan that includes potential action steps and timelines based on input from the Division II Think Tank conducted last fall and feedback from membership stakeholders, including the comprehensive membership survey that was conducted after the 2025 Convention.

The Executive Board also reviewed each of the five operating areas and offered input for the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to continue its discussions. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will review the feedback from the Management Council and Executive Board during its August meeting and take steps accordingly to finalize the recommended plan by the end of its September meeting. The new plan will be launched at the 2026 Convention.

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(10) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's April 24 in-person report and received a verbal update regarding the July 16-17 videoconference.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received a verbal update regarding the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee goals for 2025-26, which were developed during the July 16-17 SAAC's videoconference.

(11) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

(a) Mental Health Hardship Waiver Pilot Program.

Management Council. The Management Council extended the mental health hardship waiver pilot program for the 2025-26 academic year by allowing student-athletes access to a hardship waiver based on mental health assertions, as specified, for an additional year. Given the proposal for the 2026 Convention related to five seasons of competition and the elimination of waivers associated with seasons of competition, an extension was warranted. Based on the outcome of the 2026 Convention proposal, the committee will determine next steps, if needed.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee Sports Wagering Guidelines.

Management Council. The Management Council approved amendments to the sports wagering guidelines for reinstatement specific to wagering on professional sports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Project Teams, Subcommittees and Working Groups.

(1) Convention Planning Project Team.

- **2026 Convention Division II Schedule and Educational Programming.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the Division II schedule and educational programming for the 2026 Convention.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council approved the Division II schedule and educational programming for the 2026 Convention. The Executive Board also provided feedback regarding potential educational programming for Division II chancellors and presidents at the 2026 Convention.

(2) **Eligibility Review Working Group.**

(a) **May 19 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 19 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **June 20 Videoconference.**

- **2026 Convention Legislation -- Bylaw 14.4.3 -- Eligibility: Academic and Athletics Requirements -- Athletics Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Five Seasons of Competition in 10-Semesters/15-Quarters.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board sponsor legislation for the 2026 Convention to amend the seasons of competition legislation, as follows: (1) To permit a student-athlete to engage in five seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport during their first 10-semesters or 15-quarters of full-time enrollment; (2) To specify that any competition, regardless of timing, during the playing season, counts as a season of competition unless a student-athlete is transferring from a non-Division II institution or a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation; (3) To eliminate the currently legislated waivers and exceptions associated with the seasons of competition legislation; and (4) To amend the waivers and exceptions for the period of eligibility, to permit waivers in extenuating circumstances, and the following exceptions: service exception (armed services, religious missions or foreign aid services of the U.S. government); academic study abroad exception; internship or cooperative educational work experience program; pregnancy; injury/illness and Olympic training, effective August 1,

2026, for student-athletes who have not exhausted eligibility before or at the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year.

The Eligibility Review Working group was formed to perform a comprehensive review of eligibility rules. The working group focused on issues surrounding seasons of competition and period of eligibility and developed guiding principles for its review, including using data to make recommendations, developing recommendations consistent with the Life in the Balance Philosophy, and limiting waivers and exceptions as much as possible.

Currently, a Division II student-athlete has four seasons to participate in intercollegiate competition in any one sport and has to complete their four seasons during their first 10-semester or 15-quarters of full-time enrollment.

The Eligibility Review Working Group reviewed Division II Academic Performance Census data regarding time to degree for Division II student-athletes. For student athletes who earned their bachelor's degree during the 2022-23 academic year, 63% of these student athletes graduated in four years or less. An additional 30% graduated between four to five years and only seven percent took more than five years to graduate. When comparing the data with pre-pandemic years, it indicated that student-athletes are taking longer to graduate now (i.e., an increase in percentage of undergrads taking more than four years to graduate), which supported a recommendation for an additional season of competition for all student-athletes. The working group believes that since all student-athletes would be permitted to participate in five seasons of competition, waivers and exceptions to the season of competition rule would not be necessary. In addition to the elimination of waivers and exceptions, the working group agreed that all other competition that currently would not count due to an exception, will count as a season of competition (e.g., participation during the nonchampionship season, participation in an alumni game).

Further, membership feedback received from an initial survey regarding the period of eligibility indicated that three-quarters of respondents believed the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility rule is still appropriate. The working group agreed that the current 10-semester/15-quarter rule allows flexibility for student-athletes who

necessitate a break in college attendance that a five-year consecutive clock following initial full-time collegiate enrollment would not provide. Waivers and exceptions to the period of eligibility rule would be available in limited and well-defined instances.

The initial survey also indicated consensus regarding the types of competition that should count as a season of competition. The working group agreed that current legislation regarding transfers from non-Division II institutions and Division III transfer student-athletes that only practice should continue to apply.

Executive Board. The Executive Board sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to amend the seasons of competition legislation, as follows: (1) To permit a student-athlete to engage in five seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport during their first 10-semester or 15-quarters of full-time enrollment; (2) To specify that any competition, regardless of timing, during the playing season, counts as a season of competition unless a student-athlete is transferring from a non-Division II institution or a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation; (3) To eliminate the currently legislated waivers and exceptions associated with the seasons of competition legislation; and (4) To amend the waivers and exceptions for the period of eligibility, to permit waivers in extenuating circumstances, and the following exceptions: service exception (armed services, religious missions or foreign aid services of the U.S. government); academic study abroad exception; internship or cooperative educational work experience program; pregnancy; injury/illness and Olympic training, effective August 1, 2026, for student-athletes who have not exhausted eligibility before or at the conclusion of the 2024-25 academic year.

(c) Identity Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Management Council received a verbal update from the subcommittee's July 21 meeting, including information about finalizing the updates to the nominations and selections processes for the Division II Award of Excellence, Make It Yours activation set for fall 2025, usage and resources available for Make Game Day Yours, and social media analytics.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

c. Association-Wide Committees.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's February 17-18 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Women's Athletics.

(a) April 9 Videoconference.

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) May 15 Videoconference.

i. Acrobatics and Tumbling as a National Collegiate Championship Sport.

Management Council. The Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to add acrobatics and tumbling as a National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women's acrobatics and tumbling committee, effective immediately. The acrobatics and tumbling committee would begin its work in January 2026 to prepare for the first National Collegiate Championship in spring 2027.

Acrobatics and tumbling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In spring of 2025, based on unofficial data during a staff review, 44 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. The number of schools participating in the 2024-25 academic year will be verified through official NCAA Sports-Sponsorship and Participation data, which will be finalized by the NCAA research staff in summer 2025. Additionally, 46 programs indicated

sponsoring acrobatics and tumbling during the 2024-25 academic year, which demonstrates additional participation. It is anticipated that the announcement of sponsoring an NCAA championship would continue to drive membership interest in the sport.

After consultation with various committees in the NCAA governance structure and a financial and championship examination of projected costs to establish a new National Collegiate Championship, the Committee on Women's Athletics agreed acrobatics and tumbling should be added as an NCAA championship.

The sport has continued to grow in the collegiate space and has received continued interest in the youth/K-12 level from related sports. Acrobatics and tumbling has a diverse recruiting pool of student-athletes competing in gymnastics, cheerleading, diving, dance and weightlifting, among other sports. The sport attracts a wide variety of athletes from socioeconomic and racial backgrounds. This pool has created more participation opportunities for women with over 1,100 student-athletes competing in 2023-24 across all three divisions. The sport also has a high percentage of women coaches and officials.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided an update that the Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to add acrobatics and tumbling as a National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women's acrobatics and tumbling committee, effective immediately. The acrobatics and tumbling committee would begin its work in January 2026 to prepare for the first National Collegiate Championship in spring 2027.

ii. Stunt as a National Collegiate Championship Sport.

Management Council. The Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to add stunt as a National Collegiate championship; further, to establish a women's stunt committee, effective immediately. The stunt committee would begin its work in January 2026 to prepare for the first National Collegiate Championship in spring 2027.

Stunt has been an emerging sport in Division I and Division II since August 2023, and Division III since August 2024. In spring of 2025, based on unofficial data during a staff review, 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. The number of schools participating in the 2024-25 academic year will be verified through official Sports Sponsorship and Participation data, which will be finalized by the research staff in summer 2025. Additionally, while 40 programs indicated sponsoring stunt prior to the 2024-25 academic year, at least 45 sponsored the sport, demonstrating additional growth opportunities for future years. It is anticipated that the announcement of sponsoring an NCAA championship would continue to drive membership interest in the sport.

After consultation with various committees in the NCAA governance structure and a financial and championship examination of projected costs to establish a new National Collegiate Championship, CWA agreed stunt should be added as an NCAA championship.

As the newest emerging sport, stunt has grown rapidly both in the collegiate space and in the youth/K-12 level with increased stunt competition opportunities around the country. Stunt has a high number of student-athletes from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and ethnicities competing on teams at NCAA schools, which has created more participation opportunities for women within the NCAA. In 2023-24, a total of 704 student-athletes competed in stunt in Divisions I and II (it was not yet an emerging sport in Division III). The 2024-25 athlete participation numbers will be updated in summer 2025. The sport also has a high percentage of women coaches and officials.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council sponsored legislation for the 2026 Convention to add stunt as a National Collegiate championship; further, to establish a women's stunt committee, effective immediately. The stunt committee would begin its work in January 2026 to prepare for the first National Collegiate Championship in spring 2027.

(3) Honors Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 27 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(4) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 6 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics Joint Meeting.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 7 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(6) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel's April 16 and June 10 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(7) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's May 5 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(8) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's March 23-24 virtual meeting report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

6. Open Forum, Discussion Regarding Division I and Division III Updates and Division II Operating Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council participated in breakout sessions Tuesday morning, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Division II operating plan, updates from Divisions I and III (see Item No. 9-a), as well as participate in an open forum. No formal action was necessary.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

7. Management Council Issues.

a. Election to Fill the Sunshine State Conference Vacancy.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that the senior woman administrator nominee on the conference slate had resigned from her institution. Due to the incomplete slate, this election will occur during the October 2025 meeting.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

b. 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.

c. Management Council Vice Chair Election Notice.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Erin Lind's position as vice chair of the Management Council would expire at the conclusion of the 2026 Convention. Individuals interested in seeking the position should voice that interest to the chair of the council or the managing director of Division II.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

d. Management Council Chair Election Notice.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Roberta Page's position as chair of the Management Council would expire at the conclusion of the 2026 Convention. Individuals interested in seeking the position should voice that interest to the chair of the council or the managing director of Division II.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council discussed the feedback received on the summit that was held the previous week.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

8. Executive Board Issues.

- a. **President's Update.** The Executive Board received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president.
- b. **Executive Board Chair Election Notice.** The Executive Board was advised that a chair would be elected at the October meeting to serve from January 2026 to January 2027. Executive Board members who wish to serve should contact the vice president of Division II.
- c. **Executive Board Vice Chair Election Notice.** The Executive Board was advised that a vice chair would be elected at the October meeting to serve from January 2026 to January 2027. Executive Board members who wish to serve should contact the vice president of Division II.
- d. **Assess the 2024-25 Webinars For Chancellors/Presidents, Athletic Direct Reports and Conference Commissioners.** The Executive Board discussed the webinars that the Board hosted for the 2024-25 academic year 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. The Board agreed to continue to host webinars for the next academic year that include hot topics relevant to chancellors and presidents. The Board also discussed the format, including prerecording the sessions in a podcast model; and frequency of the webinar (e.g., two versus three webinars per year).

9. National Office Updates.

a. Division I and Division III Updates.

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from vice presidents of Divisions I and III on work happening in their respective divisions. The Division I update comprised information regarding the implementation of the settlement/injunction, including the number of institutions opting in and the College Sports Commission purview; the Division I Decision-Making Working Group efforts; the streamlined Division I governance structure and membership discussions. The Division III update comprised information regarding championships; membership; mental health program; health and safety grant; and the athletics communications working group.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

b. Legal.

Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update from the office 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 Athletic Trainers Workforce meeting; the Performance Technology in College Athletics Summit; resource updates; sickle cell interpretation; and advisory groups.

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 the Performance and Training Advisory Group; sports betting resources; and Athletic Trainers Workforce Stakeholders meeting.

d. NCAA Purchasing Cooperative.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the NCAA purchasing cooperative.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

e. Division II ADA Mentor Program.

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

f. Division II Community Engagement.

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

g. Division II Coaches Connection Program.

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

h. Sports Wagering Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with next steps and timeline for each division on the potential deregulation of sport wagering legislation as it relates to professional sports. The Council agreed to table until October a legislative recommendation that would permit student-athletes and staff members to bet on professional sports and refocus the Association's enforcement efforts on college sports betting and behaviors that directly impact game integrity.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with next steps and timeline for each division on the potential deregulation of sport wagering legislation as it relates to professional sports.

i. Overview of Process for Appeals of Membership Committee Decisions.

Management Council. Members of the Management Council Subcommittee met Monday to receive an overview of the process for appeals of Membership Committee decisions, should there be any appeals this year.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

j. Government Relations.

Management Council. The Management Council received a congressional update from the office of government relations on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received a congressional update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA office of government relations.

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.

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 the 2026 Convention information; governance-sponsored proposals for the 2026 Convention; membership-sponsored proposals for the 2026 Convention; establishment of a new playing rules structure; high-cost city per diem; men's lacrosse championship bracket expansion/access ratio; Division II National Championships Festivals; sport-specific selection criteria for men's basketball; football championship date formula; mental health hardship waiver pilot program; Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee sports wagering guidelines; NCAA purchasing cooperative; Division I settlement FAQ; awards and scholarships opportunities; and the post-meeting article.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

13. Future Meetings.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2026.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2026.

14. Adjournment.

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 11:53 a.m. July 22.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adjourned at 4 p.m. Eastern time August 6.

July 21-22, 2025, Management Council; and August 6, 2025, Executive Board	
Attendees:	
Management Council	Executive Board
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College
Jackie Armstrong, Point Loma Nazarene University	Tim Collins, Walsh University
Jennifer Bell, Converse University	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Edward Hjerpe, Independent Member
Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University	Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Derrick Parker II, Grand Valley State University
Jennifer Flowers, Winona State University	Larry Parkinson, Independent Member
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	Haley White, Lincoln Memorial University
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University	
George Knox, Shaw University	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Sarah Ramey, University of Texas Permian Basin	
Darius Satterfield, Elizabeth City State University	
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	

Vaughn Williams, Bentley University	
Absentees:	
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University	Steve Shirley, Minot State University
Eric Gobiell, Assumption University	
Guests in Attendance	
Drew Howard, Florida Southern College	
Jill Willson, NCAA Contractor	
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker (<i>August 6</i>), Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Deena Caserio (<i>August 6</i>), Jeremy Christoffels (<i>July 21-22</i>), Michael Cioroianu (<i>August 6</i>), Rachel Denton, Jenn Fraser (<i>July 21-22</i>), Terri Steeb Gronau, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Micaela Kapsalis (<i>July 21-22</i>), Karen Kirsch, Kevin Lennon (<i>August 6</i>), Jordan Lysiak, Jackson Marcotte (<i>July 21-22</i>), Louise McCleary (<i>July 21-22</i>), Corbin McGuire (<i>August 6</i>), Gretchen Miron (<i>July 21-22</i>), Katie Mucci (<i>August 6</i>), Mariah Murdock, Nicole Pieart (<i>July 21-22</i>), Angela Red, Anne Rohlman (<i>July 21-22</i>), Rachel Seewald (<i>July 21-22</i>), Elizabeth Serven (<i>July 21-22</i>), Leila Sublett (<i>July 21-22</i>), Jared Tidemann (<i>August 6</i>), Jill Waddell and Courtney Wengryn.	