



## A G E N D A

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Management Council

Grant Ballroom B  
NCAA National Office  
Indianapolis, Indiana

July 22-23, 2019

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Laura Liesman)
2. Review of previous meetings. (Liesman)
  - a. April 15-16 Management Council and April 30 through May 1 Presidents Council. [Supplement No. 2]
  - b. Board of Governors.
    - (1) April 30 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 3]
    - (2) May 8 teleconference. [Supplement No. 4]
      - Discussion regarding affiliate membership category. [Supplement No. 5] (Amanda Conklin)
    - (3) Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering.
      - (a) April 10 teleconference report. [Supplement No. 6]
      - (b) May 24 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 7]
    - (4) Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. [Supplement No. 8]
  - c. Administrative Committee. [Supplement No. 9]
3. Review and approval of 2019-20 Division II Priorities. [Supplement No. 10] (Maritza Jones)
4. NCAA Convention and legislation.
  - a. Presidents Council-sponsored proposals for the 2020 Convention. [Supplement No. 11] (Karen Wolf)

- b. Proposed legislation for the 2020 Convention submitted by the Division II membership. [Supplement No. 12] (Wolf)
  - c. Noncontroversial proposals. [Supplement No. 13] (Wolf)
5. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.
- a. Division II committees.
    - (1) Academic Requirements Committee. [Supplement No. 14] (Eric Schoh)
    - (2) Championships Committee. (Courtney Lovely)
      - (a) May 2 teleconference. [Supplement No. 15]
      - (b) June 26 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 16]
        - Championships Festival Working Group. (Molly Simons)
    - (3) Degree-Completion Award Committee. [Supplement No. 17] (David Kuhlmeier)
    - (4) Legislation Committee. [Supplement No. 18] (Cherrie Wilmoth)
    - (5) Membership Committee. (Bob Dranoff)
      - (a) April 10 teleconference. [Supplement No. 19]
      - (b) July 9-10 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 20]
    - (6) Nominating Committee. (Judy Sackfield)
      - (a) May 15 teleconference. [Supplement No. 21]
      - (b) June 26 teleconference. [Supplement No. 22]
    - (7) Planning and Finance Committee. (Julie Rochester)
      - (a) Budget-to-actual report ending May 31. [Supplement No. 23]
      - (b) April 30 in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 24]

- (8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. [Supplement No. 25] (Jack Nicholson and Kristina Ortiz)
- (9) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. [Supplement No. 26] (Teresa Clark)
- b. Division II subcommittees, project teams, task forces and working groups.
  - (1) Convention Planning Project Team. [Supplement No. 27] (Lovely)
  - (2) Identity Subcommittee. (Schoh)
    - Division II regular-season media presence. [Supplement No. 28] (Ryan Jones)
  - (4) Injury Surveillance Program Task Force. [Supplement No. 29] (Chris Graham)
- c. Association-wide and common committees.
  - (1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [Supplement No. 30] (Steve Murray)
  - (2) Committee on Women's Athletics. [Supplement No. 31] (Kuhlmeier)
  - (3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. [Supplement No. 32] (John Lewis)
  - (4) Joint Committee on Women's Athletics/Minority Opportunities and Interests. [Supplement No. 33] (Kuhlmeier and Lewis)
  - (5) Playing Rules Oversight Panel. [Supplement No. 34] (Roberta Page)
  - (6) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee. [Supplement No. 35] (Laura Clayton Eady)
6. Open forum and reporting out:
  - a. Division II enforcement case trends.
  - b. Feedback on Concussion Management Plan.
  - c. Regular-season media presence.

d. Other.

| <b>Group 1<br/>Grant Ballroom B</b>          | <b>Group 2<br/>Theodore Roosevelt<br/>Room</b> | <b>Group 3<br/>Jesse Owens Room</b>          |
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| Jessica Chapin                               | Mike Cerino ( <i>Recorder/<br/>Reporter</i> )  | Teresa Clark                                 |
| Laura Clayton-Eady                           | J. Lin Dawson                                  | Josh Doody ( <i>Recorder/<br/>Reporter</i> ) |
| Marty Gilbert ( <i>Facilitator</i> )         | Amy Foster ( <i>Facilitator</i> )              | Bob Dranoff                                  |
| Chris Graham                                 | Felicia Johnson                                | Jim Johnson                                  |
| Laura Liesman                                | John Lewis                                     | David Kuhlmeier                              |
| Steve Murray                                 | Dave Marsh                                     | Courtney Lovely                              |
| Shari Reed                                   | Kristina Ortiz                                 | Jack Nicholson                               |
| Julie Rochester                              | Judy Sackfield                                 | Cherrie Wilmoth<br>( <i>Facilitator</i> )    |
| Eric Schoh ( <i>Recorder/<br/>Reporter</i> ) | Christie Ward                                  | Steven Winter                                |
| Tonya Charland                               | Ryan Jones                                     | Maritza Jones                                |
| Terri Steeb Gronau                           | Stephanie Smith                                | Amanda Conklin                               |
| Karen Wolf                                   | Rachel Stark-Mason                             | Gregg Summers                                |
| Markie Cook                                  | Chelsea Hooks                                  | Mike Bazemore                                |

7. Division II Management Council.

- a. Management Council vice chair election. [Supplement No. 36] (Liesman)
- b. Management Council chair notice. [Supplement No. 37] (Liesman)
- c. Management Council Policies and Procedures. [Supplement No. 38] (M. Jones)
- d. Management Council committee/project team assignments. [Supplement No. 39] (Liesman)
- e. Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee summit. (R. Jones)

8. National office updates.

- a. Executive. (Mark Emmert and Cari Van Senus)
- b. Legal. (Donald Remy)
- c. Sport Science Institute. (Brian Hainline and John Parsons)



- (1) Timeline. [Supplement No. 40]
    - (2) Injury Surveillance Program. [Supplement No. 41]
    - (3) Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Athletes. [Supplement No. 42]
  - d. 2020 Inclusion Forum. [Supplement No. 43] (M. Jones)
  - e. Division II enforcement case trends. [Supplement No. 44] (Derrick Crawford)
  - f. Division II ADA Mentor Program. [Supplement No. 45] (Jill Willson)
  - g. Division II community engagement. (Willson)
  - h. Division II Identity Workshop. [Supplement No. 46] (Willson)
  - i. Division II Diversity Grants. [Supplement No. 47] (M. Jones)
  - j. Division II University. (Conklin)
  - k. Certification of compliance attestation for chancellors and presidents and directors of athletics. [Supplement No. 48] (Terri Steeb Gronau)
9. Affiliated association updates.
- a. Division II Athletics Directors Association. (Jim Johnson)
  - b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association. (Graham)
  - c. CoSIDA. (R. Jones)
  - d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association. (Rochester)
  - e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association. (Michael Bazemore)
  - f. National Association for Athletics Compliance. (Felicia Johnson)
  - g. Women Leaders in College Sports. (Wilmoth)
10. Other business. (Liesman)
11. Meeting recap/things to report back to conferences. (Liesman)

12. Future meetings.

- a. October 21-22, 2019, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis.
- b. January 22-25, 2020, Management Council meeting in conjunction with the 2020 NCAA Convention; Anaheim, California.
- c. April 20-21, 2020, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis.
- d. July 18-19, 2020, Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- e. July 20-21, 2020, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana,
- f. October 19-20, 2020, Management Council meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- g. January 13-16, 2021, in conjunction with the 2021 NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

13. Adjournment.



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## SUMMARY OF SPRING 2019 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
April 15-16, 2019, Division II Management Council  
April 30 through May 1, 2019, Division II Presidents Council

### 1. *WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.*

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

She also welcomed the new members to the Council: Marty Gilbert, faculty athletics representative, Mars Hill University; David Kuhlmeier, faculty athletics representative, Valdosta State University; Dave Marsh, director of athletics, Northwood University; Judy Sackfield, deputy athletics director for student success/senior woman administrator, Texas A&M University-Commerce; and Christie Ward, associate athletics director/senior woman administrator, Georgia Southwestern State University.

The chair welcomed Allie Kolezynski, assistant commissioner for communications and operations at the Mountain East Conference, as an observer to the meeting due to Hannah Hinton, former Mountain East Conference representative, having resigned from the Council.

The chair noted that Kristina Ortiz, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative, was absent due to her sport being in season. Finally, she noted that Josh Doody and Eric Schoh were absent at the meeting.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened 6:18 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. The chair introduced the two new members of the Council, M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University; and Bruce McLarty, Harding University. Staff members also were recognized by the chair.

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

### 2. *REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.*

#### a. **Division II Management Council and Presidents Council.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions from its January meeting and February teleconference.



Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions from its January meeting.

**b. NCAA Board of Governors.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors report from the January 23 meeting. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the Board of Governors' January 23 meeting.

**(1) Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the March 7-8 Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Sports Wagering report. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the February 21 Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(3) Board of Governors Student-Athlete Experience Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the March 1 Board of Governors Student-Athlete Experience Committee report. The report was informational in nature.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**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. ***REVIEW OF 2018-19 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.***

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the 2018-19 Division II priorities, noting that staff would have a draft list for 2019-20 priorities at the summer series of meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the 2018-19 Division II priorities, noting that staff would have a draft list for 2019-20 priorities at the summer series of meetings.

4. ***NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.***

a. **Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form 24 noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2020-5 through NC-2020-23 and NC-2020-25 through NC-2020-30), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

In addition, the Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor one of the previously approved noncontroversial concepts (Proposal No. NC-2020-24) for a vote at the 2020 NCAA Convention [see Item No. 4-b].

- (1) **Amateurism – General Regulations – Impermissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Educational Expenses – Educational Expenses from Outside Sports Team or Organization Based on Athletics Ability.** To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization based in any degree on athletics ability; further, to specify that a student-athlete may receive educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside sports team or organization, provided the recipient's choice of institution is not restricted by the outside sports team or organization and there is no direct connection between the outside sports team or organization and the student-athlete's institution.
- (2) **Recruiting – Transportation – Reorganization.** To reorganize the transportation legislation, as specified.
- (3) **Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Length of Official Visit – Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extenuating Circumstances – Elimination of Requirement to Submit Report to Conference Office.** To eliminate the requirement that institutions submit a report to the conference office noting

the details of the circumstances that extended an official visit beyond the 48-hour period.

- (4) **Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit – Meals on Official Visit – Entertainment at Staff Member's Home – Elimination of Restriction on Meals at the Home of an Institutional Staff Member.** To eliminate the restriction that a meal at an institutional staff member's home may only be provided on one occasion during an official visit.
- (5) **Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Entertainment on Official Visit for Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) of Prospective Student-Athlete – Elimination of Duplicate Reference to Official Visit Entertainment Restriction.** To eliminate the entertainment on official visit for relatives or legal guardians of prospective student-athlete legislation.
- (6) **Recruiting – Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches – Entertainment Restrictions – Increase in Number of Complimentary Admissions from Two to Four.** To permit an institution to provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions for a home athletics contest to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved.
- (7) **Recruiting – Publicity – Reorganization.** To reorganize the recruiting publicity legislation, as specified.
- (8) **Recruiting – Tryouts – Permissible Activities – Tryouts – Length of Tryout.** To specify that the length of a prospective student-athlete's tryout shall be limited to two hours.
- (9) **Recruiting – Precollege Expenses – Permissible Expenses – Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls – Elimination of Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls.** To eliminate the collect and toll-free telephone calls legislation.
- (10) **Eligibility – Certification of Eligibility – Eligibility List Form – Eligibility List – Elimination of Requirement to Include all Student-Athletes Who Have Signed a Drug-Testing Consent Form to be Included on the Eligibility List and Separate Reference to Drug-Testing Consent-Form Requirement.** To eliminate the requirement that all student-athletes who sign a drug-testing consent form be included on the

eligibility list; further, to eliminate a duplicate reference to the drug-testing consent-form requirement in Bylaw 14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement).

- (11) **Financial Aid – Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport – Counters – Athletics Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal – Participation Requirement for Counter Status.** To specify that a student-athlete, who continues to participate in their sport after a successful appeal restoring their athletics aid, shall be considered a counter.
- (12) **Awards and Benefits – Awards – Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards – Local Civic Organization – Award to Individual Student-Athlete.** To specify that a local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide an award to an individual student-athlete.
- (13) **Awards and Benefits – Awards – Awards Banquets – Booster Club Recognition Banquet – Elimination of Mileage Radius Restriction.** To eliminate the 100-mile radius restriction on a booster club recognition banquet.
- (14) **Awards and Benefits – Academic and Other Support Services – Career Services – Elimination of List of Permissible Categories of Academic and Other Support Services and Incorporation of Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services.** To eliminate the list of permissible academic and other support services; further, to include career programs/support services as a permissible academic and other support service.
- (15) **Awards and Benefits – Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Relatives – Permissible – Expenses for Relatives to Attend Postseason Football Game/NCAA Championship – Elimination of One Round Restriction.** To eliminate the restriction on providing expenses to relatives to only one round of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant.
- (16) **Awards and Benefits – Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution – Permissible – Meeting Expenses – Elimination of 30-Mile Radius Restriction.** To eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction for a student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

- (17) **Awards and Benefits – Benefits, Gifts and Services – Permissible – Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment – Retention of Used Equipment at The End of The Individual's Collegiate Participation.** To allow a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual's collegiate participation.
- (18) **Awards and Benefits – Benefits, Gifts and Services – Permissible – Telephones and Miscellaneous Benefits – Elimination of Restriction on Telephone Calls in Emergency Situations and Separate Reference to Telephones.** To eliminate the restriction on student-athlete telephone calls in emergency situations when provided or arranged by the institution; further, to eliminate a separate reference to telephone calls.
- (19) **Division Membership – Membership Requirements – Sports Sponsorship – Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship – Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports – Elimination of Opportunity to Count Multiteam Events as More Than One Contest in Individual Sports.** To eliminate the opportunity for institutions to count multiteam events as more than one contest toward meeting the minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship in individual sports.
- (20) **Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – 10-Semester/15- Quarter Rule Waivers – Waiver Criteria – Waiver – Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment – Application of Waiver – Elimination of Requirement to Apply Waiver at the Institution Where Student-Athlete Exhausted 10th Semester or 15th Quarter of Full-Time Enrollment.** To eliminate the requirement that an approved 10-semester/15-quarter waiver for a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during their initial year of collegiate enrollment shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment.
- (21) **Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Criteria for Hardship Waiver Calculation – Percent Calculation – Elimination of Alumni Games, Fundraising Activities and Celebrity Sports Activities from the Percent Calculation.** To eliminate an alumni contest, fundraising activity or celebrity sports activity from the hardship waiver percent calculation.
- (22) **Amateurism – Employment – Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes – Restitution When Value Received is \$200 or Less.** To specify that legislation related to employment and compensation to

student-athletes shall be a restitution provision and a violation shall not affect the eligibility of the student-athlete, provided the value of the benefit received is \$200 or less and the student-athlete repays the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice.

- (23) **Championships and Postseason Football – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Period of Ineligibility.** To revise the ineligibility for use of banned drugs legislation, as specified.
- (24) **Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Validity of Academic Credentials – Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct – Clarification of Application.** To clarify that a prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institution staff member shall not arrange for a false or inaccurate record for a prospective student-athlete or provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- b. **2020 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4.1 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Competition – Transfer from a Non-Division II NCAA Institution.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of competition) to specify that a transfer student-athlete from another NCAA division, a two-year college or the NAIA would be subject to the season-of-competition legislation applicable to the institution where the student-athlete competed, when determining whether the student-athlete used a season of competition in his or her prior athletics participation, effective immediately, for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter. [See also Item No. 5-a-(5)-(b)-viii for a recommendation from the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee that was combined with this concept.]

Current Division II legislation requires institutions to re-assess a transfer student-athlete's participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the Legislation Committee agreed that a transfer

student-athlete's participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred and because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules at the time when the competition occurred

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its August in-person meeting.

**c. Inclusion of Proposals into the NCAA Division II Manual.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the inclusion into the 2019-20 NCAA Division II Manual the proposals approved in legislative form and in concept at the April 2019 Management Council meeting that are considered the running supplements for the 2019 calendar year. These proposals will appear in the "blue pages" of the 2020 NCAA Division II Official Notice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**5. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.**

**a. Division II Committees.**

**(1) Academic Requirements Committee.**

**(a) February 11 Meeting.**

**i. Allocation of Funds Earmarked for Assisting NCAA Division II Institutions in the Development or Enhancement of Academic Advising Programs for Student-Athletes.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed a recommendation to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee to allocate the \$150,000 earmarked annually for the development or enhancement of academic advising programs for student-athletes as follows: (a) \$75,000 annually to institutional grants of up to \$1,000 each to meet identified and established needs (e.g., professional development opportunities, compliance blueprint recommendations); and (b) \$75,000 annually to institutional grants, available through the NCAA Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant, to support funding of new or

enhanced academic advising positions on campus. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**ii. Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Directive Related to Final-Year of Eligibility.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Directive Regarding the Standard of Review of Progress-Toward- Degree Waivers to include flexibility for student-athletes entering the final season of competition while only having a credit-hour deficiency, as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**iii. Addition of a Previously Approved Waiver List to the Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Process.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a list of previously approved waivers that would permit institutions to self-apply relief of NCAA Bylaws 14.4.3.2 (nine/eight credit hours earned per academic term), 14.4.3.3 (18/27 hours earned during regular academic year), 14.4.3.4 (24/36 annual credit hours earned) and 14.4.3.5 (2.0 minimum grade-point average) if the student-athlete's circumstances satisfy the specified criteria for a previously approved waiver, as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 8 Teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Championships Committee.**

**(a) February 20 Meeting.**



**i. Championship Date Formula for Women's Lacrosse in Festival Years.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved an adjustment to the date formula during festival years so that first- and second-round games are held the Thursday and Saturday before the finals. (This moves the first and second round one day earlier.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**ii. Preliminary-Round Date Formula for Women's Soccer.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved preliminary-round hosts to choose a Thursday-Saturday or Friday-Sunday format to best suit their needs.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**iii. Seeding Adjustment for Women's Soccer.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved seeding the four teams advancing to the finals of the Division II Women's Soccer Championship based on the Division II strength of schedule, Division II won-lost percentage and performance indicator (PI), which are all part of the selection criteria for women's soccer. Further, the data used for seeding the advancing teams will encompass only regular-season results since teams do not control who they play in the postseason.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**iv. Selection Criteria Requirements for Men's Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council updated the selection criteria in men's golf by adding the following language:

"An institution must meet sport sponsorship requirements per NCAA Division II Bylaw 20 prior to selections for any team or individual to be considered for at-large selection."

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. **Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sports and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2019, unless specified otherwise:

- (a) **Baseball.** Appoint **Steve Browning**, director of athletics, Southern Arkansas University, to replace Mark Clements, associate director of athletics, Northwest Missouri State University, who has left the institution, effective immediately.
- (b) **Baseball Rules.** Appoint **Mark Brew**, head baseball coach, Lee University, to replace Rudy Garbalosa, head baseball coach, Lynn University, due to term expiration.
- (c) **Men's Basketball.** Appoint **Michael McBroom**, director of athletics, West Texas A&M University, to replace Jason Boothe, director of athletics, Dixie State University, due to term expiration.
- (d) **Men's Basketball Rules.** Appoint **Jim Boone**, head men's basketball coach, Delta State University, to replace Bernie Driscoll, head men's basketball coach, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration.
- (e) **Women's Bowling.** Appoint **Robert Cincotta**, head women's bowling coach, Molloy College, to replace James Washington, head women's bowling coach, Virginia Union University, due to term expiration.
- (f) **Men's and Women's Cross Country.** Reappoint **Shawn Green**, assistant director of athletics, Southern New Hampshire University. Appoint **Chris Bradford**, head cross country and track and field coach, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, to replace Preston Grey, head cross country and track and field coach, Azusa Pacific University, due to term expiration.

- (g) **Football.** Appoint **Paul Lueken**, director of athletics, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Reid Amos, commissioner, Mountain East Conference; and **Monica Gordy Polizzi**, head softball coach/senior woman administrator, Mars Hill University, to replace Dick Christy, director of athletics, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, due to term expirations.
- (h) **Football Rules.** Appoint **Bill Zwaan**, head football coach, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, to replace William Wagner, head football coach, Angelo State University, who has left the institution, effective immediately.
- (i) **Women's Rowing.** Appoint **Angie Jabir**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Nova Southeastern University, to replace Marlon Furlongue, assistant director of athletics, Nova Southeastern University, due to term expiration.
- (j) **Men's Soccer.** Appoint **Brian McMahan**, head men's soccer coach, Palm Beach Atlantic University, to replace Bill Elliott, head men's soccer coach, University of West Florida, due to term expiration.
- (k) **Women's Soccer.** Appoint **Margaret McGraw**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Ouachita Baptist University, to replace Lewis Theobald, head women's soccer coach, University of Central Missouri; and **Neil Piper**, head women's soccer coach, Texas A&M University-Commerce, to replace J. B. Belzer, head women's soccer coach, Regis University (Colorado), due to term expirations.
- (l) **Softball.** Appoint **Allie Kolezynski**, assistant commissioner, Mountain East Conference, to replace John Wilson Jr., assistant director of athletics, Virginia State University; and **Rebekah Gasner**, director of compliance/senior woman administrator, Montana State University Billings, to replace

Brandon Davis, associate director of athletics, San Francisco State University, due to term expirations.

- (m) **Softball Rules.** Appoint **Shena Hollar**, head softball coach/senior woman administrator, Lenoir-Rhyne University, to replace Edith Gallagher, head softball coach, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration.
- (n) **Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.** Appoint **Jennifer Mervar**, assistant director of athletics, University of Indianapolis, to replace Kate Burke, associate director of athletics, Colorado School of Mines, who has left the institution, effective immediately.
- (o) **Men's and Women's Tennis.** Appoint **Kelly Elliott**, assistant commissioner/senior woman administrator, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, to replace Ci Ly, head men's and women's tennis coach, Palm Beach Atlantic University, due to term expiration.
- (p) **Men's and Women's Track and Field.** Appoint **Zach Emerson**, assistant director of athletics/head track and field coach, Franklin Pierce University, to replace Lorne Marcus, assistant director of athletics, St. Thomas Aquinas College, due to term expiration.
- (q) **Women's Volleyball.** Appoint **Jill Stephens**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Florida Southern College, to replace Doug Walters, head women's volleyball coach, Palm Beach Atlantic University, due to term expiration.
- (r) **Wrestling.** Reappoint **Ann Traphagen**, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Augustana University (South Dakota).
- (s) **Wrestling Rules.** Appoint **Austin Devoe**, head wrestling coach, Colorado School of Mines, to replace Jason Warthan, head wrestling coach, University of Indianapolis, due to term expiration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 7 Teleconference.**

• **Clarification Regarding Nullification.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a change to the wording in the nullification policy to state that nullification *begins* at the time of selections.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) April 4 Teleconference.**

**i. Revised Bracketing Model for the Division II Football Championship.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved that effective with the 2019 Football Championship, once the seven teams are selected from each of the four super regions, those teams will be placed in the bracket as follows:

- The top four teams in each of the four super regions will remain in their original seed (as selected) and be placed in their home super region.
- The No. 1 seed will still receive a bye in the first round (as has been the case in prior years).
- Teams ranked 5, 6 and 7 in each super region (at the point of selections as determined by the national committee on Selection Sunday) will be placed in the bracket in any region. The first priority in placing all unseeded teams will be to minimize potential flights.
- Teams selected in the 5th, 6th, and 7th spots from each super region will not have a seed affiliated with them when they are placed into the bracket.

The Management Council noted that this new bracketing model is being recommended to address rising travel costs over the last several years, particularly since football regions were realigned in 2017. The Council also noted that while

this new model is worth implementing in the short term, the Division II Football Committee shall continue to review the matter and explore alternatives (including a re-examination and financial analysis of regional alignments, travel party sizes, etc.) in case this model does not produce the intended cost-saving results.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the revised bracketing model for football, as presented.

**ii. Sport and Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sports and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2019, unless specified otherwise:

- (a) **Baseball.** Appoint **Ruben Perez Jr.**, sports information director, Morehouse College, to replace Tommy Sadler, director of athletics, Union University, due to term expiration.
- (b) **Women's Basketball.** Appoint **Jenni Morrison**, associate director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania, to replace Melanie Ford, assistant director of athletics, Shepherd University, due to term expiration.
- (c) **Women's Basketball Rules.** Appoint **Noel Johnson**, head women's basketball coach, Midwestern State University, to replace Kerri Nakamoto, head women's basketball coach, University of Alaska Fairbanks, due to term expiration.
- (d) **Football.** Appoint **Robert Mallory**, director of athletics, Kentucky Wesleyan University, to replace Gary Goff, head football coach, Tiffin University, who has left the institution, effective immediately.
- (e) **Football Rules.** Appoint **Kirsten Ford**, assistant commissioner/senior woman administrator, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, to replace Monte

Carter, head football coach, Shepherd University, due to term expiration.

- (f) **Women's Golf.** Appoint **Randy Loggins**, associate director of athletics, Tusculum University, to replace Sara Quatrocky, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Lynn University, who has left the institution, effective immediately.
- (g) **Men's and Women's Tennis.** Appoint **Lee Underwood**, head tennis coach, Barton College, to replace Cammie Nix, head tennis coach, Young Harris College, who has left the institution, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

**(a) January 24 Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 5-6 Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Legislation Committee.**

- (a) **Item from November 5-6, 2018, Meeting Tabled by the Presidents Council at its January 2019 Meeting.**
- **2020 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 12.1.3 – Amateurism – General Regulations – Permissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Actual and Necessary Expenses from an Outside Amateur Sports Team or Organization – Donations from Outside Sponsors – Institutional Staff Members and Faculty Members.**

Management Council. During its January meeting, the Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Bylaw 12.1.3-(b)-(1) (donation from outside sponsors) to permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member or faculty member, excluding athletics department staff members, to participate as a member of an outside team, effective August 1, 2020.

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the Division II culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits an individual to receive actual and necessary expenses from an outside sponsor other than an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests or a professional sports organization. This proposal provides the opportunity for enrolled student-athletes to seek out additional permissible financial resources from institutional staff members, other than an athletics department staff member, to support their athletics aspirations without compromising the fundamental purpose of the collegiate model. It would remain impermissible for a student-athlete to receive expenses from an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests that is not an institutional staff member, or a professional sports organization. Institutions must already have monitoring systems in place to track donations received from outside sponsors, so this proposal does not increase a monitoring burden; instead, it adds a permissible source (specifically, an institutional staff member or faculty member, excluding athletics department



staff members) of funding for student-athletes to request donations.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its August in-person meeting.

**(b) March 11-12 Meeting.**

**i. 2020 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 13.1.1.2 – Recruiting – Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Notification of Transfer.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes), as follows: (1) To replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; and (2) To specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer in the transfer portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer, effective immediately, for any four-year college transfer student-athlete during the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.

This proposal presents a notification-based alternative to replace the existing permission to contact model and improve the recruiting environment associated with four-year college transfer student-athletes. Pursuant to a notification model, a student-athlete would be permitted to explore transfer opportunities at another institution once written notification is provided. Once a notification of transfer has been submitted, the student-athlete would be entered into a database of student-athletes who have provided notification of their interest in transferring. Such a system would provide more transparency for coaches and student-athletes. Separating access to athletics aid from a permission to contact or notification model enhances student-athlete well-being because a student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid at a new institution would be

based on the general legislative requirements applicable to all student-athletes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council did not sponsor the legislation for the 2020 Convention.

ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Constitution 3.3.4 and Bylaw 18.4.1.2 – Membership and Championships and Postseason Football – Eligibility for Championships – Attestation and Certification of Compliance Obligations.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Constitution 3.3.4 (conditions and obligations of membership) and Bylaw 18.4.1.2 (institutional eligibility) to require that (a) An institution's president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (principle of institutional control and responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (principle of rules compliance); and (b) An institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, that specified conditions for entry of individuals and teams in NCAA championship competition have been satisfied, including an attestation that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and 2.8 and that all athletics department staff members (full time, part time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and 2.8.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 11.5 and 13.8.3.2 – Personnel and Recruiting – Employment of High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches and Employment Conditions – High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach and Conditions – Elimination of Contract or Binding Agreement Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 11.5.3 (high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach) and 13.8.3.2 (conditions) to eliminate the requirement that a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach must be under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iv. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.5.3 – Recruiting – Transportation – Transportation on Unofficial Visit – Elimination of Requirement Regarding Institutional Staff Member Accompanying Prospect on Unofficial Visit.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.5.3 (transportation on unofficial visit) to eliminate the requirement that an institutional staff member must accompany a prospective student-athlete to view practice or competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution's home athletics contest (on or off campus); further, to clarify that an institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution's home athletics contest even if transportation is not available to prospective students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 13.6.2.1 and 13.6.2.2 – Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Requirements for Official Visit – Elimination of Current Transcript Requirement.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 13.6.2.1 (high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete) and 13.6.2.2 (two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete) to eliminate the requirement that prior to an

official visit the prospective student-athlete's transcript provided to the institution must be current.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- vi. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 13.6.8 – Recruiting – Official (Paid) Visit – Lodging for Additional Persons – Relatives and Legal Guardians.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.6.8 (lodging for additional persons) to clarify that additional occupants lodging with a prospective student-athlete during an official (paid) visit must be relatives and legal guardians; further, to specify that the sibling of a prospective student-athlete, who is also a prospective student-athlete being recruited by an institution, may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- vii. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.1.10 – Eligibility – General Eligibility Requirements – Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice with Women's Teams.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.1.10 (eligibility for male students or male student-athletes to practice with women's teams) to eliminate the requirement that a male student who practices with an institution's women's team on a regular basis must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center; further, to permit a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- viii. **2020 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 14.2.4 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Transfer from a Two-Year College or NAIA Institution.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council combine this concept with a separate proposal that is being recommended for the 2020 Convention. This concept would amend Bylaw 14.2.4 (criteria for determining season of eligibility) to specify that a two-year college or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation that applied at the previous institution during the term(s) of participation, effective immediately, for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter. [See Item No. 4-b for the combined concept.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its August in-person meeting.

- ix. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-semester/15-Quarter Rule – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Minimum Amount of Competition – Two-Year College Scrimmages – Definition of a Scrimmage.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1 (two-year college scrimmages) to align the definition of a two-year college scrimmage with the definition of an official scrimmage in Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- x. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.2.4.2 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter – Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility – Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment – Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition – Service Exceptions – Period Between Service Commitment and Enrollment.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2.2.1 (service exceptions) to specify that participation in

organized competition during the period between the completion of time spent in the armed services, on an official mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- xi. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaws 15.3.2.2.1 and 15.3.2.2.1.6 – Financial Aid – Maximum Limit on Financial Aid – Institutional – Elements of Financial Aid – Room and Board – Off-Campus Room and Board Stipend – Elimination of References to Training Table Meals.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 15.3.2.2.1 (off-campus room and board stipend) and 15.3.2.2.1.6 (training table meals) to eliminate references to training table meals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- xii. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 15.3.2.2.6 – Maximum Limit on Financial Aid – Individual – Elements of Financial Aid – Room and Board – Food Stamps.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 15.3.2.2.6 (food stamps).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- xiii. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 16.6.1.2 – Expenses for Student-Athlete's Friends and Relatives – Permissible – Injury or Illness – Expenses to Attend the Funeral of a Former Teammate, Student-Athlete from Different Team or Institutional Staff Member.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.6.1.2 (injury or illness) to specify that an institution may pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of a former teammate or institutional staff member; further, to specify that an institution may provide expenses for a student-athlete to be present in a situation when a student-athlete from another team at the institution suffers an injury or illness or death.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**xiv. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Individual Sports – Individual Workout Sessions During an Institutional Vacation Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) to specify that, in individual sports, a coach may participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**xv. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 17.29.1.9 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Institutional Certified Tours – Per Diem – Increase from \$20 to \$30.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.29.1.9 (per diem) to increase, from \$20 to \$30, the amount of cash an institution may provide to a student-athlete per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**xvi. Legislative Referrals.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred the following legislative items to the appropriate Division II group:

(a) **To the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee:**

- Whether to permit a student-athlete, who has either exhausted eligibility or graduated and exhausted eligibility after the fall term, to work an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break immediately after the fall term.

(b) **To the Division II Men's Wrestling Committee:**

- Whether the day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships and/or the Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention should be designated as a dead period.

(c) **To the Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement:**

- Whether Bylaw 14.2.5.1.1 (nature of injury or illness) should be amended to eliminate the requirement that an NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, for a student-athlete who was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution.

(d) **To the Division II Academic Requirements Committee:**



- Whether Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 should be eliminated since a Division I transfer student would be required to meet progress-toward-degree requirements at the Division I institution in order to be eligible to transfer to a Division II institution to use their fourth season of competition.

(e) **To the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Division II Football Committee:**

- Whether to permit the use of a football during a walk-through during the five-day acclimatization period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

- **Overview of Institutions that Submitted Applications for Division II Membership in 2019.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an overview of the following institutions that submitted applications to enter the Division II membership process in the 2019-20 academic year:

- (a) College of Staten Island; and
- (b) Frostburg State University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

- (a) **January 23 Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following committee appointments/reappointments, effective September 1, 2019:

- i. **Division II Academic Requirements Committee.** **Timothy Briles**, faculty athletics representative, Georgian Court University; and **Kelli Peterson**, records manager, Cameron University.
- ii. **Division II Championships Committee.** **Dick Christy**, director of athletics, University of North Carolina at Pembroke; and **Anthony Vitti**, director of athletics, University of Bridgeport.
- iii. **Division II Legislation Committee.** **Carlin Chesick**, associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; **Jason Stock**, associate director of athletics, California State University, San Marcos; and **Brian Summers**, director of athletics, Christian Brothers University.
- iv. **Division II Committee for Legislative Relief.** **Larry Earnesty**, associate director of athletics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania.
- v. **Membership Committee.** **Andrew Carter**, director of athletics, Minot State University; **Kirby Garry**, director of athletics, California State University, Monterey Bay; and **Curtis Janz**, director of athletics, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
- vi. **NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** **Ahleasha McNeal**, faculty athletics representative, Lincoln Memorial University.
- vii. **Division II Nominating Committee.** **Bob Hogue**, commissioner, Pacific West Conference.
- viii. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** **David Hicks**, director of athletics, King University.
- ix. **Research Committee.** **David Hunt**, faculty athletics representative, Augusta University.
- x. **Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.** **Goenn Lee**, associate director of athletics, Palm Beach Atlantic University.

- xi. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics. Donna Price-Henry**, chancellor, The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

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

**(b) March 18 Teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the following committee appointments:

- i. Division II Championships Committee. Reid Amos**, commissioner, Mountain East Conference, effective September 1, 2019.
- ii. Division II Nominating Committee. Kris Dunbar**, commissioner, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association, effective immediately.

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

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

- **2018-19 Year-to-Date Budget to Actual.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2019.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending February 28, 2019.

**(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

**(1) Convention Planning Project Team.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the Convention survey results, proposed schedule and program suggestions. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the project team's report, along with the Convention survey results, proposed schedule and program suggestions. No action was necessary.

**(2) Championship Festival Working Group.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the document provided by the working group. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the document provided by the working group. No action was necessary.

**(3) Identity Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the discussions by the Identity Subcommittee, including the basketball showcase schedule; a draft proposal from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to replace the regular-season media agreement; potential use by Division II of a program similar to Division III's Game Day the DIII Way; and social media analytics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. Association-Wide Committees.**

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

**(a) December 10-11 Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) March 20 Teleconference.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 16.4 – Awards and Benefits - Medical Services - Mental Health Services and Resources - Division II and Division III.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to require that an institution make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sport, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

- **2020 Convention – Constitution 3.3.4 – NCAA Membership – Active Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designation for Member Institutions and Conferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Constitution 3.3.4 (conditions and obligations of membership) to specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for

diversity and inclusion-related information, effective August 1, 2020.

The designation symbolically and practically represents the Association's recognition of inclusion as a core value. It supports the 2016 NCAA Board of Governors Presidential Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. It also is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity as acknowledged in Constitution 2.2.2 (Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity). While the NCAA national office provides valuable resources and programming to support the membership's efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments, a constant complaint received is that institution and conference personnel are not aware of available resources or opportunities. This proposal seeks to create a network of colleagues who will serve as the conduit for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, the athletics departments and the NCAA. The proposal suggests that the designation be given to an existing staff member who, at minimum, would be responsible for receiving periodic informational digests and sharing the information with the necessary parties within the athletics department, the campus or conference office. The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department, as determined by the president/chancellor/commissioner or their proxy. Specifically, this recommendation requests that the contact information for the designated staff member be entered on each member's NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation and noted that it will have an opportunity to review the proposal in legislative form at its August in-person meeting. The Presidents Council would like more direction from the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee regarding the ideal person to have the athletics diversity and inclusion designation on campus. The Council would also like the committee to discuss what would be some measures of success for this designation in the future.

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

**(a) January 23 Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) February 25 Teleconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(5) Committee on Women's Athletics.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**6. *ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING LIFE IN THE BALANCE.***

Management Council. The Management Council convened in roundtable sessions at the conclusion of Monday's business session to discuss Life in the Balance. Take-aways included using Life in the Balance as a guide for decision-making by staff and student-athletes; encouraging campus administrators to ask about the Division II philosophy of Life in the Balance during the interview process and when conducting evaluations with administrators and coaches; and potentially requiring for any legislative proposal that a statement be provided on how the legislation impacts the Division II Life in the Balance philosophy.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the feedback from the Management Council and President Council joint breakfast. No action was necessary.

**7. *DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.***

**a. Selection of Division II Management Council Representative from the Mountain East Conference.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected Shari Reed, senior woman administrator, University of Charleston (West Virginia), as the representative for the Mountain East Conference. Ms. Reed will replace Hannah Hinton, who resigned from the Council. She will begin her term immediately for a four-year period of time, ending January 2024.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the election, as recommended.

**b. Management Council Committee/Project Team Assignments.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**c. Management Council Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated Management Council Policies and Procedures document.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Management Council Vice Chair Election in July.**

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that Chris Graham's position as vice chair of the Management Council would expire August 31. 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.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**8. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.**

- a. Discussion Regarding Division II Presidents Council Terms.** The Presidents Council discussed the issue that Presidents Council chairs and vice chairs normally serve one or two (sometimes three) years as officers, thus limiting the amount of time they can serve on the Board of Governors. This has raised the question of whether the Presidents Council should review the terms of service by council members to not only assist with continuity of leadership on the Board of Governors, but potentially to assist with continuity of service on the Division II Presidents Council. The council agreed to gather a small group of Presidents Council members via teleconference and discuss in greater detail in order to bring recommendations



for review and possible action to the August or October Presidents Council meetings.

- b. April 30 Planning and Finance Committee Meeting.** The Presidents Council was provided a verbal update on the actions taken by the Planning and Finance Committee during its April 30 meeting.

The committee approved the allocation of the \$150,000 earmarked annually for the development or enhancement of academic advising programs for student-athletes to be made available through the NCAA Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant, to support funding of new or enhanced academic advising positions on Division II campuses.

The committee discussed how to allocate funds budgeted in the NCAA Division II Conference Grant Program and the NCAA Division II Enhancement Fund earmarked for the Heartland Conference following its dissolution in June 2019. The committee agreed to reallocate any Conference Grant Program unused funds due to the dissolution of the Heartland Conference to the Division II championships travel reimbursement line item. The committee also agreed that any Enhancement Fund dollars from the dissolved conference be divided among the number of sports sponsored by the remaining 23 conferences.

- c. Division II Budget Requests for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year.** The Presidents Council approved the Division II budget requests for the 2019-20 fiscal year, as recommended by the Planning and Finance Committee.
- d. Region 3 Election.** The Presidents Council elected Tom Jackson, president, Black Hills State University, as the Region 3 representative to the Presidents Council. President Jackson will begin his term on the council July 1, with his term expiration date being January 2024. The Presidents Council also elected Steve Shirley, president, Minot State University, as the Region 3 representative to the Presidents Council, effective at the conclusion of the 2020 Convention through the 2024 Convention.

**9. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.**

- a. Executive.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA president and the chief of staff.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the NCAA president and chief of staff on issues surrounding the NCAA, which included the

Association-wide strategic plan; the selection of independent members on the Board of Governors; coaches credentialing; sports wagering and Esports.

**b. Legal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from the NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from the NCAA chief operating officer and chief legal officer.

**c. Sport Science Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office is working on, including the Interassociation Recommendations on Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes and the Injury Surveillance Program.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office is working on, including the Interassociation Recommendations on Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes that was approved by the NCAA Board of Governors during its meeting, and a potential Athletes into Medicine pilot program. It was noted that the Planning and Finance Committee would review the concept at a future meeting.

**d. 2019 APPLE Training Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the March 22-24 Division II APPLE Training Institute.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**e. Division II University.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the April 1 release of the required curriculum for coaches in Division II University.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the April 1 release of the required curriculum for coaches in Division II University. No action was necessary.

**f. Report on NCAA Division II Directors of Athletics.**

Management Council. The Management Council received the results from a recent survey regarding Division II Directors of Athletics. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the results from a recent survey regarding Division II Directors of Athletics. No action was necessary.

**g. Women's Basketball Strategic Plan.**

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the Women's Basketball Strategic Plan.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**10. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS 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. CoSIDA.**
- d. Faculty Athletics Representatives Association.**
- e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association.**
- f. National Association for Athletics Compliance.**
- g. Women Leaders in College Sports.**

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Management Council. The Management Council was reminded to complete the governance scorecard by Monday, May 13.

Presidents Council. 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, via each member's preferred method of delivery. These topics included: sports wagering principles, the report on Division II directors of athletics, 2020 Convention meeting space portal, Division II University, Championships Festival Working Group update, and the women's basketball strategic plan.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**13. RECOGNIZE OUTGOING MEMBERS.**

Management Council. The Management Council recognized Griz Zimmermann, director of athletics, Texas A&M International University, whose term on the council ends June 30, 2019.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized Connie Gores, Southwest Minnesota State University, who is retiring from her institution at the end of the academic year.

**14. FUTURE MEETINGS.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2019 through January 2021.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2019 through 2021.

**15. ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

| <b>Division II Management Council<br/>                     April 15-16, 2019<br/>                     Indianapolis, Indiana</b>   | <b>Division II Presidents Council<br/>                     April 30 through May 1, 2019<br/>                     Indianapolis, Indiana</b>  |
|---|---|
| ATTENDEES   | ATTENDEES   |
| Michael Cerino, Limestone College<br>Jessica Chapin, American International College<br>Teresa Clark, Cedarville University<br>Laura Clayton Eady, University of West Georgia<br>J. Lin Dawson, Clark Atlanta University | M. Christopher Brown II, Kentucky State University<br>John Denning, Stonehill College<br>Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania<br>Rex Fuller, Western Oregon University<br>Allison Garrett, Emporia State University |

| <b>Division II Management Council<br/>           April 15-16, 2019<br/>           Indianapolis, Indiana</b>   | <b>Division II Presidents Council<br/>           April 30 through May 1, 2019<br/>           Indianapolis, Indiana</b>   |
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| Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference<br>Amy Foster, Seattle Pacific University<br>Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University<br>Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference<br>Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University<br>Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University<br>David Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University<br>John Lewis, Bluefield State College<br>Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University<br>Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University<br>David Marsh, Northwood University<br>Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference<br>Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College<br>Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University<br>Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce<br>Jim Sarra, University of Illinois, Springfield<br>Christie Ward, Georgia Southwestern State University<br>Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University<br>Steven Winter, Sonoma State University<br>Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University | Connie Gores, Southwest Minnesota State University<br>Gayle Hutchinson, California State University, Chico<br>Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken<br>William LaForge, Delta State University<br>Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University<br>Bruce McLarty, Harding University<br>Brian May, Angelo State University<br>Gary Olson, Daemen College<br>Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University<br>William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College<br>M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University (Michigan), via teleconference |
| <b>ABSENTEES</b>  | <b>ABSENTEES</b>   |
| Josh Doody, Notre Dame de Namur University<br>Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University<br>Eric Schoh, Winona State University  | Anthony Jenkins, West Virginia State University  |

| OTHER PARTICIPANTS  | OTHER PARTICIPANTS  |
|---|---|
| Madison Arndt, NCAA<br>Geoff Bentzel, NCAA<br>Mark Emmert, NCAA<br>Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA<br>Brian Hainline, NCAA<br>Sandy Hatfield Clubb, The Pictor Group<br>Lynn Holzman, NCAA<br>Maritza Jones, NCAA<br>Ryan Jones, NCAA<br>Roberta Page, NCAA<br>John Parsons, NCAA<br>Donald Remy, NCAA<br>Molly Simons, NCAA<br>Stephanie Smith, NCAA<br>Rachel Stark-Mason, NCAA<br>Gregg Summers, NCAA<br>Cari Van Senus, NCAA<br>Jill Waddell, NCAA<br>Karen Wolf, NCAA | Geoff Bentzel, NCAA<br>Mark Emmert, NCAA<br>Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA<br>Brian Hainline, NCAA<br>Maritza Jones, NCAA<br>Ryan Jones, NCAA<br>John Parsons, NCAA<br>Donald Remy, NCAA<br>Stephanie Smith, NCAA<br>Rachel Stark-Mason, NCAA<br>Cari Van Senus, NCAA<br>Jill Waddell, NCAA<br>Karen Wolf, NCAA |



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
APRIL 30, 2019, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors Chair President Bud Peterson convened the meeting at approximately 2 p.m. and welcomed the Governors. He gave a special welcome to Board of Governors members Stevie Baker-Watson, Sandra Jordan, Laura Liesman and Tori Murden-McClure, who were attending their first in-person meeting. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present. President Peterson recognized President Susan Herbst and President Eric Kaler, who both were participating in their last board meeting. President Peterson gave special thanks to President Kaler for his work as part of the Board of Governors Executive Committee. President Peterson also welcomed President Michael Drake and President Renu Khator, whose terms on the board begin following adjournment of the meeting, and noted they were attending as observers.
2. **Consent agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the report of its January 23, 2019, meeting and the appointment of President Renu Khator to the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering. The Governors also approved revisions to its policies and procedures, primarily due to the membership's adoption of legislation to add five independent members to the Board of Governors.
3. **NCAA President's Report.** President Mark Emmert provided brief comments on several issues facing the Association that were part of the Governors meeting agenda, including possible reaction to the legal and legislative landscape.
4. **Esports.** Joni Comstock, NCAA senior vice president of championships and alliances, Nate Flannery, NCAA director of digital and social media, and Chris Termini, NCAA managing director of championships and alliances, noted the various policy and operational considerations presented in the position papers provided to the board members in advance of the meeting. Potential championship models and the legislative process required to establish a new NCAA championship were reviewed.

It was VOTED

“That in recognition of the rapid growth of esports on NCAA campuses and the lack of central organization or an existing amateur governing body developing college esports for adoption by the NCAA, the Board of Governors directs the national office to take measures to cultivate college esports in a manner that aligns with the Association's values and mission,

and which supports the health, academics and social well-being of students.” Motion failed [For 6 (DeGioia, Henderson, Jordan, Murden-McClure, Olson, Samhat), Against 6 (DiStefano, Kaler, Maher, Peterson, Trauth, Tripathi), Abstain 0].

It was VOTED

“That Board of Governors table the topic of esports.” Motion approved (For 12, Against 0, Abstain 0).

## **5. Law, policy and governance strategic discussion.**

### **a. NCAA Sports Science Institute/NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports update.**

- (1) Interassociation recommendations: Prevention of Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletics. NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline reviewed with the Governors the *Interassociation Recommendations: Prevention of Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletics* document. Dr. Hainline noted that the recommendations were created through the Uniform Standards of Care procedures, which included a comprehensive process of internal and external review, with the oversight of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports in partnership with the Board of Governors. The recommendations provide a flexible roadmap for member schools to address catastrophic injury prevention in six key areas: sportsmanship; protective equipment, acclimatization and conditioning; emergency action plans; strength and conditioning personnel; and education and training.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors endorse the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes as Association-wide policy.” Motion approved (Unanimous voice vote).

- (2) Independent medical care issue. Dr. Hainline noted that the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Intercollegiate Council for Sports Medicine posed a question concerning independent medical care to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) involving issues associated with the provision of medical care by a host institution’s primary athletics health care providers to visiting teams’ student-athletes when those teams did not travel with their own primary athletics health care provider. CSMAS acknowledged that existing provisions of independent medical care legislation (e.g. unchallengeable autonomous decision-making authority) extend to the primary athletics health care providers of a host institution in the absence of the primary athletics health care provider from a visiting institution. However, membership sports medicine



staffs will benefit from further discussion and guidance that considers relevant medicolegal issues that can arise when a primary athletics health care provider does not accompany a traveling team. Dr. Hainline requested, and the Governors approved, creating a task force to address this issue further, specifically addressing medical and legal risks plus core health and safety membership requirements, and then report back to the board.

- b. **Government relations.** NCAA Managing Director of Law, Policy and Governance Abe Frank briefly updated the board on state and federal legislation related to sports wagering and amateurism of student-athletes, noting that more information would be provided at the President's Breakfast the following morning.
- c. **Legal and litigation update.** NCAA Vice President and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding ongoing litigation.

## 6. Sports wagering update.

- a. **NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering.** NCAA Senior Vice President of Championships and Alliances Joni Comstock and NCAA Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Stan Wilcox updated the Governors on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering. The Governors were informed of the Committee's continued work to gather membership feedback to develop best practices related to education and policy, and to determine the feasibility of player availability reporting.
- b. **NCAA Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering.** NCAA Managing Director of Law, Policy and Governance Jackie Campbell reminded the Governors of its previous action to suspend the Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering and to allow for championships hosting in locations, regardless of whether a state is considering, or has legalized, sports wagering. Since that action, many states have introduced sports wagering legislation and a number of states currently are accepting wagers.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors rescind the NCAA Championships Policy Related to Sports Wagering.” Motion approved (Unanimous voice vote).

- c. **NCAA Staff Travel, Expense, Meeting and Events Policy.** NCAA Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely shared with the board a staff policy that prohibits NCAA-sponsored meetings to be conducted at hotel properties where gambling takes place. Further, that staff is required to make every effort to avoid stays at such properties when traveling for any business purpose. It was noted that with more states allowing sports wagering, the national office likely will find it difficult to locate facilities for Association

events. The board supported staff's request to eliminate this language from the staff travel policies.

7. **Update on the NCAA strategic planning process.** Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain project lead, updated the Governors on the work of the NCAA Strategic Planning Working Group. The Governors reviewed and offered feedback on several draft components (e.g., core values, mission, vision, priorities/goals) of the plan. The Governors were informed of next steps in the process and that the working group was on schedule to present the final strategic plan to the Governors in October.
8. **NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Peterson reported that the Executive Committee, serving as the nominating committee, engaged in a rigorous and comprehensive process that yielded five exceptional individuals, whom will be excellent additions to the board. Chairman Peterson noted that the nominating committee recommends the following five individuals to serve on the Board of Governors:
  - a. **Ken Chenault.** Executive Chairman and Managing Director, General Catalyst Partners; Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, American Express.
  - b. **Mary Sue Coleman.** President, Association of American Universities; Former member, Commission on College Basketball.
  - c. **Grant Hill.** Commentator, Turner Sports, Inc.; Vice Chairman, Atlanta Hawks; Former professional athlete; Former student-athlete.
  - d. **Denis McDonough.** Senior Principal; The Markle Foundation; Former Chief of staff to President Barack Obama.
  - e. **Vivek Murthy.** Former Surgeon General, United States Department of Health and Human Services.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the five individuals recommended to serve as independent members of the Board of Governors beginning August 1, 2019.” Motion approved (Unanimous voice vote)

9. **Executive Session.** The Governors concluded the meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.
10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.

*Board of Governors chair: G.P. “Bud” Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
*Staff liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance*  
*Donald M. Remy, law, policy and governance*

| <b>NCAA Board of Governors<br/>April 30, 2019, Meeting</b>   |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University   |
| John DeGioia, Georgetown University.   |
| Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder.   |
| Mark Emmert, NCAA.   |
| Sue Henderson, New Jersey City University.   |
| Blake James, University of Miami.  |
| Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken.   |
| Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.  |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.  |
| Fr. James Maher, Niagara University.   |
| Tori Murden-McClure, Spalding University.  |
| Gary Olson, Daemen College.  |
| Bud Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology.   |
| Nayef Samhat, Wofford College.   |
| Denise Trauth, Texas State University.   |
| Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |
| Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky.   |
| Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University.   |
| Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut.   |
| Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University.   |
| <b>Guests:</b>   |
| Michael Drake, The Ohio State University.  |
| Briana Guerrero, Attain, LLC.  |
| Renu Khator, University of Houston.  |
| Catherine Nelson, CA Nelson Consulting, LLC.   |
| Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain, LLC.   |
| <b>NCAA staff liaisons in attendance:</b>  |
| Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.   |
| <b>Other NCAA staff in attendance:</b>   |
| Katrice Albert, Scott Bearby, Stephen Clar, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Nate Flannery, Kimberly Fort, Abe Frank, Terri Gronau, Brian Hainline, Kevin Lennon, Steve Mallonee, Felicia Martin, Kathleen McNeely, Stacey Osburn, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus, Chris Termini, Stan Wilcox and Bob Williams. |

*Report is not final until approval of the Board of Governors.*



**REPORT OF THE  
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MAY 08, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEM.**

- The Board of Governors voted to eliminate the affiliate membership category and directed the divisional governance bodies to pursue the appropriate legislative actions necessary to remove this membership category.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** President Bud Peterson, chair of the Board of Governors, welcomed the Governors to the call and gave a special welcome to Renu Khator, president of the University of Houston, and Michael Drake, president of The Ohio State University, both participating in their first Board of Governors meeting as active voting members. President Peterson also thanked Blake James, chair of the NCAA the Division I Council, for his service on the board as his term as chair of the Division I Council concludes at the end of June.
2. **Consent agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of Justice Littrell, a football student-athlete at the University of Northern Colorado, to the Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. The board also approved moving current committee member Nicholas Clark into the position of former NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative beginning June 1, 2019, for a one-year term.
3. **Affiliate membership category review.** The Board of Governors received an update on the comprehensive review of the affiliate membership category as requested by the board in January. It was noted that the through the years, the NCAA has conducted extensive outreach and communication with affiliate members, resulting in regular feedback to inform governance decision-making. The membership category has become outdated and could be eliminated without impacting the opportunity for collaboration and feedback, which was the original intent of the membership category. Further, due to the comprehensive NCAA licensing and marketing programs, it is recommended that any organization that seeks to use the NCAA marks should be required to go through the appropriate review process and, if approved, enter into a licensing agreement with the Association.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the elimination of the affiliate membership category and direct the divisional governance bodies to pursue the appropriate legislative actions necessary to remove this membership category.”

4. **Coaches Credentialing Program.** The Governors received an update on staff's work to develop a preliminary coaches' credentialing framework and the plan to pilot initial educational modules with the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). The goals, targeted areas for curriculum, format and timeline for program development was shared with the Governors.
5. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.**
  - a. Tax Return 990. The Board of Governors received the NCAA's 2017-18 Form 990, which covers the tax year September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.
  - b. FY 2018-19 revenues and expenses second quarter budget-to-actual. President Satish Tripathi briefly reviewed the second quarter budget-to-actual report of revenues and expenses. One variance compared to a year ago was a loss on investment earnings through the second quarter, which has been fully recovered resulting in strong investment balances at this time.
  - c. 2018 investment return update. The Governors received an update from the Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee, that included information on the subcommittee's membership, how the NCAA allocates its investments across various categories and the NCAA's performance compared to member institutions as reported in the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) annual endowment study.
6. **Board of Governors independent members terms and committee assignments.**
  - a. Terms of independent members. To ensure rotation of the independent members, the Board of Governors Executive Committee recommended an initial staggering of terms as follows:
    - (1) One-year term, renewable for an additional three-year term: Mary Sue Coleman.
    - (2) Two-year term, renewable for an additional three-year term: Ken Chenault and Vivek Murthy.
    - (3) Three-year term, renewable for an additional three-year term: Grant Hill and Denis McDonough.
  - b. Independent members' committee assignments. The Governors were informed that the newly selected independent members of the Board of Governors voted Ken Chenault to serve as the lead independent member to serve on the Board of Governors Executive Committee. The following committee assignments were recommended for the other four independent members:
    - (1) Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee – Mary Sue Coleman.

- (2) Independent Accountability Oversight Committee – Grant Hill, Denis McDonough and Vivek Murthy.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the terms and committee assignments for the five independent board members.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

7. **Membership Working Group on State and Federal Legislation.** The board was informed of recently proposed federal and state legislation related to a student-athlete’s ability to license and benefit from name, image and likeness (NIL), as well as the potential impact of such legislation on the nonprofit status of the Association and its members, and the principles of intercollegiate athletics.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the creation of an NCAA Federal and State Legislation Working Group with the charter and composition as recommended.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

8. **Election of chair.** The Governors unanimously voted to appoint President Michael Drake to serve as chair of the Board of Governors beginning August 1, 2019, and that he will serve as chair-elect in the interim.
9. **Adjournment.** The teleconference was adjourned at noon Eastern time.

*Board of Governors chair: G.P. “Bud” Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology*

*Staff liaisons:*

*Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance*

*Donald M. Remy, chief operating officer and chief legal officer.*

| <b>NCAA Board of Governors<br/>May 8, 2019, Teleconference</b>   |  |
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| <b>Attendees</b>   |  |
| Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky  |  |
| John DeGioia, Georgetown University.   |  |
| Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado.  |  |
| Mark Emmert, NCAA.   |  |
| Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University.   |  |
| Sue Henderson, New Jersey City University.   |  |
| Renu Khator, University of Houston.  |  |
| Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University.   |  |
| Fr. James Maher, Niagara University.   |  |
| Gary Olson, Daemen College.  |  |
| Bud Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology.   |  |
| Nayef Samhat, Wofford College.   |  |
| Denise Trauth, Texas State University  |  |
| Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York   |  |
| <b>Absentees</b>   |  |
| Blake James, University of Miami.  |  |
| Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken.   |  |
| <b>NCAA staff liaisons in attendance</b>   |  |
| Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.   |  |
| <b>Other NCAA staff in attendance</b>  |  |
| Katrice Albert, Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Terri Gronau, Kathleen McNeely, Stacey Osburn, Cari Van Senus, Stan Wilcox and Bob Williams |  |

*Report is not final until approval of the Board of Governors.*



## Affiliate Membership Category

### Board of Governors action – January 23, 2019

During its January 23, 2019, meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee discussed the use of NCAA marks by affiliate members. The Executive Committee recommended, and the Board of Governors approved, a moratorium on new applications for affiliate membership and a comprehensive examination of the entire affiliate membership category.

### Background/History

Affiliate Membership. The affiliate membership category was created in the early years of the Association and initially was available to groups and associations intimately related to intercollegiate athletics in their functioning and purpose. In short, it was designed to provide such groups a voice at the NCAA Convention in which to raise issues and share concerns regarding proposed legislation. In 2011, the requirements for affiliated membership were modified to reinforce the concept that affiliated membership is intended for specific groups. The requirements specified that affiliate membership is limited to coaches' associations or sports associations whose function and purpose is directly related to one or more NCAA championship sports or emerging sports for women, or associations that consist of college/university administrators and have a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions. At that time, there was an effort to cull the list of affiliated members (with appropriate notice) to more accurately reflect the intent of the category.

Use of NCAA Marks. During the 1980 NCAA Convention, the membership adopted an NCAA Council-sponsored proposal, which clarified that use of the registered marks of the Association may occur only in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA Council. That requirement later changed to approval by the NCAA staff in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA president and then to the current requirement of staff approval in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

Affiliate Membership Annual Fee: \$500, which includes as a benefit the use of NCAA marks.

### Recommendation:

That the Board of Governors approve the elimination of the affiliate membership category and direct the divisional governance bodies to pursue the appropriate legislative actions necessary to remove the membership category.

### Rationale:

Through the years, the NCAA has conducted extensive outreach and communication with affiliate members, resulting in regular feedback to inform governance decision-making. The membership category has become outdated and could be eliminated without impacting the opportunity for collaboration and feedback, which was the intent of the membership category when established. Further, at the time affiliate members initially were afforded the benefit of using NCAA marks,



the Association did not have the comprehensive licensing and marketing programs that it does today. The value of the NCAA brand has grown significantly over time and any organization seeking to use NCAA marks should be required to go through the required review process and, if approved, enter into a licensing agreement with the Association.

**Potential Next Steps and Timeline:**

May/June 2019

Communication from the NCAA national office alerting the current affiliate members of the recommendation to eliminate the membership category. Included in the communication will be the rationale behind the recommended change and assurances that the intent is not to change the relationship these members have with the NCAA. The NCAA will continue to communicate and collaborate with these groups to gather input and feedback on issues impacting the sports with which they work.

June/July 2019.

NCAA Division I Council/Division II and Division III Management Councils review and consider noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the affiliate membership category.

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-44

**Title:** NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** June 23, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** To eliminate the affiliated membership category.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership

3.01 General Principles.

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. The NCAA offers ~~four~~ **three** classes of membership: active, conference, ~~affiliated~~ and provisional. Eligibility for and method of election to membership, obligations and conditions for continuing membership, voting rights, and other membership privileges for each class are defined in this article and Bylaw 20.

[3.01.2 through 3.01.5 unchanged.]

3.02 Definitions and Applications.

[3.02.1 through 3.02.3 unchanged.]

*3.02.3.5 Affiliated Member. An affiliated member is a coaches or sports association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts championships or an emerging sport for women or an association consisting of college/university administrators who have a direct relationship to either the NCAA or the membership, duly elected to affiliated membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.5.3). An affiliated member is entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any NCAA Convention and enjoys other privileges as designated in the bylaws of the Association (see Constitution 3.5.2).*

[3.1 unchanged.]

3.2 Eligibility for Membership.

3.2.1 General. Membership is available to colleges, universities, **and** athletics conferences ~~or associations and other groups that are related to intercollegiate athletics~~; that have acceptable academic standards (as defined in Constitution 3.3.2); and that are located in Canada, Mexico and the United States, its territories or possessions. Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

[3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

[3.2.2 unchanged.]

[3.3 through 3.4 unchanged.]

### ~~3.5 Affiliated Membership.~~

~~3.5.1 Eligibility. Affiliated membership is available to a duly elected coaches or sports association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or an emerging sport for women or an association consisting of college/university administrators who have a direct relationship to either the NCAA or the membership.~~

### ~~3.5.2 Privileges.~~

~~3.5.2.1 Privileges and Voting Rights. An affiliated member shall be entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any Convention of the Association and shall have such other privileges as may be accorded to affiliated members by the bylaws of the Association. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.~~

~~3.5.2.2 Use of Association's Registered Marks. An affiliated member may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association's name, logo or other insignia) only if such use is approved by the NCAA staff in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors.~~

### ~~3.5.3 Election Procedures.~~

~~3.5.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to affiliated membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.~~

~~3.5.3.2 Application. A group or association desiring to become an affiliated member shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.~~

~~3.5.3.3 Election. Groups or associations may be granted affiliated membership by the NCAA president.~~

### ~~3.5.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.~~

~~3.5.4.1 General. An affiliated member is responsible for observing the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.~~

~~3.5.4.2 Function and Purpose. The function and purpose of the affiliated member must be directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships.~~

### ~~3.5.5 Loss of Membership.~~

~~3.5.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies of the Association (see Constitution 1) may be suspended or terminated or the affiliated member otherwise disciplined through the following procedure:~~

- ~~(a) The Board of Governors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or~~
- ~~(b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Board of Governors, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting; and~~
- ~~(c) The affiliated member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Board of Governors meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.~~

~~3.5.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the affiliated member shall cease on any termination or suspension of affiliated membership.~~

~~3.5.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If an affiliated member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.~~

~~3.5.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any affiliated member whose membership has been terminated may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors.~~

~~3.5.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any affiliated member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Governors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.~~

~~3.5.6 Discipline of Affiliated Members. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules. (See Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)~~

~~3.5.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Board of Governors present and voting, or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.~~

[3.6 renumbered as 3.5, unchanged.]

3.76 Dues of Members.

[3.7.1 renumbered as 3.6.1, unchanged.]

3.76.2 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be:

**Active Members:** \$ 900

**Member Conferences:** \$ 450

**Affiliated Members:** *As determined by the Board of Governors*

[3.7.3 renumbered as 3.6.3, unchanged.]

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

4.02 Definitions and Applications.

4.02.1 Association. The "Association," as used in this Manual, refers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a diverse, voluntary, unincorporated Association of four-year colleges and universities, conferences, ~~affiliated associations~~ and other educational institutions.

[4.02.2 through 4.02.3 unchanged.]

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

[4.02.5 unchanged.]

**C. Constitution:** Amend 5.1.3, as follows:

5.1.3 Annual or Special Convention Delegates.

[5.1.3.1 through 5.1.3.2 unchanged.]

5.1.3.3 ~~Affiliated and~~ Provisional Delegates. Each ~~affiliated and~~ provisional member shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

[5.1.3.4 through 5.1.3.5 unchanged.]

5.1.3.6 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.6.1 Active Delegate. Privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings of any annual or special Convention of the Association is accorded to the following:

[5.1.3.6.1-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges or in Constitution 5.1.3.2~~3~~ to represent ~~an affiliated or a~~ provisional member;

[5.1.3.6.1-(c) through 5.1.3.6.1-(d) unchanged.]

[5.1.3.6.2 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 19.5.3, as follows:

~~19.5.3 Discipline of Affiliated Member.~~

~~19.5.3.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies set forth in Constitution 1 may be terminated or suspended or the member otherwise may be disciplined through the following procedure:~~

- ~~(a) The Board of Governors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or~~
- ~~(b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Board of Governors, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting; and~~
- ~~(c) The affiliated member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Board of Governors meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.~~

**Additional Information:**

The affiliated membership category was created in the early years of the Association to provide groups and associations related to intercollegiate athletics a voice at the NCAA Convention to raise issues and share concerns regarding proposed legislation. Currently, affiliated membership is limited to coaches associations or sports associations whose function and purpose is directly related to one or more NCAA championship sports or emerging sports for women, or associations that consist of college/university administrators and have a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions. As methods of communication and the ease of communication have increased, the NCAA has regularly conducted extensive outreach and communication with affiliated members, resulting in regular feedback to inform governance decision-making. Thus, the utility of the affiliated membership category has become outdated and may be eliminated without impacting the opportunity for collaboration and feedback. Historically, affiliated members have been afforded the same rights to use the registered marks of the Association as active members and conferences. However, at the time affiliated members initially were afforded the benefit of using NCAA marks, the Association did not have the comprehensive licensing and marketing programs that it does today. The value of the NCAA brand has grown significantly over time. Any organization seeking to use NCAA marks should be required to go through the standard review process and, if approved, enter into a licensing agreement with the Association.

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## MEMORANDUM

June 30, 2019

VIA EMAIL

TO: NCAA Affiliate Members.

FROM: Jackie Campbell  
 NCAA Managing Director of Law, Policy and Governance.

SUBJECT: NCAA Board of Governors Recent Action Related to the Affiliate Membership Category.

This is to inform you that the NCAA Board of Governors recently directed each division's governance entity to pursue appropriate legislative action to eliminate the affiliate membership category as set forth in Constitution 3.4. The recommended elimination of the affiliate membership category in no way is designed to change the relationship that you have with the NCAA. It is anticipated that each division will consider taking action to eliminate the category as early as this summer through the approval of noncontroversial legislation.

***Why is the Board of Governors recommending the elimination of the affiliate membership category?***

The affiliate membership category was created in the early years of the Association primarily to provide a voice at the NCAA Convention for outside groups and associations intimately related to intercollegiate athletics in their functioning and purpose. At the 1980 NCAA Convention, legislation was adopted to permit affiliate members to use the registered marks of the Association in accordance with guidelines established by the former NCAA Council. The annual membership fee currently is \$500, which includes as a benefit the use of NCAA marks.

The Board of Governors believes the affiliate membership category has become outdated and its elimination will not impact the opportunity for such members to collaborate with and provide feedback to the NCAA on issues deemed to be of importance to its constituents. In fact, it has become common practice for the NCAA to conduct extensive outreach and communication with affiliate members to provide feedback to assist it in making informed governance decisions. Communication and collaboration with these groups on issues impacting the sports in which they are affiliated will continue. Further, the Board of Governors noted that the value of the NCAA brand has increased significantly over time and any organization seeking to use NCAA marks should petition for such use through the required review process and, if approved, enter into a licensing agreement with the Association.

***What does the elimination of the affiliate membership category mean for current affiliated members?***

If legislation is approved to eliminate the affiliate membership category, members will no longer be billed an annual \$500 membership fee. Affiliate members currently using NCAA marks may continue to do so only until July 31, 2019. Effective August 1, 2019, groups and associations outside the NCAA who wish to use NCAA marks may seek approval to enter into a licensing agreement with the

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Association. Further, the NCAA will continue its formal outreach and communication with such members to gather important feedback on important issues impacting the sports in which they are affiliated. [Note: The elimination of the affiliate membership category will not impact the ability of the National Association of Men's Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to sponsor qualifying regular-season multiple-team events (MTEs) pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1.]

In addition, a new category will be created for NCAA Convention registration purposes for current affiliate members to ensure that you continue to pay the same registration fee you would have paid as an affiliate member. You will be informed of the category name when you receive notice of membership action, if it results in the elimination of the affiliate membership category.

***How will I be notified if the affiliated membership category is eliminated?***

You will receive notice from the national office regarding formal action taken by the divisional governance bodies. If you wish to provide any feedback regarding the Board of Governors recommendation prior to consideration by the divisional governance bodies, please feel free to contact me ([jgcampbell@naaa.org](mailto:jgcampbell@naaa.org)).

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cc: Selected NCAA Staff



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SPORTS WAGERING  
APRIL 19, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introductions.** Chancellor Kent Syverud welcomed the committee members and thanked them for taking the time to join the call.
2. **Report of the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering March 7-8, 2019, meeting.** The ad hoc committee approved the report of its March 7-8, 2019, meeting.
3. **Player availability reporting update.**
  - a. **Best practices.** Tom Paskus, NCAA principal research scientist, noted that staff has identified several groups (i.e., compliance administrators, medical personnel, sports information staff) within the membership from which to gather data that will inform a best practices document. Surveys will be distributed to the membership groups in the coming weeks, with the expectation of having some data to share with the committee during its May 24 meeting.
  - b. **Potential pilot program.** Naima Stevenson, NCAA deputy general counsel and managing director of academic and membership affairs, reviewed with the committee questions that need consideration if the committee's continued discussions result in proceeding with the development of a pilot player availability reporting program. The committee discussed several elements of a potential reporting program and requested that staff circulate a document to assist conferences in a discussion of this topic during the upcoming spring meetings.
4. **External messaging.** Stacey Osburn, NCAA director of public relations, reviewed the media and communications landscape around the topic of sports wagering, and noted that the NCAA communications staff will continue to support the committee in its work.
5. **NCAA legislation.** Steve Mallonee, NCAA senior advisor to the vice president of academic and membership affairs, summarized the work of the Legislation and Policy Subcommittee and noted that Supplement No. 4 includes items identified by the subcommittee for further review by the ad hoc committee. It was noted that current sports wagering legislation related to NCAA championships does not apply to sponsorships of championships. The committee was asked to further review the legislation related to sports wagering and consider whether additional legislation is appropriate.
6. **Adjournment.** The teleconference was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. Eastern time.



*Committee Chair: Kent Syverud, Syracuse University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance*  
*Joni Comstock, championships and alliances*  
*Stan Wilcox, regulatory affairs*

| <b>NCAA Board of Governors<br/>Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering<br/>April 19, 2019, Teleconference</b> |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |
| Rachel Newman Baker, University of Kentucky.  |
| Gary Barta, University of Iowa.   |
| Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.          |
| Rob Dicks, Lagrange College.  |
| Chris Howard, Robert Morris University.   |
| Amy Huchthausen, America East Conference.   |
| William LaForge, Delta State University.  |
| Elsa Núñez, Eastern Connecticut State University.   |
| Pennie Parker, Rollins College.   |
| Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.   |
| Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.  |
| Kent Syverud, Syracuse University.  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |
| Harry Stinson, Lincoln University (PA).   |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>   |
| Jacqueline Campbell, Joni Comstock and Stan Wilcox.   |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>  |
| Randy Buhr, Steve Mallonee, Stacey Osburn, Tom Paskus, Naima Stevenson, Mark Strothkamp and Lorry Weaver. |



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SPORTS WAGERING  
MAY 24, 2019, MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introductions.** Chancellor Kent Syverud, chair of the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering, welcomed the committee members to the meeting. Syverud briefly reviewed the agenda and provided an overview of the group's goals.
2. **Report of the Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering April 19, 2019, teleconference.** The ad hoc committee approved the report of its April 19, 2019, teleconference. (Unanimous voice vote.)
3. **Survey results.** Research staff reviewed the survey methodology and common themes identified through data gathered from surveys of sports information directors/media contacts and athletic trainers in all three divisions. The surveys focused on athletics department reporting structures and policies related to player availability reporting (e.g., who sets policy, in-game injury/availability reporting, student-athlete consent policies). Staff noted that a survey directed at compliance administrators will be distributed by the end of the month to gather feedback on campus education practices.
4. **NCAA Divisions II and III conference feedback on player availability.** Staff informed the ad hoc committee that feedback from Divisions II and III conferences is limited at this time but noted there will be opportunities to further engage with Divisions II and III during upcoming meetings of the commissioners. Since not all Division I conferences have conducted their spring meetings, the committee agreed to review Division I feedback in its entirety during its June 18 teleconference.
5. **Discussion on possible player availability pilots.** The ad hoc committee continued its discussion of a possible pilot player availability reporting program. There was consensus among the ad hoc committee that any pilot reporting system would be limited to available/unavailable. The committee will provide further membership feedback on player availability reporting during its June 18 teleconference and will continue the discussion.
6. **NCAA legislation/policy discussion.** Staff reviewed legislative and policy matters identified for further discussion by the ad hoc committee.
  - a. **NCAA Bylaw 10 legislation.** Consistent with the Board of Governors resolution following the Supreme Court's decision to rescind the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, the ad hoc committee reaffirmed support to maintain the current application and scope of NCAA legislation that prohibits student-athletes, member institutions' athletics staff and nonathletics staff with athletics responsibilities and conference office staff from

participating in sports wagering activities. In addition, the ad hoc committee agreed that editorial revisions to the current sports wagering legislation are appropriate to reflect changing technology (e.g., mobile betting) and to clarify that such legislation is applicable to team managers.

- b. Certified events and sanctioned summer league legislation. The ad hoc committee determined not to recommend modifications to relax criteria governing certified events involving prospective basketball student-athletes and sanctioned summer leagues involving current basketball student-athletes. Current criteria preclude such events from being affiliated with a venue or entity that is associated in any way with sports wagering on intercollegiate athletics. The group noted that these events are functioning sufficiently without additional exposure to sports wagering activities or entities but agreed that as more states adopt permissive state wagering laws it is appropriate to monitor the impact on venues in which such events may occur.
- c. Review of advertising and sponsorship legislation and policy. The ad hoc committee noted that current NCAA legislation governing sponsorships and advertisements from organizations associated with sports wagering applicable to NCAA championships is not consistent. Current rules preclude advertisements from organizations associated with sports wagering during NCAA championships, but do not per se preclude such organizations from being involved in sponsoring of NCAA championships. It was noted that current policies governing conduct of championships have not permitted sponsorship by any organization associated with sports wagering. The group directed the staff to review the legislative history to determine if there is support for aligning the legislation.
- d. Venues that permit sports wagering. The ad hoc committee agreed that as more states adopt permissive state wagering laws, it is appropriate to monitor whether there is a subsequent increase in venues that permit some form of sports wagering on site, and if so, whether such an increase unduly interferes with the NCAA's ability to provide a quality championship experience. It was noted that championship bid sites in most sports are secured through the 2026 championships. The ad hoc committee discussed potential approaches if there is an increase of in-venue sports wagering but took no action at this time.
- e. Suspension from non-NCAA organizations. The ad hoc committee discussed whether a suspension from a non-NCAA organization for sports wagering should apply to student-athletes participating in NCAA competition, similar to the application of NCAA legislation regarding a positive drug test from a non-NCAA organization. The ad hoc committee directed staff to draft a proposal for its review that would apply a suspension for sports wagering in a similar manner to drug testing.

**7. Internal sports working group subcommittee updates.**

- a. Education. The ad hoc committee was reminded of the subcommittee's charge of identifying and developing educational materials in support of the Association's sports wagering initiatives across key stakeholders. Staff noted accomplishments of the subcommittee over the past year, which were shared with the ad hoc committee during its March meeting. Next steps for the subcommittee include a survey of compliance administrators to gather information on campus education practices. In addition, the subcommittee continues to work on an annual education plan that includes further content development (e.g., resource video update, "Don't Bet On It" website enhancements, championship facility activations, coordination with integrity services provider) and an accompanying timeline.
  - b. Officiating. The ad hoc committee was informed that the Officiating Subcommittee has begun to review the NCAA's background check program for officials being considered for NCAA championships. The subcommittee discussed staff's involvement in the review of background checks and recently removed championship staff members from the process. In addition, the administration of the background check program has been moved to the Integrity Services Subcommittee as it aligns with objectives being addressed by this subcommittee. The ad hoc committee also was reminded of the educational video created for officials, noting that there have been over 2,400 views of the video.
  - c. Political Landscape. The ad hoc committee was updated on the sports wagering landscape. The group received a diagram highlighting states where sports wagering is legal and bets are accepted; states where sports wagering is legal but not yet accepting bets; states with active legislation; and states where bills have passed the legislature in 2019. The group acknowledged the importance of institutions, equipped with the recently distributed sports wagering principles, working with their state legislatures as bills are being crafted that would legalize sports wagering.
- 8. Sports Wagering 101.** Jay Kornegay, Executive Vice President of Race & Sports Operations at Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook, joined the meeting via teleconference to provide a SportsBook 101 lesson. Kornegay briefly educated the ad hoc committee on how a sportsbook operates, different types of bets, how betting lines are set and things that affect the betting lines. Key takeaways for the ad hoc committee were: (1) If a competition is televised, it likely will appear on the board with a betting line; (2) How injuries/availability impact the betting line depends on the player and whether he/she is a starter or a significant contributor; and (3) That mobile wagering will be big in the United States.
- 9. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:25 p.m.

*Committee Chair: Kent Syverud, Syracuse University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, Law, Policy and Governance*  
*Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances*  
*Stan Wilcox, Regulatory Affairs*

| <b>NCAA Board of Governors<br/>Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering<br/>May 24, 2019, Meeting</b>                        |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Rachel Newman Baker, University of Kentucky.  |  |
| Gary Barta, University of Iowa.   |  |
| Nicholas Clark, Coastal Carolina University, NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.                        |  |
| Rob Dicks, Lagrange College.  |  |
| Chris Howard, Robert Morris University.   |  |
| William LaForge, Delta State University.  |  |
| Elsa Núñez, Eastern Connecticut State University.   |  |
| Pennie Parker, Rollins College.   |  |
| Desiree Reed-Francois, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.   |  |
| Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference.  |  |
| Harry Stinson, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania).   |  |
| Kent Syverud, Syracuse University.  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| Amy Huchthausen, America East Conference.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Jacqueline Campbell, Joni Comstock and Stan Wilcox.   |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| Randy Buhr, Steve Mallonee, Stacey Osburn, John Parsons, Tom Paskus, Naima Stevenson, Mark Strothkamp and Lorry Weaver. |  |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMMITTEE  
TO PROMOTE CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND EQUITY  
APRIL 27, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introductions.** Katrice Albert, NCAA executive vice-president of inclusion and human resources, welcomed participants to the meeting and to the eighth annual NCAA Inclusion Forum. Albert expressed gratitude for President Dianne Harrison's leadership, noting that Harrison's tenure as chair would conclude on August 31, 2019.

For the first time ever, all four of the NCAA's equity, diversity, and inclusion committees were represented at the same meeting to engage about their major initiatives. These committees serve as the "Force of Four," working together to achieve inclusive excellence for the membership.

2. **Approval of February 21, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee approved its February 21, 2019, teleconference report.
3. **Engagement with NCAA research on how available data can impact and support committee goals.** The committee briefly discussed the article "NSIA Looks to Diversify Intercollegiate Sports," from *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*. The committee's three major goals connect directly to the efforts described in the article. NCAA staff will engage in follow-up related to the article.

NCAA staff informed the committee that the NCAA inclusion and human resources staff is working on a Presidential Pledge website platform that will feature both membership and national office leadership demographic data. The goal is to launch this site in fall 2019. In addition, NCAA Champion magazine will begin running a regular feature in summer 2019 on member schools and conferences that are acting in meaningful, impactful ways on the Presidential Pledge and striving for inclusive excellence.

It was clarified that this meeting would focus on membership data, and that during the August teleconference, the committee would review national office demographic data. NCAA research staff presented data slides to the committee that addressed the following areas:

- a. **Available data for current membership and national office leadership demographics.** The committee viewed demographic data on race/ethnicity and gender for student-athletes, athletics directors, coaches, and conference commissioners for 2014 and 2018. The committee observed the increasing racial and ethnic diversity of student-athletes. In

contrast, the data generally showed stagnation or regression for ethnic minorities and women in leadership positions. The committee requested that demographic data for the Presidential Pledge website platform include data for each division. It also noted the value of presenting both quantitative data and qualitative analysis that demonstrate the challenges of diversifying intercollegiate athletics leadership. In addition, the committee emphasized the importance of presenting demographic data to presidents and chancellors.

Additional key topics of discussion included the number of women coaches being fired based on standards of behavior that are more stringent than those for male coaches, as well as the number of female student-athletes who enter college having had only male coaches. It was noted that the Women's Sports Foundation is collecting data on women coaches and reasons why they are being removed from or choosing to leave positions.

- b. Turnover data for athletics director and head coach positions.** The committee learned that recent outreach to the NCAA membership resulted in a fuller data set for coaches that includes start dates in positions. Moving forward, reliable data will be available to examine both turnover and replacement for the positions of head coaches and athletics directors. The committee requested that this data also be reviewed for minority-serving institutions.
- c. NCAA governance structure data.** The committee considered the nominating process for committees by division, noting that in Division I, conferences have the power to change the nomination slate that is proposed by the NCAA Division I Nominating Committee. The committee discussed the value of a study of the governance structure with a focus on both the processes for committee appointments and the diversity of representation.

Another topic of discussion was the dimensions of diversity that are tracked for both leadership positions and committee representation. Currently, there is not an opportunity for the membership to identify as persons with disabilities or as LGBTQ when demographic information is submitted to the NCAA. The committee acknowledged the difficulties of expanding data collection but encouraged NCAA Research to consider possibilities for methodologies that would overcome challenges.

- 4. Updates from NCAA equity, diversity and inclusion committees.** The committee received updates from the NCAA equity, diversity and inclusion committee chairs.
  - a. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.** MOIC Chair Anthony Grant provided an update and overview of the committee's initiatives.
    - (1) Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. The committee recommended legislation that would require each member school and conference office have an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. The staff member in this role would serve as the

- main contact for the school for information about NCAA equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives and resources. The NCAA Division I Council voted to consider this legislation at its spring 2020 meeting, and the Divisions II and III Management Councils recommended that their respective Presidents Councils sponsor the proposal for a vote at the 2020 NCAA Convention.
- (2) NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign. In partnership with MOIC and the three divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committees, the NCAA office of inclusion developed the NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign during the first week of October 2018. The campaign was a tremendous success with the hashtag #NCAAINclusion ranking eighth nationally on Twitter during the week.
  - (3) Research surveys. The committee engaged with NCAA research staff about opportunities to add questions to existing surveys that are distributed to student-athletes on the national level. The committee continues to have interest in data about coaches' persistence in the profession and how the race and ethnicity of the coach factors into new job opportunities after a coach leaves a position or is fired.
- b. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics.** CWA Chair Julie Cromer Peoples provided an update and overview of the committee's initiatives.
- (1) NCAA Emerging Sports for Women. The chair informed the Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity that CWA oversees the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program and engages annually in a review process of submitted emerging sport proposals from August to April. At its April 2019 meeting, the committee reviewed proposals from acrobatics & tumbling, STUNT, and wrestling. The committee will inform the leadership of these sports by early June regarding whether the sport has been recommended for the emerging sport list.
  - (2) Sexual violence prevention education. During its September 2018 and April 2019 meetings, the committee engaged with NCAA staff who lead the Association's efforts on sexual violence prevention and education. The committee discussed educational opportunities and plans to continue dialogue about possible accountability measures.
- c. CWA and MOIC joint meeting.** Chairs Cromer People and Grant reported on discussion topics from the April 25, 2019, joint CWA and MOIC meeting.
- (1) Esports. NCAA staff provided an overview about the current collegiate Esports scene to CWA and MOIC. The committees posed some fundamental questions about eSports: 1) Does it fit the NCAA definition of a sport? 2) Does it align with the values of the NCAA? 3) What are the possible negative impacts on gender equity and Title IX



compliance? The committees expressed concern about the misogyny, sexism, and violence that are present in some games. The committees also had dialogue about where Esports programs are currently located on campuses, noting that they are often located outside of athletics departments.

(2) Optimization of the Senior Woman Administrator Designation initiative. The committee received an overview and update of the Optimization of the Senior Woman Administrator Designation initiative, including the October 2018 release of two educational resources: “What is the SWA” and “Are you maximizing the SWA’s impact.” In addition, SWA video spotlights were emailed to the membership and released on social media in April 2019. One of the goals of the initiative is to increase the representation of ethnic minority women in the SWA designation. The committees were engaged in small group dialogue to brainstorm about barriers to and opportunities for achieving this goal. This dialogue will inform future action strategies for the initiative.

**d. NCAA Gender Equity Task Force.** Co-chairs Noreen Morris and Judy Sweet reported on progress on the task force’s recommendations. The task force’s recommendation that Division I legislate a once-in-five year diversity, equity and inclusion review for member schools has been approved by the NCAA Division I Council. The legislative proposal will go before the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in early May. The Division I Council has requested a study on how a diversity, equity and inclusion review would work at the conference level. The task force’s recommendations are in progress or completed.

**5. Updates about major IHR initiatives.** The committee received additional updates on IHR initiatives.

**a. 2019 NCAA Inclusion Forum.** The previous Inclusion Forum registration record of 519 attendees was eclipsed, including a record number 136 students, which comprised 25% of participants.

**b. NCAA Board of Governors.** Five independent members were added to the Board of Governors. A diverse slate of very qualified candidates has been reviewed by the BOG Executive Committee and five will be presented to the full BOG for a vote during its April 30 meeting.

**c. NCAA leadership development.** Following a comprehensive review of leadership development programming with a focus on outcomes, a new model for programming will be launched in the 2019-20 academic year. The model will center on the pipeline for career advancement through programming that will help future and current leaders in intercollegiate athletics to launch, build and advance.

- d. Presidential Pledge “road tour.”** Albert described how she is visiting conference spring and fall meetings to engage with leaders on ways to advance the Presidential Pledge and to achieve inclusive excellence.
  - e. Division I strategic plan foundational goal.** Division I’s strategic plan foundational goal on diversity: NCAA office of inclusion staff continues to engage with Division I to develop actions to support their diversity and inclusion goals.
  - f. Partnerships with affiliate groups.** IHR is sponsoring the keynote address and a major track of programming at the May 2019 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education. IHR continues to build and enhance relationships with organizations that have similar equity, diversity and inclusion goals. The committee recommended connecting with organizations such as the Association of Governing Bodies to facilitate communication with key decision makers in higher education.
- 6. Discussion on NCAA Board of Governor’s funding to support committee goals.** The committee received a brief update on current programming initiatives funded in the current fiscal year: Achieving Communication series; the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics McLendon Summit; Minority Coaches series for women’s basketball, track and field and women’s volleyball; Leadership Education Series; Leadership Pipeline Platform; and CoSIDA minority grant.
- The committee was informed that \$65,000/\$75,000 in the current budget cycle is available for additional initiatives as part of the realignment of the 2019-2020 budget. The committee endorsed the concept of these funds supporting the “road tour” engagement with presidents/chancellors and conferences on the Presidential Pledge; the development of additional videos for the Leadership Profile Platform; a review of the nomination processes and demographics for the membership’s governance structure; and the completion of a diversity and inclusion hiring guide.
- 7. Discussion on committee goals.** The committee requested that NCAA staff continue to gather and analyze demographic data for the membership, the governance structure, and the national office with focus on turnover data for race/ethnicity and gender. In addition, the committee observed that many of its goals are in progress and directly reflected in work driven by the other three equity, diversity, and inclusion committees as well as through IHR initiatives. The committee will prioritize goals for 2019-20 during its August teleconference.
  - 8. Review previous request regarding the NCAA Confederate Flag Policy’s impact on hosting championships.** The committee concurred that the leadership at membership schools that are impacted by the NCAA Confederate Flag Policy is best positioned to engage with state legislatures regarding Confederate flag policies if they choose to do so. It was noted that there is a proposal in Mississippi to consider an alternative version of the state flag.

9. **Honor committee members who will conclude their service on August 31, 2019.** The committee thanked Tori Murden McClure, Jacqie McWilliams and Leslie Wong for their service.
10. **Discussion on recommendations for new committee members.** NCAA staff will provide more details about the committee’s new member needs and ask for recommendations through email.
11. **Future meeting dates.** NCAA staff will communicate through email to determine availability for an August 2019 teleconference.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Committee chair:* Dianne Harrison, Cal State University, Northridge  
*Staff liaisons:* Katrice Albert, Office of Inclusion and Human Resources  
 Amy Wilson, Office of Inclusion

| <b>NCAA Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity<br/>April 27, 2019, Meeting</b> |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University.  |
| Dianne Harrison, California State University, Northridge.                                  |
| Brit Katz, Millsaps College.   |
| Mark Lombardi, Maryville University.   |
| Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University.  |
| Jacqueline McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.                       |
| Faynesse Miller, Hamline University.   |
| Leslie Wong, San Francisco State University.   |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |
| Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.                  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |
| Anthony Grant, Noreen Morris, Julie Cromer Peoples, and Judy Sweet.                        |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>  |
| Katrice Albert and Amy Wilson.   |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |
| Erin Irick, Jean Merrill and Tiana Myers.  |



Interim Actions of the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee

1. On May 14, the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following appointments, effective immediately unless otherwise noted:
  - a. Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.
    - (1) **Jessica Chapin** - added Division II Management Council Subcommittee.
    - (2) **Bob Dranoff** - added Division II Convention Planning Project Team.
    - (3) **David Kuhlmeier** - removed NCAA Research Committee.
    - (4) **Shari Reed** - added Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee and NCAA Research Committee, effective immediately, and Division II Nominating Committee, effective July 1. Assigned Amy Foster as mentor.
    - (5) **Griz Zimmermann** - removed Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee and Division II Nominating Committee, effective June 30.
  - b. Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
    - Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, **Teara Johnson**, Women's Basketball, Winston-Salem State University.



## 2019-20 Division II Priorities

1. **Division II University.** The 2019-20 academic year marks the first time that coaches will earn their annual certification to recruit off campus and participate in athletically related activities by successfully completing six educational modules in the Division II University online education system. In the coming year, Division II will:
  - Create future educational modules for coaches, while expanding the system's reach by developing content for other Division II constituents such as chancellors and presidents, directors of athletics and compliance administrators.
  - Join Divisions I and III in exploring the possibility of expanding the scope of Division II University through a broader Association-wide pilot program for coaches credentialing.
2. **Academics.**
  - a. **Academic advising.** The division has allocated \$150,000 in annual funds to directly support athletic academic advising positions on campus that will be distributed through the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant Program starting in the 2019-20 academic year. Continuing education opportunities also will be increased through expanded Division II University modules and updated online resources.
  - b. **African-American Male Graduation Rates.** The division's governance committees will closely examine factors affecting Federal Graduation Rates and Division II Academic Success Rates of African-American male student-athletes, which have remained relatively constant over the past decade while rates for other student-athletes of color, including African-American females, have risen.
3. **Championships Initiatives.**
  - a. **Joint Men's Basketball Championship.** The NCAA will celebrate the 2019-20 men's basketball season by staging the Divisions II and III national championship games in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four in Atlanta on April 5.
  - b. **Festival Working Group.** The group reviewed all aspects of the Division II National Championships Festivals and recommended enhancements to the Division II Championships Committee in June 2019, for implementation in 2019-20.
  - c. **Championships Bid Process.** The process for 2022-26 championship sites will start in August 2019 and conclude in February 2020. Sites will be announced in October 2020.

- d. **Football Bracketing.** The Division II Football Committee is exploring bracketing options to decrease travel costs without jeopardizing the student-athlete experience. The 2019 championship will pilot an alternate bracketing model.
  - e. **Triennial Budget Process.** Division II sport committees will recommend budget items to the Championships Committee by September 2020 for implementation in September 2021.
  - f. **Coaches Connection.** The Coaches Connection program, which uses former coaches to strengthen communication between the coaching constituency and the NCAA national office, will expand to include men's and women's basketball, and field hockey.
4. **SAAC Initiatives.** The Division II National SAAC will host its third Super Region Convention April 17-19, 2020, in Los Angeles for institutions in the South Central and West Regions.

In addition, the SAAC is developing new initiatives that are part of an overarching goal called the "Total Package Student-Athlete" as reflected below:

- **Total – *Mental health.*** Continue to break the stigma.
  - **Package – *Diversity and inclusion.*** Support diversity in all of its forms and promote inclusion.
  - **Student – *Professional development.*** Help prepare student-athletes for life after college sports.
  - **Athlete – *Love2Play.*** Encourage young athletes to play multiple sports and to have fun, while they play.
5. **Diversity and Inclusion.** The division will collaborate with the NCAA Office of Inclusion on the following:
- Fund attendance of activation teams from approximately 40 Division II institutions to the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum April 17-19 in Denver in order to develop institution-specific action plans that enhance diversity and inclusion on campus.
  - Develop and execute action steps to optimize the role of the senior woman administrator.
6. **GOALS Survey Results.** The 2019 GOALS study will reflect the athletics, academic, social and wellness-related experiences of student-athletes across all sports and help the division shape policy and devote resources to enhance those experiences in the future. Data

on time demands will provide the second assessment of the “Life in the Balance” playing and practice season legislation the Division II membership adopted in 2010 and 2011. New items in the quadrennial study include questions about online courses, recruitment and reasons for choosing a particular college, injuries and nutrition.

**7. Health and Safety.** The division will collaborate with the Sport Science Institute on the following:

- Administer the first health and safety survey that focuses on the organizational and administrative aspects of athletics health care delivery. Results will be incorporated into the Institutional Performance Program and will allow institutions to make comparisons with institutional peer groups.
- Continue to implement a communication plan to increase the number of institutions that voluntarily participate in the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program to build data that help inform injury prevention policies and practices.
- Partner with the Gordie Center for Substance Abuse to track action plans for the 38 institutions that attended at the third Division II-specific APPLE Training Institute in March 2019. The next Division-II specific APPLE Training Institute is in fall 2020.

**8. Brand Activation.** Division II’s Make It Yours brand supports the Life in the Balance philosophy by encouraging student-athletes to make the Division II experience their own through academics, athletics, community engagement and more.

The division will continue to promote Make It Yours and Life in the Balance through the current regular-season media agreement, now in its second year, in which the division partners with participating conferences and institutions to broadcast and/or stream select games. Additional games are streamed exclusively on the ESPN app.

Division II also will join Divisions I and III in celebrating the 150th anniversary of college football in 2019.



**PRESIDENTS COUNCIL**

Attached for your review are the legislative drafts of the proposals being sponsored by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council for the 2020 NCAA Convention. Proposal Nos. 2020-1 through 2020-3 are new for you to review in legislative format. These proposals were previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council in concept, but have not yet been approved in legislative form.



# 2020 Presidents Council Sponsored Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2020-1

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TRANSFER FROM A NON-DIVISION II INSTITUTION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 16, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for a student-athlete who transferred to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Legislation Committee)].

**Category:** Presidents Council

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To specify that a transfer student-athlete from a non-Division II institution is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 unchanged.]

**14.2.4.1.1 Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution. The Division II season of competition legislation does not apply to a transfer student-athlete's previous participation at a non-Division II institution (e.g., NCAA Division I or III, NAIA, two-year college). A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation.**

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.5 renumbered as 14.2.4.1.2 through 14.2.4.1.6, unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

**Rationale:** Current Division II legislation requires institutions to re-assess a transfer student-athlete's participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the Legislation Committee agreed that a transfer student-athlete's participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred and because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules applicable to them at the time when the competition occurred.

**Review History:**

Dec 5,  
2018: Recommends Approval - Committee on  
Student-Athlete Reinstatement

Recommended as noncontroversial  
legislation.

Jan 23,  
2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

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| Mar 12,<br>2019: | Recommends Modifications - Legislation<br>Committee           | Recommended addition of non-<br>NCAA institutions. |
| Apr 16,<br>2019: | Approved Change in Legislative Format -<br>Management Council |  |
| May 1,<br>2019:  | Approved in Concept - Presidents Council                      |  |

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# 2020 Presidents Council Sponsored Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2020-2

**Title:** NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ATHLETICS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION DESIGNEE

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 11, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)].

**Category:** Presidents Council

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** To specify that an active member institution or conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Active Membership.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.22 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.23 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member institution shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.**

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

**B. Constitution:** Amend 3.4, as follows:

3.4 Member Conference.

[3.4.1 through 3.4.3 unchanged.]

3.4.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.4.4.1 through 3.4.4.5 unchanged.]

**3.4.4.6 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.**

[3.4.5 through 3.4.6 unchanged.]

**Rationale:** The designation of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee symbolically and practically represents the Association's recognition of inclusion as a core value. The designation supports the Presidential Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity as acknowledged in Constitution 2.2.2 (Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity). While the NCAA national office provides valuable resources and programming to support the membership's

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efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments, often institutional conference personnel are not aware of available resources or opportunities. This proposal seeks to create a network of colleagues who will serve as the conduit for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, the athletics departments and the NCAA. The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department. The contact information for the designated staff member will be entered on the institution's or conference's NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

### Review History:

Feb 14, 2019: Recommends Approval - Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee

Apr 16, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

May 1, 2019: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** 2020-3

**Title:** AMATEURISM -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- PERMISSIBLE -- FOLLOWING INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FROM AN OUTSIDE AMATEUR SPORTS TEAM OR ORGANIZATION -- DONATIONS FROM OUTSIDE SPONSORS -- INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY MEMBERS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 9, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

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

**Category:** Presidents Council

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Intent:** To permit a student-athlete to receive actual and necessary expenses from an institutional staff member or faculty member, excluding athletics department staff members, to participate as a member of an outside team.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

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

[12.1.3-(a) through 12.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

- (1) Donations From Outside Sponsors. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business, **institutional staff member, faculty member**) other than an **athletics department staff member**, agent, representative of an institution's athletics interests or professional sports organization. An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business, **institutional staff member, faculty member**) other than an **athletics department staff member**, agent, representative of an institution's athletics interests or professional sports organization.

[12.1.3-(c) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

**Rationale:** Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the Division II culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits an individual to receive actual and necessary expenses from an outside sponsor other than an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests or a professional sports organization. This proposal provides the opportunity for enrolled student-athletes to seek out additional permissible financial resources from institutional staff members, other than an athletics department staff member, to support their athletics aspirations without compromising the fundamental purpose of the collegiate model. It would remain impermissible for a student-athlete to receive expenses from an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests that is not an institutional staff member, or a professional sports organization. Institutions must already have monitoring systems in place to track

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donations received from outside sponsors, so this proposal does not increase a monitoring burden; instead, it adds a permissible source of funding for student-athletes to request donations.

### **Review History:**

Nov 6, 2018: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

May 1, 2019: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council

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**Proposed Legislation for the 2020 NCAA Convention Submitted by the Division II Membership**

| Title   | Intent   | Sponsor                                | Co-Sponsor  | Recommended Referrals   |
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| NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- COMPOSITION OF ACTIVE CONFERENCES -- REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT CONFERENCES                            | To require that a current active Division II member conference maintain a minimum of eight active member institutions.   | East Coast Conference                  | Central Atlantic Athletic Conference, Conference Carolinas, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Northeast-10 Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference | Membership Committee  |
| RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER                        | To replace "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; further, to specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer in the transfer database within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer. | Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference | East Coast Conference   | Legislation Committee   |
| RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT | To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to an official visit; further, to eliminate that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid.  | Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference     | Northeast-10 Conference   | Legislation Committee, Academic Requirements Committee              |
| RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES -- LENGTH OF TRYOUT ACTIVITIES -- GOLF  | In golf, to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a prospective student-athlete to five hours.  | Peach Belt Conference                  | Gulf South Conference   | Legislation Committee, Women's Golf Committee, Men's Golf Committee |

| Title   | Intent   | Sponsor                            | Co-Sponsor  | Recommended Referrals                               |
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| RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- SPRING CONTACT PERIOD AND ELIMINATION OF THE MAY 18-JUNE 14 EVALUATION PERIOD   | In women's basketball, to amend the recruiting calendar as follows: (1) To extend the spring contact period through the third weekend in May; and (2) To eliminate the May 18-June 14 evaluation period.   | Bentley University                 | American International College, Assumption College, East Stroudsburg University, Franklin Pierce University, Le Moyne College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Stonehill College, The College of Saint Rose, Thomas Jefferson University, University of New Haven | Legislation Committee, Women's Basketball Committee |
| ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER - CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP WAIVER CALCULATION -- PERCENT CALCULATION -- INCLUSION OF CONFERENCE CHALLENGE CONTESTS IN THE PERCENT CALCULATION AND FIRST HALF OF SEASON CALCULATION | To include contests played as part of a conference challenge event in both the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver.   | Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference | Northeast-10 Conference   | Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement          |
| PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- FOURTH DAY OF CLASSES                                    | In fall championship sports, to specify that an institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities before the institution's fourth day of classes for the institution's second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester). | Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference | Northeast-10 Conference   | Legislation Committee                               |





**NONCONTROVERSIAL**

Attached are noncontroversial proposals. Proposal Nos. NC-2020-32 through NC-2020-43 are new for you to review in legislative form. These proposals have been approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in concept but have yet to be approved in legislative form.

The Management Council has determined, pursuant to NCAA Constitution 5.3.1.1.1, that the following proposals are noncontroversial and necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation.

The Management Council, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, shall have the authority to adopt noncontroversial amendments. Proposals that are ratified by the Management Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi. Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2020 NCAA Convention.

# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-1

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVERS FOR TRANSFER FROM TWO-YEAR COLLEGES -- NONRECRUITED STUDENT EXCEPTION -- ELIMINATION OF ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** November 5, 2018

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

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

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must have been eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college in order to use the nonrecruited student exception.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.6.2, as follows:

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

[14.5.4.6.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; **and**

(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; ~~and,~~

~~(d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.~~

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, only qualifiers may use a two-year transfer exception. To apply the nonrecruited student exception, one of the existing conditions requires the analysis of whether the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for admission at the certifying institution before initial enrollment at the two-year college. This analysis can be challenging for institutions as it requires analysis of a hypothetical application. However, since these students were qualifiers, the academic concern should be minimal, and it ultimately should be the institution's decision to determine admissions at the time of application.

## **Review History:**

Sep 13, 2018: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Oct 16, 2018: Approved in Concept - Management Council

# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-2

**Title:** COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II GENERAL COMMITTEES -- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- CHANCELLOR OR PRESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** November 5, 2018

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Committees

**Intent:** To increase the size of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee from 10 to 11 members; further, to specify that one member of the committee shall be a chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.8.5.1.1, as follows:

21.8.5.1.1 Composition. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall consist of ~~10~~**11** members, including two members of the Division II Management Council, **one chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the Division II Presidents Council**, one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and at least one member representing the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

## **Additional Information:**

Due to the subject matter under the purview of the committee, a member of the Division II Presidents Council has historically been assigned as an informal liaison to provide presidential level guidance on academic issues impacting active member institutions. Amending the composition to include a chancellor or president would ensure continued presidential guidance while decreasing the travel burden on a Presidents Council member who also serves in the liaison role.

## **Review History:**

Sep 13, 2018: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Oct 16, 2018: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-3

**Title:** EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PLAYING RULES -- MODIFICATIONS TO NON-NCAA RULES

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** November 2, 2018

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Intent:** To specify that rules modifications for sports in which the NCAA does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

**Administrative:** Amend 31.1.6, as follows:

31.1.6 Playing Rules.

31.1.6.1 Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports. In those men's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications ~~made~~ **recommended** by the appropriate governing sports committee **and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel** (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.1-(a) through 31.1.6.1-(f) unchanged.]

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications ~~made~~ **recommended** by the appropriate governing sports committee **and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel** (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.2-(a) through 31.1.6.2-(g) unchanged.]

**31.1.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules - Consistency Among Divisions. Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions.**

## **Additional Information:**

Several NCAA sports follow playing rules maintained by external organizations (e.g., golf, tennis, field hockey, men's volleyball). The Association does not publish rules in these sports, but the legislation does permit governing sport committees to establish rules modifications that would supersede the external organization's rules. Recent discussions about the regular-season and championship format in tennis raised the question of whether rules modification in these sports must be consistent among divisions just as they are in sports for which the NCAA maintains and publishes playing rules. NCAA governing bodies, including the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), have indicated in the past a preference for all playing rules to be consistent among divisions. Accordingly, the bylaw should be amended to reflect that intent. The NCAA staff conducted a legislative history which clearly demonstrated that NCAA governing bodies and PROP intended for all playing rules and modifications to be consistent among divisions.

## **Review History:**

## **2020 Noncontroversial Proposals**

Sep 11, 2018: Recommended Concept - Championships Committee

Oct 16, 2018: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-4

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY EXCEPTION -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT THAT COMPETITION BE SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OR INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** November 30, 2018

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** In men's ice hockey, to eliminate the requirement that the competition must be sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or its international equivalent.

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

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

[14.2.4.2.2.4.1 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

In April 2018, the NCAA Eligibility Center began certifying the amateur status of NCAA Division II men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes enrolling for the 2018-19 academic year. Eliminating the requirement that competition be sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or international equivalent, which is not required in Divisions I or III, is in the best interest of Division II men's ice hockey student-athletes and ensures equity in recruiting among the three divisions.

## **Review History:**

Nov 6, 2018: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-5

**Title:** AMATEURISM -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- IMPERMISSIBLE -- FOLLOWING INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES -- EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES FROM OUTSIDE SPORTS TEAM OR ORGANIZATION BASED ON ATHLETICS ABILITY

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization based in any degree on athletics ability; further, to specify that a student-athlete may receive educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside sports team or organization, provided the recipient's choice of institution is not restricted by the outside sports team or organization and there is no direct connection between the outside sports team or organization and the student-athlete's institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.1, as follows:

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

[12.1.1 through 12.1.2 unchanged.]

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

(a) Educational Expenses. Receipt of educational expenses awarded by the following sources:

(1) The U.S. Olympic Committee or the U.S. national governing body (or, for international individuals, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country), in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.4;~~or~~

(2) A professional team or league, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.5;  
**or**

**(3) An outside sports team, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.3.**

[12.1.3-(b) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

12.1.4 Impermissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's participation in the following activities or receipt of the following benefits will jeopardize the individual's amateur status and eligibility for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport:

[12.1.4-(a) through 12.1.4-(h) unchanged.]

(i) Educational Expenses. **Receipt of educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).**



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~~(1) Receipt of educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).~~

~~(2) Receipt of educational expenses provided to an individual by an outside sports team or organization that are based in any degree on the recipient's athletics ability (except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.2.3)), even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient.~~

[12.1.4-(j) through 12.1.4-(r) unchanged.]

[12.1.5 unchanged.]

### **Additional Information:**

Under current legislation, a student-athlete may not receive educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization when it is based on the recipient's athletics ability. However, a student-athlete should be permitted to receive educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside sports team or organization, provided that the recipient's choice of institution is not restricted by the outside sports team or organization and there is no direct connection between the outside sports team or organization and the student-athlete's institution. This change would promote student-athlete well-being and ease budgetary and compliance burdens on Division II institutions.

### **Review History:**

Nov 6, 2018: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-6

**Title:** RECRUITING -- TRANSPORTATION -- REORGANIZATION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To reorganize the transportation legislation, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Transportation.

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

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

13.5.2 Transportation on Official (Paid) Visit.

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

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

**13.5.2.1.2 Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends, Relatives and Legal Guardian(s). A prospective student-athlete's friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution's campus only by accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the time the prospective student-athlete travels in an automobile to visit the institution's campus (see Bylaw 13.5.2.2.1).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~13.5.2.3.1~~ Institution's Airplane. An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospective student-athlete to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospective student-athlete.

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

~~13.5.2.4 From Airport. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. The 48-hour period begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus. The transportation must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. [R]~~

~~13.5.2.5 To/From Site of Competition. A prospective student-athlete may be transported to campus for an official visit from the site of his or her athletics competition or the reverse arrangement, provided only actual transportation expenses are paid and the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of transportation between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the institution's campus. (See Bylaw 13.5.2.1.1.) [R]~~

~~13.5.2.5.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) To/From Site of Competition to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians in any vehicle to and from the site of competition to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.6) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete's home to the institution's campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians while providing such transportation. [R]~~

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~~13.5.2.6 From Educational Institution. An institution may pay actual transportation costs for the prospective student-athlete to return to his or her home after an official visit that originated at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution, provided the cost of the transportation to the legal residence does not exceed the cost of transportation to the educational institution. (See Bylaw 13.5.2.1.1.) [R]~~

~~13.5.2.6.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) From Educational Institution to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians in any vehicle to and from the prospective student-athlete's educational institution to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding the contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.6) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete's home to the institution's campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians while providing such transportation. [R]~~

~~13.5.2.7 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]~~

~~13.5.2.8 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives, Friends or Legal Guardian(s). An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives, friends or legal guardian(s) of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere, except as provided in Bylaw 13.5.2.8.1. [R]~~

~~13.5.2.8.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) To and From an Official Visit. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians to and from the prospective student-athlete's home to campus on an official visit, in any vehicle, regardless of whether a visit occurs during or outside a permissible contact period. [R]~~

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

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

### **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the recruiting transportation legislation.

### **Review History:**

Nov 6, 2018: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-7

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LENGTH OF OFFICIAL VISIT -- EXCEPTION TO 48-HOUR PERIOD FOR EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT REPORT TO CONFERENCE OFFICE

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that institutions submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances that extended an official visit beyond the 48-hour period.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.3.2, as follows:

13.6.3.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extenuating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution. *In such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances.*

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation requires institutions to submit a report to the conference office when the length of an official visit exceeds 48 hours due to extenuating circumstances. This recommended change will eliminate an unnecessary compliance burden. Institutions are encouraged to retain information on file regarding the extension of the 48-hour period.

## **Review History:**

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-8

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS ON OFFICIAL VISIT -- MEALS ON OFFICIAL VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT AT STAFF MEMBER'S HOME -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTION ON MEALS AT THE HOME OF AN INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction that a meal at an institutional staff member's home may only be provided on one occasion during an official visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.6.7.1.1, as follows:

13.6.6.7.1.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, **and** is not excessive in nature ~~and occurs on only one occasion~~. [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to receive a meal at an institutional staff member's home on one occasion during an official visit. Institutions should be permitted to provide a meal at an institutional staff member's home on more than one occasion during an official visit at the institution's discretion.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-9

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT ON OFFICIAL VISIT FOR RELATIVES OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATE REFERENCE TO OFFICIAL VISIT ENTERTAINMENT RESTRICTION

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the entertainment on official visit for relatives or legal guardians of prospective student-athlete legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 through 13.6.6 unchanged.]

~~13.6.7 Entertainment on Official Visit for Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) of Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution shall limit entertainment, meals and lodging on the prospective student-athlete's official visit to a prospective student-athlete, and the prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)]. [R]~~

[13.6.8 renumbered as 13.6.7, unchanged.]

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. This bylaw is redundant as the limitation on entertainment, meals and lodging on a prospective student-athlete's official visit to a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's relatives [or legal guardian(s)] is already addressed in Bylaw 13.6.6.1 (general restrictions).

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-10

**Title:** RECRUITING -- ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL/ COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL/TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES -- ENTERTAINMENT RESTRICTIONS -- INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS FROM TWO TO FOUR

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To permit an institution to provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions for a home athletics contest to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.8.1, as follows:

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of ~~two~~**four** complimentary admissions, which must be issued on an individual-game basis, to home athletics contests at any facility in which the institution's intercollegiate team regularly practices or competes. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. [D]

[13.8.1.1 through 13.8.1.3 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits institutions to provide no more than two complimentary admissions for a home athletics contest to high school, college-preparatory or two-year college coaches. The restriction is unduly restrictive, and a coach should not have to choose between his or her spouse or children in determining who to bring to an institution's contest.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-11

**Title:** RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY -- REORGANIZATION

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To reorganize the recruiting publicity legislation, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.10, as follows:

13.10 Publicity.

13.10.1 ~~Presence of Media~~ **Publicity** During Recruiting Contact. A member institution shall not ~~permit a media entity to be present during~~ **publicize (or arrange for publicity of)** any recruiting contact made ~~by~~ **between** an institution's coaching staff member ~~and a prospective student-athlete.~~ [D]

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~13.10.3 Radio/TV Show. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete or a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via film, audiotape or videotape) on:~~ [D]

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- (a) ~~A radio or television program conducted by the institution's coach;~~
- (b) ~~A program in which the institution's coach is participating; or~~
- (c) ~~A program for which a member of the institution's athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging for the appearance of the prospective student-athlete or coach or related program material.~~

~~13.10.3.1 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution's coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member's sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. [D]~~

~~13.10.3.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution's intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college players. [D]~~

~~13.10.3.3 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.10.3 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete's eligibility.~~

~~13.10.4 Prospective Student-Athlete's Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete's visit to the institution's campus. [D]~~

~~13.10.5 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution's sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [D]~~

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

~~13.10.63 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide) once the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An electronic copy of the photograph may be given to the prospective student-athlete at any time. [D]~~

~~13.10.74 Media Release Regarding Signing. Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or after the prospective student-athlete's signed acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Such communications, which are not limited in number or content, may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion. [D]~~

~~13.10.74.1 Press Conferences and Celebratory Events. It is permissible for an institution to hold press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings for the purpose of making such an announcement. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may attend institutional press conferences and celebratory events provided the event does not occur during a dead period (see Bylaw 13.02.4.4). Any benefits provided to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with press conferences or celebratory events are subject to Bylaw 13 restrictions. [D]~~

**Additional Information:**

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Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the publicity legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the legislation.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-12

**Title:** RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES -- TRYOUTS -- LENGTH OF TRYOUT

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To specify that the length of a prospective student-athlete's tryout shall be limited to two hours.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to *the length of the institution's normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than* two hours; and

[13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that tryout activities shall be limited to the length of the institution's normal practice period in the sport but in no event longer than two hours. The legislation should be simplified to specify that tryouts are limited to a period of two hours.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-13

**Title:** RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- COLLECT AND TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE CALLS -- ELIMINATION OF COLLECT AND TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE CALLS

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the collect and toll-free telephone calls legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.15.2, as follows:

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

[13.15.2.1 unchanged.]

*13.15.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional staff members may accept collect telephone calls and may use a toll-free (800/888) number to receive telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes, prospective student-athletes' relatives or legal guardians at any time.*

[13.15.2.3 through 13.15.2.5 renumbered as 13.15.2.2 through 13.15.2.4, unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Bylaw 13.1.3.2.1 (telephone calls initiated by prospective student-athlete) allows institutions to accept collect telephone calls and use of a toll-free number to receive calls from prospective student-athletes. A separate reference to collect and toll-free telephone calls, which are mostly obsolete and rarely placed by prospective student-athletes, should be eliminated.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-14

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY -- ELIGIBILITY LIST FORM -- ELIGIBILITY LIST -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE SIGNED A DRUG-TESTING CONSENT FORM TO BE INCLUDED ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST AND SEPARATE REFERENCE TO DRUG-TESTING CONSENT-FORM REQUIREMENT

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**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that all student-athletes who sign a drug-testing consent form be included on the eligibility list; further, to eliminate a duplicate reference to the drug-testing consent-form requirement in Bylaw 14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement).

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.11, as follows:

14.11 Certification of Eligibility.

[14.11.1 through 14.11.2 unchanged.]

14.11.2.1 Eligibility List. The following procedures shall be used for the eligibility list:

[14.11.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Any student-athlete ~~who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's eligibility list, and any student-athlete~~ who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form per Bylaw 14.1.4;

[14.11.2.1-(c) through 14.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

~~14.11.3 Drug-Testing Consent-Form Requirement. Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution's eligibility list form, and any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.4.~~

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation requires an institution to include all student-athletes who sign a drug-testing consent form on the institution's eligibility list; however, some student-athletes sign a drug-testing consent form but never show up for practice or a tryout. These student-athletes should not be included on the eligibility list, which should be limited to student-athletes who are members of the team. Finally, a separate reference to the drug-testing consent-form requirement in Bylaw 14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement) should be eliminated as it is addressed in other legislation.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-15

**Title:** FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- COUNTERS -- ATHLETICS AID NOT RENEWED, SUCCESSFUL APPEAL -- PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTER STATUS

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**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete, who continues to participate in their sport after a successful appeal restoring their athletics aid, shall be considered a counter.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.4.1.2, as follows:

15.4.1.2 Athletics Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal. If an institution does not renew athletics aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution's regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletics aid **and participates in intercollegiate competition in their sport**. *However, the student-athlete shall not be a counter, if he or she receives institutionally arranged or awarded, nonathletics aid available to all students, provided such financial aid was granted or arranged without regard in any degree to athletics ability.*

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that if an institution does not renew athletics aid for a counter, and an appeal hearing results in the restoration of aid, the student-athlete continues to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletics aid, even if the individual no longer participates in intercollegiate athletics in the sport. Classifying a nonparticipant as a counter is unwarranted and limits athletics aid that could be provided to other student-athletes.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-16

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- TYPES OF AWARDS, AWARDING AGENCIES, MAXIMUM VALUE AND NUMBERS OF AWARDS -- LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION -- AWARD TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETE

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To specify that a local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.3.4, as follows:

16.1.3.4 Local Civic Organization. A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to **an individual student-athlete or** member institution's team(s). The following regulations shall apply to such an event: [R]

[16.1.3.4-(a) through 16.1.3.4-(b) unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits a local civic organization to provide an award to a team but not an individual student-athlete. Provided that the award is approved by the institution and counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards, a local civic organization should be permitted to provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-17

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- AWARDS BANQUETS -- BOOSTER CLUB RECOGNITION BANQUET -- ELIMINATION OF MILEAGE RADIUS RESTRICTION

**Convention Year:** 2020

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To eliminate the 100-mile radius restriction on a booster club recognition banquet.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.5, as follows:

16.1.5 Awards Banquets.

[16.1.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Booster Club Recognition Banquet. One time per year, an institution's athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, ~~the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus,~~ and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that a booster club recognition banquet must occur within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus. The elimination of the mileage radius restriction will ease the burden on compliance administrators and provide institutions in remote geographic areas with additional venues for a booster club recognition banquet.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-18

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES -- CAREER SERVICES -- ELIMINATION OF LIST OF PERMISSIBLE CATEGORIES OF ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES AND INCORPORATION OF CAREER COUNSELING AND INTERNSHIP/JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To amend the academic and other support services legislation by eliminating the list of permissible academic and other support services; further, to include career programs/support services as a permissible academic and other support service.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16, as follows:

16 Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

[16.01 through 16.2 unchanged.]

16.3 Academic, **Career** and Other Support Services.

16.3.1 Permissible. A member institution may finance academic, **career** and other support services that the institution, at its discretion, determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes, ~~including, but not limited to, the following:~~**including internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.**

~~(a) Tutoring expenses;~~

~~(b) On-campus student development and career counseling (including the provision of related materials of little or no commercial value to student-athletes) using outside resources;~~

~~(c) Future professional sports career counseling from a panel appointed by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). (See Bylaws 11.1.4.1 and 12.3.4);~~

~~(d) Actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete's involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests);~~

~~(e) Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course;~~

~~(f) Organized day planners that are nonelectronic; and~~

~~(g) Required course-related supplies, as specified in Bylaw 15.3.2.3.~~

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**16.3.1.1 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women's Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]**

[16.3.1.1 renumbered as 16.3.1.2, unchanged.]

[16.4 through 16.10 unchanged.]

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.7 unchanged.]

~~16.11.1.8 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women's Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]~~

[16.11.1.9 through 16.11.1.10 renumbered as 16.11.1.8 through 16.11.1.9, unchanged.]

~~16.11.1.11 Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.~~

[16.11.2 unchanged.]

[16.12 unchanged.]

### **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows an institution to finance academic and other support services that the institution determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes and provides a list of permissible categories of expenses. While the list is not exhaustive, to ease the compliance monitoring burden, the list of permissible categories of academic and others support expenses should be eliminated and should mirror the medical expenses legislation to provide for additional institutional discretion while maintaining the restriction on providing required books as that is an element of a full grant-in-aid. Further, given that an institution may provide career counseling expenses pursuant to the academic and other support services legislation, separate references to career programs, career counseling and internship/job placement services should be eliminated and included in the academic and other support services legislation for ease of reference for the membership.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-19

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- PERMISSIBLE -- EXPENSES FOR RELATIVES TO ATTEND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL GAME/NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF ONE ROUND RESTRICTION

**Convention Year:** 2020

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction on providing expenses to relatives to only one round of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.6.1.1, as follows:

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Relatives to Attend Postseason Football Game/NCAA Championship. The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the relatives or legal guardians of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football game or ~~a~~ **any round of the** NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to ~~one~~ **any** round ~~(conducted at one site)~~ of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows an institution to provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the relatives or legal guardians of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. The legislation is unduly restrictive, and institutions should be allowed to decide whether to provide such expenses for more than one round in all sports.

## **Review History:**

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-20

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- PERMISSIBLE -- MEETING EXPENSES -- ELIMINATION OF 30-MILE RADIUS RESTRICTION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction for a student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.10.1.3, as follows:

16.10.1.3 Meeting Expenses. A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided ~~the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and~~ no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. The legislation is unduly restrictive and should be amended to specify that a student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses for booster club or civic organization meetings regardless of location.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-21

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- RETENTION OF ATHLETICS APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT -- RETENTION OF USED EQUIPMENT AT THE END OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S COLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To allow a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual's collegiate participation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.11.1.4, as follows:

16.11.1.4 Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment. A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items ~~(not equipment)~~ **and used equipment** at the end of the individual's collegiate participation. ~~Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as by any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment.~~ [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to retain athletics apparel items at the end of the individual's collegiate participation, but used equipment must be purchased by student-athletes on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. The legislation is unduly restrictive and allowing student-athletes to retain used equipment at the end of their collegiate careers will ease a compliance burden associated with valuation and sale of used equipment.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-22

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- TELEPHONES AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTION ON TELEPHONE CALLS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND SEPARATE REFERENCE TO TELEPHONES

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction on student-athlete telephone calls in emergency situations when provided or arranged by the institution; further, to eliminate a separate reference to telephone calls.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.11, as follows:

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.8 unchanged.]

~~16.11.1.9 Telephones. A student-athlete may use a telephone for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced rate, provided such use is also generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives (see Bylaw 16.11.1.1). [R]~~

16.11.1.9 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

[16.11.1.10-(a) through 16.11.1.10-(b) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(a) through 16.11.1.9-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Telephone calls ~~in emergency situations~~;

[16.11.1.10-(d) through 16.11.1.10-(g) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(d) through 16.11.1.9-(g) unchanged.]

[16.11.1.11 renumbered as 16.11.1.10, unchanged.]

[16.11.2 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits a student-athlete to use an institutional telephone for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced rate if such use is generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives and allows an institution to provide or arrange for telephone calls for student-athletes in emergency situations. Given that most student-athletes provide for their own mobile phone use, the legislation is outdated and overly complicated. In addition, the miscellaneous benefits legislation should be amended to allow an institution to provide or arrange for telephone calls for student-athletes in non-emergency situations and a separate reference to telephone calls should be eliminated.



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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-23

**Title:** DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- COUNTING MULTITEAM EVENTS IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS -- ELIMINATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO COUNT MULTITEAM EVENTS AS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** To eliminate the opportunity for institutions to count multiteam events as more than one contest toward meeting the minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship in individual sports.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.10.3, as follows:

20.10.3 Sports Sponsorship. A member of Division II shall sponsor in Division II a minimum of:

[20.10.3-(a) through 20.10.3-(c) unchanged.]

[20.10.3.1 through 20.10.3.2 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.3 unchanged.]

~~20.10.3.3.4 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In individual sports, not more than two institution-versus-institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field meet). If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest.~~

20.10.3.3.4.1 Meets With No Team Scoring. In individual sports, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided that at least the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.10.3.3 participate on the institution's team.

[20.10.3.3.5 through 20.10.3.3.12 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

As a condition of NCAA Division II membership, institutions must sponsor a minimum of 10 sports and satisfy additional sports sponsorship requirements. For an individual sport to be used to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements, an institution must participate in a minimum number of contests with a minimum number of participants in that sport each year. Under current legislation, institutions may count a multiteam event in individual sports (e.g., quadrangular track and field meets) as two contests for sports sponsorship

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if the event is scored as an institution versus institution meeting when it occurs (as opposed to achieving a single team score against all participating institutions). The membership has expressed confusion about the scoring and format requirements for counting multiteam events as two contests. For championship selection, several individual sports (including cross country and track and field) have eliminated the opportunity to count multiteam events as more than one contest for meeting the minimum scheduling requirements to be selected for a championship. This recommendation will reduce confusion and align sports sponsorship requirements more closely with championships selection requirements. Meets with no team scoring will count as one contest for the purpose of meeting the sport sponsorship requirement.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-24

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE WAIVERS -- WAIVER CRITERIA -- WAIVER -- STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO DOES NOT USE SEASON OF COMPETITION DURING INITIAL YEAR OF COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- APPLICATION OF WAIVER -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO APPLY WAIVER AT THE INSTITUTION WHERE STUDENT-ATHLETE EXHAUSTED 10TH SEMESTER OR 15TH QUARTER OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for student-athletes who initially enroll in a collegiate institution during the 2019-20 academic year and thereafter.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that an approved 10-semester/15-quarter waiver for a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during their initial year of collegiate enrollment shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.2.4.1.4, as follows:

14.2.2.4.1.4 Waiver -- Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment. For a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at any institution, a waiver may be granted if all of the following conditions are met:

[14.2.2.4.1.4-(a) through 14.2.2.4.1.4-(b) unchanged.]

14.2.2.4.1.4.1 Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity (e.g., next semester(s) or quarter(s)) ~~and shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment.~~

## **Additional Information:**

Current legislation specifies that student-athletes who do not compete during their initial year of collegiate enrollment, and due to circumstances beyond their control, are not able to complete four seasons of competition prior to the expiration of their intercollegiate eligibility, may receive an extension of eligibility waiver. If the extension of eligibility waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity and at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment. A student-athlete who receives an extension of eligibility waiver should not be treated differently from other student-athletes who receive an extension of eligibility waiver (e.g., for circumstances beyond a student-athlete's control causing a missed participation opportunity). Although the waiver would still have to be used at the next available opportunity, a student-athlete should be permitted to use an approved extension of eligibility waiver at any institution.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-25

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP WAIVER CALCULATION -- PERCENT CALCULATION -- ELIMINATION OF ALUMNI GAMES, FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRITY SPORTS ACTIVITIES FROM THE PERCENT CALCULATION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for student-athletes who initially enroll during the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To eliminate an alumni contest, fundraising activity or celebrity sports activity from the hardship waiver percent calculation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.5, as follows:

14.2.5 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.5-(a) through 14.2.5-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.1 for information regarding percent calculation in track and field). Competition (excluding alumni games, fundraising activities, celebrity sports activities, scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation.

[14.2.5.1 through 14.2.5.2 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

When determining the percent calculation under the current hardship waiver legislation, institutions must include all contests and dates of competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement noted an alumni contest, a fundraising activity and a celebrity sports activity are often informal and should be treated like scrimmages and exhibition contests (per Bylaw 17) which are currently excluded from the percent calculation. Further, the committee noted these events do not count toward an institution's overall record for championships selection. The committee agreed that removing these contests from the percent calculation for the hardship waiver supports student-athlete well-being. Finally, the committee agreed that all other annual exemptions, including conference challenge events, shall be counted in the percent calculation in determining whether a student-athlete meets the criteria for a hardship waiver.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-26

**Title:** AMATEURISM -- EMPLOYMENT -- CRITERIA GOVERNING COMPENSATION TO STUDENT-ATHLETES -- RESTITUTION WHEN VALUE RECEIVED IS \$200 OR LESS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Amateurism

**Intent:** To specify that legislation related to employment and compensation to student-athletes shall be a restitution provision and a violation shall not affect the eligibility of the student-athlete, provided the value of the benefit received is \$200 or less and the student-athlete repays the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.4, as follows:

12.4 Employment.

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

(a) Only for work actually performed;

(b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services; and

(c) An employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer's product or services.

[12.4.2 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Current violations of the employment and compensation to student-athletes legislation require an institution to file a student-athlete reinstatement request for the involved student-athlete to be eligible for competition, regardless of dollar amount. However, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement noted the reinstatement staff typically reinstates the eligibility of the involved student-athlete based on repayment when the value of the impermissible compensation received is \$200 or less. The committee agreed this proposal reduces bureaucracy and increases efficiencies for Division II institutions. The committee also noted that impermissible compensation to student-athletes must continue to be reported to the NCAA enforcement staff and the proposed change is not retroactive.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-27

**Title:** CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS -- PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Championships/Postseason Events

**Intent:** To revise the ineligibility for use of banned drugs legislation, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 18.4.1.4, as follows:

18.4.1.4 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw.

18.4.1.4.1 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than "Illicit Drugs." A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), shall be **subject to the following:** *charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).*

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

**(b) A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in the next academic year; and**

**(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 365 consecutive days after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the NCAA Drug-Testing Program's policies and procedures.**

18.4.1.4.1.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" tests positive a second time for the use of a

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substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs," he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs," he or she shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of regular-season contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative *(in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors)* **pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.**

18.4.1.4.2 Penalty -- "Illicit Drugs." A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season of competition in all sports (i.e., 50 percent of all contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative *(in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors)* **pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.**

18.4.1.4.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs;" *he or she shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (365 days) after the collection of his or her second positive drug-test specimen or until the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests has expired, whichever occurs later.* **If or if** a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs," he or she shall be *charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year* **subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.1.** *The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).*

18.4.1.4.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than an "illicit drug."

18.4.1.4.3.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample, as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be **subject to the following:** *charged with the loss of a minimum of two seasons of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or a minimum of the equivalent of two full seasons of competition in all sports if the student-athlete involved in tampering with a drug-test sample during his or her season of competition (the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following two seasons up to the period of time in the initial season in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending two calendar years (730 days) after the student-athlete was involved in tampering with a drug-test sample and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).*

**(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until he or she has been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer**

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residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if he or she meets all other eligibility requirements:

**(b) A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two additional seasons of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years. If the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years, he or she will only be charged one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the seasons used); and**

**(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 730 consecutive days after the student-athlete was involved in tampering and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.**

18.4.1.4.4 Transfers. If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the student-athlete's new institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility at a non-NCAA institution, ~~the~~:

**(a) The student-athlete ~~will be~~ remains ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty: (the total number of prescribed contests or dates of competition) while enrolled and otherwise eligible for competition at an NCAA institution;**

**(b) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for the applicable consecutive-day period (365 or 730) after his or her final non-NCAA competition; and**

**(c) Furthermore, the ~~The~~ student-athlete ~~must retest~~ remains ineligible until he or she tests negative (~~in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors~~) pursuant to the NCAA Drug-Testing Program's policies and procedures.**

[18.4.1.4.5 through 18.4.1.4.7 unchanged.]

### Additional Information:

The current rules related to drug-testing penalties can be confusing and have unintended consequences for certain fact scenarios. This proposal will update the legislation to reflect the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' recommendation from December 2013. The updated penalties ensure a more consistent and equitable application to all student-athletes. Specifically, the updates address inconsistencies created due to transfer status, timing of positive tests and differences in participation status in the year of the positive test. Due to variations in facts and timing of positive drug tests, some variation is unavoidable. However, this recommendation ensures the drug-testing penalties are applied more consistently and equitably to all student-athletes.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-28

**Title:** EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS -- DRUGS AND PROCEDURES SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS -- TAMPERING WITH AND MANIPULATION OF URINE SAMPLES

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations

**Intent:** To clarify that tampering with an NCAA drug-test sample includes urine substitution and related methods; further, to clarify that manipulation of urine samples includes the use of substances and methods that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 unchanged.]

18.4.1.4.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than an "illicit drug."

18.4.1.4.3.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (**e.g., urine substitution and related methods**), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of two seasons of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or a minimum of the equivalent of two full seasons of competition in all sports if the student-athlete involved in tampering with a drug-test sample during his or her season of competition (the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following two seasons up to the period of time in the initial season in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending two calendar years (730 days) after the student-athlete was involved in tampering with a drug-test sample and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

[18.4.1.4.4 through 18.4.1.4.7 unchanged.]

[18.4.2 unchanged.]

**B. Administrative:** Amend 31.2, as follows:

31.2 Eligibility for Championships.

[31.2.1 through 31.2.2 unchanged.]

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31.2.3 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. See Bylaw 18.4.1.4 for further details regarding ineligibility for use of banned drugs.

[31.2.3.1 unchanged.]

31.2.3.1.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions. The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these guidelines and/or quantities of these substances used:

[31.2.3.1.1-(a) through 31.2.3.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Manipulation of Urine Samples. The Board of Governors bans the use of substances and methods **(e.g., diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, epitestosterone)** that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing. ~~Examples of banned methods are catheterization, urine substitution and/or tampering or modification of renal excretion by the use of diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, and epitestosterone administration.~~

[31.2.3.1.1-(e) through 31.2.3.1.1-(f) unchanged.]

[31.2.3.1.2 unchanged.]

[31.2.3.2 through 31.2.3.5 unchanged.]

### Additional Information:

Due to changes made to drug-testing legislation in 2012, NCAA legislation surrounding tampering and manipulation is unclear. This recommendation would make clear that urine substitution (and related methods) is tampering and carries a more significant penalty. This recommendation is consistent with the original intent of tampering legislation, as recommended by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. In October 2018, the NCAA Division I Council adopted NCAA Division I Proposal M-2018-1 to address this recommendation. The committee requests that the NCAA Division II and III take similar action to clarify this issue.

### Review History:

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-29

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- VALIDITY OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS -- PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT -- CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** January 25, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To clarify that a prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institution staff member shall not arrange for a false or inaccurate record for a prospective student-athlete or provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

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

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

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

- (a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; ~~and or~~
- (b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

This proposal clarifies the application of Division II Proposal No. 2019-2 (eligibility – general eligibility requirements – validity of academic credentials – pre-enrollment academic misconduct) as a result of an inadvertent drafting error.

## **Review History:**

Jan 23, 2019: Approved in Concept - Management Council

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-30

**Title:** MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ATTESTATION AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** March 12, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Membership

**Intent:** To require that (a) An institution's president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance); and (b) An institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, that specified conditions for entry of individuals and teams in NCAA championship competition have been satisfied, including an attestation that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8 and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Active Membership.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.7 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.8 President or Chancellor Attestation of Compliance Obligations. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its president or chancellor attests, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance). [See Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)].**

3.3.4.8 Compliance-Related Certification. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless ~~its president or chancellor certifies through an annual institutional eligibility certification~~ **it certifies** [see Bylaw ~~18.4.2.1.1~~ **18.4.2.1-(e)**] ~~attesting~~ that the conditions ~~specified~~ **of Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1** have been satisfied.

[3.3.4.9 through 3.3.4.21 renumbered as 3.3.4.10 through 3.3.4.22, unchanged.]

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 18.4, as follows:

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### 18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 through 18.4.2 unchanged.]

18.4.2.1 General Institutional Requirements. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition, ~~an institution shall:~~

- (a) ~~Be~~ **The institution shall be** an active member in good standing in the appropriate division, or have its sport so classified, and be eligible under the rules of the member conference of which it is a member;
- (b) ~~Have~~ **The institution shall have** paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.2;
- (c) ~~Designate~~ **The institution shall designate** (in accordance with Bylaw 20) its athletics program as Division I, Division II or Division III for competition and possible eligibility for championships in those intercollegiate sports recognized by the NCAA;
- (d) The institution's president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance);**
- ~~(d e) Certify, through its president or chancellor, The institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, the institution's compliance with NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1). The certification of compliance shall be completed not later than September 15 and shall be kept on file at the institution.~~
- ~~(e f) Have The institution shall have~~ confirmed annually its sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport and submitted its race and demographic information by so reporting on the NCAA official information form. ;
- ~~(f g) Have The institution shall have~~ submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process; and
- ~~(g h) Refrain The institution shall refrain~~ from entering a student-athlete as an individual or as a member of a team in an NCAA championship, if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association's enforcement procedures that the institution or representative(s) of its athletics interests violated NCAA regulations in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete's eligibility (see Bylaw 14.13).

18.4.2.1.1 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The **institution's director of athletics shall certify that the** following conditions ~~shall be~~ **have been** satisfied. **(See Constitution 3.3.4.9.)**

18.4.2.1.1.1 NCAA Rules Review. The ~~president or chancellor,~~ **director of athletics** or a designated representative, has reviewed with all athletics department staff members the rules and regulations of the NCAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

18.4.2.1.1.2 Attestation of Compliance Obligations. The ~~president or chancellor and all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer)~~ **shall attest that the obligations of director of athletics has attested, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by** Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance) ~~have been met~~ **and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8.** ~~(See Constitution 3.3.4.8.)~~

18.4.2.1.1.3 Coaching Staff Disciplinary Actions. At the time of such certification, and as a result of involvement in a violation of the Association's legislation as determined by the Committee on Infractions or the Management Council, no current member of the institution's coaching staff:



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- (a) Shall have been temporarily or permanently suspended from coaching duties by another member institution within the last two years; or
- (b) Shall have been prohibited within the last two years, as a result of violations occurring while employed by another member institution, from participating in identified coaching-related activities, unless the prohibition has been equally applied by the certifying institution with respect to the individual's coaching-related activities on behalf of it; or
- (c) Shall have been permitted within the last two years to perform any coaching-related activities for the certifying institution that were prohibited after determination by the Committee on Infractions of an "appropriate disciplinary action" for the individual in accordance with the show-cause provision of Bylaw 19.5.2.2 of the NCAA enforcement procedures.

18.4.2.1.1.3.1 Period of Suspension or Prohibition. The period of suspension or prohibition established by the Committee on Infractions or the Management Council must be in effect for the provisions set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1.3 to apply.

18.4.2.1.1.3.2 Due-Process Requirement. The affected coaching staff member must be given through the appropriate institution notice of an opportunity to be heard at both the NCAA hearing resulting in the finding of involvement in the violation and the institutional hearing resulting in suspension or prohibition.

18.4.2.1.1.4 Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of athletics interests are in compliance at the present time with the Association's legislation insofar as the ~~president or chancellor~~ **director of athletics** can determine.

18.4.2.1.1.5 Maintenance of Compliance. It is the intention of the institution to maintain such compliance.

[18.4.2.1.2 through 18.4.2.1.3 unchanged.]

[18.4.2.2 unchanged.]

### **Additional Information:**

The Commission on College Basketball recommended a significant expansion in individual accountability for NCAA rules violations for presidents, chancellors and directors of athletics. In response, new legislation was adopted to specify that, in order to enter a team or individual in an NCAA championship or for an individual to serve on an NCAA committee, presidents/chancellors, directors of athletics and all other athletics department staff members must attest annually that the obligations to control and monitor athletics programs have been met. The proposal appropriately shifts some certification requirements related to the athletics program from the president to the athletics director. In addition, this proposal maintains the emphasis on the principle of institutional control and responsibility and the principle of rules compliance without the undue administrative requirement to have each individual staff member provide an attestation. Institutions will have the discretion to determine the best way to ensure its staff is aware of its obligations. Finally, this proposal recognizes that it is impossible for presidents and directors of athletics to know and; therefore, honestly attest that the institution is in complete compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-31

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MINIMUM SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- SERVICE EXCEPTIONS -- PERIOD BETWEEN SERVICE COMMITMENT AND ENROLLMENT

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** March 12, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

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

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To specify that participation in organized competition during the period between the completion of time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.10 and 14.2.2). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[14.2.1 through 14.2.4 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following his or her high school graduation date shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2.

[14.2.4.2.1 unchanged.]

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

14.2.4.2.2.1 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government **and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term** is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.

[14.2.4.2.2.2 through 14.2.4.2.2.4 unchanged.]

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[14.2.4.2.3 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.3 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

### **Additional Information:**

Currently, time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission, or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempted from the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation. However, the service exception to the organized competition legislation does not extend to the time between completion of the service commitment and the student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll. A student-athlete who delays enrollment due to a service exception but enrolls in a collegiate institution at the next opportunity is adversely impacted because he or she is not permitted to participate in organized competition during the time between completion of the commitment and the next opportunity for enrollment.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-32

**Title:** PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES -- HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACH -- ELIMINATION OF CONTRACT OR BINDING AGREEMENT PERIOD

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 9, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach must be under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 11.5, as follows:

11.5 Employment of High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches.

[11.5.1 through 11.5.2 unchanged.]

11.5.3 High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may employ a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach, provided the individual:

(a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties; **and**

(b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; ~~and,~~

~~(c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season.~~

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.8.3, as follows:

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.2 Conditions. A high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity shall be permitted to engage in employment as a member of an institution's coaching staff provided the individual:

(a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties; **and**

(b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; ~~and,~~

~~(c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season. (See Bylaw 11.5.)~~

**Additional Information:**

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Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, if a volunteer coach from a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college wants to be employed by a Division II institution, the coach must perform actual, on-the-field coaching duties, be involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches and be under contract or other binding agreement with the institution for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the institution may confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season. Requiring an institution to place a volunteer coach under a contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year, hinders those coaches who are looking for a brief experience in intercollegiate athletics for a period shorter than one academic year. Amending the legislation to eliminate the length of the agreement will allow institutions to determine how long a volunteer coach should be employed.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-33

**Title:** RECRUITING -- TRANSPORTATION -- TRANSPORTATION ON UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER ACCOMPANYING PROSPECT ON UNOFFICIAL VISIT AND AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION TO HOME ATHLETICS CONTESTS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 9, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that an institutional staff member must accompany a prospective student-athlete to view practice or competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution's home athletics contest (on or off campus); further, to clarify that an institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution's home athletics contest even if transportation is not available to prospective students.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.5.3, as follows:

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

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. NCAA Division II Proposal No. NC-2007-18 (recruiting – unofficial visit – transportation to home athletics contest) allowed an institution to provide transportation to attend the institution's home athletics contest (on or off campus) during an unofficial visit if transportation was available to prospective students generally; however, it was still impermissible for an institution to provide a prospective student-athlete with transportation expenses to attend one of the institution's home contests (on or off campus). With the adoption of Proposal No. NC-2008-14 (recruiting – transportation – unofficial), it became permissible for an institution to provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics contest (on or off campus). Eliminating the last sentence of Bylaw 13.5.3 (transportation on unofficial visit) will alleviate confusion and make it permissible for an institution to provide transportation expenses to a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution's home athletics contest even if transportation is not available to prospective students.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-34

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT -- ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 9, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to an official visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Requirements for Official Visit.

13.6.2.1 High School or Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she: [D]

(a) Presents the institution with (or has on file with the NCAA Eligibility Center) a ~~current~~ high school or college-preparatory school transcript (official or unofficial);

[13.6.2.1-(b) through 13.6.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

[13.6.2.1.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 Two-Year or Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete until he or she has presented an ~~current~~ academic transcript. A prospective student-athlete in his or her first semester or quarter at a two-year or four-year institution would be required to present a high-school transcript. [D]

[13.6.2.3 unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, an institution may not provide a prospective student-athlete with an official visit until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a current transcript. Eliminating the requirement that the transcript be current will alleviate confusion on what constitutes a current transcript and reduce burden on coaches and compliance administrators.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-35

**Title:** RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LODGING FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONS -- RELATIVES AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

**Convention Year:** 2020

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**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Intent:** To clarify that additional occupants lodging with a prospective student-athlete during an official (paid) visit must be relatives and legal guardians; further, to specify that the sibling of a prospective student-athlete, who is also a prospective student-athlete being recruited by an institution, may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.7, as follows:

13.6.7 Lodging for Additional Persons. ~~Additional persons (e.g., prospective student-athlete's brother, sister, friend)~~ **A prospective student-athlete's relatives and legal guardians** may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete ~~or relatives or legal guardian(s) of the prospective student-athlete~~, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution **except for a sibling of the prospective student-athlete.** [R]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, a sibling of a prospective student-athlete may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or relatives or legal guardians of the prospective student-athlete during an official (paid) visit; however, if the sibling is also a prospective student-athlete being recruiting by the institution, it is impermissible for the sibling to be an additional occupant. With the family structure constantly evolving, it is possible that a sibling could also be a prospective student-athlete that is being recruited by the institution. Amending the legislation to allow a sibling, who is also a prospective student-athlete being recruited by the institution, to stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete will reduce confusion. Additionally, this recommendation eliminates the opportunity for a prospective student-athlete's friend(s) to accompany them on the official visit.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-36

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR MALE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE WITH A WOMEN'S TEAMS -- ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED AND NONRECRUITED, MALE STUDENT SERVING AN ACADEMIC YEAR OF RESIDENCE AS A NONQUALIFIER PARTICIPATING IN PRACTICE SESSIONS WITH WOMEN'S TEAM

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 9, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a male student who practices with an institution's women's team on a regular basis must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, sign the drug-testing consent form and be placed on the eligibility list; further, to permit a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.10, as follows:

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

(a) Male students who practice with an institution's women's team must be ~~certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations for practice (e.g., enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a drug-testing consent form, included on the institution's eligibility list, certify insurance coverage of medical expenses per Constitution 3.3.4.13, undergo a mandatory medical examination per Bylaw 17.1.5)~~ **verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.7.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the ten-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw 14.2.2) and undergo a mandatory medical examination per Bylaw 17.1.5.** A male student who practices with an institution's women's team is not required to have ~~his~~ **an academic or** amateurism ~~status-certified~~ **certification by** ~~from~~ the NCAA Eligibility Center.

[14.1.10-(b) through 14.1.10-(d) unchanged.]

(e) It is not permissible for a male student or male student-athlete who is serving an academic year in residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team. **However, it is permissible for a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.**

[14.1.10-(f) unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. This proposal seeks to provide institutions greater discretion regarding the management of the eligibility of male students who practice with women's teams. Removing these administrative burdens but maintaining requirements for full-time enrollment and the medical examination will reduce the burden on compliance

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administrators. An institution will still need to certify eligibility of male students but will have greater discretion in how it manages the certification process. Additionally, there should be no concern with allowing a nonrecruited, male student who is a nonqualifier in his first year of collegiate enrollment to practice with a women's team. Allowing such students to engage in practice activities on campus on an occasional or regular basis does not undermine the intent of the nonqualifier practice restriction, namely, that such students need to focus on their studies during the initial year on campus. Such students can voluntarily choose to engage in other recreational activities that are unrelated to academics. Practicing with a women's team during the initial year of enrollment should be a similar voluntary recreational choice.

### **Review History:**

Mar 12, 2019: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-37

**Title:** ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SCRIMMAGES -- DEFINITION OF A SCRIMMAGE

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Eligibility

**Intent:** To amend the two-year college scrimmages legislation to align the definition of a two-year college scrimmage with the definition of an official scrimmage in Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.1.1, as follows:

14.2.4.1.1 Exception -- Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the ~~competition meets all of the following conditions:~~**scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.**

*(a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;*

*(b) No official score is kept;*

*(c) No admission is charged;*

*(d) No official time is kept;*

*(e) The scrimmage is played before the two-year college's first regularly-scheduled outside competition; and*

*(f) The student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.*

**14.2.4.1.1.1 Official Scoring. Official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:**

**(a) The signing of a scorebook by an official; or**

**(b) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.**

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, the definition of what constitutes a two-year college scrimmage as outlined in Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1 and the definition of an official scrimmage in Bylaw 17 differ. Aligning the definition of a two-year college scrimmage and official scrimmage will reduce confusion and simplify the application of the two-year college scrimmage legislation.

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-38

**Title:** FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- ROOM AND BOARD -- OFF-CAMPUS ROOM AND BOARD STIPEND -- ELIMINATION OF REFERENCE TO TRAINING TABLE MEALS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Intent:** To eliminate references to training table meals.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.3.2.2.1, as follows:

15.3.2.2.1 Off-Campus Room and Board Stipend. If a student-athlete lives and eats in noninstitutional facilities, the institution may pay the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official on-campus room allowance as listed in its catalog, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may pay the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to an on-campus 7-day or 21-meal board plan or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, ~~excluding those meals provided as part of the training table. Meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular cost figure from such a student-athlete's board allowance.~~

[15.3.2.2.1.1 through 15.3.2.2.1.5 unchanged.]

~~15.3.2.2.1.6 Training Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance, even if the student-athlete is not receiving a full grant-in-aid. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution's catalog or the average meal costs of its student-athletes living on campus.~~

[15.3.2.2.1.7 renumbered as 15.3.2.2.1.6, unchanged.]

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Due to the deregulation of legislation regarding meals and snacks incidental to participation, separate rules for training table meals are unnecessary. A meal provided by the athletics department (other than an occasional meal or pre- or postgame meals) can be classified as a meal incidental to participation or a meal provided by athletics that is not intended to replace a meal that is normally provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend. Given the varying institutional resources devoted to meals (frequency, facilities, timing), it should be within each institution's discretion to determine whether a meal is considered incidental to participation or is subject to institutional financial aid policies, regardless of how the meal is titled. The rationale of the legislation that established meals incidental to participation included a statement that "meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics are not intended to replace meals that would normally be provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend." Institutions should already be consulting their financial aid offices to determine the proper

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classification of meals to ensure compliance with federal and institutional financial aid guidelines and should continue to do so if the training table meals legislation is eliminated.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-39

**Title:** MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- INDIVIDUAL -- ELEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AID -- ROOM AND BOARD -- FOOD STAMPS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Intent:** To eliminate the food stamps legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.3.2.2, as follows:

15.3.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete athletics aid that includes the cost of room based on the official allowance for room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day, even if the institution's maximum permissible award allowance for all students represents a lesser cost figure.

[15.3.2.2.1 through 15.3.2.2.5 unchanged.]

*~~15.3.2.2.6 Food Stamps. A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off campus may use the money provided for his or her board to purchase governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangements on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.~~*

## **Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, a grant-in-aid recipient who lives off-campus may use money provided for his or her room and board to purchase governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangement on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interest. Eliminating the food stamp legislation will permit eligible student-athletes to receive food stamps in the same manner as the general public without having to meet additional NCAA requirements.

## **Review History:**

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-40

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES-- PERMISSIBLE -- EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF A FORMER TEAMMATE, STUDENT-ATHLETE FROM A DIFFERENT TEAM OR INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate; further, to specify that an institution may provide expenses for a student-athlete to be present in a situation when a student-athlete from another team at the institution suffers an injury or illness or death.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 16.6.1, as follows:

16.6.1.2 Injury or Illness. The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for ~~the student-athlete's teammates~~ **any student-athletes at the institution** to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

16.6.1.2.1 Relative of Student-Athlete. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a relative or legal guardian of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a relative's or legal guardian's death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

**16.6.1.2.2 Institutional Staff Member or Former Teammate. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate at the institution. [R]**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.11.1, as follows:

16.11.1.8 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

[16.11.1.8-(a) through 16.11.1.8-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Reasonable tokens of support ~~and transportation~~ in the event of serious injury, serious illness, or death of a relative or legal guardian ~~and transportation to attend the funeral of any relative or legal guardian~~ **(See Bylaw 16.6.1.2 for transportation expenses);**

[16.11.1.8-(e) through 16.11.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

**Additional Information:**

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Currently, an institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. The legislation is specific to a situation in which a current student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or in the event of a student-athlete's death. In order for student-athletes to attend an institutional staff member or former teammate's funeral, an institution must self-apply an incidental expense waiver per Bylaw 16.12 (expense waivers). Additionally, current legislation only permits an institution to provide expenses to student-athletes from the student-athlete's team to be present in situations which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or in the event of a student-athlete's death. Amending the legislation to allow student-athletes to receive transportation expenses to attend the funeral of a former student-athlete, a student-athlete from a different team at the institution or institutional staff member or to receive expenses to be present in situations when a student-athlete from another team suffers an injury or illness, will decrease confusion on whether such expenses are permissible, and eliminate the need to file an urgent legislative relief waiver, which are routinely approved.

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-41

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS -- INDIVIDUAL WORKOUT SESSIONS DURING AN INSTITUTIONAL VACATION PERIOD

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** To specify that, in individual sports, a coach may participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.6.1.1, as follows:

17.5.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6.8.1.1, as follows:

17.6.8.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7.6.1, as follows:

17.7.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by the Management Council. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

**17.7.6.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.6.1.1, as follows:

17.8.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.8.1.1, as follows:

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17.11.8.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12.6.1.1, as follows:

17.12.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15.6.1.1, as follows:

17.15.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18.6.1.1, as follows:

17.18.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**I. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21.7.1.1, as follows:

17.21.7.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.8.1.1, as follows:

17.22.8.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.7.1.1, as follows:

17.23.7.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**L. Bylaws:** Amend 17.24.6.1.1, as follows:

17.24.6.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**M. Bylaws:** Amend 17.27.7.1.1, as follows:

17.27.7.1.1 **Vacation Period and** Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during **any institutional vacation period and/or** the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

### **Additional Information:**

Currently, in individual sports, a coach may participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during the summer vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. This proposal will extend the same opportunity to coaches to work with a student-athlete during other institutional vacation periods. Many student-athletes may not be able to return home during a vacation period due to distance (e.g., international student-athletes), time or budget constraints. Such student-athletes may wish to use vacation periods for athletic improvement. Other

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student-athletes may simply wish to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with their coach. This proposal will allow a student-athlete in an individual sport the opportunity to request and receive additional instruction and guidance from their coach during a time when there are fewer demands on the student-athlete's time.

### **Review History:**

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# 2020 Noncontroversial Proposals

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-42

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- INSTITUTIONALLY CERTIFIED TOURS -- PER DIEM -- INCREASE FROM \$20 TO \$30

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** To increase, from \$20 to \$30, the amount of cash an institution may provide a student-athlete per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.29.1.9, as follows:

17.29.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete ~~\$20~~**\$30** cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided for each day of the tour, to a maximum of 21 days.

**Additional Information:**

Under current legislation, an institution may provide a student-athlete with \$20 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour. Increasing the value of the per diem creates consistency with the recent increases in other areas of the Division II legislation.

**Review History:**

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**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-43

**Title:** AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- MEDICAL EXPENSES -- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND RESOURCES

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Awards and Benefits

**Intent:** To require an institution to make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes through the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.4, as follows:

16.4 Medical Expenses. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete.

**16.4.1 Mental Health Services and Resources. An institution shall make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sport, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them.**

## **Additional Information:**

As mental health issues are increasingly prevalent among college students, including student-athletes, it is appropriate for conferences and institutions to make a concerted effort to strengthen any existing mental health education and resources already offered to their student-athlete populations. While institutions have generally taken steps to improve their mental health education and resources for the general student population, participation in college athletics can pose its own unique pressures and difficulties that require specialized attention. To that end, athletics departments can play a central role in the creation of an environment that wholly supports mental health wellness for their student-athletes. A commitment to provide mental health services and resources in a manner that is consistent with the current Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices guidelines will ensure that athletics departments make mental health care and treatment available to student-athletes in response to those unique pressures and difficulties. The proposal permits such services and resources to be made available through the institution's health services or counseling department, which mitigates additional financial or resource burden within the athletics department.

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2019: Recommends Approval - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 13, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Item.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 – Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition – Nonqualifier – Seasons of Competition.**
  - (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 (season of competition – nonqualifier).
  - (2) Effective date. August 1, 2019, for student-athletes enrolling in an NCAA Division II institution on or after August 1, 2019.
  - (3) Rationale. Current legislation stipulates that a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who has exhausted three seasons of competition at an NCAA Division I institution shall be eligible for a fourth season following a transfer to a Division II institution, provided the student-athlete has completed the Division I progress-toward-degree requirements to earn a fourth season of competition. Because such student-athletes must meet the Division I requirements, as well as the additional Division II requirements under Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception) for a student-athlete with only one season remaining, Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 (seasons of competition – nonqualifier) is unnecessary.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Degree-Completion Program Requirements – Number of Credit Hours Remaining for Completion of Undergraduate Degree.**
  - a. Recommendation. Increase the maximum number of credit hours that a student-athlete may have remaining to complete an undergraduate degree and be eligible for a degree-completion award from 32 semester hours (48 quarter hours) to 36 semester hours (54 quarter hours).
  - b. Effective Date. September 1, 2019.

- c. Rationale. At most institutions if a student-athlete is enrolled in 12 to 18 credit hours, the student-athlete would pay for full-time tuition. If a student enrolls in any additional credits, then the student-athlete pays for the additional credit hours. By increasing the maximum amount of credits that a student-athlete may have remaining to complete an undergraduate degree from 32 to 36 semester hours, the student could still complete his or her degree within two semesters without paying for any additional credit hours. This change would also increase the pool of nominees for the award.
- d. Estimated Budget Impact. None
- e. Student-Athlete Impact. Potentially more student-athletes would be able to qualify for the degree-completion award, without increasing the funding per recipient

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Referral from NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.** The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee considered a legislative referral recommended by the NCAA Division II Culture of Compliance Think Tank regarding whether Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 (seasons of competition – nonqualifier) should be eliminated. The committee agreed that the bylaw is unnecessary and recommended a noncontroversial legislative change. [See Legislative Action Item.]
2. **Review of May 2019 NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of the Division II Degree Completion Award Committee’s May 2019 meeting. The committee recommended that the Management Council increase the maximum number of credit hours that a student-athlete may have remaining to complete an undergraduate degree and be eligible for a degree-completion award from 32 semester hours (48 quarter hours) to 36 semester hours (54 quarter hours). [See Nonlegislative Action Item.]
3. **Discussion Regarding NCAA Division II Academic Performance Census Reporting.** Staff reviewed the committee’s discussion of Academic Performance Census reporting requirements during its February 2019 in-person meeting, during which committee members agreed to test on their campuses the concept of reporting data for all student-athletes, rather than only those who meet the current cohort definition. Staff informed the committee that technical requirements prohibit setting up different reporting criteria for a subset of Division II institutions. The committee agreed to seek feedback on the concept from colleagues over the summer and directed the staff to conduct a survey of NCAA Academic Portal users about the feasibility of reporting all student-athletes. The committee will review the feedback and survey results at its September 2019 in-person meeting.

4. **Update on Funding for Academic Advising Initiatives in Division II.** Staff reviewed the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee's April decision to allocate \$150,000 annually through the NCAA Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant program to support funding of new or enhanced academic advising positions on Division II campuses. The Planning and Finance Committee cited the desire to create a direct and lasting impact on campuses and agreed to monitor ongoing interest to determine if changes need to be made in the future.
5. **Update on Division II Education Initiatives.** Staff reviewed ongoing and future educational initiatives for Division II institutions related to rules compliance. Staff noted that one Regional Compliance Seminar will be held in the East region during the 2019-20 academic year, in addition to two NCAA Regional Rules Seminars.
6. **Update on NCAA Division II Culture of Compliance Review.** Staff reviewed legislation and initiatives that resulted from the Culture of Compliance Review, noting that while the review has concluded, themes discussed throughout the process will continue to be present in the legislative process.
7. **Update on ACT/SAT Validity Study.** Staff provided an update on the timetable for research related to use of the ACT and SAT in initial-eligibility scales. It is anticipated that the committee will review study results and potential options for using ACT/SAT scores in initial eligibility in summer or fall 2020.
8. **Update on Division I Academic Misconduct Interpretive Issues.** Staff provided an update regarding a Division I working group's review of academic misconduct legislation and interpretations. The committee will continue to receive updates and review any need for change in the future.
9. **Review of NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council April/May 2019 Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the April/May 2019 meetings of the Presidents Council and the Management Council.
10. **Review of February 2019 and March 2019 NCAA Academic Requirements Committee Reports.** The committee reviewed and approved the reports from its February 2019 in-person meeting and March 2019 teleconference.
11. **Review of 2019-20 Division II Two-Year College Transfer and Progress-Toward-Degree Waiver Directives.** The committee reviewed and approved the documents that outline the standards of review for two-year college transfer and progress-toward-degree waivers for the 2019-20 academic year.

12. **Review of 2019-20 Previously Approved Waiver Checklist.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2019-20 waiver checklist.
13. **Review of 2019-20 NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers' policies and procedures for the 2019-20 academic year.
14. **Update on NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Statistics for 2018-19.** The committee was provided an update on initial-eligibility waiver statistics for the 2018-19 academic year.
15. **Review of 2019-20 Division II Initial-Eligibility Waiver Directive.** The committee reviewed and approved the document that outlines the standards of review for initial-eligibility waivers for 2019-20.
16. **Review of 2019-20 NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers' policies and procedures for 2019-20.
17. **Review of Prospective Student-Athlete Review Statistics for 2018-19.** The committee was provided an update on prospective student-athlete review statistics for the 2018-19 academic year.
18. **Review of April 2019 NCAA Student Records Review Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the report of the Student Records Review Committee's April 2019 in-person meeting.
19. **Review of 2019-20 Student Records Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the Student Records Review Committee's policies and procedures for 2019-20.
20. **Review of April 2019 NCAA International Student Records Committee Report.** The committee reviewed the report of the International Student Records Committee's April 2019 teleconference.
21. **Review of 2019-20 International Student Records Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the International Student Records Committee's policies and procedures for 2019-20.
22. **Review of April 2019 NCAA High School Review Committee Reports.** The committee

reviewed the reports of the High School Review Committee's April 2019 videoconference and electronic vote.

**23. Review of 2019-20 High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the High School Review Committee's policies and procedures for 2019-20.

**24. Review of Committee Roster.** The committee appointed Timothy Briles, faculty athletics representative, Georgian Court University, to the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers and the Academic Interpretations Subcommittee, effective September 1, 2019. The committee appointed Tim Ladd, faculty athletics representative, Palm Beach Atlantic University, to the Academic Interpretations Subcommittee, effective September 1, 2019. The committee appointed Kelli Peterson, records manager, Cameron University, to the Student Records Review Committee and the Subcommittee on Initial-Eligibility Waivers, effective September 1, 2019.

**25. Future Scheduled Meetings.**

- a. September 12-13, 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- b. February 10-11, 2020; in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Committee Chair: Christina Whetsel, Augusta University*

*Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Markie Cook, Research*

*Gregg Summers, Research*

| <b>NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee<br/>June 13, 2019, Teleconference</b>                                |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Olivia Fought, Southern Arkansas University.   |  |
| Jennifer Heimstead, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.   |  |
| Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.  |  |
| Eric Schoh, Winona State University.   |  |
| Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College.  |  |
| Christina Whetsel, Augusta University, chair.  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |  |
| Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University.  |  |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.  |  |
| Travis Smith, University of Indianapolis.  |  |
| Jessica Swiney, King University.   |  |
| Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Susan Britsch, Markie Cook and Gregg Summers.  |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Emily Capehart, Allie Grady, Terri Steeb Gronau, Doug Healey, Maritza Jones, Sarah Overpeck, Zach Romash and Karen Wolf. |  |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
MAY 2, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed members to the call and reviewed the agenda.

**2. Recent committee reports.** The committee approved its April 4 teleconference report as submitted.

**3. Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) membership changes.** The committee reviewed and tabled a request from the MIAA to move Rogers State University and Newman University from the South Central Region to the Central Region for purposes of NCAA championship selection. The Championships Committee is requesting additional information from the MIAA and will evaluate the impact of such a move on sports with an access ratio model. The committee will reconsider the request in June.

**4. Other business.** Staff informed the committee of a memo regarding the bid timeline for the 2022-26 championship site selection campaign.

**5. Adjournment.** Ms. Willey adjourned the call at 2:20 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis*  
*Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances*  
*Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances*  
*Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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| <b>Division II Championships Committee<br/>May 2, 2019, Teleconference</b> |
| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.                       |
| Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.                                      |

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| Steve Card, Western Washington University.  |
| Mike Cerino, Limestone College.   |
| Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).            |
| Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Vice Chair). |
| Terri Holmes, Northern State University.  |
| Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.                                  |
| Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.   |
| Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University.                             |
| Tom Shirley, Thomas Jefferson University.   |
| Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.   |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |
| Mike Anderson, Gulf South Conference.   |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (Management Council Chair).              |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |
| None.   |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>  |
| Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.                                  |
| Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                                    |
| Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance.                                       |
| Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.                                       |
| Maritza Jones, Division II Governance.  |
| Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.   |





REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 26, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. 2020 NCAA Convention Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 17.19.3 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Soccer – First Date of Competition – Championship Segment – Exception – Division II National Championships Fall Festival.**

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2020 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Bylaw 17.19.3 (first date of competition – championship segment) to specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition in men’s and women’s soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation and due to recent changes in the soccer championship date formula, soccer loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the festival. The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches. The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason. This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II’s marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season. A similar proposal was previously adopted for women’s volleyball at the 2018 NCAA Convention.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The budget impact will vary for each institution.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will have more time to recover between matches.

**b. 2020 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 13.11.2 – Recruiting – Tryouts – Permissible Activities – Length of Tryout Activities – Golf.**

- (1) Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.11.2 (recruiting – tryouts) to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a golf prospective student-athlete from two hours to four hours.
- (2) Effective date. August 1, 2020.

- (3) Rationale. It takes approximately five hours to complete a round of golf, thus exceeding the two-hour maximum time limit on a tryout for a prospective golf student-athlete. Due to the unique nature of the sport, it is imperative that a coach be permitted to observe a prospective student-athlete for an entire round to effectively evaluate a prospect's ability to manage the mental and physical requirements of the sport. This change would permit prospective student-athletes to complete a round of golf during a tryout and would align the tryout legislation with other areas of the legislation - like the daily and weekly hour limits - for which golf has been provided extended time for activities due to the time required to complete a round.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Prospective student-athletes would have more time allotted to complete a full round of golf during a tryout.

**c. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 31.3.4.1 – Executive Regulations – Automatic Qualification – Requirements – Division Championship – Elimination of Two-Year Wait for Automatic Qualification.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 31.3.4.1 (requirements – division championship) to eliminate the requirement that an active Division II conference must conduct competition in the sport for two consecutive years at the time of its application for automatic qualification in that sport.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Under current legislation an active Division II conference must conduct competition in a sport for two years before gaining access to automatic qualification in that sport. This change will permit a current active Division II conference that adds a sport to gain access to automatic qualification in that sport without a two-year wait, provided it has at least six active members that sponsor the sport and six institutions that participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. This change does not impact the five-year wait for automatic qualification for a new Division II conference.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes and their teams will have access to automatic qualification without a two-year wait.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Alcohol sales at the 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship.**

- (1) Recommendation. Approve a waiver of Bylaw 31.1.13 (availability of alcoholic beverages) to permit alcohol sales at the Division II Men's Basketball Championship game in Atlanta as part of the joint championship with Divisions I and III.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. Division II recently adopted noncontroversial legislation (NC-2019-42) to permit alcohol sales at the Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship, which is played annually in conjunction with the Division I and III championships. Consistent with that approach, a waiver should be approved to permit the sale of alcohol during the 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship because it is being held in conjunction with Divisions I and III. The Divisions II and III championship games will be played in State Farm Arena (home of the Atlanta Hawks) and will have all the necessary security and provisions in place as for a home Hawks game. Additionally, approving a waiver will provide a consistent fan experience across the weekend with alcohol sales now being permitted at the Division I championship.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship format.**

- (1) Recommendation. Conduct the 2020 Division II Men's Elite Eight with four quarterfinal games on Thursday and two semifinal games on Saturday afternoon, with the two advancing teams moving on to Atlanta to compete in the championship game on Sunday afternoon of the Division I Men's Final Four weekend.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship only.
- (3) Rationale. The regionals and the Elite Eight would still be conducted within the current date formula; however, the championship game would be played a week later at the Division I Men's Final Four. This is the same format that was approved in 2013 when the championship was last held in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four. CBS Sports Network has indicated it could televise both semifinal games on Saturday afternoon.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.

- (5) Student-athlete impact. The quality of student-athlete experience for the Elite Eight under this format will not be compromised.

**c. Video review at men's basketball regionals.**

- (1) Recommendation. Require regional hosts for the men's basketball championship to provide video review for officials.
- (2) Effective date. 2020 championship.
- (3) Rationale. Requiring video review at each of the regional sites will enhance the integrity of the championship and is a reasonable expectation that is in the best interests of Division II men's basketball. Many sites already have the technology capable of handling this request, and many conferences already require video replay for their regular-season play and for their postseason tournaments.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. Hosts would absorb all costs associated with video replay as part of hosting a regional. Some institutions are already set up for replay and would incur no additional costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will benefit from the potential opportunity for increased accuracy related to officiating.

**d. Course length for minimum contest requirements in cross country.**

- (1) Recommendation. That for meets counting toward minimum contest requirements, the course be at least 4,000 meters for women and 6,000 meters for men.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. In 2018 the Division II Cross Country Committee established minimum course length requirements for championship selection of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men to ensure all institutions were being held to the same standard when seeking to become eligible for selection to the Division II Cross Country Championships. However, implementing these distances created unintended burdens for institutions because teams had to travel farther and spend additional funds to find enough contests to meet the requirements. After evaluating the feedback from Division II cross country coaches and administrators, the Cross Country Committee voted to scale back the minimum course length requirements to 4,000 meters for women and 6,000 meters for men, which will help alleviate the financial and travel burdens since many invitationals and races throughout the regular season are traditionally these distances. Additionally, keeping a minimum

distance requirement for championship selection upholds the original intent of the requirement, ensuring that teams will not be able to gain an advantage by running shorter distances. For championship qualification purposes, the Cross Country Committee will continue to use results only from meets that have a minimum distance of 5,000 meters for women and 7,000 meters for men. An institution may compete on a cross country course of any length for purposes of meeting minimum sports sponsorship requirements, but must satisfy the minimum distance requirements outlined above to be eligible for championship selection.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**e. Definition of an “A” team in cross country.**

(1) Recommendation. That an “A” team be defined as having at least five (instead of the current four) of the seven members that represent each institution at their NCAA Regional Cross Country Championships.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Changing the number of student-athletes that define an “A” team from four to five will ensure that the Cross Country Committee is considering the results of true “A” teams during the selection process.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**f. Late-season performance definition for cross country.**

(1) Recommendation. Revise the definition of late-season performance as follows:

*The committee will use data from meets starting with the date that is seven weeks (51 days) out from the NCAA Division II Regional Championships [except for a Fall Sports Festival year when it will be nine weeks (65 days)] and concluding after the culmination of the NCAA Division II Regional Championships.*

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Adding the last phrase of the definition “*and concluding after the culmination of the NCAA Division II Regional Championships*” allows the Division II Cross Country Regional meet results to be used in team comparisons for

selections. Based on the way this definition is currently written, those results are able to be used only to determine which teams should be considered for selections to the championship.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**g. Selection criteria requirements for women's rowing.**

- (1) Recommendation. Specify that institutions must meet the rowing required minimum contests (6) for sport sponsorship to be eligible to be selected to the Division II Women's Rowing Championships.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive).
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**h. Selection criteria requirements for men's and women's swimming and diving.**

- (1) Recommendation. Require institutions to meet the swimming and diving minimum contests (8) and participants (11) requirements for sport sponsorship to be eligible to be selected to the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive).

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**i. Sport sponsorship requirements for wrestling – referral to Division II Membership Committee.**

(1) Recommendation. Refer to the Division II Membership Committee the matter of whether the current sport sponsorship requirements for wrestling should be reduced from 12 events with seven participants to nine events with six participants.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The Championships Committee directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championship selection (the Division II Management Council also supported this directive). The committee analyzed all the individual/team sports and realized wrestling had one of the highest percentages of minimum contests numbers compared to the maximums. Accordingly, the wrestling committee believes its recommendation to lower the number will better align with the other sports. The wrestling committee reasoned that because nine is half the number of the maximum contests (which is roughly the average that most other individual/team sports are at) and because six participants is just over 50 percent participating (using a maximum dual of 10 weight classes as an example), the recommendation is appropriate. The wrestling committee is sensitive to making sure the sport is not hindered by any minimums, especially considering that sponsorship numbers are relatively low compared to other individual/team sports.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**j. Super region adjustments in wrestling.**

(1) Recommendation. Adjust the super region model to accommodate sponsorship changes (schools dropping and adding programs, along with schools transitioning to Division I). (See Attachment A.)

(2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.

- (3) Rationale. The recommendation keeps the number of institutions in each of the super regions as equal as possible and makes travel reasonable. With the potential addition of four sponsoring institutions (Fairmont State, Davis & Elkins, Lander and Mount Olive), LIU Post merging with LIU Brooklyn (a Division I institution), and Truman discontinuing sponsorship, an updated super region model is needed. This recommendation minimizes the number of adjustments from the previous model.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The adjustment continues to maintain a balance of teams as best as possible within each region.

**k. Date formula change in wrestling.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adjust the language in the date formula to allow the Division II Wrestling Championships to always be conducted the week before the Division I Wrestling Championships.
- (2) Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The current date formula in Division II defines a weekend as Friday through Saturday, while Division I defines it as Thursday through Saturday. Accordingly, there are years (most recently in 2019) in which the Division II championships occur two weeks before the Division I championship, making the qualifying tournaments for Division I the same weekend as the Division II championship. This presents a significant issue with securing officials because the best officials tend to work the Division I qualifying tournaments. This change does not impact the length of the season except when the calendar falls in a certain manner, which is only twice in the next 11 years.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**l. Sport and rules committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and playing rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2019. (See Attachment B.)

- **Women's basketball.** Appoint **Thomas Jesse**, head women's basketball coach, University of Tampa, to replace James Rice, head women's basketball coach, Benedict College, due to term expiration.



- **Men's lacrosse rules.** Appoint **Alex Smith**, head men's lacrosse coach, Saint Michael's College, to replace Vince Smith, head women's basketball coach, Colorado Mesa University, due to term expiration.
- **Women's lacrosse.** Appoint **Katrin Wolfe**, associate director of athletics, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Jesse Balcer, associate director of athletics, Chestnut Hill College, due to term expiration.
- **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** Appoint **Kirk Sanocki**, head men's and women's swimming coach, Wingate University, to replace Nancye Rahn, assistant director of athletics, King University, due to term expiration.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division II Championships Committee Chair Sue Willey welcomed new NCAA interns Ashley Beaton, Nikki Buchannan, Candice Martin and Ian Rewoldt, and reviewed the meeting schedule and key discussion items.
2. **Division II strategic plan.** Staff noted that the midterm assessment of the six-year plan has been completed and is now available online, along with supporting materials to help institutions and conferences align the division's goals and objectives within their own strategic planning efforts. Staff also noted that the Association's updated strategic plan should be completed this fall.
3. **Recent committee reports.** The committee approved its May teleconference report as presented.
4. **Budget update.** Staff reviewed game operations, team transportation and per diem expense for the 2018-19 championships and noted that several charges are still outstanding. Staff also reviewed the timeline for the next triennial budget cycle (2021-24).
5. **Division II National Championships Festival Working Group report.** The committee reviewed the working group's report and supported several recommendations (see Attachment C), including a request that the Division II Management Council sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention that adjusts the start date in soccer during fall festival years (see Action Item 1-a).
6. **Committee updates.**
  - a. **Membership Committee.** Staff updated the group on institutions in the membership process, as well as two additional institutions that have applied for membership (Frostburg State University and College of Staten Island). The Division II Membership Committee will review those applications in July. Staff also noted that the Membership Committee

has formally asked Division I to revisit its policy stating that an institution wishing to reclassify to Division I must spend five years as an active member in good standing in Division II. The Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee is considering the matter.

**b. Discussion regarding independent members and minimum contest requirements.**

The committee reviewed contest data for the six Division II independent members during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years and expressed concern about the low percentage of Division II opponents. Staff noted that the three Puerto Rico schools are in the second year of a five-year waiver for contest limits due to the impact of hurricane Maria two years ago, but the Championships Committee expressed significant concern about at least one other member. The Membership Committee also will discuss this matter further.

**c. Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed the panel's most recent reports and noted the following: 1) PROP's approval of moving the three-point line in men's basketball to the international distance beginning with the 2020-21 season in Divisions II and III (the 2019-20 season in Division I); 2) PROP's denial of a recommendation from the Men's and Women's Soccer Rules Committee to enforce a forfeiture policy; and 3) PROP's approval of a progressive penalty for targeting in football, as well as using the two-point conversion play beginning with the fifth overtime.

**7. Sport committee reports.**

**a. Men's basketball.** The committee supported recommendations regarding the 2020 championship that is being conducted in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four, as well as a recommendation to require regional hosts to provide video review for officials (see Action Items 2-a, 2-b and 2-c).

**b. Women's basketball.** The committee reviewed the report from the Division II Women's Basketball Committee's recent annual meeting as information only, though given the action the Championships Committee took to require regional hosts in men's basketball to provide video review for officials (see Action Item 2-c), the committee agreed to ask the Women's Basketball Committee to consider a similar recommendation.

**c. Men's and women's cross country.** The committee supported recommendations regarding minimum course length (see Action Item 2-d) and selection criteria (see Action Items 2-e and 2-f).

**d. Men's and women's golf.** The committee supported requesting the Division II Management Council to sponsor legislation for the 2020 Convention that would amend NCAA Bylaw 13.11.2 to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a golf prospective student-athlete to four hours (see Action Item 1-b).

- e. **Women's rowing.** The committee supported a recommendation regarding selection criteria requirements (see Action Item 2-g).
- f. **Men's and women's swimming and diving.** The committee supported a recommendation regarding selection criteria requirements (see Action Item 2-h).
- g. **Men's and women's track and field.** The committee was asked for input on discussions within the sport committee regarding potentially adding a to-be-determined number of regionals to the outdoor track and field championships, similar to the model in Division I. After weighing the pros and cons, Championships Committee members ultimately agreed not to support such a concept.
- h. **Women's volleyball.** The committee reviewed the report from the Division II Women's Volleyball Committee's recent teleconference as information only.
- i. **Wrestling.**
  - **Sport sponsorship requirements.** The committee supported referring a recommendation regarding sport sponsorship requirements to the Division II Membership Committee for review (see Action Item 2-i).
  - **Super region adjustments.** The committee supported super region adjustments to manage changes in sponsorship (see Action Item 2-j).
  - **Date formula change.** The committee supported changing the date formula so that the Division II Wrestling Championships will always be conducted the week before the Division I Wrestling Championships (see Action Item 2-k).
  - **Regional host sites.** The committee approved the following to host regionals in 2020 and 2021:

| 2020           | Host                           | Facility                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Super Region 4 | Fort Hays State University     | Gross Memorial Coliseum |
| 2021           | Host                           | Facility                |
| Super Region 1 | East Stroudsburg University    | Koehler Fieldhouse      |
| Super Region 2 | Emmanuel College               | Shaw Athletic Center    |
| Super Region 3 | Tiffin University              | Heminger Center         |
| Super Region 4 | University of Central Oklahoma | Hamilton Fieldhouse     |
| Super Region 5 | Northern State University      | Barnett Center          |
| Super Region 6 | Adams State University         | Plachy Hall             |

**8. Other discussion items.**

- a. **Winter championships recaps.** The committee reviewed reports from the 2019 spring championships.
- b. **Placement of Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association associate members.** The committee approved a request from the MIAA to move Newman University and Rogers State University, which the MIAA recently accepted as associate members, from the South Central region to the Central region in which the MIAA is located for selection purposes. However, due to the unique status of the two schools being associate members in every sport the MIAA sponsors, the Championships Committee asked the MIAA to update the committee regarding those schools' membership status next year.
- c. **Feedback on the appropriate number of teams to rank the week before selections.** The committee revisited an issue regarding whether the number of ranked teams prior to selections was causing confusion or issues when teams moved in the rankings from the third week to selections. Based on feedback from the Division II conference sports information directors, who did not feel this was an issue, the committee took no action. The committee will continue to explore ways to educate the membership on why movement can happen in the last few days prior to selections.
- d. **Championships bid timeline.** The committee reviewed the process and timeline for the 2022-2026 bid cycle, which will start in August. Bids are due in February 2020 and committees will deliberate over the spring/summer. Site announcements will be made in October 2020.

## 9. Automatic qualification items.

- a. **Penalty structure for late submission of AQ application forms.** The committee revisited an issue regarding the penalty structure for repeat offenders who turn in the AQ application form late. Currently, the fine structure is \$500 for the first offense and \$600 for repeat offenders. After discussion, the committee agreed to retain the \$500 fine for first offenders but add a letter of reprimand to the commissioner and the president/chair of the conference board. For repeat offenders (second offense and any thereafter), the fine would be \$2,500 along with the letter of reprimand.
- b. **Two-year waiting period for active conferences that add a sport.** The committee discussed instances in which an active conference adds a sport and recommended that the Division II Management Council sponsor noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the current two-year waiting period for automatic qualification rather than continually consider waivers of the policy (see Action Item 1-c).
- c. **Automatic Qualification requests for 2019-20 championships.** The committee approved AQ recommendations from sport committees for the 2019-20 championships (see Attachment D).

## 10. Staff updates.

- a. **Championships and alliances.** Staff updated the committee on relevant issues, including ramifications resulting from the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to allow state-by-state sports wagering, and the Board of Governors' decision to table discussions regarding the NCAA's potential involvement in esports.
- b. **Legal.** Staff updated the committee on current cases and other relevant issues.
- c. **Governance.**
  - **April 2019 summary of actions.** The committee reviewed reports from the most recent Management and Presidents Council meetings in April as information only.
  - **Championships analytics from Turner.** Staff summarized analytics for the editorial coverage for championships on NCAA.com and web stream metrics, as well as the success of announcing No. 1 seeds on social media prior to selection shows.
- d. **Coaches Connection.** Jill Willson from Double L Consulting updated the committee on the Division II Coaches Connection program, noting its continued success as a communication conduit that further engages coaches on issues and hot topics within their respective sport.
- e. **Community engagement.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the various community engagement initiatives that took place at the championship sites in 2018-19.
- f. **Division II University.** Staff presented an update on the DII U platform, noting that more than 12,000 users have registered, and more than 4,200 coaches already have completed the entire required coaches certification curricula. Additional courses are planned for countable athletically related activities (CARA) and voluntary activities (or what have come to be known as "voluntold" activities), as well as courses that help explain regionalization and championships selection processes and policies.

## 11. Other business.

- **Recruiting and educating site representatives.** Committee members asked staff to increase efforts to educate individuals who agree to serve as site representatives about the expectations of the task, including possibly developing DII U modules or webinars designed to provide instruction, as well as pursue avenues to attract additional qualified reps, such as contacting the commissioners association for potential candidates, and emphasizing the professional development aspect to influence those who are considering service to realize the benefits.

- **Chair appointment.** The committee voted to reappoint Sue Willey to another term as chair.
- **Outgoing committee members.** The committee recognized the outstanding contributions and service from outgoing members Mike Anderson, Pat Britz and Tom Shirley.

**12. Future meeting dates and sites.**

- a. September 10-11, 2019 (Indianapolis).
- b. February 19-20, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- c. June 24-25, 2020 (Indianapolis).
- d. September 9-11, 2020 (Indianapolis; includes meeting with sport committee chairs).

*Committee Chair: Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis*  
*Staff Liaisons: Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances*  
*Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances*  
*Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs*

| <b>Division II Championships Committee<br/>June 26, 2019, Meeting</b>             |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Michael Anderson, Gulf South Conference.  |  |
| Greg Bamberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania.                              |  |
| Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.   |  |
| Steve Card, Western Washington University.  |  |
| Mike Cerino, Limestone College.   |  |
| Grant Foley, Delta State University (Division II SAAC Representative).            |  |
| Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Management Council Vice Chair). |  |
| Terri Holmes, Northern State University.  |  |
| Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.                                  |  |
| Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University.   |  |
| Tom Shirley, Thomas Jefferson University.   |  |
| Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis.   |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (Management Council Chair).              |  |

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| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |
| Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.  |
| Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>  |
| Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.  |
| Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs.  |
| Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.  |
| Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>  |
| John Baldwin, Ashley Beaton, Eric Breece, Nikki Buchannan, Joni Comstock, Zandria Conyers, Morgan DeSpain, Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Liz Homrig, Kelsey Jones, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Candice Martin, Levida Maxwell, Jay Jay Rackley, Ian Rewoldt, Jennifer Roe, Marie Scovron, Stephanie Smith, Micki Spears, Liz Suscha, Ryan Tressel, and Donnie Wagner. |

2019-20 Division II Wrestling **Recommended** Super Region Model

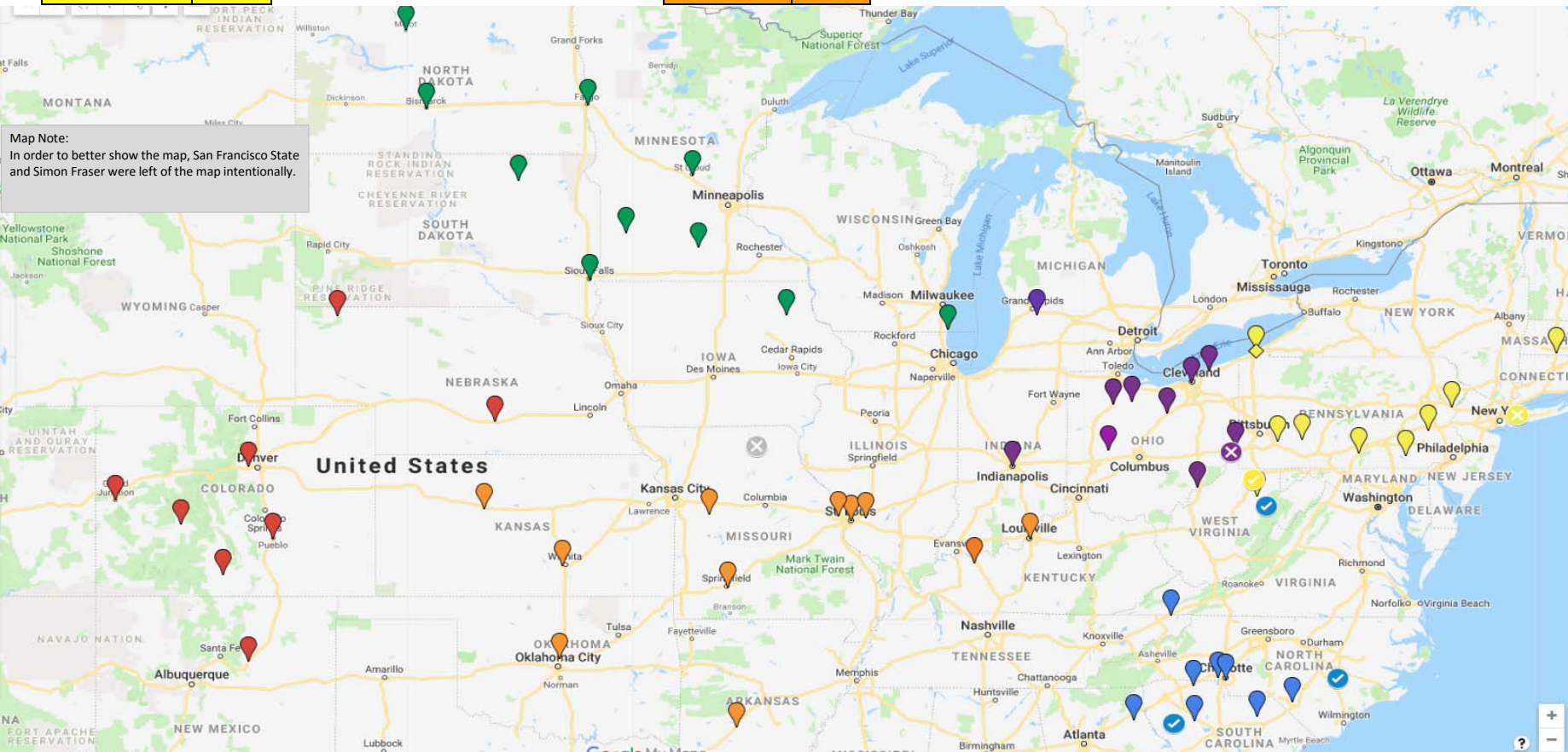
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| # of Teams | Super Region One<br>(Yellow on map) |            | Super Region Two<br>(Blue on map) |                  | Super Region Three<br>(Purple on map) |            | Super Region Four<br>(Orange on map) |           | Super Region Five<br>(Green on map) |            | Super Region Six<br>(Red on map) |           |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1          | American Int.                       | NEC 10 - E | Belmont Abbey                     | C. Carolinas- SE | Ashland                               | GLIAC - MW | Central Oklahoma                     | MIAA - C  | Augustana                           | NSIC - C   | Adams State                      | RMAC - SC |
| 2          | East Stroudsburg                    | PSAC - ATL | Coker                             | SAC - SE         | Indianapolis                          | GLVC - MW  | Central Missouri                     | MIAA - C  | Mary                                | NSIC - C   | Chadron State                    | RMAC - SC |
| 3          | Gannon                              | PSAC - ATL | Emmanuel College                  | C. Carolinas- SE | Findlay                               | GMAC - MW  | Drury                                | GLVC-MW   | Mankato                             | NSIC - C   | Colorado Mesa                    | RMAC - SC |
| 4          | Kutztown                            | PSAC - ATL | King                              | C. Carolinas- SE | Lake Erie                             | GMAC - MW  | Fort Hays State                      | MIAA - C  | Moorhead                            | NSIC - C   | Colorado Mines                   | RMAC - SC |
| 5          | Mercyhurst                          | PSAC - ATL | Limestone                         | C. Carolinas- SE | Notre Dame                            | MEC - ATL  | Kentucky Wesleyan                    | GMAC - MW | Minot State                         | NSIC - C   | CSU-Pueblo                       | RMAC - SC |
| 6          | Millersville                        | PSAC - ATL | Newberry                          | SAC - SE         | Tiffin                                | GMAC - MW  | Lindenwood                           | MIAA - C  | Northern State                      | NSIC - C   | New Mexico Highlands             | RMAC - SC |
| 7          | Pitt-Johnstown                      | PSAC - ATL | Queens                            | SAC - SE         | Urbana 18-19                          | MEC - ATL  | Maryville                            | GLVC - MW | Southwest MN                        | NSIC - C   | Western State                    | RMAC - SC |
| 8          | Seton Hill                          | PSAC - ATL | UNC-Pembroke                      | PBC - SE         | West Liberty                          | MEC - ATL  | McKendree                            | GLVC - MW | St. Cloud St.                       | NSIC - C   | San Francisco State              | RMAC - W  |
| 9          | Shippensburg                        | PSAC - ATL | Davis & Elkins                    | MEG - ATL        | Davenport 19-20                       | GLIAC - MW | Newman                               | MIAA - C  | Upper Iowa                          | NSIC - C   | Simon Fraser                     | GNAC - W  |
| 10         | Alderson Broaddus                   | GMAC - MW  | Mount Olive                       | C. Carolinas- SE | Wheeling Jesuit                       | MEC - ATL  | Ouachita Baptist                     | GAC - C   | UW-Parkside                         | GLIAC - MW | Nebraska-Kearney                 | MIAA - C  |
| 11         | Fairmont State                      | MEC - ATL  | Lander                            | PBC - SE         | Ohio Valley                           | GMAC - MW  | Bellarmine                           | GLVC-MW   |                                     |            |                                  |           |

**NOTE:**  
Institutions listed to the left are color coded in what their super region was last year (2018-19) to show how many teams are recommended to be adjusted. Bright green color indicates institutions newly sponsoring wrestling.

**Reclassifying to Division I**  
LIU-Post  
ECC - E

**No longer sponsoring**  
Truman State  
GLVC - MW







## **Division II National Championships Festival Working Group Recommendations – Division II Championships Committee Actions**

The Division II Championships Committee during its June 26 meeting supported the following recommendations/proposals:

### **Legislative action item:**

- Allow men's and women's soccer to start a week earlier in festival years. (See Action Item 1-a in the Championships Committee report.)

### **Legislative recommendations:**

- Ensure that no season is shortened due to participation in the festival.
- - Note: *Legislative action is required only if the start dates for practice or competition change in any sport. The festival working group only made a recommendation to the soccer playing a practice season.*
  - Move the spring festival back one week to align with the softball standard date formula (fourth Saturday in May—Memorial Day weekend).
    - Note: *Legislative action is required only if the start date for spring practice or competition changes. The Festival Working Group did not make any recommendations to change start dates for practice and competition*

### **Recommendations for NCAA staff, sport committee and Championships Committee implementation:**

- Make the opening ceremonies at all festivals mandatory.
- Move the opening ceremony for the winter festival to Thursday so that it aligns with the start of wrestling and indoor track and field, and adjust the swimming and diving competition schedule to accommodate this. (*The Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee will be asked to produce a schedule and logistics.*)
- Eliminate the closing ceremony for the winter festival.
- Conduct the men's and women's cross country championships on a different day during the fall festival rather than Saturday (e.g., Friday).
- Conduct a separate men's and women's basketball festival event in the "off" year of other festivals. (*The Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees will be asked to produce a schedule and other necessary logistics.*)
- Allow hotels to be farther from competition venues to ensure championship-caliber facilities.
- Allow exceptions for geographic proximity regarding hotels. If the best venue is farther out for a sport (likely golf, cross country and perhaps tennis), allow those teams to stay

closer to the venue and work to replicate the festival atmosphere as much as possible at that location.

- Develop a comprehensive festival app to include schedule of events, notifications, registration for ancillary events and to distribute the student-athlete survey.
- Create networking opportunities for administrators and coaches.
- Develop a more coordinated approach to recruitment of potential host cities (NCAA staff, sport committees, etc.).
- Develop an “At a Glance” guide for bidding and hosting a festival (one for each season) to be used in conjunction with the full bid specification documents.
- Consider sports with extremely specific facility requirements first when recruiting potential host cities (e.g., tennis with 24 courts).
- Sell an all-access pass for breakfast, opening/closing, etc., for extra team members not included in the official travel party.
- Schedule practice and games to allow teams to attend other championships when possible.
- Reallocate funds from breakfast to provide special offerings in the lounges (e.g., ice cream, milkshakes, smoothies).
- Select hotels within walking distance to restaurants and points of interest.
- For fall and spring closing ceremonies, ensure adequate time between the conclusion of the championships and the start of the closing ceremony to allow time for on-field celebrations and travel, or consider eliminating the closing ceremonies based on site- or season-specific circumstances.
- Discuss ways to incorporate other aspects of Olympic opening and closing ceremonies.
- Develop and share festival highlight videos leading up to the event targeting coaches.
- Provide team pictures (e.g., create a photo opportunity for all the national champions at the closing ceremony).
- Add re-fueling stations with nutritious snacks in lounges and locker rooms.
- Stream all games/events in the hotel lounges.
- Communicate ability to visit student-athlete lounge for all hotel issues that cannot be handled by the front-desk staff.
- Provide transportation for participating teams to other competition venues if the budget allows.



**NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE  
AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EARNED ACCESS FOR 2019-20**

**1. Baseball championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**2. Men's basketball championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

### **3. Women's basketball championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

### **4. Football championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 15 conferences receive earned access for the 2019-20 academic year: Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

### **5. Men's golf championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 22 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**6. Women's golf championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 19 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association, Conference Carolinas; Great American; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Conference; \*Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast – 10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**7. Men's soccer championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 18 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**8. Women's soccer championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 21 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**9. Softball championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**10. Men's tennis championships.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 15 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Conference Carolinas; \*East Coast Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Gulf South Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**11. Women's tennis championships.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 20 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

**12. Women's volleyball championship.**

- a. Recommendation. That the following 23 conferences be approved for automatic qualification for the 2019-20 academic year: California Collegiate Athletic Association; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Conference Carolinas; East Coast Conference; Great American Conference; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Great Midwest Athletic Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Mountain East Conference; Northeast-10 Conference; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference; Pacific West Conference; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; South Atlantic Conference; Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Sunshine State Conference.
- b. Effective date. September 1, 2019.
- c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.



**Note: “\*” indicates grace period.**



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II DEGREE-COMPLETION AWARD COMMITTEE  
MAY 17, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **Degree-Completion Program Requirements – Number of Credit Hours Remaining for Completion of Undergraduate Degree.**
  - a. **Recommendation.** Increase the maximum number of credit hours that a student-athlete may have remaining to complete an undergraduate degree and be eligible for a degree-completion award from 32 semester hours (48 quarter hours) to 36 semester hours (54 quarter hours).
  - b. **Effective Date.** September 1, 2019.
  - c. **Rationale.** At most institutions if a student-athlete is enrolled in 12 to 18 credit hours, the student-athlete would pay for full-time tuition. If a student enrolls in any additional credits, then the student-athlete pays for the additional credit hours. By increasing the maximum amount of credits that a student-athlete may have remaining to complete an undergraduate degree from 32 to 36 semester hours, the student could still complete his or her degree within two semesters without paying for any additional credit hours. This change would also increase the pool of nominees for the award.
  - d. **Estimated Budget Impact.** None
  - e. **Student-Athlete Impact.** Potentially more student-athletes would be able to qualify for the degree-completion award, without increasing the funding per recipient

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and Announcements.** The chair convened the teleconference and welcomed the committee and staff to the call.
- 2. March 5-6 Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee Meeting Report.** The committee approved the report from the March in-person meeting, as presented.

**3. 2020-21 Degree-Completion Award Program Changes.**

- a. Degree-Completion Award Program Website.** The committee approved the recommended changes to the Degree-Completion Award Program website and directed the staff to update the information on NCAA.org.
  - b. Application on Program Hub.** The committee approved the requested changes to the application and directed the staff to proceed with updating the information in Program Hub.
  - c. Application Information and Scoring Sheet.** The committee approved the recommended additions to the Application Information and Scoring Sheet.
  - d. Rubric.** The committee approved the changes to the rubric, as presented.
  - e. Timeline.** The committee approved recommended changes to the degree-completion timeline, including opening the 2020-21 application earlier (November 1, 2019). In addition, the committee discussed whether the deadline for applicants to accept, and for institutions to return completed paperwork for first-term award funds should remain April 15 and agreed to maintain the deadline. Further, the committee requested that if the applicant/institution have not completed the required paperwork by May 15, the funds should be awarded to alternates.
  - f. Forms Sent to Recipients and Nominators.** The committee reviewed the 2019-20 acceptance form, institution confirmation form and progress report form, and decided to not make any changes for these forms for 2020-21.
  - g. Paper Review vs. Online Review.** The committee discussed the possibility of moving from a paper review to an online review of forms for 2020-21. The committee agreed to explore reviewing the forms on a pdf packet for the 2020-21 applications. The committee would also consider reviewing forms in Program Hub in the future.
- 4. Update on 2019-20 Process.** The committee received an update on the 2019-20 award process. Staff noted that acceptance e-mails, alternates' e-mails and e-mails to individuals not chosen were sent March 13. The deadline for returning completed paperwork was April 15. As of May 17, one individual has declined the award and 16 applicants/institutions have yet to complete the required forms, so there are 69 applicants/institutions who have completed the requirements. Payments have been made to 53 institutions for awards granted.
- 5. Division II Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures.** The committee approved the Degree-Completion Award Program Policies and Procedures.

The committee requested that the staff look into possible options for deferment of the award for extenuating circumstances and bring back the options for discussion during its January in-person meeting.

6. **Other Business.** The committee was informed that its primary liaison, Ellen Summers, will begin to transition her responsibilities after the 2019-20 class to Markie Cook, assistant director of research. The committee thanked Ellen for her work throughout the years on this program.
7. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meetings.

*Committee Chair: Eileen McDonough, Barry University*  
*Staff Liaison: Ellen Summers, Research*

| <b>NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Committee<br/>May 17, 2019, Teleconference</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Jud Damon, Flagler College.  |  |
| David Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.  |  |
| Tim Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University.  |  |
| Eileen McDonough, Barry University.  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |  |
| Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University.                                    |  |
| Travis Smith, University of Indianapolis.  |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaison:</b>   |  |
| Ellen Summers.   |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Markie Cook and Maritza Jones.   |  |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 20, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

**a. 2020 NCAA Convention Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.1 -- Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility -- Minimum Amount of Competition -- Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution – Exception for Division III Transfers.**

- (1) Recommendation. Amend the 2020 Convention proposed legislation recommendation regarding transfers from a non-Division II institution to establish an exception for a transfer student-athlete from Division III to specify that a Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for a student-athlete who transfers to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year, and thereafter.
- (3) Rationale. Current Division II legislation requires institutions to re-assess a transfer student-athlete's participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the Legislation Committee recommended that a transfer student-athlete's participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules applicable to them at the time when the competition occurred. However, an exception should be established for a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation for practice under Division III legislation to allow that individual to transfer and not be charged with use of those seasons in Division II. This maintains the current application for Division III transfers to Division II.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. A Division III transfer student-athlete who was charged a season of participation for practice only in Division III would not be charged with use of a season of competition in Division II upon transfer.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Various Bylaws -- Eliminate Requirements to Report and Keep on File.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate requirements to report certain information to the NCAA; further, to specify that certain documents and forms shall be kept on file and shall be made available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation requires certain information to be kept on file with a member institution as well as report certain information to the NCAA. Eliminating these requirements and requiring an institution to keep certain documents and forms on file and make them available for examination upon request will provide Division II institutions with the flexibility to create appropriate and consistent policies regarding their adherence to NCAA legislation. Importantly, removing documentation requirements does not absolve an institution from adhering to the legislation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**c. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.1.7.2 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites -- Practice or Competition Site -- Contact After Competition.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (practice or competition site) to eliminate restrictions related to contact with a prospective student-athlete involved in competition such that contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released from the competition by the appropriate authority, as specified.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation prohibits an institution's coach from having on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete when the prospective student-athlete is "on call" for competition, including when he or she is competing on the institution's campus or in the locale of the institution. The legislation also prohibits a prospective student-athlete from

visiting an institution's campus during a road trip with his or her team. The legislation is more restrictive for a prospective student-athlete who travels with a team as a formal team activity (e.g., with other teammates and coaches), as opposed to a prospective student-athlete who travels to competitions and stays with his or her parents or legal guardians. This proposal is intended to permit a prospective student-athlete to visit an institution's campus or have contact with coaches, either with a team or individually, when he or she is not involved in competition-related activities. Such visits or contacts will not be permissible unless the appropriate team authority has released the prospective student-athlete following competition. This proposal maintains the prohibition on contact before competition, which allows the prospective student-athlete to focus on competition-related activities.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. Potential reduction in recruiting costs.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**d. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.15 -- Precollege Expenses -- Reorganization.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to reorganize Bylaw 13.15 (precollege expenses), as specified.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. Following the 2016 NCAA Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the precollege expenses legislation.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**e. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.10 -- Playing and Practice Seasons - - Football -- Preseason Practice -- Five-Day Acclimatization Period -- Use of Footballs.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 17.10.2.3 (five-day acclimatization period) to permit the use of

footballs during walk-throughs during the five-day acclimatization period.  
[See Attachment]

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. This proposal aligns the five-day acclimatization period with the legislation governing Bylaw 17.10.2.4 (preseason activities after five-day acclimatization period), which permits the use of footballs during walk-throughs. Allowing footballs during walk-throughs is not contrary to the Interassociation Consensus Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations and is supported by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Further, this proposal will establish one standard for the entirety of the preseason practice period. Division I adopted similar legislation in January 2019.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

## 2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review of Feedback from the NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association Regulatory Advisory Group Regarding Private Lessons.** The committee reviewed feedback from the Division II Athletics Directors Association Regulatory Advisory Group as well as previous feedback from the Division II Coaches Connection groups and the National Association of Athletics Compliance regarding the current private lessons legislation. Due to the varying feedback, the committee determined a legislative change was not necessary at this time.
2. **Division II University Update.**
  - a. **Update on 2019-20 Coaches Certification Curriculum.** The committee received an update on the six required courses for the 2019-20 coaches certification. As of the date of the committee's teleconference, more than 10,000 Division II users have been enrolled in the required curriculum and almost 4,000 users have successfully completed all six courses.



- b. Discussion Regarding Required Curriculum Policies and Procedures.** The committee discussed the policies and procedures for the 2019-20 required curriculum. The committee noted that the feedback on the modules has been generally positive and the curriculum has been well received, especially in comparison to the previous coaches' test. The committee will review data pertaining to the five-question quiz at the end of each module at the November 2019 in-person meeting. The committee also discussed a recommendation from the Great Northwest Athletic Conference to require student-athletes to complete modules in Division II University on an annual basis. The committee noted that the concept was not feasible to implement at this time due to system challenges as well as additional burden on institutional compliance administrators. The committee acknowledged the merit of expanding educational offerings to groups other than coaches in the future and that the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee should be involved in any discussions related to required student-athlete education.
- c. Update on Courses in Development and Identification of Future Courses.** The committee received an update on the status of the courses in development (affirmation of compliance for presidents and chancellors and directors of athletics; championships and regionalization; and countable athletically related activities/voluntary athletically related activities).
- 3. Update on Academic-Related Issues.** The committee was provided an update from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee, which recommended noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 (seasons of competition – nonqualifier). Additionally, staff confirmed the necessity for early academic qualifiers to submit final transcripts to ensure the division has comprehensive and accurate data on the academic records of incoming student-athletes should a future review of initial eligibility requirements be necessary.
- 4. Review of Feedback from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on Proposal No. 2019-6 and Application to Student-Athletes Who Have Exhausted Eligibility.** The committee discussed the application of 2019 NCAA Proposal No. 2019-6 (recruiting -- sports camps and clinics -- institution's sports camps and clinics -- definition -- football and basketball -- elimination of timing restrictions -- prohibition of student-athlete employment at institutional camps and clinics during the legislated winter break) to student-athletes who have exhausted eligibility during the fall term. The committee agreed to issue an official interpretation to clarify that it is permissible for a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in the fall term to be employed at an institutional camp or clinic during the legislated winter break, as follows:

Exhausted Eligibility Student-Athlete Employment at an Institutional Camp or Clinic During the Winter Break (II).

The Legislation Committee confirmed that a student-athlete who exhausted eligibility during the fall term may be employed at an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break immediately following the term.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 13.12.2.2.1 (exception - winter break) and 17.02.18 (winter break)]

5. **Review of Feedback on Football-Related Issues.** The committee reviewed feedback from the NCAA Division II Football Committee, Division II Football Coaches Connection and NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports related to two football issues: (1) whether use of footballs should be permitted during walk-throughs during the five-day acclimatization period; and (2) whether football teams should be required to provide two days off per week during the spring practice period. The committee agreed to recommend a noncontroversial legislative change to permit use of footballs during walk-throughs during the five-date acclimatization period, noting the support of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports [See Legislative Action Item No. 1e]. The committee did not recommend requiring two days off during the spring practice period. Due to the adoption of Proposal No. 2019-8 (playing and practice seasons -- football -- out-of-season athletically related activities -- spring practice -- 36-consecutive calendar days), which expanded the window in which the 15 permissible practice dates can occur, such a change was not necessary at this time.
6. **2020 Convention Membership-Sponsored Proposal Update.** The committee received an update on potential membership-sponsored proposals for the 2020 Convention. The committee agreed to review the proposals submitted by the membership and make recommendations for referrals to the governance structure via email.
7. **Approval of the March 11-12, 2019, Legislation Committee In-Person Meeting Report.** The committee reviewed and approved its March 11-12, 2019, in-person meeting report.
8. **Review of the April 15, 2019, Interpretations Subcommittee of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the April 15, 2019, Interpretations Subcommittee teleconference report.
9. **Review of the May 6, 2019, Legislative Review Subcommittee Teleconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the May 6, 2019, Legislative Review Subcommittee teleconference report. The committee approved the subcommittee's recommendation for sponsorship of three noncontroversial proposals [see Legislative Action Item No. 1b through 1d]. The committee noted feedback from the Division II Volleyball Coaches Connection supporting the legislative concept regarding contact at the site of competition.

- 10. Review of the April/May 2019 Presidents Council and Management Council Summary of Actions.** The committee received an update on the actions taken at the April/May 2019 Presidents Council and Management Council quarterly meetings.
- 11. Subcommittee Appointments.** The committee appointed Carlin Chesick, associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Brian Summers, director of athletics, Christian Brothers University, and the replacement for Brent Heaberlin to the Interpretations Subcommittee, effective August 1, 2019. The committee appointed Scott Young, senior associate athletics director for compliance, University of Indianapolis, to chair the Interpretations Subcommittee effective August 1, 2019. The committee appointed Jason Stock, associate director of athletics, compliance California State University, San Marcos, to the Legislative Review Subcommittee, effective August 1, 2019.
- 12. Recognition of Outgoing Members.** The committee recognized the service of three outgoing members: Molly Belden, associate commissioner for compliance, Northeast-10 Conference; Peggy Davis, director of athletics, Virginia State University; and Chris Gregor, senior compliance administrator, Saint Martin's University.
- 13. Future Meeting Dates.**
  - a. November 4-5, 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - b. March 9-10, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - c. June 22-23, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

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

*Staff Liaison(s): Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Geoff Bentzel, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*

| <b>NCAA Division II Legislation Committee<br/>June 20, 2019, Teleconference</b>   |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference.  |  |
| Peggy Davis, Virginia State University.   |  |
| Chris Gregor, Saint Martin's University.  |  |
| Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference.   |  |
| Scott Larson, Lubbock Christian University.                                       |  |
| David Marsh, Northwood University.  |  |
| Darnell Smith, University of Central Oklahoma.                                    |  |
| Keith Vitense, Cameron University.  |  |
| Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University.                          |  |
| Scott Young, University of Indianapolis.  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.   |  |
| Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (Michigan).                             |  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| None.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| Geoff Bentzel, Chelsea Hooks and Karen Wolf.                                      |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                                    |  |
| Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Rachel Stark-Mason . |  |

**Division:** II

**Proposal Number:** NC-2020-45

**Title:** PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- USE OF FOOTBALLS

**Convention Year:** 2020

**Date Submitted:** June 19, 2019

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

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

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Intent:** To permit the use of footballs during walk-throughs during the five-day acclimatization period.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.10, as follows:

17.10 Football.

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Preseason Practice.

[17.10.2.1 through 17.10.2.2 unchanged.]

17.10.2.3 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.3-(a) through 17.10.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

- (1) Exception -- During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., ~~footballs~~, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. **However, footballs may be used.** Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weightlifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.10.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

[17.10.2.3.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2.4 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.4-(a) through 17.10.2.4-(b) unchanged.]

17.10.2.4.1 Exception -- "Walk-Through." During the preseason practice period, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.10.2.4, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. ~~Following the five-day acclimatization period, an~~ **An** institution may use ~~a~~ footballs during a walk-through. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour. Further, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the on-field practice and the walk-through. During this recovery time, student-athletes may not engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent in film review, team meetings, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.10.2.4.2 unchanged.]

[17.10.3 through 17.10.9 unchanged.]

**Review History:**

Jun 20, 2019: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

**Additional Information:**

This proposal aligns the five-day acclimatization period with the legislation governing Bylaw 17.10.2.4 (preseason activities after five-day acclimatization period), which permits the use of footballs during walk-throughs. Allowing footballs during walk-throughs is not contrary to the Interassociation Consensus Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations and is supported by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Further, this proposal will establish one standard for the entirety of the preseason practice period. Division I adopted similar legislation in January 2019.

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REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
APRIL 10, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Presentation from vendor regarding the progress of institution in year three of the provisional process.** The committee received a vendor presentation regarding a visit conducted in spring 2019 to an institution in year three of the membership process. The following institution was discussed:

- Biola University.

2. **Preliminary discussions regarding applicant institutions.** The committee had preliminary discussions regarding the membership applications submitted by the following institutions in the 2018-19 academic year:

- a. College of Staten Island; and
- b. Frostburg State University.

[NOTE: Robert Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from both discussions.]

3. **Discussion regarding for-profit institution review process.** The committee reviewed and approved the for-profit institution reporting form, as presented. The status of for-profit institutions will be reviewed every two years beginning in the 2019-20 academic year.

4. **Approval of February 2019 teleconference report to the NCAA Division II Management Council.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 2019 teleconference meeting report, as presented.

5. **Future meeting and teleconference dates.**

- a. July 9-11, 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- b. September 2019, teleconference; to be determined.
- c. November 11-12, 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- d. February 11-12, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis, Indiana.

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*Committee Chair: Leslie Schuemann, Heartland Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*

| <b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee<br/>April 10, 2019, Teleconference</b> |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |
| Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.                                     |
| Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.  |
| Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.                                      |
| Larry Marfise, University of Tampa.   |
| Margaret Poitevint, University of North Georgia.                                |
| Jim Sarra, University of Illinois at Springfield.                               |
| Chris Snyder, Seton Hill University.  |
| Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.                                      |
| Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).                   |
| Natasha Wilson, Johnson C. Smith University.                                    |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |
| Leslie Schuemann, Heartland Conference; and Robert Wyatt, Coker College.        |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |
| Jill Willson, Double L Consulting.  |
| <b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>   |
| Michael Bazemore, Amanda Conklin and Angela Red.                                |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                                  |
| Stephanie Smith.  |





REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 9-10, 2019, IN-PERSON MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Constitution 3.3.5.4, 3.3.5.5, 3.4.5.6, 3.4.5.7, 3.5.5.3 and 3.5.5.4 – Active Membership – Loss of Active Membership – Reinstatement of a Terminated or Suspended Member – Elimination of Constitutional Provisions.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate NCAA Division II Constitution 3.3.5.4, 3.4.5.6 and 3.5.5.3 (reinstatement of terminated member) and Constitution 3.3.5.5, 3.4.5.7 and 3.5.5.4 (reinstatement of suspended member).

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The constitutional references to the process for reinstatement of a terminated or suspended member have been in place since prior to federation. Since that time, the Division II membership and the Membership Committee have developed clear legislation and robust policies and procedures to address situations where an active Division II institution fails to meet established membership requirements. It is appropriate to eliminate the specific legislative references regarding the process for reinstatement of a terminated or suspended member because alternate and more streamlined processes for addressing such issues are clearly established elsewhere in the legislation.

Current legislation clearly indicates that the Membership Committee has the authority to address membership issues (e.g., accreditation, minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid requirements) and review waiver requests related to minimum requirements for membership. In addition, the legislation specifies that the NCAA Division II Management Council has the authority to act on an institution or conference's appeal of a Membership Committee decision.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**1. Review of annual reports from institutions in the membership process.** The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed the annual reports submitted by the six institutions in the membership process. The committee agreed to the following actions:

**a. Approve the applications of the following institutions to enter provisional year one, effective September 1, 2019:**

(1) College of Staten Island; and

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.]

(2) Frostburg State University.

[NOTE: Bob Dranoff, commissioner, East Coast Conference, and Leslie Schuemann, senior associate commissioner, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, recused themselves from discussion and voting on this item.]

**b. Move the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2019:**

(1) Auburn University at Montgomery;

(2) Biola University;

[NOTE: Barbara Hannum, faculty athletics representative, Hawaii Pacific University, recused herself from discussion and voting on this item.]

(3) Davenport University; and

(4) Purdue University Northwest.

**c. Move the following institution to provisional year two, effective September 1, 2019:**

• University of Texas at Tyler.

[NOTE: Leslie Schuemann, senior associate commissioner, Great Midwest Athletic Conference recused herself from discussion and voting on this item.]

**d. Move the following institution to provisional year two of the Division I to Division II reclassification process, effective September 1, 2019:**

- Savannah State University.

In advancing Savannah State University to year two of the provisional process, the Membership Committee noted significant concerns related to the institution's compliance program, the institution's recent major infractions case and probationary status with NCAA Division I, and its overall readiness to be an active Division II institution. Institutions in provisional year two must satisfy more rigorous requirements with increased expectations. Provisional year two includes a requirement to apply all Division II legislation, a compliance review and continued demonstration of presidential leadership and involvement.

In addition to satisfying the standard requirements of provisional year two, the Membership Committee imposed additional requirements and noted that the institution may be required to repeat year two if the requirements are not satisfied and significant progress is not made.

The committee noted that conference office staff plays a critical role in providing support to institutions during the transition process and should actively engage with the institution during the next academic year to support its success during the transition.

The Membership Committee specifically noted that the institution must comply with the following additional requirements in provisional year two:

1. Prioritize NCAA Division II rules education for coaches, athletics staff and individuals involved in eligibility certification (e.g., admissions, financial aid and registrar) during the 2019-20 academic year by establishing and implementing a comprehensive rules education plan.
2. Extend an invitation to conference office staff members to attend the required provisional year two compliance blueprint review in fall 2019, the spring 2020 campus visit and the 2020 NCAA Convention membership meeting.
3. By August 21, 2019, provide a report to the Membership Committee outlining the institution's plan for addressing the additional requirements outlined in this report.
4. By September 15, 2019, the institution's interim president must participate in a call with the Membership Committee's presidential representative to discuss the committee's expectations of the institution in provisional year

two.

5. By January 15, 2020, provide the following for review at the February 2020 Membership Committee meeting:
    - a. Update all policies and procedures manuals to reflect NCAA Division II rules;
    - b. Provide an update on the institution's progress with initiatives identified in its strategic plan for the athletics program; and
    - c. Submit an update on the institution's progress on recommendations from the fall 2019 compliance blueprint review.
  6. During the 2019-20 academic year, the institution's athletics director, senior woman administrator, compliance staff, registrar and financial aid liaison must participate in a campus visit to an active Division II institution selected by the Membership Committee.
  7. In spring 2020, a Membership Committee representative, vendor and NCAA staff will conduct a campus visit to evaluate the institution's progress on all recommendations.
2. **Review of Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO) use by provisional institutions.** The committee received an update on the usage of RSRO by provisional institutions during the 2018-19 academic year.
  3. **Review of updated application and annual report changes based on vendor recommendations.** The committee reviewed vendor recommendations related to enhancements to the Division II membership applications and annual reports. The committee provided edits and requested that staff provide an updated version of the applications and annual reports for review on the committee's September 2019 teleconference.
  4. **Discuss Division I reclassification provisional year two annual report.** The committee discussed the format and content for the newly developed provisional year two annual report for institutions reclassifying from Division I to Division II. The committee determined that the annual report required in provisional year three for institutions reclassifying from NCAA Division III or the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) would be appropriate for institutions in year two of the reclassification process from Division I. The committee requested that staff provide an updated version of the annual report for review on the committee's September 2019 teleconference.

- 5. Discuss educational approach for institutions in the membership process.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated approach to providing education to institutions in the membership process. The plan calls for a more strategic approach to the sharing of information with institutions as they move through the membership process. The committee noted that both head coaches and core athletics administrators should be required to complete Division II University courses on the championship selection process in provisional year one. The staff will begin implementing the newly approved plan in fall 2019.
- 6. NCAA Division II Institutional Self Study Guide (ISSG) class assignments for institutions approved for active membership as of September 1, 2019.** The committee assigned the following institutions to ISSG Class 3, noting that for Class 3, the ISSG submission deadline is 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2023:

  - a. Auburn University at Montgomery;
  - b. Biola University;
  - c. Davenport University; and
  - d. Purdue University Northwest.
- 7. Review of ISSG Class 5.** The committee reviewed the list of institutions in ISSG Class 5. The institutions must complete the ISSG by 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2020.
- 8. Discussion regarding the committee's authority to conduct ISSG audits.** The committee discussed its legislative authority to conduct audits of an institution's ISSG. The committee directed staff to complete audits of 10 percent of ISSG Class 4 (approximately six institutions) in fall 2019 to verify that institutions have completed the ISSG process. The committee will review the results of the audit on its September 2019 teleconference. In addition, the committee recommended that the Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council engage in discussion as to whether the division should explore a more comprehensive ISSG audit process that evaluates the quality of responses and provides more in-depth audit recommendations to active member institutions.
- 9. Discussion regarding the compliance blueprint program, the performance of vendors during the 2018-19 academic year and the process for 2019-20.** The committee discussed the performance of vendors for the compliance blueprint program during the 2018-19 academic year. Staff noted that as of early July, 10 of the 16 available compliance blueprints are filled for the 2019-20 academic year.
- 10. Discussion regarding independent members and minimum contest requirements.** The committee reviewed data regarding the number of Division II opponents that independent members competed against during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years. The

committee noted a concern about the low number of Division II opponents that one independent institution has competed against during that time period. The committee directed staff to set up a teleconference with the institution to gather additional information about the institution's scheduling efforts.

- 11. Update regarding minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in wrestling.** The committee received an update on recent discussions related to sports-sponsorship minimums in wrestling. The Management Council and NCAA Division II Championships Committee recently directed sport committees that had championship selection minimums that were not as rigorous as sponsorship requirements for that sport to review and amend championship selection minimums so that only teams that meet minimum sponsorship requirements (Bylaw 20) are eligible for individual or team championships. The NCAA Division II Wrestling Committee and Championships Committee analyzed all the individual/team sports and realized wrestling had one of the highest percentages of minimum sports sponsorship contest numbers compared to the Bylaw 17 maximums. Accordingly, the Wrestling Committee believes its recommendation to lower the minimum number of contests and required participants will better align with the other sports. The Membership Committee agreed to collect additional feedback from the wrestling community this fall for further discussion at its November 2019 in-person meeting.
- 12. Discussion regarding the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics recruiting efforts to active Division II institutions.** The committee received an update on recent efforts by the NAIA to recruit NCAA Division II institutions. The committee will continue to track on any future NAIA recruitment efforts.
- 13. Discussion regarding affiliate membership process.** NCAA staff provided an update on the NCAA Board of Governors' directive that all three divisions pursue a legislative change to eliminate the affiliate membership category. Staff noted that the Division II Management Council will review that legislative recommendation at its July 2019 in-person meeting.
- 14. Discussion of current member institution closures, mergers and consolidations.** The committee received an update on member institutions and conferences that have recently closed or merged/consolidated with other institutions or conferences. Staff provided information on the following institutions and conferences: (1) Heartland and Lone Star Conferences – all but two members of the Heartland Conference has merged and become members of the Lone Star Conference for the 2019-20 academic year; and (2) Urbana University – the committee reviewed the annual report the institution was required to provide as a condition of its receipt of a waiver of the membership process following its merger with Franklin University. The committee accepted the institution's report and noted that the institution has successfully satisfied all the conditions of its waiver approval.
- 15. Review of the progress reports from Puerto Rico institutions.** In November 2017, the committee approved a five-year waiver of membership requirements for institutions in Puerto Rico following devastating hurricanes. The committee reviewed progress reports

from University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon; University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez; and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. The institution's next annual reports are due June 1, 2020.

- 16. Membership Trends.** The committee received an update regarding on-going discussions about membership issues impacting multiple divisions. Staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee's discussions about the requirement that a school be a member of Division II before making application to Division I. In addition, staff provided an update on the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee discussions about permitting a Division I institution that transitions to Division II to retain one or more program(s) at the Division I level. Finally, staff noted that the Division I Board is likely to discuss whether international members of Division II should be permitted to participate in the Division I ice hockey championship.
- 17. Review of Membership Committee policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved an updated version of the membership committee policies and procedures for the 2019-20 academic year. The committee requested that the policies and procedures be amended to clarify that the minimum standards for application shall apply throughout the membership process. The change in policies and procedures would be applicable to all institutions entering the membership process September 1, 2019, and thereafter.
- 18. Update on sports sponsorship and financial aid audits for the 2018-19 academic year.** The committee was provided an update on the anticipated number of institutions that were selected for sports sponsorship and/or financial aid audits for the 2018-19 academic year. The committee will receive a report regarding audit findings during its September teleconference.
- 19. Update regarding institutions seeking reclassification from Division II to Division I.** Staff provided an update on active Division II institutions applying for reclassification of all sports to Division I. The committee discussed the reclassification timeline of Bellarmine University, Dixie State University, Merrimack College and the University of California, San Diego. The committee noted that Augustana University (South Dakota) publicly announced its intent to pursue Division I membership but has not yet announced a timeline for that transition.
- 20. Discussion regarding Regional Compliance Seminars.** The committee received an update regarding the 2018-19 NCAA Regional Compliance and NCAA Regional Rules Seminars. The committee also reviewed the 2019-20 schedule noting that one regional compliance seminar will be conducted in addition to the two regional rules seminars.
- 21. Division II Educational Strategic Plan.** The committee received an update on the Division II educational strategic plan and progress on the initiatives included in the plan.

22. **Update on Division II University.** The committee received an update regarding usage of Division II University and the release of new courses in the summer of 2019.
23. **Approval of the Membership Committee April 10, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the April 10, 2019, teleconference.
24. **Review of the April 2019 Management Council and Presidents Council summary of actions.** Staff provided an update on the summary of actions from the Management Council and Presidents Council April/May 2019 meetings, including a summary of proposals that have been approved in concept by the Management Council and Presidents Council for the 2020 NCAA Convention.
25. **Update from the NCAA Board of Governors.** The committee received an update regarding recent initiatives and actions by the Board of Governors. Specifically, the committee was updated on the orientation process for the new independent members of the Board of Governors, the formation of the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Legislative Working Group, and the Board of Governors' decision to table further discussion about future NCAA involvement with esports.
26. **Election of Division II Membership Committee chair and vice chair.** The committee elected Jackson Stava, director of athletics, Seattle Pacific University, as chair; Natalie Cullen, senior associate athletic director, Pittsburg State University, was elected vice chair.
27. **Future meeting/teleconference schedule.**
  - a. September 6, 2019; teleconference.
  - b. November 11-12, 2019, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - c. February 11-12, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
  - d. April 2020 teleconference, TBD.
  - e. July 8-9, 2020, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

*Committee Chair: Leslie Schuemann, Great Midwest Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Mike Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs*



| <b>NCAA Division II Membership Committee<br/>July 9-10, 2019, In-Person Meeting</b>  |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Natalie Cullen, Pittsburg State University.  |  |
| Bob Dranoff, East Coast Conference.  |  |
| Barbara Hannum, Hawaii Pacific University.   |  |
| Larry Marfise, University of Tampa (via teleconference).   |  |
| Margaret Poitevint, University of North Georgia.   |  |
| Leslie Schuemann, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.   |  |
| Chris Snyder, Seton Hill University.   |  |
| Jackson Stava, Seattle Pacific University.   |  |
| Robert L. Wyatt, Coker University.   |  |
| Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski, Wilmington University (Delaware).  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |  |
| None.  |  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Amy Mallett.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| Michael Bazemore, Amanda Conklin and Angela Red.   |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Ashley Beaton, Susan Britsch, Dana Conner, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Jordan Lysiak, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Rachel Stark Mason. |  |



EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee (one immediate vacancy). [Attachment A]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Cheryl Lovell**, president, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The committee forwards Ms. Lovell as its only recommendation as she was the only nominee after multiple postings. She is a former tenured, full professor and has extensive experience with academic review, accreditation and assessment.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**b. NCAA Division II Nominating Committee (one September 2019 vacancy – Southeast region). [Attachment B]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Colleen Cannon**, assistant athletic director for compliance, Queens University of Charlotte, South Atlantic Conference; or Patrick Britz, commissioner, South Atlantic Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The committee forwards Ms. Cannon as its first choice. She has worked her entire career in Division II. Ms. Cannon serves on the Nominating Committee for Women Leaders in College Sports and has previous men's lacrosse RAC experience. Appointing Ms. Cannon will add ethnic diversity to the committee. The committee forwards Patrick Britz as an alternate selection. He has been a Division II commissioner for 11 years. Mr. Britz has served on numerous NCAA committees and will be completing his terms on the Division II Championships Committee and Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Report of previous meeting.** The committee approved the report from its March 20, 2019, meeting.
2. **Informational documents.** The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.
3. **Additional nominations.** The committee requested that the following vacancies be reposted to seek additional nominations:
  - a. Women's Ice Hockey Committee – one September 2019 vacancy. Coach or administrator. Preference: Coach from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.
  - b. Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee – one September 2019 vacancy. Appointee must be an athletics administrator.
4. **Committee chair interest.** Anita Barker was voted to serve as chair of the committee beginning September 1, 2019.
5. **Weighing regional advisory committee (RAC) service against service on a sports committee that does not have a RAC.** The Nominating Committee received feedback from the Division II Championships Committee on whether service on a non-RAC sports committee should be given even weight to RAC experience. Specifically, the Championships Committee supported the value the Nominating Committee places on RAC experience, but agreed that service on a national committee without the RAC substructure should not preclude a candidate from being considered on a sport committee with RACs.
6. **Future meetings.** Teleconferences scheduled for June 26 and September 25.

*Committee Chair:* David Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaison:* Jennifer Roe, Law, Policy and Governance

| <b>Division II Nominating Committee<br/>May 15, 2019, Teleconference</b> |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Anita Barker, California State University, Chico.                        |
| Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy College.                                      |
| Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.            |
| Rob Fiedler, University of Tampa.  |
| David Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.                      |
| Kathleen Heitzman, Bloomsburg State University of Pennsylvania.          |
| Jamie Joss, Davis & Elkins College.                                      |
| Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.             |
| Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce.                           |
| Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University.                     |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |
| David Brunk, Peach Belt Conference.                                      |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |
| None.  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>                                 |
| Jennifer Roe and Gloria Roseman.   |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                           |
| Jackie Campbell and Ryan Jones.  |



EXCERPT FROM THE REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
JUNE 26, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. **NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (one September 2019 vacancy). [Attachment A]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Katelyn Severance**, senior compliance administrator/assistant athletic director for compliance, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Lone Star Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2019.
- (3) Rationale. The committee forwards Ms. Severance as its only recommendation. The committee believes the breadth and depth of her compliance experience positions her as the most qualified candidate. Specifically, she just completed her term as chair of the Lone Star Conference compliance committee.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. **NCAA Division II Legislation Committee (one immediate vacancy). [Attachment B]**

- (1) Recommendation. Appoint **Christine Lowthert**, senior compliance administrator, Assumption College, Northeast-10 Conference.
- (2) Effective Date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The committee forwards Ms. Lowthert as its only recommendation. She has been involved in NCAA compliance for nearly 15 years, with the majority of her time being in Division II. The Legislation Committee has expressed a preference to have each region represented on the committee. Ms. Lowthert's institution would be the only institution from the East region. Appointing Ms. Lowthert will add gender diversity to the committee.
- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Report of Previous Meeting.** The committee approved the report from its May 15 teleconference.
2. **Informational Documents.** The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.
3. **Additional Nominations.** The committee requested that the following vacancies be reposted to seek additional nominations:
  - International Student Records Committee – one immediate vacancy. Preference: individuals with expertise in international records review.
4. **Future Meetings.** Staff will send out an availability request to schedule a conference call in August. A teleconference has been scheduled for September 25. The next in-person meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in Anaheim in conjunction with the NCAA Convention. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and adjourn by 10 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* David Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaison:* Jennifer Roe, Law, Policy and Governance

| <b>NCAA Division II Nominating Committee<br/>June 26, 2019, Teleconference</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Anita Barker, California State University, Chico.                              |  |
| David Brunk, Peach Belt Conference.  |  |
| Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy College.  |  |
| Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.                  |  |
| Rob Fiedler, University of Tampa.  |  |
| David Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.                            |  |
| Kathleen Heitzman, Bloomsburg State University of Pennsylvania.                |  |
| Jamie Joss, Davis & Elkins College.  |  |
| Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce.                                 |  |
| Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University.                           |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |  |
| Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.                   |  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| None.  |  |

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| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>       |
| Jennifer Roe and Gloria Roseman.               |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b> |
| Maritza Jones.                                 |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 11, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. **Legislative items.**

- None.

2. **Nonlegislative items.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **2019 SAAC Goals Discussion.** The committee was presented with possible goals to accomplish this year, as established by the group at its January meeting. It was decided to establish goals in a restructured format, with the overarching goal being labeled “Total Package Student-Athlete.” The committee decided to divide the overall goal into four sub-goals: Love2Play, encouraging sport diversification; mental health; diversity and inclusion; and professional development. A task force was created for each sub-goal to allow progress to be made on each goal throughout the year. The task forces will report out to the committee throughout the year on their progress.
2. **Make-A-Wish® Update.** The committee received an update about the Make-A-Wish donation numbers for this academic year within Division II. There has been a total of 13 completed wish reveals, four reveals are currently scheduled and five are in the planning process. The committee was reminded of the new donation process and was encouraged to continue communicating the new process with their respective conferences and schools.
3. **Team IMPACT® Update.** The committee was informed that the division has reached a new benchmark for Team IMPACT matches. Each Division II conference has at least one institution with a Team IMPACT match.
4. **Division II Yearbook.** The 2020 Division II Yearbook will have a section dedicated to the SAAC and celebrating the role it plays in the division. This issue will feature each committee member, as 2019 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of an Association-wide national student-athlete advisory committee within the NCAA governance structure.
5. **Division II National SAAC LinkedIn update.** The committee received an update on the status of the Division II National SAAC LinkedIn page, titled “DII National SAAC Alumni Network,” and discussed how it can be used as a tool to connect with current and former national SAAC members. The committee is interested in growing the network by inviting former national SAAC members to join the page using previous committee rosters.



6. **SAAC Super Region Convention preparation.** The committee reviewed its materials in preparation for hosting the second Division II SAAC Super Region Convention April 12-14 at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate.
7. **Division II Committee Reports.** Members representing Division II committees provided updates on their respective committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Management Council and Legislation Committee. Additionally, a preview of the Management Council agenda was given. Committee members serving on these committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.
8. **Feedback on Legislation Committee Referral.** During the Legislation Committee update, the committee discussed a referral on whether to permit a student-athlete, who has either exhausted eligibility or graduated and exhausted eligibility after the fall term, to work an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break immediately after the fall term. The committee expressed support for the student-athlete who has exhausted their eligibility to work an institutional camp or clinic during the winter break following the fall term. The committee believes student-athletes should have the opportunity to work an institutional camp or clinic after they exhaust their eligibility and their participation in working the event should be a decision they make on their own.
9. **Association-Wide Committee Reports.** The committee was provided with updates on various Association-wide committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics.
10. **Division II Championships Festival Working Group.** The committee was provided an update on the February teleconference and March in-person meeting of the Championships Festival Working Group. The working group was charged with developing recommendations to ensure that the Festivals continue to provide memorable experiences for participants and remain a unique marquee event for the division overall. The working group will finalize its recommendations in May, and they will be reviewed by the Championships Committee in June.
11. **NCAA Summit on Sports Wagering and Well-Being.** The committee received a report from a member that attended the NCAA Summit on Sports Wagering and Well-Being.
12. **2019 Division II APPLE Training Institute.** The committee was provided a report from the members that attended the 2019 Division II APPLE Training Institute March 22-24 in Dallas.

- 13. 2019 Postgraduate Opportunities.** The committee was informed of the postgraduate scholarships and internships available to student-athletes, including the application for the 2020-21 NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program, which opens in August 2019.
- 14. Conference Updates.** Each committee member provided an update on their conference SAAC meetings.
- 15. SAAC Policies and Procedures.** The committee approved the updated SAAC Policies and Procedures document.
- 16. January 2019 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Meeting Report.** The January 2019 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.
- 17. New Members.** The committee welcomed the following new members to the Division II SAAC:

  - a. **Conference Carolinas** – Alexia Autrey, King University.
  - b. **Great Northwest Athletic Conference** – Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University.
  - c. **Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association** – Mackenzie O’Neill, Missouri Western State University.
  - d. **Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference** – Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota Duluth.
  - e. **Pacific West Conference** – Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University.
  - f. **Peach Belt Conference** – Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern State University.
  - g. **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference** – Madeleine McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania.
  - h. **Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference** – John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State University.
  - i. **At-Large** – Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College.
- 18. Future Meetings.**

  - a. July 19-21; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
  - b. Fall 2019 conference call; Date to be determined.
  - c. November 22-24; Indianapolis.

- d. Jan. 21-25, 2020, in conjunction with NCAA Convention, Anaheim, California.
- e. April 16-19, 2020, in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention, Los Angeles.
- f. July 17-19, 2020; SAAC/Management Council Summit, Indianapolis.
- g. Fall 2020 conference call; Date to be determined.
- h. Nov. 19-22, 2020, in conjunction with the SAAC Super Region Convention; Chicago.
- i. Jan. 12-16, 2021, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

*Committee Chair: Alex Shillow, Texas A&M-Commerce, Lone Star Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance*

*Amanda Benzine, Championships and Alliances*

*Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs*

| <b>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee<br/>April 11, 2019, Meeting</b> |   |
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| Attendees  | Absentees   |
| Alexia Autrey, King University (TN),<br>Conference Carolinas                           | Gillian Edgar, Seattle Pacific University, Great<br>Northwest Athletic Conference                     |
| Shonté Cargill, Bluefield State College,<br>Independents                               | John Michael Etheridge, Kentucky State<br>University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic<br>Conference |
| Jessica Chapin, American International<br>College, Northeast-10 Conference             | Olivia Faught, Southern Arkansas University,<br>Great American Conference                             |
| Father John Denning, Stonehill College,<br>Northeast-10 Conference                     | Braydon Kubat, University of Minnesota<br>Duluth, Northern Sun Intercollegiate<br>Conference          |
| Nicholas Ely, Notre Dame College (OH),<br>Mountain East Conference                     | Kristina Ortiz, Lynn University,<br>Sunshine State Conference   |
| Grant Foley, Delta State University,<br>Gulf South Conference                          | Alexandria Rhodes, Georgia Southwestern<br>State University, Peach Belt Conference                    |
| Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University, South<br>Atlantic Conference                      | Joshua Shapiro, Colorado Mesa University,<br>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference                       |

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| <b>NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee<br/>April 11, 2019, Meeting</b>   |  |
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| Attendees  | Absentees  |
| Madeline McKenna, California University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference  | Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference |
| Deiontae Nicholas, Wayne State University (MI), Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  |  |
| Jack Nicholson, St. Thomas Aquinas College, East Coast Conference  |  |
| Mary Northcutt, Carson-Newman University, South Atlantic Conference  |  |
| Mackenzie O'Neill, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association  |  |
| Micaiah Paige, Morehouse College, At-Large   |  |
| Kate Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University, Northeast-10 Conference   |  |
| Jacob Renie, University of Indianapolis, Great Lakes Valley Conference   |  |
| Madison Schiller, California State University, East Bay, California Collegiate Athletic Association  |  |
| Alex Shillow, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Lone Star Conference  |  |
| Taylor Stover, Rogers State University, Heartland Conference   |  |
| Emma Svagdis, Azusa Pacific University, Pacific West Conference  |  |
| Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay, Great Midwest Athletic Conference   |  |
| Other Participants:<br>Madison Arndt, NCAA<br>Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA<br>Maritza Jones, NCAA<br>Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University (chair, Management Council)<br>Lisa Rogers, NCAA |  |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE  
REINSTATEMENT JUNE 11-12, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**a. Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.4.2.2 – Amateurism – Employment – Specifically Related Employment Activities – Fee-for-Lesson Instruction – Restitution Proposal.**

(1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division II Bylaw 12.4.2.2 (fee-for-lesson instruction) to specify that for violations of the fee-for-lesson instruction legislation in which the value of the benefit is \$200 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected, conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. Currently, violations of the fee-for-lesson instruction legislation, involving any dollar value, require an institution to file a student-athlete reinstatement request for the involved student-athlete to be eligible for competition. However, the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff typically reinstates the eligibility of the involved student-athlete based on repayment when the value of the impermissible compensation received is \$200 or less. This change will reduce bureaucracies and increase efficiencies for institutions. It was also noted that impermissible compensation to student-athletes must continue to be reported to the NCAA enforcement staff. This proposed change is not retroactive to violations that occurred prior to the adoption of the legislative change.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 14.2.5.1.1 – Eligibility – Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule – Hardship Waiver – Administration of Hardship Waiver – Administration of Hardship Waiver for Injury or Illness Occurring at a Non-NCAA Institution – Elimination of Requirement to Apply for Hardship Waiver Through Conference Office or the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.**

- (1) Recommendation. Adopt noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 14.2.5.1.1 (administration of hardship waiver for injury or illness occurring at a non-NCAA institution) specifying that an NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent institution, the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, for a student-athlete who was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls at a non-NCAA institution during the 2020-21 academic year and thereafter.
- (3) Rationale. Current legislation requires a Division II institution to file a hardship waiver with its conference for student-athletes who received an approved hardship waiver from a non-NCAA institution. A Division II institution should not have to file a hardship waiver with its conference office when the involved student-athlete previously received a hardship waiver from the non-NCAA institution. This recommendation aligns with proposed 2020 NCAA Convention legislation specific to seasons of competition involving student-athletes who transfer from a non-Division II institution. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators and conference offices and enhance student-athlete well-being.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

## 2. Nonlegislative items.

- None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Discussion of season-of-competition waivers, competition while eligible involving documented coach's misunderstanding.** The committee affirmed the current guideline and agreed staff should not impose a withholding condition when a season-of-competition – competition while eligible waiver is approved based on documented coach's misunderstanding of the legislation.
2. **Update on waiver processes involving mental health diagnoses.** The committee received an update on the mental health waiver think tank, a collaboration between NCAA

waiver staff and NCAA Sport Science Institute, specific to waivers involving mental health diagnoses.

3. **Amateurism certification process case update.** The committee received an update on amateurism certification case decisions, including appeals heard by the committee, for the 2018-19 academic year.
4. **Review dollar-value withholding guidelines.** The committee amended its dollar-value withholding guideline as follows:

| Previous Guideline  | Amended Guideline   |
|---|---|
| Greater than \$200 to \$400 = repayment and 10% withholding | Greater than \$200 to \$500 = repayment and 10% withholding |
| Greater than \$400 to \$700 = repayment and 20% withholding | Greater than \$500 to \$800 = repayment and 20% withholding |
| Greater than \$700 = repayment and 30% withholding          | Greater than \$800 = repayment and 30% withholding          |

Based on the above amendment to the dollar-value withholding guidelines, the committee agreed to the same changes to its guideline for service learning.

5. **Review of 50% threshold in withholding guideline and use of a season of competition.** The committee reviewed its 50% withholding threshold guideline for cases involving limited participation by a student-athlete while ineligible for the entire season due to not meeting academic requirements or when the student-athlete should have been serving a year in residence. The committee updated its guideline to clarify that in situations in which the institution elects to apply the flexibility allowed by the 50% threshold guideline, the institution may not request a season of competition waiver for that season. Additionally, the committee directed staff to include as a condition of reinstatement that the student-athlete has used a season of competition for the season in question.
6. **Review of the Division II guidelines document.** The committee reviewed and approved editorial revisions to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines.
7. **Review repayment and service-learning plan ban policy.** The committee reviewed and affirmed its four-year ban policy for an institution whose student-athlete defaults on a repayment and/or service-learning plan.

8. **Review of flexible case decisions.** The committee reviewed staff decisions for which the staff provided relief from established case precedent and/or committee guidelines or where no case precedent existed.
9. **Amateurism certification process policies and procedures review.** The committee received an update specific to amateurism certification process changes effective beginning with the 2018-19 amateurism certification cycle.
10. **Review of policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved revisions to the NCAA Division I, II and III Committees on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Policies and Procedures.
11. **Continuing education.** The Division II championships and alliances staff provided the committee with continuing education specific to Division II nullification.
12. **Division II summary of legislative actions.** The committee received an update on recently adopted Division II legislation.
13. **Review December 2018 committee report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its December 2018 in-person meeting.
14. **Division II strategic plan and governance update.** The committee received an update on the Division II strategic plan.
15. **Review philosophy statement.** The committee reviewed the student-athlete reinstatement philosophy statement.
16. **Litigation update.** The committee received a litigation update from NCAA vice president of law, policy and governance.
17. **Review Conflict of Interest Policy.** The committee reviewed its Conflict of Interest Policy.
18. **Other business.** The committee elected Daniel Mara, commissioner, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, as chair.
19. **Future meetings.** The committee established the following future meeting dates and locations:
  - a. November 19-20, 2019, Indianapolis.
  - b. May 13-14, 2020, Indianapolis.



*Committee Chair: Joel Isaacson, Michigan Technological University.*  
*Staff Liaison(s): Danielle Teetzel, Academic and Membership Affairs.*  
*Jess Rigler, Academic and Membership Affairs.*  
*Julie Sargent, Academic and Membership Affairs.*

| <b>NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement<br/>June 11-12, 2019, Meeting</b> |   |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |   |
|  | Teresa Clark, Cedarville University.                        |
|  | Marcus Grant, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association. |
|  | Jessica Harbison Weaver, Concordia University Portland.     |
|  | Joel Isaacson, Michigan Technological University.           |
|  | Daniel Mara, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.        |
|  | Kate Pigsley, Southern New Hampshire University.            |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |   |
|  | None.   |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |   |
|  | None.   |
| <b>NCAA Support Staff in Attendance:</b>   |   |
|  | Jess Rigler, Julie Sargent and Danielle Teetzel.            |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |   |
|  | Geoff Bentzel, Stephanie Quigg and Molly Simons.            |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II CONVENTION PLANNING PROJECT TEAM  
JUNE 24, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative Items.**

- **None.**

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

**a. 2020 NCAA Division II Convention Schedule.**

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the Division II schedule for the 2020 NCAA Convention, as attached.
- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The core Division II Convention schedule remains unchanged from last year. Timing will allow Division II delegates to participate in as many Association-wide events as possible, while still being able to attend Division II functions and conduct the quarterly governance business of the division.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

**b. 2020 Convention Division II Educational Programming.**

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the programming for the 2020 Convention, as follows:
  - (a) Thursday afternoon, January 23 (60-Minute Session):

Division II education session in Association-wide time slot -- Inclusion -- Session will include bias training, using campus resources in the area of inclusion, planning, and recruitment and retention of staff and coaches.
  - (b) Thursday afternoon, January 23 (90-Minute Session):

Division II education session in Association-wide time slot -- Mental Health -- Session will focus on removing the stigma

associated with mental health, the Total Package Student-Athlete goal for the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, getting coaches to buy in to mental health concerns, and the coach/student-athlete relationship.

- (c) Friday morning Division II programming from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. January 24:

A concurrent series of three sessions.

- Risk Management/Insurance Effective Practices -- a panel of athletics administrators will discuss risk management due to the changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics and share insurance effective practices.
- Fundraising -- session would include best practices on revenue generation and ideas to use fundraising to enhance budget needs of Division II institutions.
- Sports Medicine -- a panel of athletic trainers will provide their perspective on sports medicine and their role on campus. Topics could include the new catastrophic injury guidelines and impact on Division II campuses.

- (d) Friday Division II Keynote Session from 10 to 11:15 a.m. January 24:

The project team reviewed possible speakers for the Keynote Session. The project team ranked the selections in the following order:

- i. Brene Brown. Researcher. Storyteller. Texan. Brené is a research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington – Brené Brown Endowed Chair. She has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy. Ms. Brown the author of five #1 New York Times bestsellers: *The Gifts of Imperfection*, *Daring Greatly*, *Rising Strong*, *Braving the Wilderness*, and *Dare to Lead*. Her most recent book was released in October 2018 and is the culmination of a seven-year study on the future of leadership.

- ii. Disney Institute Part 2. Possible session by the Disney Institute that would build on last year's Keynote session.
  - (2) Effective date. Immediate.
  - (3) Rationale. The project team reviewed the surveys that were submitted by the Division II membership, as well as feedback from the Management Council and Presidents Council, and structured the recommendations to align with the feedback received, as well as current issues and hot topics.
  - (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
  - (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The chair convened the teleconference at 11 a.m. The chair welcomed the project team including its newest member, Bob Dranoff. The chair also acknowledged the NCAA and Short's Travel staff members in attendance.
2. **General Information from the Convention Management Staff.** The Convention management team provided a brief update regarding logistics. Division II programming is scheduled to be held at the Hilton Anaheim, while Divisions I and III are scheduled to have their programming at the Anaheim Marriott. All Association-wide programming will be conducted at the Anaheim Convention Center. Hotel rooms at the Hilton Anaheim for the Division II delegates will run approximately \$193 per night plus taxes. The Sheraton, Spring Hill and Residence Inn will be overflow hotels for delegates. Hotel room rates range from \$159 to \$204 per night plus taxes depending on the property. The meeting space portal is scheduled to open June 25 and the registration portal will open September 10. The staff reminded the project team that due to increase costs in transportation, food and beverage services and wireless, the registration fee for delegates for the 2020 Convention will increase by \$50 to \$325 (early bird registration). Finally, the Convention management staff reminded the project team that transportation from hotels to the airport will be provided on Saturday only.
3. **2020 Convention Core Schedule.** The project team reviewed the core schedule for all Association activities during the 2020 Convention. Items of note included the Honors Celebration, which will be conducted Wednesday evening and will set the tone for why we meet and what we do for the rest of the week; NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports at 4:30 p.m. Thursday with the Delegates Reception that evening; and the keynote luncheon and Gerald Ford Award Presentation on Friday. The Convention management staff noted that the Trade Show has been reinstated this year and will run Thursday and Friday.

4. **Association-Wide Educational Sessions and Events.** The project team was updated concerning the educational sessions and events for Association-wide functions. Final determinations on Association-wide education sessions will be made this summer and shared as a part of the registration process.

*Project Team Chair: Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University*

*Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance*

*Maritza Jones, Division II Governance*

| <b>NCAA Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br/>June 24, 2019, Teleconference</b>                   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Members in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| Jessica Chapin, American International College.  |  |
| Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference.   |  |
| David Kuhlmeier, Valdosta State University.  |  |
| John Lewis, Bluefield State College.   |  |
| Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.  |  |
| Courtney Lovely, Palm Beach Atlantic University.   |  |
| Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University.   |  |
| Judy Sackfield, Texas A&M University-Commerce.   |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |  |
| None.  |  |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Crystal Reimer, Shorts Travel.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Terri Steeb Gronau and Maritza Jones.  |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Ashley Beaton, Ryan Jones, Ann Martin, Lisa Rogers, Melissa Piening, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Jill Waddell. |  |



**2020 NCAA Convention  
Core Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, January 22**

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Division II Management Council Meeting  
1:30 to 5 p.m. NCAA Board of Governors Meeting  
6 to 9 p.m. Honors Celebration

**Thursday, January 23**

7:30 to 9:45 a.m. Division II Presidents Council/Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Breakfast for New Division II Athletics Directors  
10 to 11:30 a.m. Division II Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Meeting  
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Division II Presidents Council Meeting  
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Division II Management Council Mentor/Mentee Meeting and Lunch  
1:15 to 4 p.m. Education Sessions and other Association-Wide Programming  
4:30 to 6 p.m. NCAA Plenary Session – State of College Sports  
6 to 7:30 p.m. NCAA Delegates Reception  
8 to 9:30 p.m. Division II Management Council “Roast and Toast”

**Friday, January 24**

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Division II Delegates Breakfast  
8 to 11:15 a.m. Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast  
8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Division II Education Sessions  
10 to 11:15 a.m. Division II Keynote Speaker

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Association Luncheon and Gerald Ford Award Presentation     |
| 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.    | Division II Conference Meetings                             |
| 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.    | Division II Faculty Mentor Award Presentation and Reception |

**Saturday, January 25**

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 7 to 8 a.m.    | Delegates Breakfast          |
| 8 a.m. to Noon | Division II Business Session |
|                | Hotel Departure              |

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**Outline**

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STRATEGIC POSITIONING

**MFB/MBB regular-season TV partnership with CBS Sports Network is a valuable tool in promoting Div. II to an external audience**

|                      | Pres./<br>Chanc. | AD  | Athl.<br>Staff | Compl. | Coach | FAR | Conf.<br>Staff |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-------|-----|----------------|
| Agree/Strongly Agree | 82%              | 93% | 88%            | 93%    | 84%   | 83% | 81%            |
| Neutral/Disagree     | 18%              | 7%  | 12%            | 7%     | 16%   | 17% | 19%            |

**The national office should explore opportunities to expand regular-season TV coverage and web streaming of Div. II athletics**

|                      | Pres./<br>Chanc. | AD  | Athl.<br>Staff | Compl. | Coach | FAR | Conf.<br>Staff |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-------|-----|----------------|
| Agree/Strongly Agree | 91%              | 96% | 94%            | 93%    | 94%   | 89% | 95%            |
| Neutral/Disagree     | 9%               | 4%  | 6%             | 7%     | 6%    | 11% | 5%             |



Through feedback from the membership census and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, Division II looked to expand the number of nationally televised games and involve sports other than football and basketball in 2015. After soliciting production and distribution bids, Division II agreed to a three-year regular-season media agreement that included national and regional television and online distribution. The division also agreed to a three-year agreement in 2015 with Niles Media Group to produce the broadcasts.

In this model, 11 football games, 18 basketball games (nine doubleheaders) and eight to 10 other sports were streamed online exclusively through ESPN3. Eleven additional football games and 18 additional basketball games (nine doubleheaders) were broadcast through the American Sports Network and streamed online through NCAA.com. American Sports Network dissolved in August 2017, and ESPN3 streamed all regular-season media agreement broadcasts for the 2017-18 academic year.

Before the previous agreement expired, the Identity Subcommittee of the Division II Management Council asked the Division II governance staff to solicit proposals for distribution and production of a regular-season media agreement that would begin with the 2018-19 academic year. Division II received one distribution proposal from ESPN3 and nine production proposals. In 2018, the division agreed to a two-year regular-season media agreement that included a third-year NCAA option for 2020-21 with ESPN and Niles Media Group.

In the current distribution model, ESPN3 streams 11 football games and 18 basketball games (nine doubleheaders). The remaining 11 football games, 18 basketball games (nine doubleheaders) and six to 10 other sports stream in a “hybrid” model that includes the Division II Facebook and Twitter

pages and conference and/or institution digital networks. These games have the flexibility to air on TV through the existing media partners of the participating conferences and institutions.

**2018 Membership Census:**

The 2018 Division II Membership Census included three questions pertaining to the regular-season media agreement. Based on the survey results below, the membership overwhelmingly supported a regular-season media agreement and it recommended that the division use its Facebook and Twitter pages to stream games.

Question #1

**It is important for Division II to spend a portion of its annual budget to broadcast games offered through a regular-season media agreement**

| <b>NEW</b>        | Pres./<br>Chanc. | AD  | Athl.<br>Staff | Compl. | Coach | FAR | SID/<br>Comm. | Conf.<br>Staff |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|----------------|
| Agree/Strongly    | 80%              | 82% | 79%            | 81%    | 78%   | 79% | 79%           | 73%            |
| Neutral           | 14%              | 11% | 13%            | 16%    | 17%   | 15% | 11%           | 8%             |
| Disagree/Strongly | 6%               | 7%  | 7%             | 4%     | 6%    | 6%  | 10%           | 19%            |

Question #2

**Division II's regular-season media agreement is a valuable tool in promoting Division II athletics to external audiences**

|                   | Pres./<br>Chanc. | AD  | Athl.<br>Staff | Compl. | Coach | FAR | SID/<br>Comm. | Conf.<br>Staff |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-------|-----|---------------|----------------|
| Agree/Strongly    | 80%              | 83% | 82%            | 85%    | 71%   | 83% | 85%           | 69%            |
| Neutral           | 16%              | 10% | 12%            | 11%    | 18%   | 14% | 8%            | 17%            |
| Disagree/Strongly | 4%               | 8%  | 6%             | 5%     | 10%   | 3%  | 8%            | 14%            |

Question #3

**The division’s brand could be enhanced by streaming games offered through the regular-season media agreement on Division II’s Facebook and Twitter pages**

| <b>NEW</b>        | <b>Pres./<br/>Chanc.</b> | <b>AD</b> | <b>Athl.<br/>Staff</b> | <b>Compl.</b> | <b>Coach</b> | <b>FAR</b> | <b>SID/<br/>Comm.</b> | <b>Conf.<br/>Staff</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Agree/Strongly    | 81%                      | 86%       | 85%                    | 91%           | 86%          | 80%        | 84%                   | 76%                    |
| Neutral           | 17%                      | 10%       | 13%                    | 7%            | 12%          | 18%        | 13%                   | 12%                    |
| Disagree/Strongly | 2%                       | 5%        | 2%                     | 2%            | 2%           | 2%         | 3%                    | 12%                    |

**Production Costs:**

Division II annually spends approximately \$1.4 million on the production of 22 football games, 36 basketball games (18 doubleheaders) and six to 10 other sports. Each game costs approximately \$21,875 to produce.

These expenses are paid from the “DII Regular Season and Championships Media” budget, which is \$1,800,000. The remaining \$400,000 of the budget is allocated to CBS Sports Network to produce the Division II men’s and women’s basketball championship semifinals and the women’s championship game (approximately \$235,000); the Division II editorial and postseason enhancements on NCAA.com (approximately \$90,000); and polos for the regular season media agreement broadcasters (approximately \$1,000).

**Distribution Costs:**

There are no distribution costs in the regular-season media agreement. ESPN3, Facebook, Twitter, conference and institution digital networks, and TV stations do not charge a broadcast fee to Division II.

**Production Standards:**

Niles Media Group produces Division II’s entire regular-season media agreement. Since 2015, it has provided the division with a professional, high quality broadcast that fans would see on any major sports channel.

Niles Media Group coordinates all logistics with the participating host institutions. It provides an HD production truck and equipment, and arranges all broadcasters and the production crew, which includes a producer, director, graphics operator, replay operator, video technician, audio engineer and four camera operators. Niles Media Group works with the host institution on arranging four paid workers: one to help with talent stats, one timeout coordinator and two utility workers.

Each game uses four cameras, a play-by-play commentator, color commentator, scorebug and a graphics package that features the participating teams and Division II.

### **Messaging Opportunities:**

#### *Commercials*

For the division's ESPN3 broadcasts, the division is allotted six minutes of commercial airtime. Each participating conference and institution receive one minute to air their PSAs. The remaining airtime shows PSAs that promote the Division II Make It Yours brand, Division II initiatives and NCAA brand messaging.

For the division's hybrid broadcasts that are not televised, the division oversees all commercial airtime. Each participating conference and institution continue to receive one minute to air their PSAs for consistency with ESPN3 PSA distribution. The remaining airtime shows PSAs that promote the Make It Yours brand, Division II initiatives and NCAA brand messaging.

For the division's hybrid broadcasts that are televised, the division shares commercial airtime with the TV network(s). For instance, football includes 44 commercial minutes. Division II receives 19 minutes of airtime, three of those minutes are allotted to the participating institutions and conference for consistency with ESPN3 PSA distribution. The remaining airtime shows PSAs that promote the Make It Yours brand, Division II initiatives and NCAA brand messaging. TV affiliates receive 25 minutes of commercial airtime. For men's and women's basketball, Division II's total commercial airtime is more than the TV network's allotment.

#### *In-Game Reads*

Division II also receives a predetermined number of in-game reads. These reads are usually accompanied by a graphic and they promote the Make It Yours brand, the sport's championship, player of the game, NCAA.com, NCAA.org/D2 and the division's social media channels.

In the division's ESPN3 and hybrid games, Division II has a total of 11 in-game reads, two of which are read once in each half. The other seven are read once per game.

#### *Social Media*

The Division II governance staff promotes every broadcast on the division's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages with a branded graphic, highlighting the participating teams. Score updates are provided on social media throughout and following the games. Niles Media Group creates a two-minute highlight following each broadcast that is posted to the division's Facebook and Twitter pages.

### *Announcement of Schedules*

Division II announces its football and basketball schedules through a press release that is posted to NCAA.org, NCAA.com and the division's Facebook and Twitter pages. Flex football and basketball games and other sports that are featured are announced through a branded graphic on the division's Facebook and Twitter pages.

### **Viewership Numbers:**

#### Hybrid Model

For consistency and accuracy, this section will include as many unique viewer totals and averages as possible for the hybrid and ESPN3 distribution models from the 2018-19 academic year. An example of a unique viewer is a person who watched a portion of their game on their cell phone, then watched the game on their tablet. Although this individual viewed the game in two different ways, they are counted as one unique viewer.

In the hybrid model, unique viewer totals were requested from the conference offices for the games that streamed through their conference's digital network. Unique viewer totals were also requested from participating institutions in conferences without a digital network.

For football, the 11 games that were featured in the conference/institution digital networks totaled 13,501 unique viewers for an average of 1,227 unique viewers per broadcast. In addition, 10 of the 11 games totaled 51,526 unique viewers on Facebook for an average of 5,153 unique viewers per broadcast. One game was not counted due to a glitch occurring when accessing the analytics for the game. On Twitter, the 11 games received 17,556 live viewers for an average of 1,596 live viewers per game.

In addition to the online coverage, nine of the 11 football games were televised. Division II has requested the viewership numbers for the broadcasts from the TV affiliates.

For women's basketball, the eight games that were featured in the conference/institution digital networks totaled 3,872 unique viewers for an average of 484 unique viewers per game. For Facebook, seven of the eight games totaled 9,545 unique viewers for an average of 1,364 unique viewers per broadcast. One game was not counted due to a glitch occurring when accessing the analytics for the game. On Twitter, the eight games garnered 8,271 live viewers for an average of 1,034 live viewers per broadcast.

For men's basketball, the eight games that were featured in the conference/institution digital networks garnered 3,958 unique viewers. For Facebook, the eight games totaled 9,323 unique viewers for an average of 1,165 unique viewers per game. On Twitter, all eight games totaled 8,886 live viewers for an average of 1,111 live viewers per broadcast.

The online coverage was complemented with seven of the eight basketball doubleheaders being televised. Division II has requested the viewership numbers for the broadcasts from the TV affiliates.

Finally, the division streamed eight other sports in the 2018-19 academic year, including a baseball doubleheader, field hockey game, lacrosse conference championship doubleheader, men's soccer game, women's soccer game and a volleyball match. The eight games totaled 4,421 unique viewers in the conference/institution digital networks for an average of 553 unique viewers per game. For Facebook, seven of the eight games totaled 9,685 unique viewers for an average of 1,384 unique viewers per broadcast. Unique viewers are not available for one game due to a glitch occurring when accessing the analytics for the game. On Twitter, all eight games garnered 8,417 live viewers for an average of 1,052 live viewers per game.

Two of the eight other sports were televised, and the national office staff have requested the viewership numbers for the broadcasts from the TV affiliates.

### ESPN3

ESPN shared viewership numbers for the division's 11 ESPN3 football broadcasts in 2018. The division had 49,868 unique viewers for an average of 4,553 unique viewers per broadcast.

ESPN also shared the viewership numbers from the division's basketball broadcasts. The 10 women's basketball games on ESPN3 resulted in 15,812 unique viewers for an average of 1,581 unique viewers per broadcast. The 10 men's basketball games on ESPN3 resulted in 15,345 unique viewers for an average of 1,535 unique viewers per broadcast.

### **Discussion:**

Do the dollars dedicated to having a regular season media agreement benefit the division from a marketing and branding perspective as originally intended?

If not, what can the division do differently with the dollars to better promote, brand and/or market itself?





REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION II INJURY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM  
TASK FORCE  
JUNE 24, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The chair convened the teleconference and welcomed the members of the project team, guests and NCAA staff members.
2. **Approval of June 2018 Teleconference Report.** The task force approved the report from the June 2018 teleconference.
3. **Current Injury Surveillance Program Participation Numbers.** The Datalys Center provided an update on the participation numbers to date [Attachment]. Division II participation has increased from eight percent to 36 percent over the last two years. Summer 2018, the Management Council and Presidents Council approved a goal of at least 30 percent participation by Division II schools. It was also noted that of the schools that participated in 2017-18, 90 percent participated again in 2018-19. In addition, the average number of sports reported by schools is six, which is consistent with the recommendation in the communication plan. The task force will receive another update on participation this fall and again in spring 2020.
4. **Update on Injury Surveillance Program Communication Plan.** The project team reviewed the communication plan that was implemented over the past year and received an update on the execution of the plan. It was noted that the content has been streamlined, the strategies have been updated and all deadlines have been met. The task force directed the staff to continue to send the quarterly updates to conference offices. It was also recommended that an additional formal communication be sent to chancellors and presidents, directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, athletic trainers and athletics healthcare administrators in early fall to remind campuses what the Injury Surveillance Program is, to encourage participation and to provide educational materials.
5. **Current Uses and Review of the Injury Surveillance Program Data.** The task force was informed that the Injury Surveillance Program data has been used in several Sport Science



Institute initiatives, including during the last Football Concussion Data Task Force meeting.

- 6. Division II Health and Safety Survey Next Steps.** The task force received the timeline for the approval of the Division II Health and Safety Survey by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, which is the body that oversees the survey. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports is expected to approve the survey during its September teleconference. The survey will open in late November and will close in mid-January. Results from the survey would be available in May or June 2020.
- 7. Next Steps.** The task force will receive updated participation numbers after the beginning of the academic year. The task force will convene in fall 2019 and spring 2020 to receive an update on the Injury Surveillance Program communication plan and current participation by Division II schools.

*Task Force Chair: M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University (Michigan)*

*Staff Liaison(s): Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance*

*Maritza Jones, Division II Governance*

*John Parsons, Sport Science Institute*

| <b>NCAA Division II Injury Surveillance Program Task Force<br/>June 24, 2019, Teleconference</b> |   |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |   |
|  | Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.     |
|  | Pennie Parker, Rollins College.                       |
|  | Julie Rochester, Northern Michigan University.        |
|  | Eric Schoh, Winona State University.                  |
|  | M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University (Michigan)      |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |   |
|  | Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University.             |
|  | Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. |
|  | Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia.          |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>   |   |
|  | Erin Wasserman, Datalys Center.                       |
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|  | Paul Roetert and Jill Waddell.                        |

## NCAA ISP Participation by Division

*As of June 5, 2019*

| <b>Division</b> | <b>Participating</b> | <b>Signed Up, have not received data*</b> | <b>Not Participating, Compatible EMR</b> | <b>Not Participating, Incompatible EMR</b> | <b>No EMR</b> | <b>Unknown EMR</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|--|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Division I      | 32%                  | 20%                                       | 28%                                      | 17%  | 3%            | 0%                 |
| Division II     | 36%                  | 10%                                       | 36%                                      | 8%   | 5%            | 4%                 |
| Division III    | 22%                  | 10%                                       | 49%                                      | 9%   | 6%            | 5%                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>29%</b>           | <b>13%</b>                                | <b>39%</b>                               | <b>11%</b>                                 | <b>5%</b>     | <b>3%</b>          |

EMR=Electronic Medical Record

\*These institutions provided data in 2017/18 or have indicated they would like to participate, but we have not received a data submission. This includes institutions that use Presagia Sports, which is finalizing its software updates to allow schools to submit data. Other institutions in this group have received at least one reminder email to submit injury data.

# NCAA ISP Participation by Division II Conference

As of June 5, 2019

| Division  | Participating | Signed Up, have not received data* | Not Participating, Compatible EMR | Not Participating, Incompatible EMR | No EMR    | Unknown EMR |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| California Collegiate Athletic Association        | 15%           | 23%                                | 62%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference            | 14%           | 14%                                | 36%                               | 14%                                 | 14%       | 7%          |
| Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association      | 23%           | 23%                                | 38%                               | 8%                                  | 8%        | 0%          |
| Conference Carolinas                              | 45%           | 9%                                 | 36%                               | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| East Coast Conference                             | 50%           | 0%                                 | 20%                               | 10%                                 | 20%       | 0%          |
| Great American Conference                         | 17%           | 8%                                 | 42%                               | 0%                                  | 25%       | 8%          |
| Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference   | 25%           | 17%                                | 58%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Great Lakes Valley Conference                     | 57%           | 21%                                | 0%                                | 21%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Great Midwest Athletic Conference                 | 14%           | 7%                                 | 57%                               | 7%                                  | 7%        | 7%          |
| Great Northwest Athletic Conference               | 45%           | 0%                                 | 36%                               | 0%                                  | 9%        | 9%          |
| Gulf South Conference                             | 31%           | 15%                                | 23%                               | 8%                                  | 23%       | 0%          |
| Heartland Conference                              | 33%           | 22%                                | 11%                               | 22%                                 | 0%        | 11%         |
| Lone Star Conference                              | 45%           | 0%                                 | 36%                               | 18%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association | 36%           | 0%                                 | 57%                               | 7%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Mountain East Conference                          | 25%           | 0%                                 | 67%                               | 0%                                  | 8%        | 0%          |
| Northeast-10 Conference                           | 100%          | 0%                                 | 0%                                | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference           | 38%           | 0%                                 | 50%                               | 13%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Pacific West Conference                           | 46%           | 0%                                 | 38%                               | 8%                                  | 0%        | 8%          |
| Peach Belt Conference                             | 33%           | 25%                                | 33%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 8%          |
| Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference            | 35%           | 12%                                | 29%                               | 18%                                 | 6%        | 0%          |
| Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference                | 38%           | 0%                                 | 50%                               | 6%                                  | 0%        | 6%          |
| South Atlantic Conference                         | 73%           | 0%                                 | 18%                               | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf.                     | 0%            | 8%                                 | 54%                               | 15%                                 | 8%        | 15%         |
| Sunshine State Conference                         | 45%           | 36%                                | 9%                                | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Independent                                       | 0%            | 0%                                 | 33%                               | 0%                                  | 17%       | 50%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>36%</b>    | <b>10%</b>                         | <b>36%</b>                        | <b>8%</b>                           | <b>5%</b> | <b>4%</b>   |

EMR=Electronic Medical Record

\*These institutions provided data in 2017/18 or have indicated they would like to participate, but we have not received a data submission. This includes institutions that use Presagia Sports, which is finalizing its software updates to allow schools to submit data. Other institutions in this group have received at least one reminder email to submit injury data.



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL  
ASPECTS OF SPORTS  
MARCH 20, 2019, TELECONFERENCE

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Bylaw 16.4 - Awards and Benefits - Medical Services - Mental Health Services and Resources - Division II and Division III.**

(1) Recommendation. Recommend NCAA Division II and Division III Management Councils adopt noncontroversial legislation to require that an institution shall make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution's health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sport, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2019.

(3) Rationale. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports acknowledges the legislative action taken by the autonomy conferences in Division I; however, it notes that mental health is an issue that impacts student-athletes across all divisions. Therefore, the committee recommends that Divisions II and III act to ensure mental health services and resources are available to all student-athletes, regardless of division. Further, the proposal permits such services and resources to be made available through the institution's health services or counseling department, which mitigates additional financial or resource burden within the athletics department.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Will vary depending on existing mental health services and resources.

(5) Student-athlete impact. A commitment to provide mental health services and resources, as well as educational materials and information regarding how to access them, will ensure student-athletes are informed of the support their institutions offer regarding the unique pressures and difficulties they face as student-athletes.

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. NCAA Division I Process to Identify and Act on Autonomy Health and Safety/Wellness Legislation for Nonautonomy Conferences - Mental Health Services and Resources.**

(1) Recommendation. The Committee respectfully recommends that the NCAA Division I Strategic Vision and Planning Committee recommend the NCAA Division I Council to review Autonomy Proposal No. 2018-118 (mental health services and resources) and consider a recommendation to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to adopt the legislation for the 27 nonautonomy conferences.

(2) Effective date. April 2019.

(3) Rationale. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports acknowledges the legislative action taken by the autonomy conferences in Division I; however, it notes that mental health is an issue that impacts student-athletes across all of Division I. Therefore, the committee recommends that Division I act to ensure mental health services and resources are available to all student-athletes, regardless of subdivision. Finally, this recommendation supports the committee's recommendation that the provisions of the autonomy mental health legislation should be made available to all three divisions.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Should the Division I Board of Directors adopt the legislation for the 27 nonautonomy conferences, the impact will vary depending on existing mental health services and resources.

(5) Student-athlete impact. A commitment to provide mental health services and resources, as well as educational materials and information regarding how to access them, will ensure student-athletes are informed of the support their institutions offer regarding the unique pressures and difficulties they face as student-athletes.

**b. Uniform Standards of Care - NCAA Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes.**

(1) Recommendation. The committee asks the NCAA Board of Governors to review the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes and consider adopting them as Association-wide policy.

(2) Effective date. May 2019

- (3) Rationale. Under the Uniform Standard of Care procedures, the committee has overseen a lengthy process of membership and external organizational review, resulting in a document endorsed by 13 external scientific and medical organizations. Board of Governors review is the last step in those procedures.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The impact will vary depending on existing campus-based services and resources.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. These recommendations are intended to assist the membership in implementing policies and procedures aimed at decreasing the probability of catastrophic injury and death in student-athletes.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Approval of report of December 10-11, 2018, meeting.** The committee approved the report of its December 2018 meeting.
2. **NCAA Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes document.** See Action Item 2b. The committee reviewed and accepted a recommended package of edits on the NCAA Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in College Student-Athletes document, as provided by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Review Subcommittee. Specifically, the subcommittee reviewed feedback provided by external organizations and created a package of edits for the committee's consideration. The committee accepted the package of edits and endorsed the final document. In its endorsement of the document, the committee noted the endorsement or affirmation of value from 13 external scientific and medical organizations and thorough feedback received from the NCAA membership through the Uniform Standards of Care process. The final, endorsed document will be presented to the NCAA Board of Governors in April.
3. **Drug-testing penalty for banned drug classes other than illicit drugs --impact on Division III and use of postseason contents to satisfy penalty.** The committee discussed two issues related to drug-testing penalties:
  - a. Impact of drug testing penalty recommendation on Division III. The committee reviewed its recommended changes to the drug-testing penalty for banned drug classes other than illicit drugs to consider the impact on Division III student-athletes. In December 2019, the committee recommended clarification of the drug-testing penalty for banned drug classes other than illicit drugs to all three Divisions to limit inconsistent application of the legislation for transfer scenarios and for student-athletes that test

- positive during the playing season. In January 2019, the NCAA Division III Management Council reviewed the recommendation, noted several issues related to Division III and elected not to move the recommendation. The committee discussed the issues noted by the Division III Management Council, including timing of testing (only championship testing occurs in Division III), scheduling concerns and season of competition legislation in Division III. After review, the committee agreed that a change to the drug-testing penalty for banned drug classes other than illicit drugs is not necessary in Division III. As the Division III Management Council did not move the committee's original recommendation, no additional action was necessary.
- b. Use of postseason contests to satisfy penalty. The committee confirmed that postseason contests may be used to satisfy a drug-testing penalty. Specifically, the committee updated language in the educational column it recommended accompany its drug-testing penalty recommendation from December 2018. The committee noted that this outcome ensures consistency in application for all drug-testing penalties, aligns with current guidance provided to the membership, maintains the intent of the drug-testing penalty and would best support the student-athlete experience.
4. **Update on athletic team travel without primary athletic health care providers - whitepaper.** The committee received an update on the progress of a white paper recommended by the CSMAS ad hoc working group to address the issues related to the provision of athletic health care services to visiting teams when they travel without a primary athletics health care provider. The issue will be discussed with the Board of Governors during its April 2019 meeting. Results of that discussion will inform the completion of the document.
5. **CSMAS election update.** The committee reviewed its election policy. At the June 2019 meeting, the committee will elect a new vice-chair. Staff will release a timeline and nominating and election procedures by mid-April.

*Committee Chair: Doug Ramos, Creighton University, Big East Conference*  
*Staff Liaisons: John Parsons, NCAA Sport Science Institute*  
*Anne Rohlman, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs*  
*Jessica Wagner, NCAA Sport Science Institute*

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| <b>Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports</b><br><b>March 20, 2019, Teleconference</b> |
| <b>Attendees:</b>   |
| Shawn Arent, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.  |
| Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University.   |

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| Randy Bird, University of Virginia.                             |
| John Chandler, Coe College.                                     |
| Stephanie Chu, University of Colorado, Boulder.                 |
| Jeff Dugas, Troy University.                                    |
| Joshua Ellow, Swarthmore College.                               |
| Dave Eavenson, USA South Athletic Association.                  |
| Gabe Feldman, Tulane University.                                |
| R.T. Floyd, University of West Alabama.                         |
| Samantha Kastner, Bloomfield College.                           |
| Jessica Mohler, U.S. Naval Academy.                             |
| Steve Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.           |
| Doug Ramos, Creighton University.                               |
| Enna Selmanovic, University of Cincinnati.                      |
| LaRee Sugg, University of Richmond.                             |
| Buddy Teevens, Dartmouth College.                               |
| Kim Terrell, University of Oregon.                              |
| Mark Stovak, University of Nevada, Reno.                        |
| Mo White, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.                         |
| Jeff Williams, East Central University.                         |
| Mariah Wysocki, Bloomfield College.                             |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |
| Samantha Kastner, Bloomfield College.                           |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>                                    |
| None  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>                        |
| John Parson, Anne Rohlman and Jessica Wagner.                   |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                  |
| Amanda Dickey, LaGwyn Durden, Kimberly Shea and Jared Tidemann. |





REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS  
APRIL 24-25, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

• **Legislative items.**

a. **Division Membership, Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women - Women's Wrestling.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** To add women's wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.
- (2) **Effective date.** Aug. 1, 2020.
- (3) **Rationale.** The continued growth in high school girls wrestling and the number of collegiate institutions sponsoring the sport support this recommendation. In addition, the sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to increase participation opportunities for a more diverse population of student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status and body size and type), as well as to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women's wrestling.
- (4) **Estimated budget impact.** Budget impact is based on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.
- (5) **Student-athlete impact.** This legislation will grow meaningful intercollegiate sport participation opportunities for female student-athletes.

b. **Division Membership, Personnel, Amateurism, Financial Aid and Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women - Acrobatics and Tumbling.**

- (1) **Recommendation.** To add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.
- (2) **Effective date.** August 1, 2020.
- (3) **Rationale.** The sport's potential for growth and support from the sport's national governing body supports this recommendation. In addition, acrobatics and tumbling leadership demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of an NCAA sport student-

athlete and how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes are fully integrated into athletics departments. Further, the existing organizational structure and bylaws supports efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into current operations. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to providing robust participation opportunities during the regular season and post season, including the national championship.

(4) Estimated budget impact. Budget impact is based on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

(5) Student-athlete impact. This legislation will grow meaningful intercollegiate sport participation opportunities for female student-athletes.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The chair commenced business at 1 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the following new committee members to their first in-person meeting: David Kuhlmeier, Valencia Jordan, Sharod Williams and Lauren Yacks. The committee also reviewed its mission statement.
- 2. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics February 26, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 26, 2019, teleconference report.
- 3. NCAA Emerging Sports for Women updates.** The committee reviewed updates submitted by leaders from each of the current emerging sports for women: Equestrian, Rugby and Triathlon.
- 4. USA Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant.** The committee discussed the USA Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant and whether committee members should serve on the USAT Emerging Sport Grant selection committee as representatives of CWA. The committee agreed that CWA members serving on the selection committee could present a real or perceived conflict of interest, and, therefore, should not serve as representatives of CWA.
- 5. NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Proposals.** The committee recommended that all three divisions take the appropriate legislative action to add women's wrestling and acrobatics and tumbling to the emerging sports for women program. The committee denied the request to add STUNT to the emerging sports for women program and determined STUNT is not viable as an emerging sport at this time. In its denial, the committee noted that the STUNT proposal and subsequent information and documentation did not sufficiently demonstrate that STUNT is philosophically and operationally separate from cheer or that STUNT offers a robust student-athlete experience comparable to NCAA sports.
- 6. Proposed amendments to regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.** The committee received an overview of the letter sent to Department

of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos from the American Council on Education, co-signed by the NCAA, in response to the department's November 29, 2018, notice of proposed changes to the implementation of Title IX as it pertains to sexual assault.

- 7. NCAA Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.** The committee received an overview of the final report of the Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence. Specifically, the commission suggested that NCAA staff provide enhanced education and resources to the membership and encouraged the NCAA Board of Governors to direct the divisional governance bodies to consider legislation that reflects an Association-wide approach to individual accountability. The committee noted support for legislative and policy changes to support education and prevention resources, as well as increased accountability measures.
- 8. Feedback for the NCAA Sport Science Institute sexual violence prevention tool kit.** The committee reviewed and supported recent updates to the NCAA Sport Science Institute sexual violence prevention tool kit.
- 9. Review of the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.** The committee reviewed the 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year program and selected members to serve on the 2019 Woman of the Year selection subcommittee.
- 10. Review of NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity February 21, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee received a report of the CPCDE February 21, 2019, teleconference.
- 11. Review of NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 14, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee received the report of the MOIC February 14, 2019, teleconference.
- 12. Review of the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force September 12, 2018, meeting report.** The committee received a report of the GETF September 12, 2018, meeting.
- 13. Future meeting dates.**
  - a. September 11-12, 2019, at the NCAA national office.
  - b. February 2019, committee teleconference.
- 14. Recognition of members who will complete their term of service.** The committee thanked Karen Baebler, Anne Blackhurst, Julie Cromer Peoples, Jim Donovan and Donna Ledwin for their service on the committee, noting this was their last in-person meeting.

**15. Selection of chair and vice-chair.** The committee elected Denise Udelhofen as chair and John Kietzmann as vice-chair.

*Committee Chair:* Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

*Staff Liaison(s):* Kristin Fasbender, Championships and Alliances

Jan Gentry, Championships and Alliances

Jean Merrill, Office of Inclusion

Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs

Shay Wallach, Office of Inclusion

| <b>NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics<br/>April 24-25, 2019, Meeting</b>   |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Karen Baebler, University of Washington.                                    |  |
| Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.                 |  |
| James Donovan, California State University, Fullerton.                      |  |
| Jason Doviak, Alfred State College.   |  |
| Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.  |  |
| Marc Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno.                                   |  |
| Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.                                |  |
| Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University.                        |  |
| John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.                    |  |
| Donna Ledwin, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.                     |  |
| Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.              |  |
| Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.  |  |
| Sharod Williams, Conference Carolinas.                                      |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| Anne Blackhurst, Minnesota State University Moorhead.                       |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:</b> |  |
| Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger and Shay Wallach.                   |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                              |  |
| Cari Van Sensus and Amy Wilson.   |  |



May 30, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Janell Cook  
Executive Director  
National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association

Dear Janell Cook and Colleagues:

On behalf of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, thank you for joining via videoconference the in-person meeting on April 24, 2019, to discuss the proposal to add acrobatics and tumbling to the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program. The committee appreciated the opportunity to discuss the proposal, the Emerging Sports for Women program and ways the committee can provide support as you continue to engage in the process.

I am pleased to inform you that the committee, after careful consideration of the information presented, recommended that all three divisions of the NCAA governance structure add acrobatics and tumbling as an NCAA emerging sport, effective August 1, 2020. Pursuant to governance and legislative processes, each division will determine independently if acrobatics and tumbling will be added to the division's Emerging Sports for Women list and legislation.

**Feedback on Proposal**

In its thorough review of your proposal, the committee provided the following feedback to assist as you continue to engage in the process. The feedback is for your information and use. You are not required to respond at this time; however, the committee is likely to continue to review these issues with you if acrobatics and tumbling is adopted as an emerging sport by any of the NCAA divisions.

***Notes of Commendation:***

1. The committee noted that acrobatics and tumbling met the minimal requirement that a minimum of 20 varsity teams and/or competitive club teams existed at NCAA member institutions during the 2018-19 academic year and competed in a minimum of five contests to be further examined by the committee for possible recommendation to each division through the NCAA governance structure to add acrobatics and tumbling to the Emerging Sports for Women program.
2. The committee noted that the leaders of acrobatics and tumbling thoroughly responded with updates to the committee's feedback provided in the March 26, 2019, letter and appropriately resolved any outstanding

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questions regarding the viability of acrobatics and tumbling as a potential NCAA emerging sport.

3. The committee noted that the leaders of acrobatics and tumbling thoroughly demonstrated and articulated how acrobatics and tumbling is structurally, operationally and philosophically an independent sport that provides discrete participation opportunities, rather than overlapping or co-mingling with other student group activities.
4. The committee noted that the leaders of acrobatics and tumbling thoroughly demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of a varsity sport student-athlete at the NCAA sponsoring institutions listed in the proposal.
5. The committee noted that the leaders of acrobatics and tumbling thoroughly demonstrated and articulated how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes and support staffs are fully integrated in a manner consistent with other varsity sports within the athletics departments and campuses of the NCAA sponsoring institutions listed in the proposal.
6. The committee noted acrobatics and tumbling's potential for growth and the opportunities for continued varsity sport participation from a diverse pool of athletes (e.g., body type, socio-economic status) typically with sports backgrounds in gymnastics, track and field, diving and other youth sports.
7. The committee noted the strong, consistent support and engagement from acrobatics and tumbling's national governing body and its relationship with the national governing body for gymnastics.
8. The committee noted acrobatics and tumbling's organizational structure, bylaws and ongoing efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into policies, procedures and operations.
9. The committee noted the overall student-athlete experience in acrobatics and tumbling, specifically the robust participation opportunities during the regular season and post-season.
10. The committee noted acrobatics and tumbling's established national championship.

### ***Opportunities for Enhancement/Consideration***

1. The committee noted the need to facilitate and ensure participation opportunities for a more diverse population of student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status and body size and type).
2. The committee encouraged the leaders of acrobatics and tumbling to more broadly distribute its conference toolkit to educate conference administrators about the best practices for administration and marketing of acrobatics and tumbling competition and events.

### **Timeline for 2020 Legislative Cycle**

Below are divisional calendars of the 2020 legislative cycle. Over the course of the 2020 legislative cycle, Jean Merrill will provide you status updates on acrobatics and tumbling as a possible emerging sport for women in each division and will connect you with NCAA staff and committee representatives, as needed, to discuss accompanying proposed legislation (e.g., recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons, sport sponsorship).

- a. [Division I](#) *(Note: The calendar for the 2020 Division I legislative cycle is not yet available. The link is to the 2019 Division I legislative cycle and is meant only to serve as a reference.)*
- b. [Division II](#)
- c. [Division III](#)

In closing, please contact [Jean Merrill](#) at 317-917-6642 if you have any questions. The committee offers sincere congratulations on developing acrobatics and tumbling as a potential emerging sport for women and is excited and optimistic to work with you in this next phase of the process.

Sincerely,



Julie Cromer Peoples

Chair, NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics

Associate Vice Chancellor and Senior Deputy Athletics Director, University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville

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Enclosure or Attachment

cc: Denise Udelhofen, John Kietzmann

Selected NCAA Staff Members [Gail Dent, Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger, Jared Tidemann, Shay Wallach and Amy Wilson]



May 30, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Sally Roberts  
Founder and Executive Director  
Wrestle Like a Girl

Dear Sally Roberts and Colleagues:

On behalf of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, thank you for joining via videoconference the in-person meeting on April 24, 2019, to discuss the proposal to add women's wrestling to the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program. The committee appreciated the opportunity to discuss the proposal, the Emerging Sports for Women program and ways the committee can provide support as you continue to engage in the process.

I am pleased to inform you that the committee, after careful consideration of the information presented, recommended that all three divisions of the NCAA governance structure add women's wrestling as an NCAA emerging sport, effective August 1, 2020. Pursuant to governance and legislative processes, each division will determine independently if women's wrestling will be added to the division's Emerging Sports list and legislation.

**Feedback on Proposal**

In its thorough review of your proposal, the committee provided the following feedback to assist as you continue to engage in the process. The feedback is for your information and use. You are not required to respond at this time; however, the committee is likely to continue to review these issues with you if women's wrestling is adopted as an emerging sport by any of the NCAA divisions.

***Notes of Commendation:***

1. The committee noted that women's wrestling met the minimal requirement that a minimum of 20 varsity teams and/or competitive club teams existed at NCAA member institutions during the 2018-19 academic year and competed in a minimum of five contests to be further examined by the committee for possible recommendation to each division through the NCAA governance structure to add women's wrestling to the Emerging Sports for Women program.
2. The committee noted that the women's wrestling leaders thoroughly responded with updates to the committee's feedback provided in the March 26, 2019, letter and appropriately resolved any outstanding questions

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regarding the viability of women's wrestling as a potential NCAA emerging sport.

3. The committee noted the continued growth of high school girls wrestling.
4. The committee noted the continued growth of intercollegiate women's wrestling and the potential for expansion of the sport at institutions that currently sponsor intercollegiate men's wrestling.
5. The committee noted the relatively moderate cost for institutions to sponsor women's wrestling, relative to other sports that may require more expensive capital outlays (e.g., facilities, equipment).
6. The committee noted the sport's growing youth participation among underrepresented communities and the commitment to increase participation opportunities for a diverse population of female student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status and body size and type) in intercollegiate women's wrestling.
7. The committee noted the commitment to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women's wrestling.

### ***Opportunities for Enhancement/Consideration***

1. The committee noted the need to consider potential NCAA playing rules, particularly rules pertaining to weight classes to ensure an appropriate culture continues to develop among intercollegiate women's wrestling student-athletes.
2. The committee noted concerns about small rosters and the challenge for institutions sponsoring women's wrestling to ensure robust, viable and sustainable rosters and to avoid cultural isolation of individual female student-athlete wrestlers.
3. The committee noted the need to continue creating intentional and strategic professional development opportunities for female coaches in intercollegiate women's wrestling.
4. The committee noted the need for sponsoring institutions to offer financial aid and recruiting opportunities that are inclusive of underrepresented student-athlete populations (e.g., race and ethnicity and socio-economic status).

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Sincerely,



Julie Cromer Peoples

Chair, NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics

Associate Vice Chancellor and Senior Deputy Athletics Director, University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville

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**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA MINORITY OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE  
April 24-25, 2019, MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** Anthony Grant, chair of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, called the meeting to order and welcomed new members. Veteran committee members noted successes and challenges of the committee and new members expressed what they hoped to gain from the committee.
2. **Review of mission and duties.** Two committee members read aloud the committee's mission and duties.
3. **NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee February 14, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 14, 2019, teleconference report.
4. **Review NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics February 26, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed the Committee on Women's Athletics February 26, 2019, teleconference report for informational purposes.
5. **Review NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity February 21, 2019, teleconference report.** The committee reviewed the Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity's February 21, 2019, teleconference report.
6. **Review NCAA Gender Equity Task Force September 12, 2018, meeting report.** The committee reviewed the Gender Equity Task Force's September 12, 2018, meeting report.
7. **Discussion of current issues and impact on intercollegiate athletics.** The committee discussed current national, campus and conference matters related to the mission and duties of the MOIC.
  - a. **International students.** The committee discussed issues that international student-athletes may be facing on their campuses. Some of these topics included immigration, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement deportation, finances, espionage, mental health, recruitment and retention. Discussions focused on the need for security and stability with visa statuses for student-athletes, as some student-athletes are worried about deportation. The group noted that athletics administrations need to be aware and help make campus environments a safe place. It was noted that some campuses have Immigration Centers that are supporting international students and that the California State System has recognized the need for safe places with the creation of resource centers for its "DREAMers." In addition to students, attention needs to be given to employees in athletics regarding issues such as immigration, deportation and DACA. Lastly, a discussion surrounding foreign tours was discussed. Some student-athletes are concerned about leaving the United States

on a foreign tour and not being able to come back. The committee concluded that collaborations with national office staff in academic and memberships affairs and the Eligibility Center could assist with many of these concerns.

**b. Campus protests.** The group discussed protests and strife on campuses surrounding Founders, who were documented as owning slaves. The committee noted that this is an issue to monitor and track for future meetings.

**8. Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designation (ADID) legislative proposal updates and discussion.** NCAA staff provided an overview and update on the progress of the ADID legislative recommendation. Staff reported that the NCAA Divisions II and III Management Councils moved the proposal forward to the NCAA Divisions II and III President Councils for consideration. In addition, the NCAA Division I Council moved the proposal forward for further consideration.

**9. Research initiatives.** NCAA research staff provided the committee with an overview of the large-scale NCAA research surveys, including the goals of the surveys and the instrument used to collect data from student-athletes. Staff noted that all three divisions are evaluating hiring practices and coaching carousels in women's basketball, which has been a concern of the committee. A survey has been distributed that focuses on information about coaching staffs (how long they have served, career goals, most recent four positions, barriers, etc.). The committee discussed the possibility of creating a survey about hiring practices for presidents/chancellors as well as the development of a program to recognize and reward research in this area. In September, the committee will re-engage on key topics with NCAA research staff and suggest survey questions (hiring practices of males and female coaches, international student-athletes, etc.).

**10. Champion of Diversity and Inclusion honoree.** The committee received an overview of the Champion of Diversity and Inclusion award and the award's purpose of recognizing and celebrating individuals for their tremendous work in supporting ethnic minorities and other underrepresented populations in athletics. The committee was informed of the most recent honoree and received detail for the selection process of the next honoree. The committee discussed ways to promote the nomination process for increased engagement.

**11. 2019 MOIC and SAAC Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign update.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign conducted during the 2018-19 academic year and updated the committee on the plan to further develop the campaign for the 2019-20 academic year. The committee viewed a short video highlighting the 2018-19 social media campaign and recognized the campaign's tremendous success.

**12. Update on resource on student-athlete voice, expression and activism.** NCAA staff provided an update on the progress of the resource on student-athlete voice, expression and

activism. The committee continued discussions of its role/perspective relating to student justice.

**13. Overview of SWA Optimization project.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the SWA Optimization project and introduced the committee to two recent SWA resources and spotlighted videos developed by the office of inclusion in partnership with 3Fold Group.

**14. 2019 NCAA Woman of the Year award.** The committee reviewed the 2019 Woman of the Year program and selected members to serve on the 2019 Woman of the Year selection subcommittee.

**15. Selection of officers.** The committee elected José Rodriguez as the new committee chair and Dena Freeman-Patton as vice chair.

**16. Recognition of members who will complete their term of service.** The chair recognized MOIC members completing their term of service August 31, 2019 and thanked them for their service.

**17. Future meeting schedule.** The committee was reminded of future meeting dates.

a. September 11-12, 2019 at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis.

b. April 15-16, 2020, at Hilton Denver City Center in conjunction with the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum.

**18. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned with the joint meeting on April 25, 2019.

*Committee Chair:* G. Anthony Grant, Metropolitan State University of Denver  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Sahar Abdur-Rashid, Championships and Alliances  
Michael Bazemore, Academic and Membership Affairs

| <b>NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee<br/>April 24-25, 2019, Meeting</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
| Roy Brown, University of Illinois at Springfield.   |  |
| Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.                                      |  |
| Shonte Cargill, Bluefield State College.  |  |
| Dena Freeman-Patton, California State University, Bakersfield.                            |  |
| Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University.   |  |
| Kenneth Gormley, Duquesne University.   |  |
| G. Anthony Grant, Metropolitan State University of Denver.                                |  |
| Ashley Hodges, Rosemont College.  |  |
| John Lewis, Bluefield State University.   |  |
| Chaunte O'Neil, University of Miami.  |  |
| José Rodriguez, Cabrini University.   |  |
| Alisa White, Austin Peay State University.  |  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
| Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.   |  |
| Mark Brown, Pace University.  |  |
| Soraya Coley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.                            |  |
| Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.                                   |  |
| William Tsutsui, Hendrix College.   |  |
| <b>Guest in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| None.   |  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>   |  |
| Sahar Abdur-Rashid and Michael Bazemore.  |  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>  |  |
| Kina Davis, Yannick Kluch, Craig Malveaux, Jean Merrill, Amy Wilson and Lydia Bell .      |  |



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AND MINORITY  
OPPORTUNITIES AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE APRIL 25, 2019, JOINT  
MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The meeting was called to order by the chair of the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics and the chair of the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The chairs welcomed both committees and asked all members and staff to introduce themselves.
- 2. Review and approve the September 6, 2018, joint meeting report.** The committees reviewed and approved the meeting report.
- 3. NCAA inclusion and human resources update.** Dr. Katrice Albert, NCAA executive vice president of inclusion and human resources, provided an update on the NCAA inclusion and human resources strategic priorities and action plans to operationalize the priorities.
- 4. NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity report.** The committees received an update on the strategic goals of the CPCDE. The committees also were briefed on the addition of five independent members to the NCAA Board of Governors.
- 5. NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics update.** The CWA chair provided a summary of the CWA meeting, including an update on the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program and efforts to combat campus sexual violence.
- 6. NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee update.** The MOIC chair provided a summary of the MOIC meeting, including an update on the legislative recommendation to designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. Further, the chair noted that effective August 1, 2019, Division I member institutions shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office as a condition of NCAA Division I membership.
- 7. Governance updates.**
  - a. Division I.** The committees received a report from the Division I governance staff. Specifically, staff provided an update on the NCAA Division I Council's April 17-19, 2019 meeting wherein the Council introduced a proposal into the 2019-20 legislative cycle to

specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. Further, effective August 1, 2019, member institutions shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office as a condition of NCAA Division I membership.

- b. Division II.** The committees received a report from the Division II staff. Specifically, staff noted that the NCAA Division II Management Council recommended that the NCAA Division II Presidents Council sponsor a proposal to specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information. Further, the Division II staff has been working with the office of inclusion on enhanced Division II attendance at the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum. Lastly, Division II University officially launched the required curriculum for coaches education on April 1. To date, there are over 10,500 users in Division II University and over 6,500 coaches have been assigned the required curriculum.
  - c. Division III.** The committees received a report from the Division III governance staff. Specifically, staff provided updates on the Division III Faculty Athletics Representative Engagement working group, the Division III LGBTQ working group, the newly created Division III Coaches Enhancement Grants and the Division III Senior Woman Administrator program. Staff also informed the committees of new legislation, effective June 2020, that requires institutions to annually report student-athlete graduation rate data as a condition of NCAA Division III membership and championship eligibility. Lastly, staff noted that the NCAA Division III Management Council recommended that the NCAA Division III Presidents Council sponsor a proposal to specify that all active member institutions and conference offices shall designate an Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.
- 8. Women's basketball strategic plan update.** The committees received an update from staff on the women's basketball strategic plan for 2019-2024. The Association-wide strategic plan, created after thorough examination of the role women's basketball plays within women's athletics, aims to provide consensus on sport priorities, state a clear vision and empower student-athletes.
- 9. Optimization of the Senior Woman Administrator project.** The committees participated in a discussion about the findings of the SWA research project, which found a gap of understanding of the SWA designation within the membership. The committee deliberated methods to increase the number of women and ethnic minorities in senior leadership roles,



increase understanding of the SWA designation, and address challenges that ethnic minority women face in leadership.

**10. 2018 MOIC and SAAC Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign.** The committees reviewed the success of the inaugural diversity and inclusion social media campaign, highlighting the high level of engagement within the membership.

**11. eSports update.** The committees were briefed on the policy and operational considerations of NCAA engagement with eSports on member campuses. The committee discussed diversity and inclusion considerations of the rapid growth of esports participation on NCAA campuses, as well as the relationship between athletics departments and competitive esports programs.

**12. Future meeting dates.**

- a. September 12, 2019, at the NCAA national office.
- b. April 16, 2020, in conjunction with the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum in Denver.

*Committee Chair: Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
G. Anthony Grant, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

*Staff Liaisons (CWA): Jan Gentry, championships and alliances*

*Jean Merrill, office of inclusion*

*Karen Metzger, academic and membership affairs*

*Shay Wallach, office of inclusion*

*Staff Liaisons (MOIC): Sahar Abdur-Rashid, championships and alliances*

*Michael Bazemore, academic and membership affairs*

*Amy Wilson, office of inclusion*

| <b>NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and<br/>NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee<br/>April 25, 2019, Joint Meeting</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |  |
| Karen Baebler, University of Washington.   |  |
| Roy Brown, University of Illinois at Springfield.  |  |
| Gerard Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.   |  |
| Shonte Cargill, Bluefield State College.   |  |
| Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.  |  |
| Jim Donovan, California State University, Fullerton.   |  |
| Jason Doviak, Alfred State, the State University of New York College of Technology.  |  |

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| Dena Freeman-Patton, California State University, Bakersfield.  |
| Dylan Gladney, Prairie View A&M University.   |
| Kenneth Gormley, Duquesne University.   |
| G. Anthony Grant, Metropolitan State University of Denver.  |
| Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.  |
| Ashley Hodges, Southern Vermont College.  |
| Marc Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno.   |
| Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.  |
| Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University.  |
| John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.  |
| Donna Ledwin, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.   |
| Grace McGuire, Utah State University.   |
| Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.  |
| Chaunte O'Neil, University of Miami.  |
| José Rodriguez, Cabrini University.   |
| Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.  |
| Alisa White, Austin Peay State University.  |
| Sharod Williams, Conference Carolinas.  |
| Lauren Yacks, University of Findlay.  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |
| Alisse Ali-Joseph, Northern Arizona University.   |
| Anne Blackhurst, Minnesota State University Moorhead.   |
| Soraya Coley, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.  |
| Anthony Francois, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.   |
| <b>Guest in Attendance:</b>   |
| Leah Kareti and Julie Muller.   |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>   |
| Sahar Abdur Rashid, Michael Bazemore, Jan Gentry, Jean Merrill, Karen Metzger, Shay Wallach and Amy Wilson.         |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>  |
| Katrice Albert, Kina Davis, Nate Flannery, Jennifer Fraser, Lynn Holzman, Jay Jones, Yannick Kluch, Craig Malveaux. |



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL  
APRIL 22, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The chair welcomed those on the call and thanked everyone for their time.
- 2. Duties and conflict of interest.** The panel reviewed the panel duties and the Conflict of Interest Policy from the Playing Rules Oversight Panel Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 3. Approval of February 25, 2019, teleconference report and March 21, 2019 email vote report.** The panel approved the reports as written.
- 4. NCAA Football Rules Committee annual meeting report, April 18 teleconference report and comment period report.** The panel approved the five rules proposals submitted by the Football Rules Committee. Two editorial adjustments also were noted. These changes are being made in the non-rules change year due to health and safety and/or image of the game concerns.

The most significant changes were:

- To limit excessive overtime games by utilizing a two-point conversion play starting with the fifth and any subsequent overtime periods;
- Eliminating the two-person wedge formation during kickoff plays;
- Adjusting the responsibility of the instant replay official to require, during targeting reviews, a complete review of all aspects of the play and removing the option of “stands” in these reviews;
- Adding a progressive penalty for targeting to include the suspension of a student-athlete committing three or more targeting fouls in the same season; and
- Creating a penalty for an illegal blind-side block.

It was noted that the membership comment period included feedback from the head coaches, directors of athletics, conference commissioners, the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, and the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee. The Football Rules Committee held a teleconference to review and consider all feedback before making its final proposals and believes the process was thorough and effective.

- 5. NCAA Men’s and Women’s Soccer Committee annual meeting report and comment period report.** The panel approved one of the two rules proposals submitted by the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Committee during the non-rules change year. The approved rules

change was a recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to require hydration breaks of no less than two minutes at prescribed times in each half if certain weather conditions are exceeded. CSMAS recommended this rules change to closely align with FIFA/U.S. Soccer and to enhance student-athlete safety.

PROP denied the rules committee's recommendation to enforce a forfeit (i.e., changing the winner and loser) if it is determined after the game that the winning team allowed a player or coach to participate who was ejected or suspended because of a red card or accumulation of yellow cards. PROP denied the recommendation for the following reasons:

- No other area of the NCAA imposes a postgame forfeit as a penalty for illegal participation by a player or coach. Instead, fines and additional suspensions are imposed for violations such as academic ineligibility, extra benefits, failed drug tests, etc.;
- A postgame forfeit is not imposed for illegal participation by the playing rules in other NCAA team sports;
- A postgame forfeit is too severe of a penalty to be applied equally to every situation and only penalizes a team if the team won the game; and
- A postgame forfeit could have an impact on the selection process (e.g., rankings and seedings) of not only the involved teams, but teams not involved in that particular game.

Since PROP denied the recommendation to enforce the postgame forfeit, the forfeit rule will be eliminated beginning with the 2019 season and removed from the rules book in the next printed edition (2020/2021). The additional suspension penalties still will apply as currently written.

**6. Future meeting dates and times.** The panel was reminded of the teleconference schedule for 2019. The panel also agreed to schedule a teleconference in early June (in place of the June 13 teleconference) to review the men's and women's basketball rules recommendations in hopes of providing institutions an additional week to make court marking changes if any are approved. (Note: The teleconference is scheduled for June 5.)

**7. Other business.** The panel had no other business.

*Committee Chair: Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ashlee Follis, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Barb Hallam, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating  
Ty Halpin, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

*Rachel Seewald, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*  
*Andy Supergan, Championships and Alliances, Playing Rules and Officiating*

| <b>NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel<br/>April 22, 2019 Teleconference</b>                          |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>  |
| Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.   |
| Pat Britz, South Atlantic Conference.  |
| Jennifer Heppel, Patriot League.   |
| Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference.  |
| Dave Roach, Fordham University.  |
| Chris Schneider, Big East Conference.  |
| Larry Scott, Pac-12 Conference.  |
| Ronda Seagraves, Concordia University Texas.   |
| Angie Torain, University of Notre Dame.  |
| Kevin White, Truman State University.  |
| Matt Wilson, Gulf South Conference.  |
| <b>Absentees:</b>  |
| Gary Williams, Wittenberg University.  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:</b>  |
| Ben Brownlee, Dan Calandro, Ashlee Follis, Barb Hallam, Ty Halpin, Rachel Seewald and Andy Supergan. |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>   |
| Anthony Holman and Greg Johnson.   |



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WALTER BYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
MARCH 24-25, 2019, MEETING

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Opening remarks.** Walter Byers Scholarship Committee Chair Christopher Woodard welcomed committee members, including new members Laura Clayton-Eady, University of West Georgia, and Pegjohng Moses, Stetson University.
2. **Progress report review .** The committee reviewed the results of an annual survey conducted of current and former scholarship recipients, which serves to track recipients' progress to degree completion. The committee was satisfied with the number of responses to date.
3. **Scholarship application scoring guide.** The committee discussed the scoring guide for scholarship applications, which is being restructured to provide a more detailed breakdown of the evaluation areas and the maximum number of points for each applicant.
4. **Selection of new chair.** By unanimous vote, the committee selected Steve Monaic, director of athletics at Houston Baptist University as the next committee chair.
5. **Selection of Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed three finalists for the Jim McKay Scholarship. The committee selected Jennifer Haskel, women's soccer student-athlete at Northwestern University, and Benjamin Colin, men's swimming student-athlete at the University of Iowa, as the 2018-19 Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.
6. **Selection of Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed five scholarship finalists and selected, Rachael Acker, women's swimming student-athlete at the University of California, Berkeley, and Derek Soled, men's fencing at Yale University, as the 2018-19 Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.

*Committee Chair: Christopher Woodard, Colorado State University*  
*Staff Liaisons: Lori Thomas, Administrative Services, Accounting*

| <b>NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship<br/>March 24-25, 2019, Meeting</b> |  |
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| <b>Attendees:</b>   |  |
|   | Laura Clayton-Eady, University of West Georgia.    |
|   | Nicole McKinney, Purdue University.                |
|   | Steve Moniaci, Houston Baptist University.         |
|   | Pegjohngy Moses, Stetson University.               |
|   | Christopher Woodard, Colorado State University.    |
| <b>Absentees:</b>   |  |
|   | Joseph Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference. |
| <b>Guests in Attendance:</b>  |  |
|   | None.  |
| <b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>                            |  |
|   | Lori Thomas  |
| <b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>                      |  |
|   | None.  |



**Division II Management Council  
Vice-Chair Election**

The term of office of Chris Graham as vice chair of the Management Council will come to a close August 31, 2019. Chris' term on the Management Council, however, will continue until January 2021.

The duties of the Management Council vice-chair are listed below:

1. Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
2. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee (*monthly teleconferences*);
3. Serve as a member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee (*two in-person meetings*); and
4. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Championships Committee and all Division II sports committees (*three in-person meetings*).

Note that the vice-chair of the Council shall serve a term of office not to exceed two years and will not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Council before serving as vice-chair.

Jim Johnson has been nominated to serve as vice chair of the Council.





**Division II Management Council  
Vice Chair Election Ballot**

**Jim Johnson**



### **Management Council Chair Duties**

Listed below are the duties and responsibilities of the Division II Management Council chair:

1. Preside at Management Council meetings;
2. Serve as ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Governors;
3. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
4. Report to the Division II membership at the annual Convention the activities of the Management Council and Division II committees;
5. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of any Division II committee or project team that reports to the Division II Management Council; and
6. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

Laura Liesman's term as chair of the Management Council will end at the conclusion of the Division II business session at the 2020 NCAA Convention, at the same time her term on the Management Council expires.

If you have an interest in serving as chair for 2020, please contact Maritza Jones or Laura Liesman not later than September 27, 2019.



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## **NCAA DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The NCAA Division II Management Council Policies and Procedures outline the operations and authority of the NCAA Division II Management Council. The Management Council shall have the authority to adopt or revise the policies and procedures specified herein as needed. The NCAA Division II Presidents Council, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any policy or procedure adopted by the Management Council.

### ***NCAA Structure***

The NCAA Board of Governors (formerly NCAA Executive Committee) establishes and directs the general policy of the Association (see NCAA Constitution 4.1).

The Division II Presidents Council establishes and directs the general policy of Division II (see Constitution 4.3).

The Division II Management Council handles the day-to-day operations of Division II (see Constitution 4.7).

The Division II Administrative Committee is empowered in the interim between meetings of the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council to conduct business necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of Division II (see Constitution 4.10).

### ***Division II Management Council Structure***

The Management Council is a governance group whose composition is based on conference representation. Currently, there are 289 representatives on the Management Council (234 Division II voting conference representatives, two at-large representatives, one representative for Division II independent institutions [provided there are at least eight Division II independent institutions (or 10 in 2022)] and two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee).

The only positions to be represented on the Management Council are director of athletics, senior woman administrator, faculty athletics representative, conference administrator and student-athlete.

Among the Management Council members, there must be at least four directors of athletics, at least four senior woman administrators, at least four faculty athletics representatives and at least one conference administrator.

The two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall have one combined vote on the Management Council (see Constitution 4.7.1.3). The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee policies and procedures will determine eligibility, selection process, terms, duties and any other policies related to the service of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on the Management Council.

The Management Council is committed to the principle of diversity within governance structures that promotes gender and ethnic minority representation at all levels of the Division II governance structure.

### **Term of Office**

Management Council members serve terms of four years, which shall conclude following the annual NCAA Convention. The Division II Administrative Committee shall have the authority to amend terms of service of Management Council members, as necessary, to stagger the expiration of terms to provide for continuity of service.

Management Council members are not eligible for election to another term on the Management Council until three years have elapsed. A member may not serve on the Management Council more than two terms.

Individuals serving on the Management Council shall be salaried on a regular basis by a Division II active member institution or conference and perform a regular staff function representing at least 50 percent of the normal workload for a staff member at that institution or conference, unless otherwise specified.

If an individual's employment is altered to the extent that he or she is no longer serving in the position for which that person was appointed to the Management Council (e.g., individual appointed to Management Council as director of athletics resigns as director of athletics of institution but continues as senior woman administrator), that person may be replaced immediately and he or she may not attend the next scheduled meeting of the Management Council. The Administrative Committee may grant a waiver (on a case-by-case basis) to provide for a Management Council representative to remain in his/her position on the Management Council in certain situations where a Management Council representative's position is altered, but there are compelling reasons as to why the change should take place and allow him/her to remain on the Management Council.

A Management Council member on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may continue his or her service on the Council. A Management Council member on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve on the Management Council.

At the time a Management Council member's institution has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I, Division

III or another association, that individual shall be ineligible to serve on the Management Council and an election will occur to replace that member on the Council.

### **Management Council Vacancies**

When a vacancy on the Division II Management Council occurs, each conference shall propose a slate of nominees that includes at minimum a director of athletics, a senior woman administrator (or, if the senior woman administrator is also the institution's director of athletics, a female professional athletics administrator who is a member of the institution's senior athletics management team) and a faculty athletics representative. The slate also may include a conference administrator. A single individual may not be nominated more than once on the slate (e.g., the slate shall not contain the same nominee for the athletics director and senior woman administrator positions).

Conferences are required to develop a selection process that is supported by their member institutions and an explanation of this process must be kept on file at the conference office and submitted with its slate of nominees. In addition, a statement will be included on the "slate of candidates" form that reiterates the division's commitment to the principle of diversity at all levels of the governance structure.

The members of the Management Council shall select individuals to fill vacancies from the slate(s) of nominees. Individuals selected by the Management Council to fill a vacancy must be ratified by the Division II Presidents Council.

When filling vacancies on the Management Council, every effort should be made to not drop below the gender and ethnicity breakdown of the Management Council as it existed before the vacancy occurred. Further, to the extent possible, members of the Presidents Council and the Management Council shall not be employed at the same institution.

The Management Council may reject a slate of candidates when any of the following circumstances exist:

- (1) When the slate of candidates is incomplete (e.g., the slate does not include a senior woman administrator <or designee> or the senior woman administrator on the slate has expressed an unwillingness to serve).
- (2) When the conference does not utilize its selection procedures (i.e., the procedures on file at the conference office and submitted with its slate) to select a slate of candidates.
- (3) When the conference's slate does not permit the Management Council to fulfill its obligation to assist the division's commitment to the principle of diversity.

At-large vacancies on the Management Council are to be filled by candidates who enhance ethnic and/or gender diversity. A nominee to fill an at-large vacancy should not be consid-



ered if the nominee's institution already is represented on the Management Council. Likewise, a nominee to fill a conference vacancy should not be considered if the nominee's institution already is represented by an at-large member.

The independent institution vacancy will be open to selected representatives (directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives) from any Division II independent institution and nominations will be accepted from all Division II institutions. If the total number of independent institutions falls below eight (or 10 in 2022), the position allocated for independent institutions shall become an at-large position as soon as the position becomes vacant. In such situations, the Management Council shall try to fill one of the at-large vacancies with a representative from an independent institution, if such a representative applies for service.

### **Process of Submitting Nominations**

When a Management Council vacancy exists for a member conference, the conference will be sent a copy of the Management Council policies and procedures to share with interested candidates who have questions regarding the Management Council's duties and responsibilities. In addition, when submitting a slate of candidates to fill a Management Council vacancy, a conference must certify each nominee's willingness to serve as a Management Council representative.

Each conference must designate a president or chancellor from a member institution within the conference who shall sign the conference's nomination form (slate of candidates or reelection form) before the form is submitted. A conference is not required to be on record with the NCAA national office as to which president or chancellor in the conference has authority to sign off on a slate of candidates. A president or chancellor that a conference authorizes to sign off on a slate of candidates may designate someone else from the conference to perform this task as long as that person is a president or chancellor at another member institution within that conference.

A nomination to the Management Council may not be retracted without the nominee's permission. A conference may, however, modify its slate of candidates when extenuating circumstances exist (e.g., an individual changes his or her job after the slate of candidates has been submitted).

### **Voting Procedures to Fill Vacancies**

- ◆ If more than one vacancy exists, a Management Council Subcommittee will be established by the Management Council chair and vice-chair before each election. The duties of the subcommittee include monitoring the composition of the Management Council to ensure its continued diversity, tracking the history of conference representatives by position on the Management Council, reviewing the pool of Management Council candidates prior to each election and providing the Management Council with a possible election outcome(s) after considering the gender, ethnic minority and position breakdown

of the Management Council at the time of the election. In elections involving nominations for the at-large position(s), the subcommittee may also conduct phone interviews with certain nominees to better evaluate credentials and a willingness to serve.

- ◆ If more than one vacancy exists, the conference, independent and at-large vacancies will be voted on as a group (as opposed to individually) by written ballot and the ballot will consist of the slate of candidates from each conference with a vacancy (and/or the list of independent and at-large nominees).
- ◆ The slate of candidates signed by each conference, as well as the nominee information forms completed by each conference, at-large and independent nominee, will be provided to the members of the Management Council for consideration.
- ◆ At the meeting, Management Council members who wish to speak on behalf of a particular candidate will be permitted to make a brief statement about the nominee; a Management Council member from a conference with a vacancy should provide a brief overview of each candidate's qualifications, without stating a preference for a particular candidate. Management Council members from conferences with vacancies will be permitted to cast a vote for their replacements.
- ◆ Management Council members will be asked to vote for one nominee per conference (and one at-large nominee and one independent nominee, when necessary). The ballots will be tabulated by the Division II governance staff. If one candidate receives a majority vote of the Management Council members present and voting, the voting is considered final for that day.
- ◆ If no candidate from a conference (or at-large/independent nominees) receives a majority vote, the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated from the slate of candidates, and another vote (in writing) will be taken. The voting will continue in this manner until one nominee receives a majority vote of those Management Council members present and voting.
- ◆ After the voting takes place on the first day of the Management Council meeting, the staff will compile the results and prepare a grid showing the composition of the Management Council (as determined by the first day's vote) by gender, ethnicity and position.
- ◆ The Management Council will review the grid on the second day of the meeting and determine whether it is comfortable with the overall composition of the group and whether a revote is necessary.
- ◆ The names of the nominees from each conference and the at-large and independent candidates who have been elected shall be forwarded to the Presidents Council for ratification. Notification to the candidates, the conference and the Management Council shall occur after the Presidents Council has made its decision.

- ◆ If a conference representative is not ratified by the Presidents Council, the conference will be asked to submit a new slate of candidates for the Management Council to consider.
- ◆ If an at-large representative or independent representative is not ratified by the Presidents Council, a call for nominations will be sent to the membership (unless a sufficient number of candidates exist from a vacancy that has occurred within the previous three months).

### **Ratification.**

Election and reelection decisions made by the Management Council shall be forwarded to the Division II Presidents Council for ratification.

### **Emergency Election Procedure.**

If an interim vacancy occurs on the Management Council, the Division II Administrative Committee will determine whether the vacancy has occurred at such a time that the vacancy must be filled prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Council. If the Administrative Committee determines that the vacancy does require an election prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Council, the election may occur either by ballot or telephone conference of the Management Council.

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### ***Chair and Vice-Chair***

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The chair and vice-chair are elected by the Management Council and ratified by the Presidents Council, for a maximum two-year term. The individual seeking a second year of the maximum two-year term must be reelected by the Management Council at a quarterly meeting prior to the expiration of the first term. So that terms always will be staggered, the term of office for the chair will be based on the calendar year (January-December) and the term of office for the vice-chair will be based on the academic year and the NCAA's fiscal year (September-August). The election of a new chair will occur at the October Management Council meeting that precedes the expiration of the current chair's term of office. The election of a new vice-chair will occur at the July Management Council meeting that precedes the expiration of the current vice-chair's term of office. The vice chair is a separately elected position and does not ascend to the chair role automatically.

Representatives from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on the Management Council shall not be eligible to serve as chair or vice-chair of the Management Council.

### **Duties**

The chair of the Management Council shall: (4.7.2.1)

- ◆ Preside at Management Council meetings;
- ◆ Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Governors;
- ◆ Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
- ◆ Report to the Division II membership at the annual Convention the activities of the Management Council and Division II committees;
- ◆ Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of any Division II committee that reports to the Division II Management Council; and
- ◆ Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

[Note: The Management Council chair also represents Division II on the NCAA President's Advisory Group for Marketing and Promotional Issues. (See Bylaw 31.6.4.2.)]

The vice-chair of the Management Council shall: (4.7.2.2)

- ◆ Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
- ◆ Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
- ◆ Serve as a member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee;
- ◆ Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Championships Committee and all Division II sports committees.

### **Election Process**

The Management Council will conduct the chair and vice-chair elections using a written ballot. Each candidate will be limited to a two-minute speech, and there will be no discussion by the Management Council of the various candidates. [Note: The chair and vice-chair candidates will be permitted to vote.]

In order to be elected as chair or vice-chair, the individual must receive a majority vote of all Management Council members present and voting.

In the case there are more than two candidates running and none receive a majority vote, the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be eliminated from the ballot, and another vote will be taken. The voting will continue in this manner until one candidate receives a majority vote of those Management Council members present and voting.

If there is a tie vote, the vote shall be retaken. Each candidate will be allowed another two-minute speech, and there will be no discussion by the Management Council of the two candidates. If the tie persists after the second vote, the names of the two candidates are to be written on paper and pulled from a container by the chair of the Management Council. If the chair of the Management Council is a candidate, the vice-chair will pull the paper from the container. If the chair and vice-chair of Management Council are the two candidates tied, the vice president of Division II will pull the paper from the container.

The vote results will be announced during the Management Council meeting, with the understanding that such results are confidential until the election has been ratified by the Presidents Council.

### **Special Circumstances.**

- ◆ In the event that the chair of the Management Council leaves the position of chair prior to expiration of his or her term as chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. The vice-chair of the Management Council will assume the duties of the chair on an interim basis (and also will continue to serve as vice-chair) until the chair vacancy has been filled. [Note: The election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or telephone conference of the Management Council if the Administrative Committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Management Council meeting.]
- ◆ In the event that the vice-chair of the Management Council leaves the position of vice-chair prior to expiration of his or her term as vice-chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. [Note: The election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or telephone conference of the Management Council if the Administrative committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Management Council meeting.]
- ◆ In the event both the Management Council chair and vice chair are absent or unable to lead a Management Council meeting or teleconference, another member of the Management Council may be selected to lead the meeting or teleconference by a majority vote of all members of the Council present at the meeting or on the teleconference. If time permits and the absence of the chair and vice chair, or their inability to lead the meeting or teleconference, is known in advance, the election of another member may take place via e-mail vote.

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### ***Role and Purpose/Responsibilities***

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The Division II Management Council is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Division II.

Constitution 4.7.2 specifies the following responsibilities for the Management Council:

- ◆ Implement policies adopted by the Association's Board of Governors and the Division II Presidents Council;
- ◆ Make recommendations to the Division II Presidents Council on matters it deems appropriate;
- ◆ Recommend the adoption of noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division II, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council;

- ◆ Take final action on matters delegated to it by the Division II Presidents Council;
- ◆ Make interpretations of the bylaws of Division II;
- ◆ Review and act upon the recommendations of the Division II committee structure and the recommendations of Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions;
- ◆ Appoint the members of the Division II committee structure and appoint the Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions;
- ◆ Elect a chair and vice-chair;
- ◆ Organize and participate in an annual “summit” with the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee;
- ◆ Hear and act on appeals by member institutions of decisions made by a Division II committee or the NCAA staff regarding the application of NCAA legislation (excluding actions of any committee that has final authority over issues subject to appeal); and
- ◆ Recommend the appointment of such committees or subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of the Constitution or the Division II bylaws, subject to ratification by the Presidents Council.

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### ***Management Council Operating Policies***

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The following operating policies are not included in the NCAA Manual. They have been grouped under the following headings for convenience of reference.

#### **Management Council/Presidents Council Relationship**

The Management Council is committed to working closely with the Presidents Council to enhance the efficiency and administration of the Division II governance structure.

The actions of the Management Council are subject to review and final approval by the Presidents Council. The Board of Governors has final authority over all Association-wide matters (e.g., the Association-wide budget).

The Management Council and Presidents Council each receive the minutes of the other’s meetings, and the Presidents Council receives a report at each meeting on the activities of the Management Council. Both groups have authorized their respective chairs and vice-chairs to communicate with each other between meetings.

Management Council officers will attempt to attend Presidents Council meetings and Presidents Council officers will attempt to attend Management Council meetings as often as possible. Further, the chair of the Management Council shall attend the quarterly Presidents Council meeting to share the activities and actions of the Management Council.

The Management Council and Presidents Council will attempt to conduct one joint meeting per year to further the communication efforts between the two governing bodies.

## **Appeals, Appearances and Hearings**

The Management Council has authority to review appeals of committee decisions in only limited situations. (See Constitution 4.7.2.) In most cases, the Management Council Subcommittee has been authorized to hear appeals of committee decisions. Constitution 4.7.2.3 notes the authority of the Management Council Subcommittee to hear and act on specific waiver requests. The Management Council Subcommittee shall be comprised of nine members of the Management Council.

The presence of new relevant and significant information directly related to the original findings shall be required to be heard by the original committee inasmuch as the new information may alter the original committee's decision.

Requests by member institutions or others to appear in person before the Management Council to discuss proposed legislation will be denied, inasmuch as it would be logistically impossible for the Management Council to entertain all such requests for appearances on legislative matters.

In all appeals or appearances that are granted, not more than three persons shall represent the appellant. Such appearances will be granted only when extraordinary circumstances exist and such appearances that occur in person shall be at the appellant's expense. The Division II Administrative Committee must approve such requests for personal appearances before the Management Council (or a the Management Council Subcommittee).

However, no appeal by institutions of Membership Committee decisions involving applications for Division II membership or status of institutions in the membership process shall be heard in person. In such cases, the appealing institution may request that its appeal be heard via teleconference and the Management Council Subcommittee shall grant the request without having to seek Administrative Committee approval. If the appealing institution does not request the appeal to be heard via teleconference with the submission of the appeal, the appeal shall be handled on the basis of the written record. The Management Council has adopted procedures to apply only to appeals by institutions of decisions by the Membership Committee involving applications for Division II membership and the status of institutions in the membership process. These separate procedures are attached to this policies and procedures document.

In cases involving a conference's status in the Division II membership process, the appellant is granted the personal appearance, if requested, without having to seek Administrative Committee approval.

For all appearances before the Management Council (or the Management Council Subcommittee), a 15-minute limit on presentation(s) shall apply, unless the Administrative Committee or Management Council officers (chair and vice-chair) specify a lesser amount of time.

For purposes of parliamentary procedure, the Management Council (or the Management Council Subcommittee) shall constitute a “board,” rather than a “committee,” in applying the provisions of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised; therefore, parliamentary procedures shall be those specified for boards by Robert’s Rules in such matters as appeals, hearings or other appearances before the Management Council. [Note: This affects such matters as motions to reconsider, amend or rescind earlier actions.]

The Management Council has adopted the following procedures to apply to appeals of any committee action other than those by the Membership Committee involving applications for Division II membership and the status of institutions in the membership process, Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee and the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief (or any other committee with authorized final jurisdiction over a matter):

1. In order to appeal a decision of a Division II committee, the involved institution must submit a written notice of appeal, to be received in the national office not later than 30 calendar days after it has received notification of the committee’s decision. The appeal shall be submitted by the institution’s chancellor/president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics or senior woman administrator and shall specify the reasons the institution believes the committee’s decision is erroneous.
2. In each appealed case, the involved Division II committee shall provide the Management Council with a written report setting forth the basis for its decision. The report shall identify the involved NCAA rules and interpretations and shall specify the information and precedent relied upon by the committee in reaching its decision. The report of the involved committee shall be submitted to the Management Council or the Management Council Subcommittee (and the appealing institution) at least seven days prior to the Council’s or subcommittee’s review of the matter, unless the appealing institution and the Administrative Committee or the Management Council officers approve a shorter period of time.
3. Each request for an appeal that is reviewed by the full Management Council may be reviewed by the Administrative Committee or Management Council officers (chair and vice-chair) and shall be placed on the appropriate agenda. The Administrative Committee or Management Council officers shall determine whether the appeal is to be handled on the basis of the written record or whether a personal appearance is necessary. If a personal appearance is thought necessary, both the institution and the appropriate committee shall be represented.
4. Reviews of appeals by the full Management Council shall take place only in conjunction with regularly scheduled meetings of the Management Council.
5. When an institution is approved for a personal appearance, it shall be represented by its chancellor/president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics, senior woman administrator or conference office representative, and it may be represented by other involved institutional staff members, student-athletes and/or legal counsel, as approved by the Administrative Committee or Management Council officers. Only



three representatives shall be permitted to speak within the institution's 15-minute time period. A representative of the appropriate committee, as well as an appropriate member of the national office staff (usually the liaison to the committee), also will participate in the hearing.

6. Once all parties participating in an in-person appeal have been introduced, the chair shall call on the institutional representatives, and they shall be provided an opportunity to describe the situation and explain the reasons they believe the committee's decision is erroneous. Next, the representative of the involved committee and/or the national office staff will describe the current status of the matter, including the committee's decision. Neither the committee's nor the institution's presentation may exceed 15 minutes in length, unless the Administrative Committee or Management Council officers (chair and vice-chair) approve in advance a longer time period. All participants in the hearing will be permitted to ask questions of any other participants. Once an in-person hearing has concluded, representatives of the member institution involved, representatives of the involved committee and the national office staff member involved in the case shall leave the hearing.
7. When reviewing appeals of committee or subcommittee decisions, Management Council members who participated in the original committee or subcommittee decision shall not vote. Additionally, any Management Council member who has a conflict of interest (see conflict of interest statement in this policies and procedures document) shall recuse himself/herself from the proceedings and the vote. Action will be taken by the Management Council or the Management Council Subcommittee by a majority vote. All votes may be conducted by a show of hands or by voice vote.
8. Upon conclusion of an in-person hearing or a review of the written record, the Management Council or the Management Council Subcommittee shall reach a decision and notify the national office staff of its conclusion. The national office staff shall notify the involved institution and shall provide a written confirmation of the decision. The notification should occur as soon as practical after the decision is reached and after adjournment of the meeting. No notification, formal or informal, should occur before adjournment of the Management Council meetings. The appellant also should be notified of any additional procedures available to it. No public announcement shall be made until the Management Council meeting has adjourned.
9. If, in reviewing the appeal, the Management Council or Management Council Subcommittee concludes that new information that was not made available to the involved committee at the time of its initial decision has been reported and that the information is of such importance, in the judgment of the Management Council or Management Council Subcommittee, to make a different result reasonably probable, the case shall be redirected to the committee that initially considered it for further review.
10. The Management Council or Management Council Subcommittee shall not alter the decision of the committee that initially decided the matter, unless it concludes that the committee erred in its decision in a manner that, in the judgment of the Management

Council or Management Council Subcommittee, affected the decision of that committee. The finding of such an error shall be based upon a determination (1) that the committee improperly applied NCAA legislation or official interpretations, (2) that the committee took an action inconsistent with established precedent, (3) that the committee deviated from its approved procedures; or (4) that the decision of the committee is clearly erroneous.

11. In accordance with Constitution 5.4.1.4, Management Council action on an interpretation, including an action that results from an appeal of a Legislation Committee action, may be reviewed at the next annual Convention, at the request of a member of Division II.

Request for a waiver of NCAA legislation shall only be presented to the Management Council or the Management Council Subcommittee when there is specific authority in NCAA legislation to grant a waiver of the involved rule by the Management Council or the Management Council Subcommittee. Any other waiver requests in which no other committee, subcommittee or conference has the authority to act, will be reviewed by the Committee for Legislative Relief in accordance with Bylaw 21.8.5.4.2.

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## ***Committees and Subcommittees Issues***

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### **Committees**

All Division II committees with fewer than seven members that report directly to the Management Council shall include at least one Management Council member, and Division II committees with more than six members that report directly to the Management Council shall include at least two Management Council members.

In addition, at least one of the Division II representatives on committees functioning in an Association-wide capacity shall be a member of the Management Council.

Unless otherwise specified, Management Council members shall serve as voting members of Division II general committees and Association-wide committees.

A Management Council member's term of service on a general committee or Association-wide committee shall commence in January after adjournment of the annual Convention and shall be concurrent with his or her term of service on the Management Council.

A Management Council member must terminate service on such a general committee or an Association-wide committee at the expiration of his or her term on the Management Council.

If a member of an Association-wide or Division II general or sports committee is appointed to the Management Council, that individual must terminate service from such committee(s)

unless he or she is asked to continue on the committee as the Management Council representative.

Management Council members who serve as the Management Council representatives to committees are responsible for presenting committee reports to the Management Council and are expected to be prepared to answer questions and give background information regarding any recommendations. [Note: The staff liaison to the committee is expected to provide all the necessary materials to the Management Council representative.]

The Management Council will receive copies of reports of the meetings of all Division II committees, even in instances in which it already has acted upon any recommendations therein.

The Management Council shall review, on an annual basis, the composition of all Association-wide and Division II committees on which Management Council members serve.

The Administrative Committee shall make appointments to fill vacancies on Association-wide or Division II committees only if there is an immediate need to make such an appointment.

The Championships Committee must seek approval of its actions by the Management Council when decisions have an economic impact on the Division II budget or involve a major change in an established Division II policy.

### **Committee Vacancies**

When the Management Council receives recommendations for vacancies on Association-wide or Division II committees, the Management Council will use a ballot to determine the candidate who will fill each vacant position. The Management Council will take into consideration the Nominating Committee's top choice(s), but will also consider other factors that it deems appropriate regarding each vacancy.

The Division II Presidents Council, Management Council and Nominating Committee shall not consider candidates for appointment to Division II committees and Councils once the institution's official paperwork to begin the reclassification process to another division or another association has been received in the NCAA national office. The policy is applicable for appointments to Division II general committees, Division II appointments to Association-wide committees and Division II appointments to the Management Council and Presidents Council.

### **Removal from a Committee**

An institution or conference requesting removal of an individual serving on a committee or Council through appointment or through conference representation may do so provided the following information is provided.

#### Individual through Appointment:

The chancellor or president of the institution shall submit in writing a request for removal of said individual from committee or Council service.

#### Individual through Conference Representation:

The chair of the conference's presidential body shall submit in writing, on behalf of the conference, a request for removal of said individual from committee or Council service. The conference shall be required to submit a slate of candidates to fill the open conference position within 20 working days of the date of the letter requesting the removal.

Further, the chair of a committee is authorized to recommend to the Management Council that a member be replaced if such member is not discharging the member's duties properly. In addition, a member who is absent from two consecutive meetings with reasons approved by the Management Council shall be removed from the committee.

When a removal from the Council occurs, the Management Council will follow its normal process for filling a vacancy.

### **Defense and Indemnification Policy**

The Association shall defend and indemnify any present or former employee, committee member or agent of the Association who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or who is to be subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence in, any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action or proceeding, including those brought by the Association, provided the conditions enumerated below are met. For purposes of this policy, "committee" shall include all Association committees, boards, cabinets, councils, subcommittees and panels.

#### Conditions for Defense and Indemnification:

1. The person requesting defense and indemnification is being named as a party or subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence by reason of the fact that the person was or is an employee, committee member or agent of the Association or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.
2. The person is determined to have been acting within the scope of the person's duties to the Association.
3. The person is determined to have been acting in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association in the performance of the person's duties to the Association. In respect to any alleged criminal

action or proceeding, the person must also be determined to have had no reasonable cause to believe the alleged conduct was unlawful.

Note: The termination of any action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption in regard to these determinations. However, if a person is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the person's duty to the Association, there shall be no indemnification unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.

4. The person promptly and timely notifies the Association's general counsel of the actual or threatened service of process, subpoena, notice of deposition or other legal process before incurring attorney fees or other expenses.
5. The person accepts counsel provided or approved by the Association and agrees to accede to the legal strategies approved by the Association's general counsel, including any settlement determinations. In the event that the person wishes to hire other counsel or not accede to the Association's legal strategies, the Association shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the person, except when it is determined that a conflict of interest exists with the Association such that retaining separate counsel is warranted.
6. The person agrees to repay any expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in bringing or defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this policy.

For purposes of this policy, "indemnification" shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action or proceeding.

Determinations as to whether indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in this policy shall be made:

- a. By the NCAA Board of Governors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who are not parties to such action or proceeding, or
- b. If such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable if a quorum of disinterested Board of Governors members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or
- c. by the Association's president if so delegated by the Board of Governors.

The indemnification provided by this policy is not exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested Board of Governors members or otherwise, both as to action in the person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be an employee, committee member or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an employee, committee member or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another association, corporation, partnership joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by the person in any such capacity or arising out of the person's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under the provisions of this policy.

*Effect of Change in Indemnification Law.* If any change in any applicable law, statute, or rule expands the power of the Association to indemnify a person, the change shall be within the purview of the person's rights and the Association's obligations under this policy. If any change in any applicable law, statute, or rule narrows the right of the Association to indemnify a person, the change shall have no effect on this policy or the parties' rights and obligations under this policy, except to the extent otherwise required by law, statute, or rule to be applied to this policy.

## **Subcommittees**

In order to carry out the functions of the Management Council, it may be necessary to appoint Management Council subcommittees. Service on a subcommittee will be considered in light of the Management Council members' responsibilities and service on other committee.

## **Project Teams**

In order to address specific Division II issues or handle a specific project, the Management Council has authority to establish a project team. The composition of the project team may include individuals who are not on the Management Council or Presidents Council. The work of a project team shall be limited in scope and duration. The chair of the Management Council has responsibility regarding project team appointments and replacements. The chair will work with NCAA staff to determine when the work of a project team has been completed.

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## ***Interpretations of Constitution and Bylaws***

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The Management Council shall review all interpretations issued by the Legislation Committee and may approve, reverse or modify such interpretations. Additionally, the Council shall

review all academic interpretations issued by the Academic Requirements Committee and may approve, reverse or modify such interpretations.

A member institution may appeal a decision of the Legislation Committee or an interpretation issued by the Academic Requirements Committee to the Management Council meeting immediately after the decision of the committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing by the institution's president or chancellor, faculty athletics representative or director of athletics. Policies and procedures for hearing such appeals are outlined in the "Appeals, Appearances and Hearings" section of this document.

In the event an institution seeks to change an interpretation of proposed legislation acted upon by the Management Council during its pre-Convention meeting, the chair of the business session may direct the Management Council to take under advisement the Convention discussion in the Management Council's post-Convention review of legislative actions. If the Management Council becomes aware of such concerns in advance of meeting during the Convention, the interpretation in question may be reviewed at that time.

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## ***Management Council Meetings***

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### **Expense Policies.**

The NCAA travel policies are given to each new member of the Management Council. The Association's policies regarding meeting expenses are set forth in Bylaw 31.7.2 in the NCAA Manual. In short, the NCAA pays for transportation to and from Management Council meetings, hotel room and tax charges at the meetings, and a \$75 per diem for each day or part thereof involved in traveling to and from and attendance at the meeting. All members are expected to use Short's Travel, the Association's travel agency, for their transportation arrangements to Management Council meetings.

Transportation and the hotel room and tax are billed directly to the NCAA; the member needs only to pay incidental charges to his or her room when leaving the meeting site. Following the meeting, each member will receive a form on which to claim per diem and any other expenses permitted under NCAA policies. The member will receive reimbursement for those expenses from the NCAA national office within a reasonable time after each meeting. Also, early in each calendar year, each member will receive a Form 1099 reporting the amounts thus paid during the preceding year, if that amount exceeds \$600. In such instances, the member then will declare that amount in filing his or her income tax return for that year. Some Management Council members prefer to have their expense reimbursement paid directly to their institutions to eliminate the need for such personal record keeping.

## **Meeting Location and Format.**

The Management Council must meet in locations that are in accordance with the Association's meeting policies and, at minimum, all meetings must be held in the contiguous 48 states.

Generally, Management Council meetings will be scheduled for two days. In the usual Management Council meeting format (except for the Convention meeting), the Management Council meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. on the first day. At the Convention, the current Management Council meets prior to the Division II Business Session and the new Management Council meets via teleconference after the Convention. The post-Convention teleconference shall be limited to essential items of business. In all cases, a continental breakfast is provided each morning and a luncheon each full day of Management Council sessions.

For the Convention meetings, the Management Council members will have expenses covered according to the policies mentioned above beginning with the pre-Convention Management Council meeting through the end of the Division II Business Session.

The Management Council and Presidents Council will attempt to conduct one joint meeting per year to further the communication efforts between the two governing bodies.

Meetings of other NCAA committees should not be scheduled at the same time as (i.e., in conflict with) meetings of the Management Council.

## **Procedures.**

The Management Council procedures are intended to achieve three goals:

- ◆ Assure emphasis on major policy issues in Management Council meetings.
- ◆ Promote thorough discussion of significant issues while curtailing discussions that become unproductive or unnecessary.
- ◆ Enhance efficiency and communication in the Presidents Council-Management Council relationship.

The following procedures will apply to all Management Council meetings:

## **Missed Meetings.**

If a Management Council member must miss a Management Council meeting, it is that individual's responsibility to inform his or her conference (if the individual is representing a conference), the chair of the Management Council and the vice-president for Division II. In the event that a Management Council member misses two or more Management Council meetings, formal notification of each absence will be sent by the vice-president for Division II to the president of the conference and the conference commissioner.



If a conference's Management Council representative is unable to attend a Management Council meeting, the conference will only be invited to send an observer to the meeting when the Administrative Committee (or its designee) decides that unique and extenuating circumstances justify such an invitation.

### **Agenda.**

Management Council meetings are considered closed business meetings and are not open to the membership or the public at-large. The Administrative Committee has authority to approve requests for special guests or observers to attend Management Council meetings.

Management Council members will be asked to bring with them to meetings such basic reference materials as the NCAA Manual.

Institutions must submit agenda items for consideration by the Management Council through their Management Council representative. To place such items on the agenda, the Management Council representative must forward a written request to the vice-president for Division II at least ten business days prior to the Management Council meeting.

All supplements to the agendas are sent to all Management Council members in advance of the meeting, except in a rare circumstance where that is not possible to achieve. The Management Council receives by electronic communication, approximately two weeks ahead of the meeting, the agenda and all available supplements. All Management Council members will then have the opportunity to peruse all materials prior to arrival at the meeting site.

During each meeting, the Management Council will review reports and recommendations from the various Division II committees, as well as the Association-wide committees, when applicable. These reports will be presented by the Management Council member who serves as the Management Council representative to that committee.

### **Business.**

For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Management Council.

For all actions (unless otherwise specified), a simple majority of Management Council members present and voting (either affirmative or negative) shall be required.

A two-thirds vote of the Division II Management Council members present and voting (either affirmative or negative) is required to recommend that the Presidents Council cosponsor or sponsor a specific legislative proposal.

A majority vote of the Division II Management Council members present and voting is required to support or oppose a specific legislative proposal. Any Management Council member whose conference or institution has sponsored a proposal should recuse himself/herself

from the vote on the Management Council's official position on such membership-sponsored proposal. In addition, while a Management Council member whose conference or institution has sponsored a proposal may participate in the proceedings related to the Management Council's official position on such membership-sponsored proposal, such Management Council member should not influence the position of the Council (see conflict of interest statement in this policies and procedures document).

The Presidents Council has delegated the authority to adopt noncontroversial legislation to the Management Council. The Management Council, in the interim between annual Conventions, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, may adopt noncontroversial legislative amendments clearly necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the division's legislation.

Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a simple majority, a two-thirds majority or a three-fourths majority.

The two members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who serve on the Management Council have one combined vote on the Management Council. The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee policies and procedures address how the two representatives will vote in case of disagreement.

No proxy voting (i.e., voting when not present by having another member vote on your behalf or informing the chair of your vote without attending a meeting) of any kind shall be permitted for a Management Council member unable to attend a regular Management Council meeting.

When disseminating information to the media and the general public, only the chair or the vice-chair of the Management Council and/or an appointed designee from the Management Council and the Division II vice-president shall speak on behalf of the Management Council regarding Management Council actions.

A tobacco-free environment will be maintained during Management Council meetings.

### **Reports.**

Minutes of all NCAA meetings should be restricted to actions only (formal votes or stated "sense of meeting") and such factual data as may be needed. Discussion and general commentary shall be included in reports only when formally directed by the Management Council chair or formally required by a Management Council member.

Reports of Management Council meetings shall be placed for public view on the NCAA Web site ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)).

## **Confidentiality Policy.**

- Management Council members may not report the actions of the Management Council to individuals outside the Management Council until the meeting adjourns.
- Actions the Management Council takes that have to be ratified/approved by the Presidents Council should not be reported until ratification by the Presidents Council. These are issues that the chair, in consultation with the staff liaisons, should look for and identify throughout the meeting (e.g., those issues that are of such a sensitive nature that they should not be reported until after ratification by the presidents).
- When an issue is extremely sensitive, an "executive session" will be called, alerting the Management Council to the fact that the issue cannot be discussed at any time outside the meeting. Calling an "executive session" does not require the staff to leave the meeting.

## **Conflict of Interest Statement.**

The NCAA is a voluntary Association comprised of colleges, universities, conferences and other organizations, and governed through a membership-led committee structure. Within the governance structure, committee members must carefully balance their responsibilities to their respective institutions and/or conferences with the obligation to advance the interests of the Association, the division, or the sport, and ultimately enhance the student-athlete experience. While the fiduciary obligations of committee members to their own institution, their conference, and to the Association ordinarily are not in conflict, it is recognized that as a representative membership organization, committee members' fiduciary obligations are first to their institution, second to their conference, and third to the Association. NCAA committee service involves important ethical and moral obligations. Committee integrity is critical to the decision-making process and includes trust, confidentiality and honesty in all issues and aspects of service and representation. NCAA committee members shall disclose any conflict or potential conflict between their respective personal, professional, institutional, conference, or business interests and the interests of the Association that may affect or otherwise threaten such integrity, in any and all actions taken by them on behalf of the Association, for committee evaluation under this Statement.

In addition to any fiduciary obligation to their institution and conference, committee members also have a fiduciary duty to the Association not to use knowledge or information obtained solely due to service on that committee to the disadvantage of the Association during the term of committee service. Further, a committee member shall not participate in the committee's discussion or vote on any action that might bring direct or indirect personal financial benefit to the member or any organization (other than the member's institution or conference) in which the member is financially interested. A committee member should also not participate in a discussion or vote for which the member's institution or conference is to be accorded a special benefit beyond benefits shared with other institutions or conferences

or is to receive a penalty or disqualification. A violation of either of the above rules by a member of the committee shall not invalidate the action taken by the committee if, following disclosure of the conflict of interest, the committee authorizes, ratifies or approves the action by a vote sufficient for the purpose, without counting the vote of the committee member with the conflict of interest, and the appropriate oversight body approves the action.

A committee member is responsible for advising the chair of any actual or potential conflicts of interest or obligations which he/she may have hereunder, and should recuse him/herself from participating in proceedings, as may be warranted by this policy. Abuse of one's position as a member of a committee may result in dismissal from that position. Where such abuse appears evident, a committee member will be notified by the committee chair and will have the opportunity to present a rebuttal or details of the situation. *[August 2008 Board of Governors (formerly Executive Committee) minutes]*

### **Speaking Agent Policy.**

The president of the Association and the chair of the Board of Governors are the only individuals authorized to speak on behalf of the Association except as outlined below.

An individual representing a member institution or conference who speaks or opines on an Association issue only has the authority to express the view of that individual or the member institution or conference unless the individual has been designated by the Board of Governors of the Association as a speaking agent of the Association on that issue.

Committee chairs are hereby designated as speaking agents of their committees regarding issues within their committees' jurisdiction on which there is consensus, except that positions of advocacy on behalf of the committee or the Association to be communicated in writing or orally to persons or entities external to the Association must have prior approval by the NCAA Board of Governors or the president of the Association.

The president of the Association is hereby granted authority to designate additional speaking agents of the Association. *(April 2001 Board of Governors (formerly Executive Committee) minutes)*

### **Guiding Principle Relating to Student-Athlete Well-Being.**

The Management Council endorsed and should adhere to the following guiding principle in all of its processes and decision making:

*The well-being of student-athletes is at the center of all we do:*

1. *Any process must be flexible and timely and include effective communication.*
2. *Decisions must be fair, reasonable and consider the potential impact on the student-athlete.*

## **Amending and Publishing Policies and Procedures.**

The Management Council shall have the authority to adopt or revise the policies and procedures specified herein as needed. The Presidents Council, at its discretion, may review, amend and/or act on any policy or procedure adopted by the Management Council.

### ***Basic Responsibilities of Management Council Members***

#### **1. General Requirements:**

- a. Division II Management Council members must be actively involved in campus and conference athletics issues. This will allow Management Council members to bring informed opinions to Management Council meetings. Management Council members must serve as liaisons to national issues for their conference members.
- b. Attendance and participation at all Management Council meetings, including the Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Summit and the annual NCAA Convention, are required. If a Management Council member must miss a meeting, it is that individual's responsibility to inform his or her conference (if the individual is representing a conference), the chair of the Management Council and the vice-president for Division II. If a Management Council member misses two or more Management Council meetings, formal notification of each absence will be sent by the Management Council chair and the vice-president for Division II to the president of the conference and the conference commissioner.
- c. A Management Council member who represents a conference must establish a working relationship with the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative from that conference. It is important for Management Council members to understand the Division II student-athlete perspective on legislative proposals and other key Division II issues.
- d. Attendance and participation at committee and project team meetings, as assigned by the Management Council, are required. Management Council members serve as liaisons between the committees/project teams and the Management Council.
- e. Management Council members who experience difficulty in fulfilling their responsibilities will work with the vice-president and the Management Council chair to resolve this issue.

#### **2. Specific Pre-Management Council Meeting Responsibilities:**

- a. Management Council members should solicit agenda items or issues from conference members (or independent institutions) for the next Management Council meeting. To place items on the agenda, Management Council representatives should forward a written request to the vice-president for Division II at least ten business days prior to the start of the Management Council's meeting.
- b. Management Council members should make necessary travel arrangements for Management Council meetings through Short's Travel (airline) and NCAA staff (accommodations).

[Note: Air reservations should be made 30 days in advance, when possible, and Management Council members are expected to arrive by the published start time of the meeting and should not schedule a departure from the meeting site prior to the published adjournment time of the Management Council meeting.]

- c. Management Council members should review the agenda and supplements to become knowledgeable on all issues and to understand the action the Management Council will be asked to consider.
- d. Management Council members should visit with their conference commissioners, Division II SAAC representatives, and other key personnel about agenda items and issues to form a conference position, when necessary.
- e. Management Council members should bring resource materials (e.g., Division II Manual, minutes from committee meetings) to the Management Council meeting.
- f. Management Council members should visit with NCAA committee staff liaisons to prepare report(s) to present to the Management Council for a committee supplement that a Management Council representative has been assigned.
- g. The Management Council representative's name will appear next to the committee agenda item, which indicates that the representative is responsible to provide the report and request action on any and all issues on which a Management Council decision is necessary (the staff liaison can assist with this).
- h. If the committee does not have a written supplement, the Management Council representative should be prepared to provide a brief "oral" update of the work of the committee.
- i. No issue may be requested for action by the Management Council unless it is contained as part of a WRITTEN supplement. The Management Council will not take action unless an issue is presented in writing.

- j. It is not necessary and, in fact, the Management Council discourages the representative of a committee from reading the entire background of information on a given issue. The Management Council has received a written report as part of the agenda/supplements and is responsible to be prepared for the report. Management Council representatives should highlight the key components related to the committee request, ask for a motion, if necessary, and then be prepared to answer questions regarding the issue. Knowledge of how Divisions I and III have reacted to the issue may be helpful.

**3. Specific Post-Management Council Meeting Responsibilities:**

- a. Management Council members should inform conference members (including the commissioner) and the Division II SAAC representative of decisions made by the Management Council. In that regard, Management Council members should identify those decisions that still need Presidents Council action or ratification.
- b. Management Council members serving on committees should inform other committee members regarding the actions the Management Council took on specific committee recommendations. In that regard, Management Council members should identify those decisions that still need Presidents Council action or ratification.
- c. Management Council members should review Management Council meeting summaries and Management Council minutes for accuracy.

**4. Specific Committee/Project Team Responsibilities.** All Management Council members are expected to serve on Association-wide committees, Division II committees and/or Division II project teams, as assigned. As a committee or project team representative, Management Council members will serve as the liaison between the committee/project team and the Management Council. This link is the system by which committees/project teams make specific requests to the Management Council (and ultimately to the Presidents Council) and the system that provides the Management Council with the background and context it needs to process such requests. The specific Management Council responsibilities for committee/project team assignments are:

- a. Attend and participate in all committee/project team meetings and telephone conferences;
- b. Be knowledgeable on all committee/project team issues and recommendations that are forwarded to the Management Council for consideration and be prepared to answer specific questions regarding such requests; and
- c. Work with committee staff liaisons (e.g., a “prep” session by telephone) to be prepared to deliver the committee/project team report at Management Council meetings.

## ***Membership Notification of Management Council Action***

Proper notification of Management Council actions includes, but is not limited to, the following, unless otherwise specified by the Management Council: notification in The NCAA News, as well as The NCAA News section on the Association's World-Wide Web page, NCAA Online ([www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)).

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**NCAA DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
Committee and Project Team Assignments for 2019**

*(Mentor assignments are listed in italics below new Management Council members' names)*

| <b>Management Council Representative (<i>Mentor</i>)</b> | <b>Committees/Project Teams</b>  |
|--|--|
| Michael Cerino   | Division II Championships Committee<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> )  |
| Jessica Chapin   | Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee<br>Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  |
| Teresa Clark   | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee<br>Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee  |
| Laura Clayton Eady<br>( <i>Felicia Johnson</i> )         | NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee   |
| J. Lin Dawson  | NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct<br>Division II Infractions Appeals Committee   |
| Josh Doody   | NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee<br>Division II Committee for Legislative Relief<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee<br>Division II Management Council Liaison to CoSIDA  |
| Bob Dranoff  | Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> )<br>Division II Membership Committee   |
| Amy Foster   | NCAA Honors Committee<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> )  |
| Marty Gilbert<br>( <i>Bob Dranoff</i> )                  | Division II Management Council Subcommittee<br>Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  |
| Chris Graham, <i>vice chair</i>                          | Division II Administrative Committee<br>Division II Championships Committee ( <i>ex officio</i> )<br>Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>ex officio</i> )<br>Division II Management Council Liaison to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA)<br>Division II Planning and Finance Committee |
| Felicia Johnson  | Division II Academic Requirements Committee<br>Division II Management Council Liaison to National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC)  |
| Jim Johnson  | Division II Management Council Liaison to Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA)<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee<br>Division II Planning and Finance Committee   |
| David Kuhlmeier<br>( <i>Steve Murray</i> )               | NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics<br>Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br>Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  |
| John Lewis<br>( <i>Eric Schoh</i> )                      | NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee<br>Division II Convention Planning Project Team  |

| <b>Management Council Representative (<i>Mentor</i>)</b> | <b>Committees/Project Teams</b>   |
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| Laura Liesman, <i>chair</i>                              | NCAA Board of Governors ( <i>ex officio</i> )<br>Division II Administrative Committee<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>ex officio</i> )<br>Division II Planning and Finance Committee ( <i>ex officio</i> ) |
| Courtney Lovely  | Division II Championships Committee<br>Division II Convention Planning Project Team ( <i>chair</i> )<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  |
| David Marsh<br>( <i>Josh Doody</i> )                     | Division II Legislation Committee<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee  |
| Steve Murray   | NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  |
| Shari Reed<br>( <i>Amy Foster</i> )                      | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee<br>Division II Nominating Committee ( <i>effective 7/1/19</i> )<br>NCAA Research Committee   |
| Julie Rochester  | Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br>Division II Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA)<br>Division II Planning and Finance Committee  |
| Judy Sackfield<br>( <i>Courtney Lovely</i> )             | Division II Convention Planning Project Team<br>Division II Nominating Committee  |
| Eric Schoh   | Division II Academic Requirements Committee<br>Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> )<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee ( <i>chair</i> )                    |
| Christie Ward<br>( <i>Cherrie Wilmoth</i> )              | Division II Committee on Infractions<br>Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  |
| Steven Winter<br>( <i>Jessica Chapin</i> )               | NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee<br>Division II Management Council Subcommittee  |
| Cherrie Wilmoth  | Division II Legislation Committee<br>Management Council Liaison to Women Leaders in College Sports  |

Management Council Subcommittee chairs:

- Appeals of Membership Committee decisions on provisional membership status: Amy Foster
- Appeals of Academic Requirements Committee decisions on waivers involving the Academic Performance Census and the Academic Success Rate: Bob Dranoff
- Appeals of Legislative Review Subcommittee decisions involving the amateur status of prospective student-athletes: Michael Cerino
- Appeals of Championships Committee decisions: Amy Foster

Vacancies:

Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
 Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA)  
 Division II Membership Committee



**NCAA Sport Science Institute and Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport**

**Strategic Priorities Timeline**

**Last Update: July 2019**

**NOTE:** Dates are estimates and may change in response to external factors

| <b>Strategic Priority</b>                       | <b>Initiative</b>  | <b>Summary</b>   | <b>Anticipated Deliverable</b>                               | <b>Estimated Timeline</b>   |
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| <b>Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death</b> | Safety in College Football Summit 2016   | <p>Review has taken place through the Uniform Standards of Care Process with membership input and updates.</p> <p>Document has been endorsed by CSMAS and 13 medical organizations.</p> <p>Final document presented to Board of Governors in April 2019.</p> | Present to BoG for consideration as Association-wide policy. | <p><b>Event date:</b> Jan. 2016</p> <p><b>Document drafting:</b> complete</p> <p><b>Membership &amp; external review:</b> complete</p> <p><b>External review &amp; endorsement:</b> complete</p> <p><b>BoG final review and recommendations:</b> complete</p> <p><b>Final deliverable:</b> July 9, 2019</p> |
| <b>Athletics Health Care Administration</b>     | NATA-NCAA Summit on the Organizational and Administrative Aspects of Athletic Health Care in College / University Settings | This project has been transitioned into several separate projects focusing on various aspects of independent medical care.   |  | <b>Event date:</b> Jan. 2017  |
|   | Independent Medical Care – Access to Care  |  |  | <b>Initial BoG Review:</b> May 2019   |

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|                              | for a Visiting Athletic Team                               |   |  | <p><b>Document drafting:</b> thru September</p> <p><b>Membership review:</b> October 2019</p> <p><b>CSMAS review:</b> December 2019</p> <p><b>BoG final review and/or endorsement:</b> January 2020</p> <p><b>Final deliverable:</b> March 2020</p>                                |
| <b>Concussion</b>            | Concussion Safety Advisory Group                           | A group of independent experts selected by their respective professional medical or scientific organization, or NCAA division. Under the oversight of CSMAS, their charge is to advise the Association on changes to the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and Template as necessary given emerging clinical and scientific information on sport-related concussion. | Possible recommendations for Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and Template   | <p><b>Event date:</b> July 25, 2019</p> <p><b>Document drafting:</b> March 2019</p> <p><b>Membership review:</b> Not necessary.</p> <p><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b> September 2019.</p> <p><b>BOG review and endorsement:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Final deliverable:</b> TBD</p> |
|                              | NCAA-DoD Mind Matters Summit                               | This will be the final presentations from the NCAA-DoD Mind Matters Research Challenge. In addition, relevant material from CARE Consortium and Mind Matters Education Challenge will be presented. Membership will be invited  | Foundational statements will be developed that will become the basis of an Executive Summary and other educational material. | <p><b>Event date:</b> June 10-11, 2019</p> <p><b>Document drafting:</b> October 2019</p> <p><b>Membership review:</b> Not necessary</p> <p><b>CSMAS review and support:</b> December 2019</p> <p><b>Final deliverable:</b> TBD</p>   |
| <b>Data-driven Decisions</b> | Integrated Technology in Coaching and Athletic Health Care | SSI will host a meeting to discuss issues arising for both coaching and the delivery of athletic health care from the use of wearable technologies (e.g., global positioning systems; heart rate monitors).   | To Be Determined   | <p><b>Anticipated Event date:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Document drafting:</b></p> <p><b>Membership review:</b></p> <p><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b></p>  |

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|                                     |  |  |  | <b>BOG review and endorsement:</b><br><b>Final deliverable:</b>   |
|                                     | 2020 Safety in College Football Summit                       | SSI will host the third such meeting, which will comprehensively review health and safety issues in college football.  | Football-specific rules and policy review. | <b>Event date:</b> TBD – First quarter 2020   |
| <b>Doping &amp; Substance Abuse</b> | Pain Management in the Collegiate Athlete Task Force         | SSI hosted a discussion focused on pain management for the collegiate athlete.   | Interassociation recommendations*          | <b>Event date:</b> July 10-11, 2018<br><b>Document drafting:</b> Thru December 2019<br><b>Membership review:</b> January – April 2020<br><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b> June 2020<br><b>External review and endorsement:</b> June - August 2020<br><b>BOG review and/or endorsement:</b> August 2020<br><b>Final deliverable:</b> Fall 2020   |
| <b>Mental Health</b>                | Task Force to Advance Mental Health Best Practice Strategies | SSI hosted a task force that will serve as a follow-up to the 2013 Mental Health Task Force. The 2017 task force will identify strategies and resources that support the implementation of the Mental Health Best Practices and identify models of mental health care and measures of effectiveness for the previously-published best practices. | Educational tools†                         | <b>Event date:</b> November 9-10, 2017<br><b>Document drafting:</b> November – March 2018<br><b>Membership review:</b> April 2018<br><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b> June 2018<br><b>BOG review and endorsement:</b> August 2018<br><b>Final deliverable:</b> First deliverable of MH Workshop Planning Kit and MHBP implementation resources were released June 2018.<br><br>Final deliverables expected in October 2019. |

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|  |                                |   | Peer-reviewed Journal Article  | <b>Article submission:</b> TBD  |
|  | Sports Wagering Task Force     | SSI and Research Department hosted a summit for the purpose of identifying education and intervention strategies to prevent and/or manage problem gambling behaviors among student-athletes. Specific deliverables will be determined at the summit.                    | Educational Tools              | <b>Event Date:</b> March 12-13, 2019<br><b>Tool Development:</b> TBD<br><b>Membership review:</b><br><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b> NA<br><b>BOG review and endorsement:</b> NA<br><b>Final deliverable:</b> TBD              |
| <b>Overuse, Sleep, and Performance</b> | Task Force on Sleep & Wellness | SSI hosted a task force on sleep and wellness May 1-2, 2017, with representatives from scientific, higher education and sports medicine organizations to review current data and discuss existing best practices related to the sleep and wellness of student-athletes. | Educational tools <sup>†</sup> | <b>Event date:</b> May 1-2, 2017<br><b>Tool Development:</b> Spring 2019.<br><b>Membership review:</b><br><b>CSMAS review and endorsement:</b> NA<br><b>BOG review and endorsement:</b> NA<br><b>Final deliverable:</b> August 2019 |
|  |                                |   | Peer-review journal article    | <b>Article submission:</b> Complete – Accepted for publication with the British Journal of Sports Medicine  |

\*Will result in uniform standards of care for the Association; <sup>†</sup>Outcomes will be educational in nature, and will serve as a resource for member schools

## NCAA ISP Participation by Division

*As of June 5, 2019*

| <b>Division</b> | <b>Participating</b> | <b>Signed Up, have not received data*</b> | <b>Not Participating, Compatible EMR</b> | <b>Not Participating, Incompatible EMR</b> | <b>No EMR</b> | <b>Unknown EMR</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|--|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Division I      | 32%                  | 20%                                       | 28%                                      | 17%  | 3%            | 0%                 |
| Division II     | 36%                  | 10%                                       | 36%                                      | 8%   | 5%            | 4%                 |
| Division III    | 22%                  | 10%                                       | 49%                                      | 9%   | 6%            | 5%                 |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>29%</b>           | <b>13%</b>                                | <b>39%</b>                               | <b>11%</b>                                 | <b>5%</b>     | <b>3%</b>          |

EMR=Electronic Medical Record

\*These institutions provided data in 2017/18 or have indicated they would like to participate, but we have not received a data submission. This includes institutions that use Presagia Sports, which is finalizing its software updates to allow schools to submit data. Other institutions in this group have received at least one reminder email to submit injury data.

# NCAA ISP Participation by Division II Conference

As of June 5, 2019

| Division  | Participating | Signed Up, have not received data* | Not Participating, Compatible EMR | Not Participating, Incompatible EMR | No EMR    | Unknown EMR |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| California Collegiate Athletic Association        | 15%           | 23%                                | 62%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference            | 14%           | 14%                                | 36%                               | 14%                                 | 14%       | 7%          |
| Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association      | 23%           | 23%                                | 38%                               | 8%                                  | 8%        | 0%          |
| Conference Carolinas                              | 45%           | 9%                                 | 36%                               | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| East Coast Conference                             | 50%           | 0%                                 | 20%                               | 10%                                 | 20%       | 0%          |
| Great American Conference                         | 17%           | 8%                                 | 42%                               | 0%                                  | 25%       | 8%          |
| Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference   | 25%           | 17%                                | 58%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Great Lakes Valley Conference                     | 57%           | 21%                                | 0%                                | 21%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Great Midwest Athletic Conference                 | 14%           | 7%                                 | 57%                               | 7%                                  | 7%        | 7%          |
| Great Northwest Athletic Conference               | 45%           | 0%                                 | 36%                               | 0%                                  | 9%        | 9%          |
| Gulf South Conference                             | 31%           | 15%                                | 23%                               | 8%                                  | 23%       | 0%          |
| Heartland Conference                              | 33%           | 22%                                | 11%                               | 22%                                 | 0%        | 11%         |
| Lone Star Conference                              | 45%           | 0%                                 | 36%                               | 18%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association | 36%           | 0%                                 | 57%                               | 7%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Mountain East Conference                          | 25%           | 0%                                 | 67%                               | 0%                                  | 8%        | 0%          |
| Northeast-10 Conference                           | 100%          | 0%                                 | 0%                                | 0%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference           | 38%           | 0%                                 | 50%                               | 13%                                 | 0%        | 0%          |
| Pacific West Conference                           | 46%           | 0%                                 | 38%                               | 8%                                  | 0%        | 8%          |
| Peach Belt Conference                             | 33%           | 25%                                | 33%                               | 0%                                  | 0%        | 8%          |
| Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference            | 35%           | 12%                                | 29%                               | 18%                                 | 6%        | 0%          |
| Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference                | 38%           | 0%                                 | 50%                               | 6%                                  | 0%        | 6%          |
| South Atlantic Conference                         | 73%           | 0%                                 | 18%                               | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf.                     | 0%            | 8%                                 | 54%                               | 15%                                 | 8%        | 15%         |
| Sunshine State Conference                         | 45%           | 36%                                | 9%                                | 9%                                  | 0%        | 0%          |
| Independent                                       | 0%            | 0%                                 | 33%                               | 0%                                  | 17%       | 50%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>36%</b>    | <b>10%</b>                         | <b>36%</b>                        | <b>8%</b>                           | <b>5%</b> | <b>4%</b>   |

EMR=Electronic Medical Record

\*These institutions provided data in 2017/18 or have indicated they would like to participate, but we have not received a data submission. This includes institutions that use Presagia Sports, which is finalizing its software updates to allow schools to submit data. Other institutions in this group have received at least one reminder email to submit injury data.



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In follow-up to a memorandum sent May 6, 2019, below please find a link to the final production version of “Interassociation Recommendations: Prevention of Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes” documents. In addition to the main document, links to two additional companion documents are available: (1) answers to frequently asked questions and (2) a checklist. Together, they provide comprehensive recommendations on preventing catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes that were unanimously endorsed in April by the NCAA Board of Governors as Association-wide policy under the Uniform Standard of Care Procedures.

[Interassociation Recommendations: Prevention of Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes Document.](#)

[Interassociation Recommendations: Checklist for Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes.](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions Document.](#)

The recommendations in the main document have been endorsed by 13 external scientific and medical organizations and illuminate areas of consensus about the best ways to prevent catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes. They provide a flexible road map for NCAA member institutions to address catastrophic injury prevention in six key areas: sportsmanship; protective equipment; acclimatization and conditioning; emergency action plans; strength and conditioning personnel; and education and training.

The FAQ document was developed to assist with questions about the new policy. This document addresses issues about the process by which the policy was developed, reviewed and endorsed, including the use of foundational statements as a basis. In addition, it addresses questions that have emerged from the membership regarding the interpretation and implementation of the recommendations in the main document.

Many of the recommendations may immediately be actionable by member schools, and others will serve to inform the strategic agendas of NCAA standing committees. In the meantime, we encourage member schools to convene meetings of key health and safety, compliance and administrative personnel to review the content of the document and begin to identify and implement steps consistent with these recommendations.

We believe this is an important step forward as the NCAA continues to demonstrate leadership in health and safety for the benefit of all student-athletes.

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# PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES



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# INTRODUCTION

The second Safety in College Football Summit resulted in interassociation consensus recommendations for three paramount safety issues in collegiate athletics:

1. Independent medical care for collegiate athletes.
2. Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.
3. Year-round football practice contact for collegiate athletes.

This document, the fourth arising from the 2016 event, addresses the prevention of catastrophic injury, including traumatic and nontraumatic death, in collegiate athletes. The final recommendations in this document are the result of presentations and discussions on key items that occurred at the summit. After those presentations and discussions, endorsing organization representatives agreed on 18 draft foundational statements (available upon request) that became the basis for this consensus paper, which has been subsequently reviewed by relevant stakeholders and endorsing organizations. This is the final endorsed document for preventing catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes.

This document is divided into the following components:

## **BACKGROUND**

This section provides an overview of catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes.

## **INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS: PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES**

This section provides the final recommendations of the medical organizations for preventing catastrophic injuries in collegiate athletes.

## **INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS: CHECKLIST**

This section provides a checklist for each member school. The checklist will help the athletics health care administrator to ensure that policies are in place and followed, and are consistent with this document, *Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes*.

## **REFERENCES**

This section provides the relevant references for this document.

## **APPENDIXES**

This section lists the agenda, summit attendees and medical organizations that endorsed this document.



# BACKGROUND

Data about catastrophic injuries and illnesses in collegiate athletes began with intermittent accounts from print media, and more formally in 1931, through the American Football Coaches Association's initiation of the Annual Survey of Football Injury Research. Since 1982, the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill,<sup>1</sup> has been the nation's premier source of catastrophic injury and death related to participation in organized sports at all levels of competition, including college. The NCCSIR monitors, collects and analyzes data on catastrophic injuries, illnesses and death and provides publicly available reports about football and other sports.<sup>1</sup>

In order to create enhanced national surveillance abilities for catastrophic injuries, illness and death, the NCCSIR has partnered with the Consortium for Catastrophic Injury Monitoring in Sport. The consortium includes the division on traumatic injury at the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; the division on exertional injury at the Korey Stringer Institute at the University of Connecticut; and the

division on cardiac injury in sport at the University of Washington.<sup>1</sup> Working through the consortium, the NCCSIR has developed new methods of data collection and analysis, including the use of a public-facing online reporting system.<sup>2</sup>

Researchers who study the epidemiology of catastrophic injury and death in sport identify two mechanisms by which these events occur. *Traumatic* catastrophic injuries, also called direct injuries, are bodily injuries caused directly by participation in a sport activity.<sup>1</sup> An example of a traumatic catastrophic injury is a spinal cord injury caused by tackling in the sport of football. The three leading causes of death from traumatic injury are traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries and internal organ injuries.<sup>1</sup> *Nontraumatic* catastrophic injuries, also known as indirect or exertional injuries, are the "result of exertion while participating in a sport activity or by a complication that was secondary to a non-fatal injury."<sup>1</sup> An example of a nontraumatic catastrophic injury is sudden cardiac arrest in an athlete occurring during a basketball practice. The two leading causes of death from nontraumatic injury are sudden cardiac death and exertional injuries.<sup>1,3</sup>



Enhancing a culture of safety in college sports in general, and college football in particular, is foundational to reducing the occurrence of catastrophic injury and death and the basis for bringing college athletics stakeholders to the first Safety in College Football Summit in 2014, and then reconvening in 2016. The goal of this and any sport safety initiative is protecting the life and the long-term well-being of all athletes.

### **Catastrophic Injury Patterns**

Since 1982, the first year for which catastrophic injury/illness data were available across all collegiate sports (i.e., NCAA; National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; National Junior College Athletic Association), there have been 487 catastrophic injuries or illnesses. Of these, 297 (61%) were traumatic events and 190 (39%) were nontraumatic events.<sup>1</sup> In 2016-17, the last year for which data across all collegiate sports are available, 19 catastrophic events occurred, five of which were fatal.<sup>1</sup>

Overall, football has the highest number of both traumatic and nontraumatic catastrophic injuries of any collegiate sport. Since 1931, the first year in which football-specific fatality data were collected, there have been 94 traumatic fatalities in college football and 127 nontraumatic fatalities.<sup>4</sup> More recently, since 1960 there have been 51 traumatic fatalities and 99 nontraumatic in football.<sup>4</sup> After adjusting for the total number of participating athletes, football is joined by male gymnastics, female skiing, male ice hockey and female gymnastics for the highest rates of traumatic catastrophic injury.<sup>1</sup> Traumatic events in football had fallen every decade from 1960 until 1994. That decline is associated with rule modifications based on research,<sup>5,6</sup> enhanced medical care and education. Since 1994, the number of traumatic injuries has varied, but at a level generally lower than those of the 1970s and 1980s.<sup>1</sup>

Since 1970, in both high school and college football, nontraumatic fatalities have outnumbered traumatic fatalities. Nontraumatic deaths in American football have remained relatively steady for more than five decades. Data from 2017<sup>4</sup> reveal the current decade will continue this unfortunate and often preventable trend of nontraumatic death that occurs largely in out-of-season or preseason workouts. From 2001 to 2017, the ratio of nontraumatic to traumatic death in collegiate football was 5:1 — 35 nontraumatic deaths compared with seven traumatic fatalities.<sup>4</sup>

While rule modification has the potential to decrease nontraumatic deaths in certain situations (e.g., verification of sickle cell trait decreasing exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait in Division I football), the policy and procedures to prevent nontraumatic catastrophic death have not kept pace with strength and conditioning sessions and practice sessions that continue to be the setting for record rates of high school and college athlete deaths. For example, of the nine nontraumatic deaths of football players at all levels of the sport in 2017, six occurred during conditioning sessions and one occurred during a strengthening session.<sup>1</sup> For the 2015-16 academic year, six (15%) of the 40 nontraumatic catastrophic injuries and illnesses that occurred across all sports and all levels of competition took place during strength and conditioning sessions.<sup>1</sup> This means that across all sports beside football, nontraumatic injuries are occurring in practice sessions overseen by sport coaches and not during strength and conditioning sessions.

### **Policy Developments**

Available research provides insight into risk factors for catastrophic injury and has led to policy decisions meant to mitigate those risks. Established research demonstrates that NCAA Division I football athletes with sickle cell trait are at a higher risk of nontraumatic catastrophic events, including death.<sup>5,7,8</sup> In response, the last decade has seen an increase in policy recommendations for the prevention of exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait (ECAST) in collegiate sport. In 2007, the National Athletic Trainers' Association released a consensus statement on sickle cell trait in the athlete.<sup>9</sup> By 2013, all three NCAA divisions had adopted legislation requiring confirmation of student-athlete sickle cell trait status before participation.<sup>10-12</sup> This policy, in tandem with targeted on-site precautions, has resulted in a statistically significant decrease in the number of ECAST deaths in college athletes.<sup>13,14</sup>

Transition periods, defined below, are often associated with poor acclimatization and fitness levels in athletes returning to activity.<sup>15,16</sup> These concerns have prompted several policy developments. In 2003, the NCAA implemented preseason acclimatization legislation for football.<sup>17,18</sup> In the same year, NCAA Division I passed a bylaw<sup>19</sup> specific to Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision football that requires any strength and conditioning

professional who conducts voluntary offseason weight training or conditioning activities to be certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to be accompanied by a member of the sports medicine staff who has unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons. NCAA Division II passed similar legislation one year later.<sup>20</sup> In Division I, the unchallengeable authority component of this legislation was extended to all sports other than football in situations when a member of the sports medicine staff is present at a workout. In 2012, NATA released interassociation best practices on the prevention of sudden death in collegiate athletes during strength and conditioning drills.<sup>15</sup> As of 2016, all three NCAA divisions have legislation that requires strength and conditioning professionals to have a certification from either a nationally recognized strength and conditioning certification program<sup>21,22</sup> or from an accredited strength and conditioning certification program.<sup>23</sup>

However, despite these policy developments, catastrophic injuries and fatalities continue to occur. In recent years, most of the fatalities are from nontraumatic causes. These can be mitigated at the member school with appropriate strategies.

### **Prevention Strategies**

Nontraumatic deaths can be mitigated locally through implementation of consensus- and science-based recommendations. Yet, the number of nontraumatic

fatalities are twice those of traumatic fatalities. There have been 99 nontraumatic deaths in collegiate football compared to 51 traumatic deaths since 1960. Just as most of the fatal head injuries and catastrophic cervical spine injuries occurring from 1960 to 1975 can be directly related to the style of play in the sport of football during that time,<sup>24-26</sup> nontraumatic, exertion-related death is directly related to the conduct and construct of workouts intended to prepare athletes to play sport.<sup>5,16,27,28</sup> Whereas spearing is often the mechanism for traumatic catastrophic injury and death in football,<sup>25,26</sup> intense, sustained exertion that is not sport-specific and does not include appropriate work-to-rest ratios, coupled with modifications for individual risk and precautions, is too often the mechanism for exertion-related nontraumatic fatality.<sup>5,9,16,27-29</sup>

Since 1970, traumatic deaths have undergone a steep and steady decline; nontraumatic deaths, however, have remained steady since 1960. The current era, from 2000 to present, is notable for the following: year-round training for football coupled with the highest incidence of nontraumatic sport-related training deaths in football in recorded history. A proper combination of strategies to prevent the condition from arising in the first place; ensurance of optimal medical care delivery by key stakeholders on-site; and transparency and accountability in workouts should help to eliminate such nontraumatic deaths — a major goal of this document.







## INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

# PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

Best practices for preventing catastrophic injury and death in collegiate sport are organized into six key areas.

## RECOMMENDATION 1 | SPORTSMANSHIP

The principle of sportsmanship is foundational to NCAA athletics competition and creates a moral and ethical framework within which athletics competition occurs. This framework rejects any intentional effort by athletes to use any part of their body, uniform or protective equipment as a weapon to injure another athlete or themselves.<sup>30</sup> This philosophical commitment is further amplified by expressed statements about the value of sportsmanship in sport playing rules.<sup>31-33</sup> The avoidance of on-field or on-court behaviors intended to cause injury to another athlete must become part of the cultural foundation from which all subsequent sport safety initiatives arise.

While acknowledging that football, like other contact/collision sports, is an aggressive, rugged contact sport, the rules of football and of all other sports identify a responsibility shared by all involved to conduct themselves according to a shared ethical code.<sup>33</sup> This code requires that the head and helmet not be used as a weapon, and that unsportsmanlike efforts to deliberately injure an opponent are outside the boundaries of fair and legal play. The act does not need to be purposeful to be considered

an infraction.

Given this commitment to sportsmanship, coupled with the considerable safety implications of its violation, the following recommendations regarding deliberate injury to an opponent should be considered in all sports:

1. A player should be ejected immediately from competition (in addition to a particular penalty) for a first infraction.
2. Video replay (when available) after the competition can verify missed calls and could lead to suspension from the next competition. Conferences play a crucial role in this process and should commit themselves to this responsibility.
3. Officials who fail to call such infractions should be educated and/or disciplined appropriately.
4. In helmeted sports, rules should be further developed to prohibit and penalize the initiation of contact with the head/helmet and should be uniformly enforced.



## RECOMMENDATION 2 | PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protective equipment that is used in sport typically must be manufactured and maintained according to performance and safety standards promulgated by standards organizations such as the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment<sup>34,35</sup> and ASTM International.<sup>36</sup> When sport playing rules require equipment to comply with existing standards, the legality of the equipment is dependent on compliance, certification or both with existing standards. For example, current playing rules in the sport of football require that helmets be manufactured and maintained according to standards established by NOCSAE. These standards have been demonstrated to reduce the occurrence of

catastrophic brain injury.<sup>37</sup> In some cases, as with the helmet in the sport of football, equipment must be maintained through a reconditioning process. Where this responsibility exists, member institutions must remain vigilant about ensuring necessary maintenance to ensure the continued safety and legality of protective equipment.

The following should be implemented across all sports:

- Every member school should establish policy to ensure annual certification, recertification and compliance, as appropriate, with all protective equipment standards.

## RECOMMENDATION 3 | ACCLIMATIZATION AND CONDITIONING

Many nontraumatic deaths take place during the first week of activity of a transition period in training.<sup>15</sup> Given this fact, it is imperative to recognize the vulnerability during these periods and to ensure that both proper exercise and heat acclimatization are implemented.

Transition periods hold particular risk, but absent adherence to established standards, best practices and precautions, collegiate athletes are at risk at all points in the offseason regimen. For example, February and July typically are not transition times, yet from 2000 to 2017, they are the deadliest months of winter and summer training in collegiate football.<sup>28</sup> Acclimatization and physiologic progression with a basis of exercise science and sport specificity are the cornerstones of safe conditioning and physical activity. It takes approximately seven to 10 days for the body to acclimatize to the physiologic and environmental stresses placed upon it at the start of a conditioning or practice period, especially during periods of warm or hot weather.<sup>15,38,39</sup>

Acclimatization, especially heat acclimatization, can occur only through repeated exposure to a hot environment<sup>40</sup> while progressively increasing the volume and intensity of physical activity.<sup>41</sup> Unfortunately, perceived time pressures by coaches coupled with the culture of certain sports that excesses in training make athletes tough, disciplined and accountable contribute to a tendency to overload athletes during transition periods.<sup>15,42</sup>

A minimum expectation is that *all* strength and conditioning sessions, regardless of when in the year they occur, should be evidence- or consensus-based; sport-specific; intentionally administered; appropriately monitored, regardless of the phase of training; and not punitive in nature.

For acclimatization and conditioning, the following direction should be considered for all sports and by any individual responsible for the planning and/or implementation of training and conditioning sessions, whether that be a strength and conditioning professional or a sport coach:

1. Training and conditioning sessions should be introduced intentionally, gradually and progressively to encourage proper exercise

acclimatization and to minimize the risk of adverse effects on health. This is especially important during the first seven days of any new conditioning cycle, which should be considered a *transition period*. A lack of progression and sport-specificity in the volume, intensity, mode and duration of conditioning programs in transition periods has been noted as a primary factor in nontraumatic fatalities.<sup>16</sup> Importantly, in this period of year-round sport, new conditioning cycles can occur several times throughout the year and are not limited to the beginning of a competitive season. During transition periods, athletes should be instructed to avoid additional volunteer sessions of physical activity (e.g., 7-on-7 drills, pickup games, drill work). Physical activity schedules during transition periods should be well prescribed, accounting for all sources of physical activity in which an athlete engages.

Examples of transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to:

- a. Individual transitions.
    - (1) Athletes new to the program.
    - (2) Returning after an injury or illness.
    - (3) Any delayed participation relative to the team schedule.
  - b. Team transitions.
    - Resumption of training after an academic break (e.g., winter, spring, summer breaks).
2. Training and conditioning sessions should be exercise-science based and physiologically representative of the sport and its performance components. Conditioning programs should begin with work-to-rest ratio intervals appropriate for the goals of the training session and that allow for proper recovery.
  3. Collegiate athletes are especially vulnerable to exertional injuries during the first four days of transition periods, and the data support that modifications in these periods can greatly decrease the risk of catastrophic events.<sup>14</sup> During this time, training and conditioning sessions should be appropriately calibrated and include

limitations on total volume and intensity of activity. This may be accomplished in several ways. For example, holding only one training and conditioning session per day during the transition period may be effective for limiting the volume of physical activity.

- a. Properly training during transition periods also should greatly reduce or eliminate rhabdomyolysis, which is largely preventable. Since 2007, 57 NCAA collegiate athletes have been reported as suffering from exertional rhabdomyolysis in nine team outbreaks representing eight different institutions, with 51 of the afflicted athletes requiring hospitalization.<sup>43</sup> Novel overexertion, or exertion caused by new activities or at unaccustomed volume or intensity, is the most common cause of exertional rhabdomyolysis and is characterized as too much, too soon and too fast in a workout regimen.<sup>14</sup> Team outbreaks of exertional rhabdomyolysis in NCAA athletes have similarities of irrationally intense workouts designed and conducted by coaches and/or strength and conditioning professionals.<sup>43</sup>
- b. When phasing in activity during transition periods, athletics staff members should consider the following:
  - (1) Days/week.
  - (2) Body part.
  - (3) Activity/exercise.
  - (4) Sets/repetitions/distance.
  - (5) Load (percent of one-repetition maximum, i.e., 1RM).
  - (6) Work-rest ratio.
  - (7) Modifications: position; individual; return from injury; environment.

4. All training and conditioning sessions should be documented. In addition, all training and conditioning sessions should:
  - a. Be approved by a credentialed strength and conditioning professional, or by the head sport coach at institutions that do not employ strength and conditioning professionals.
  - b. Address exercise volume, intensity, mode and duration.
  - c. Ensure the location of the training and conditioning session is identified in the plan to accommodate venue-specific emergency action planning.
  - d. Be reproducible upon request and be shared with the primary athletics health care providers (team physician and athletic trainer) before the session in which they are to be used.
  - e. Be modified in response to hazardous environmental conditions, scheduling considerations, etc. The amended workout plan should maintain the above principles.
5. A disciplinary system should be developed and applied to strength and conditioning professionals and sport coaches who fail to follow these recommendations. Such penalties could include suspension and/or termination by the member school. Additionally, failure to follow the recommendations could be a reportable offense by member schools to the NCAA.

## RECOMMENDATION 4 | EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

There is broad agreement that the most effective way to prevent catastrophic fatalities and manage nonfatal catastrophic events is through a sound and well-rehearsed emergency action plan.<sup>13,15,29,44,45</sup> Venue-specific emergency action plans are a cornerstone of emergency readiness for campus and athletics health care providers.<sup>38,46</sup>

Emergency action plans should be readily available to all members of the athletics community, located both centrally and at each venue at which athletics activities will occur and should be rehearsed with all relevant sports medicine and coaching staff at least once a year. The equipment necessary to execute the emergency action plan should be available to each venue at which athletics activities will occur. Emergency action plan rehearsal also should be incorporated into new employee orientation.

At a minimum, well-rehearsed and venue-specific emergency action plans should be developed for the following nontraumatic catastrophic events:

1. Head and neck injury.
2. Cardiac arrest.
3. Heat illness and heat stroke.
4. Exertional rhabdomyolysis.
5. Exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait.
6. Any exertional or nonexertional collapse.
7. Asthma.
8. Diabetic emergency.
9. Mental health emergency.

In addition, well-rehearsed and venue-specific emergency action plans should be consistent with the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist.<sup>47</sup> This checklist was created in response to NCAA legislation passed by the Division I conferences with autonomy in January 2015,<sup>47</sup> and subsequently by all three divisions. The checklist facilitates the development of a comprehensive and coordinated set of policies to guide institutions in the diagnosis and management of collegiate athlete concussions and in the eventual return to play and return to the classroom by those athletes. Concussion emergency action plans should be created for the following suspected conditions:

1. Concussion.
2. Moderate or severe traumatic brain injury.

3. Cervical spine injuries.

Special considerations:

1. Cardiac emergencies — Research has shown that in sudden cardiac arrest, the probability of survival drops by 7-10% for every minute of active arrest, whereas the probability of survival is 89% in properly administered CPR and automated external defibrillators.<sup>48,49</sup> The location of AEDs should be documented and should reflect a strategy that ensures their arrival at the scene of a collapse with the target goal of collapse-to-shock in less than three minutes.<sup>49</sup> All AEDs should be checked at least monthly to assure they are fully charged.<sup>49</sup>
2. Exertional heat illness emergencies — Exertional heatstroke is a medical emergency that is characterized by extreme hyperthermia (>40.0 degrees C/>104 degrees F) and central nervous system dysfunction such as altered behavior or decreased consciousness.<sup>41</sup> To differentiate heatstroke from other acute medical events, primary athletics health care providers should be prepared to measure core body temperature using rectal thermometry. Rectal temperature has been demonstrated as the most accurate method for measuring body temperature, whereas other methods such as axillary, tympanic (aural), temporal, oral and skin measurements are not valid or reliable predictors of core temperature.<sup>50</sup> During warm weather events, but especially pre-season practices of fall season sports, resources (e.g., equipment and personnel) should be readily available to ensure that full-body ice water immersion can be conducted in a timely manner. Full-body immersion in cold water (1.7 degrees C to 15.0 degrees C/35 degrees F to 59 degrees F) is the most effective immediate treatment of exertional heatstroke, with fatality rates close to zero if the body temperature is brought to less than 40.0 degrees C within 30 minutes after collapse.<sup>41</sup> Full-body cold water immersion should be conducted before patient transport, and should be continued until the body has cooled to a temperature below 38.9 degrees C/102 degrees F. During cold water immersion, body temperature should be continuously monitored with rectal thermometry.



## RECOMMENDATION 5: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETICS PERSONNEL

Physical activity never should be used for punitive purposes. Exercise as punishment invariably abandons sound physiologic principles and elevates risk above any reasonable performance reward.<sup>15</sup> As stated in the 2014-15 NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook, this principle has been reinforced by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.<sup>51</sup> All athletics personnel, including both sport and strength and conditioning professionals, as well as primary athletics health care providers, should intervene when they suspect that physical activity is being used as punishment. Although “intent” of punishment may be difficult to establish, punishment workouts use unsound physiological principles, as enumerated in this document.

All training and conditioning sessions should be administered by personnel with demonstrated competency in the safe and effective development and implementation of training and conditioning activities, and with the necessary training to respond to emergency situations arising from those activities.

NCAA bylaws in all three divisions require that strength and conditioning professionals have a strength and conditioning certification from either a nationally accredited<sup>23</sup> or nationally recognized,<sup>21,22</sup> strength and conditioning certification program. Additional NCAA bylaws in Division I<sup>19</sup> require that strength and conditioning professionals must be accompanied by members of the sports medicine staff when conducting voluntary, offseason conditioning sessions. In these situations, NCAA bylaws in both Divisions I and II<sup>19,20</sup> require the sports medicine staff members have unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons.

In Division III, where the presence of full-time strength and conditioning professionals may be less frequent, and where as a result, sport coaches may provide strength and conditioning services to all collegiate athletes, legislation is more nuanced. Any sport coach can conduct an in-season workout without needing a strength and conditioning certification. Only strength and conditioning professionals with nationally recog-

nized certifications can conduct voluntary workouts in the offseason, and then only during the regular academic year and only if the voluntary workouts are being conducted for all collegiate athletes.<sup>21</sup> This legislation anticipates a situation when a sport coach is otherwise serving a broader, campus-wide responsibility as strength and conditioning beyond the sport he or she coaches.

The following questions about the strength and conditioning credential should be considered when hiring a strength and conditioning professional:

1. Is the strength and conditioning credential one that reflects attaining relevant competencies in the delivery of strength and conditioning services to collegiate athletes and teams?
2. Is the credential conferred by a certification program/process that is nationally accredited?
3. What are the requisite educational standards required for certification eligibility, and the continuing education requirements required by the certification program?
4. Does the certification require CPR and AED certification?
5. Does the certification require a baccalaureate degree or higher, and is it in a degree field with relevance to the provision of strength and conditioning services?

The current state of credentialing across the strength and conditioning profession makes it difficult to ensure that all strength and conditioning professionals have the requisite competency to safely and effectively conduct conditioning sessions. Many organizations currently offer “strength and conditioning” credentials, though there is significant variability in both the content represented by these credentials and the rigor required to attain them. The complete absence of state regulation further complicates this landscape because there is no clearly established strength and conditioning scope of practice, and therefore, there is no authoritative accounting of the knowledge and skill domains required for the safe and effective practice of a strength and conditioning professional. If carefully considered, the five questions above can assist

institutions in identifying strength and conditioning credentials reflecting the attainment of minimal competence in the provision of strength and conditioning services. Moreover, the U.S. Registry of Exercise Professionals (see [usreps.org/Pages/Default.aspx](https://usreps.org/Pages/Default.aspx)) contains those strength and conditioning professions with certifications from programs accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies. NCCA accreditation is considered a marker of quality for certification programs in the health and/or medical domains.

An additional problem arises through the increasingly close alignment between sport coaches and strength and conditioning professionals, especially in the sport

of football. Strength and conditioning professionals frequently are hired by the head football coach, and/or subject to their administrative oversight. This alignment is problematic because it contributes to the perception that strength and conditioning professionals are members of the coaching staff rather than independently credentialed strength and conditioning professionals. Such singular alignment and reporting are not consistent with this document. All strength and conditioning professionals should have a reporting line into the sports medicine or sport performance lines of the institution. This includes sport coaches who have responsibility for providing strength and conditioning services across all sport teams.

## RECOMMENDATION 6 | EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Beyond strength and conditioning professionals, each institution should adopt requirements for the education and training of athletics personnel, including as a minimum, but not limited to, strength and conditioning professionals, sport coaches and primary athletics health care providers. Education should focus on preventing catastrophic injury and sudden death in sport. Such education and training should occur annually. Regular education not only can serve to improve the recognition and response skills of those who may be involved in a catastrophic event but also can contribute to a heightened state of organizational mindfulness that contributes to an environment of emergency readiness. Education and prevention strategies should be customized for the unique learning needs of relevant stakeholders and their roles on the athletics team.

Such training should include the following:

1. Foundational information regarding emergency action plans.
2. Environmental monitoring (heat/humidity, lightning).
3. Head and neck injuries.
4. Cardiac arrest.
5. Heat illness and heatstroke.
6. Exertional Rhabdomyolysis.
7. Exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait.
8. Any exertional or nonexertional collapse.
9. Asthma.
10. Diabetic emergency.
11. Mental health emergency.
12. Proper training principles/principles of periodization.





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INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS | CHECKLIST

# PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

This checklist will help the athletics health care administrator to ensure that policies are in place and followed, and are consistent with this document, *Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes*.

| 1 TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| In all sports, all practices and competitions adhere to existing ethical standards.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| In all sports, using playing or protective equipment as a weapon is prohibited during all practices and competitions.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| In all practices and competitions, deliberately inflicting injury on another player is prohibited.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| All playing and protective equipment, as applicable, meets relevant equipment safety standards and related certification requirements.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all venues at which practices or competitions are conducted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected concussions.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected moderate or severe traumatic brain injuries.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected cervical spine injuries.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all sports coaches.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all strength and conditioning professionals.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |



| TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED  | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all primary athletics health care providers (i.e., team physicians and athletic trainers). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all collegiate athletes.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all athletics administrators.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |

**2** TRAUMATIC: CONTACT/COLLISIONS HELMETED SPORTS | YES | NO | COMMENTS

|  |                          |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to existing ethical standards.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to keeping the head out of blocking and tackling.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to prohibiting the use of the helmet as a weapon.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to not deliberately inflicting injury on another player.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to maintaining and certifying helmets to existing helmet safety standards. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

**3** NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL | YES | NO | COMMENTS

|  |                          |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| All practices and strength and conditioning sessions adhere to established scientific principles of acclimatization and conditioning.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Conditioning periods are phased in gradually and progressively to encourage proper exercise acclimatization and to minimize the risk of adverse effects on health. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| The first seven days of any new conditioning cycle are considered a transition period and a time of physiologic vulnerability for athletes.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, returning after an injury or illness.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, returning after school break (e.g., winter, spring, summer).                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

| NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED   | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, beginning as a delayed start.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Training and conditioning sessions are appropriately calibrated and include limitations on total volume and intensity of activity, especially during the first four days of transition periods.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| All workouts have a written plan that is exercise science-based, physiologically sport-specific, and tailored to the individual.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Workout plans are approved by a credentialed strength and conditioning professional, or the responsible sport coach if a strength and conditioning professional is not available at the institution. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Components of the workout plan include volume, intensity, mode and duration.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The activity location is stated in the workout plan to accommodate venue-specific emergency action planning.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Workout plans are reproducible upon request and shared with the primary athletics health care providers (team physician and athletic trainer) before the session in which they are to be used.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Modification due to hazardous environmental conditions, scheduling considerations, etc., is supported. The amended workout plan maintains the above principles.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Exercise never is used for punitive purposes.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Educational background, sport experience and credentialing are verified for all strength and conditioning professionals.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| All strength and conditioning professionals have a reporting line into the sports medicine or sport performance lines of the institution.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for all venues in which practices or competitions are conducted.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for head and neck injuries.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for cardiac arrest.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional heat illness and heat stroke.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional rhabdomyolysis.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |

| NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED  | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for any exertional or non-exertional collapse.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for asthma.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for diabetic emergency.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Strength and conditioning venues have emergency action plans specific to the venue, sport and circumstances.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for strength and conditioning professionals. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for sport coaches.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for athletic trainers.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for team physicians.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for collegiate athletes.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for athletics administrators.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |



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# APPENDIX A

## 2016 SAFETY IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL SUMMIT AGENDA

### AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Safety in College Football Summit

Orlando, Florida

February 10-11, 2016

#### DAY 1

1. **Welcome and summit overview. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)**
2. **Topic 1: Sensor and clinical data regarding football practice and head exposure.**
  - a. Campus research. (Stefan Duma, Thomas Druzgal, Jacob Marucci, Jason Mihalik)
  - b. Big 12 research. (Scott Anderson, Allen Hardin)
  - c. Roundtable discussion and report out.
  - d. Referendum: Year-round football practice contact.
3. **Topic 2: Catastrophic injury in football.**
  - a. Traumatic. (Kevin Guskiewicz)
  - b. Nontraumatic. (Scott Anderson, Doug Casa)
  - c. Roundtable discussion and report out.
  - d. Referendum: Action plan for mitigating catastrophic injury in football.
4. **Topic 3: Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion guidelines.**
  - a. Guidelines overview. (Brian Hainline, Scott Anderson)
  - b. Concussion diagnosis and management update: New data from Concussion Assessment, Research and Education Consortium. (Steven Broglio, Thomas McAllister, Michael McCrea)
  - c. Re-examining concussion treatment: Agreements from the TEAM meeting? (Anthony Kontos)
  - d. Roundtable discussion and report out.
  - e. Referendum: Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.

#### DAY 2

1. **Opening remarks. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)**
2. **Topic 4: Independent medical care. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)**
  - a. Roundtable discussion and report out.
  - b. Referendum: Independent medical care.
3. **Topic 5: Interassociation consensus statements.**
  - a. Year-round football practice contact.
  - b. Catastrophic injury in football.
  - c. Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.
  - d. Independent medical care.

4. **Closing remarks.**

# APPENDIX B

## 2016 SAFETY IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

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**Ken Stephens**, National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment  
**Edward Stewart**, Senior Associate Commissioner, Big 12 Conference  
**Michael Strickland**, Senior Associate Commissioner, Atlantic Coast Conference  
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# APPENDIX C

## ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations have endorsed this document:

- American Association of Neurological Surgeons
- American Medical Society for Sports Medicine
- American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine
- American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine
- College Athletic Trainers' Society
- Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association
- Congress of Neurological Surgeons
- Korey Stringer Institute
- National Athletic Trainers' Association
- National Strength and Conditioning Association
- National Operating Committee for Standards on Athletic Equipment
- Sports Neuropsychology Society

The following organization has affirmed the value of this document:

- American Academy of Neurology





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INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS | CHECKLIST

# PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES

This checklist will help the athletics health care administrator to ensure that policies are in place and followed, and are consistent with this document, *Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes*.

**1** TRAUMATIC: GENERAL | YES | NO | COMMENTS

|  |                          |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| In all sports, all practices and competitions adhere to existing ethical standards.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| In all sports, using playing or protective equipment as a weapon is prohibited during all practices and competitions.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| In all practices and competitions, deliberately inflicting injury on another player is prohibited.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All playing and protective equipment, as applicable, meets relevant equipment safety standards and related certification requirements.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all venues at which practices or competitions are conducted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected concussions.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected moderate or severe traumatic brain injuries.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| There is a regularly rehearsed emergency action plan consistent with the Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist for all suspected cervical spine injuries.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all sports coaches.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all strength and conditioning professionals.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

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| TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED  | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all primary athletics health care providers (i.e., team physicians and athletic trainers). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all collegiate athletes.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Annual education and prevention strategies about catastrophic injuries are provided to all athletics administrators.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |

**2** TRAUMATIC: CONTACT/COLLISIONS HELMETED SPORTS | YES | NO | COMMENTS

|  |                          |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to existing ethical standards.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to keeping the head out of blocking and tackling.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to prohibiting the use of the helmet as a weapon.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to not deliberately inflicting injury on another player.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| All contact/collision, helmeted practices and competitions adhere to maintaining and certifying helmets to existing helmet safety standards. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

**3** NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL | YES | NO | COMMENTS

|  |                          |                          |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| All practices and strength and conditioning sessions adhere to established scientific principles of acclimatization and conditioning.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Conditioning periods are phased in gradually and progressively to encourage proper exercise acclimatization and to minimize the risk of adverse effects on health. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| The first seven days of any new conditioning cycle are considered a transition period and a time of physiologic vulnerability for athletes.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, returning after an injury or illness.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, returning after school break (e.g., winter, spring, summer).                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

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| NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED   | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Transition periods for athletes include, but are not limited to, beginning as a delayed start.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Training and conditioning sessions are appropriately calibrated and include limitations on total volume and intensity of activity, especially during the first four days of transition periods.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| All workouts have a written plan that is exercise science-based, physiologically sport-specific, and tailored to the individual.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Workout plans are approved by a credentialed strength and conditioning professional, or the responsible sport coach if a strength and conditioning professional is not available at the institution. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Components of the workout plan include volume, intensity, mode and duration.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The activity location is stated in the workout plan to accommodate venue-specific emergency action planning.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Workout plans are reproducible upon request and shared with the primary athletics health care providers (team physician and athletic trainer) before the session in which they are to be used.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Modification due to hazardous environmental conditions, scheduling considerations, etc., is supported. The amended workout plan maintains the above principles.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Exercise never is used for punitive purposes.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Educational background, sport experience and credentialing are verified for all strength and conditioning professionals.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| All strength and conditioning professionals have a reporting line into the sports medicine or sport performance lines of the institution.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for all venues in which practices or competitions are conducted.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for head and neck injuries.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for cardiac arrest.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional heat illness and heat stroke.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional rhabdomyolysis.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |

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| NON-TRAUMATIC: GENERAL   CONTINUED  | YES                      | NO                       | COMMENTS |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for exertional collapse associated with sickle cell trait.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for any exertional or non-exertional collapse.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for asthma.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Emergency action plans are developed and rehearsed annually for diabetic emergency.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| Strength and conditioning venues have emergency action plans specific to the venue, sport and circumstances.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for strength and conditioning professionals. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for sport coaches.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for athletic trainers.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for team physicians.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for collegiate athletes.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |
| The institution has adopted requirements for the annual education and training for the prevention of sudden death in sport for athletics administrators.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |





## INTERASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS: PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC INJURY AND DEATH IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETES JULY 2019

### Frequently Asked Questions

This document was created to assist NCAA member institutions with questions about the document, *Interassociation recommendations: Preventing catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes*, which was endorsed on April 30, 2019 by the NCAA Board of Governors as association-wide policy – effective date August 1, 2019. These recommendations are the last to emerge from the 2016 NCAA Safety in College Football Summit. Unique relative to the other documents from this summit, they were developed and ultimately approved according to the Uniform Standard of Care procedures.

This document is divided into two parts. Part I addresses issues about the process by which the document was developed, reviewed and endorsed. Part II addresses issues about the content of the document itself and is shaped by questions that have emerged from the membership regarding the interpretation and implementation of the recommendations in the document.

#### **PART I: Process of developing the recommendations.**

1. *What is the Uniform Standard of Care policy?*

It is a procedural pathway that guides and facilitates communication between the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Board of Governors on issues of student-athlete health and safety that may require a consistent policy solution across the entire Association.

2. *What is the origin of the Uniform Standard of Care policy?*

In December 2016, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors requested CSMAS assistance to develop language to capture “unified standards of care” for student-athlete health and safety matters. This request was in support of its report to the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition, and specifically addressed the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Governors “to monitor and provide direction in student-athlete health and safety matters that require a unified standard of care and/or pose legal risk to the Association.”

In March 2017, CSMAS satisfied this request by recommending a policy framework that would facilitate association-wide action when, on occasion, an issue of significance arises that not only poses a substantial challenge to the principle of student-athlete well-being, but also requires a uniform, Association-wide response to address that challenge. The policy calls for CSMAS to evaluate such an issue against four criteria, and then to determine if referral to the Board of Governors is indicated. The four criteria are:

- a. The issue involves new scientific evidence with anticipated Association-wide importance.
- b. The issue will impact a core Association-wide value.
- c. The issue poses a legal risk to the Association.
- d. The issue poses a reputational risk to the Association.

The Board of Governors approved the CSMAS framework at its April 2017 meeting.

3. *How is the Uniform Standard of Care policy used?*

When an issue is identified by CSMAS as satisfying one or more of the four above criteria, the committee works collaboratively with the NCAA Sport Science Institute to develop a proposal for the Board of Governors that:

- a. Explains how the issue(s) satisfies one or more of these criteria.
- b. Demonstrates why an effective solution(s) to the problem requires a uniform, Association-wide approach.
- c. Suggests one or more actions to the Board of Governors that may contribute to the development or implementation of a uniform Association-wide solution.

These actions may include approving the development of an exploratory summit or task force to investigate the issue in question. In turn, such an event may give rise to consensus interassociation recommendations that are vetted for Association-wide policy, or rather an alternative pathway such as the production of educational products or reference documents, or some combination that is determined to best meet the needs of the membership as it acts to respond to the health and safety issue in question.

Documents that are considered as Association-wide policy are subjected to review and input by the NCAA membership and relevant scientific and medical organizations, with final review and approval by CSMAS and the Board of Governors.

4. *Is the interassociation recommendations on catastrophic injury prevention document a product of the Uniform Standard of Care procedures?*



Yes. The Board of Governors approved the development of the document within the construct of the Uniform Standards of Care procedures during its April 2017 meeting. Subsequently, the catastrophic injury document was written, and then reviewed by the collective leadership of all three NCAA divisions and medical/scientific organizations which were asked to endorse the document. Collectively, the recommendations in the document provide an Association-wide solution to mitigate catastrophic injury and death in collegiate athletes. The Board of Governors endorsed these recommendations at its April 30, 2019 meeting.

5. *Who wrote the document?*

The content of the document was informed by the 2016 NCAA Safety in College Football Summit, as well as available scientific literature on the topic of catastrophic injury. The document itself was written by a core writing group, designated at the summit, comprised of a physician and three athletic trainers/sport scientists.

6. *Did the membership review this document?*

Yes, extensively. According to the Uniform Standard of Care policy, the document was managed under the oversight of the CSMAS, the membership committee with responsibility to student-athlete health and safety.

In addition, the document was reviewed by governance leadership in all three divisions, including the Division I Strategic Visioning and Planning Committee, the Division I Council, the Division II and III Management Councils, and the Division II and III Presidents Councils.

7. *Did any other organizations review this document?*

Yes. The document was reviewed and ultimately endorsed by thirteen leading medical and scientific organizations, all of which were represented at the original 2016 summit. A list of endorsing organizations is available in appendix C of the document.

**PART II: Content of the recommendations.**

8. *Are these recommendations or requirements? What is the difference? What is the penalty for not following these recommendations?*

In both name and in structure, the document is presented as recommendations, rather than legislation. The membership's embracing these recommendations stems from the emerging standard of care they collectively illuminate.

The value of the endorsement of external scientific and medical organizations is that their endorsements validate the existence of a standard of care. Consequently, the recommendations are serving the membership by helping it to understand and respond to the existing landscape of expectations.

The Board of Governors' endorsement of the recommendations under the Uniform Standard of Care policy does not transform them into legislation. Instead, the Board of Governors' endorsement:

- a. Establishes the recommendations as Association-wide policy and priority.
- b. Simultaneously creates a pathway to uniformity and consistency in guidance provided to the Association as a whole.

Institutions are advised to review all the recommendations with campus general counsel and medical personnel to determine necessary and appropriate changes to protect and enhance the safety of student-athletes.

9. *The effective date of the document is August 1, 2019. Does this mean that all aspects of the document, including the reporting line of strength and conditioning professionals, must be in place by that date?*

August 1, 2019 is the starting line – not the finishing line – for school adoption of the recommendations in this document. Member schools should have begun the process of aligning with the document by August 1, 2019, utilizing the Checklist as a guide. This includes beginning the process of determining alignment strategies with strength and conditioning professionals.

10. *Previous versions of the document included foundational statements as an appendix. Why are the foundational statements not included in the final version of the document?*

The foundational statements were presented in previous versions of the document for the sake of transparency and to document the deliberations of the 2016 Safety in College Football Summit, from which this document arises. They were not legislative or policy recommendations. The foundational statements created confusion with the membership

and were frequently mistaken with the recommendations themselves. As a result, we have removed them from the final version and they are available upon request.

The six recommendations are presented in the document along with a Checklist that will help when planning local strategies for the prevention of catastrophic injury and illness.

11. *To whom do these recommendations apply? Are coaches responsible to these recommendations in the same way as athletics health care providers, administrators, and strength and conditioning professionals?*

As Board of Governors endorsed Association-wide policy, these recommendations apply to all athletics personnel. Anyone who has a role to play in the prevention of catastrophic injury and death in student-athletes should be aware of and understand these recommendations, and the corresponding campus-based policies that operationalize them. This includes coaches and their staffs.

Athletics health care administrators (AHCAs) have a unique role in facilitating campus alignment with these recommendations. As the primary administrative point of contact for health and safety at each member school, the AHCA has a special responsibility to ensure that the recommendations are broadly distributed and socialized amongst members of the athletic department. The AHCA may also lead in convening meetings and/or discussions amongst relevant stakeholders, or in developing local policies reflective of these recommendations.

12. *Some of the recommendations seem to require Association action rather than individual school action. Are “next steps” planned for some of these recommendations?*

Some recommendations may be immediately actionable at the institutional level (e.g., reporting structure for strength and conditioning professionals). Those recommendations that are have been written so as to maximize a school’s flexibility when strategizing about how best to align with the recommendation. This is the primary advantage of recommendations over legislation.

Other recommendations may require additional consideration and follow-up by the Association (e.g., identifying an issue as a reportable offense). In fact, we expect that one or more Association committees will decide to address several of these issues as part of their ongoing committee agendas. For example:

- a. CSMAS has decided to further explore the issues of acclimatization and transition periods, both of which are emphasized in the recommendations.

- b. This exploration may lead CSMAS to eventually make formal legislative recommendations. Such recommendation would then trigger further membership deliberation and debate according to well-established legislative pathways.
  - c. If the membership ultimately approves such legislation, it would represent a transformation of a recommendation into a legislative requirement.
13. *The document calls for every member school to establish policy to ensure annual certification, recertification and compliance, as appropriate, with all protective equipment standards. What if there is no standard for a piece of athletic equipment? How is “industry standard” to be decided?*

If there is not an industry standard for a specific piece of athletic equipment, then there is no need for the member school to establish such policy. However, school policy should clearly account for which pieces of protective equipment do and do not have such industry standards. Common pieces of protective equipment that have standards include, but are not limited to, football helmets, hockey helmets, lacrosse helmets, lacrosse balls, field hockey eye goggles, soccer shin guards, and batting helmets.

14. *The document states that exercise should never be used for punitive purposes. Is there a formal definition or description of exercise as punishment?*

The recommendations note that punishment workouts are based on intent and unsound physiological principles. However, beyond that, no formal definition is provided.

Punishment workouts are more than just “extra exercise.” In general terms, punitive workouts are motivated by anger or frustration and may include a volume and intensity of exercise corresponding to that anger and frustration. Such volume and intensity is not part of a planned workout and is not based on sound principles of exercise science and physiology, but rather is used to make athletes “tougher” or to create a team culture of “accountability.” Punitive exercises are unplanned, spontaneous, are inconsistent with the conditioning level of the athlete or team, are not logically progressive in intensity, and are not sport-specific in their nature. Common sense should prevail.

15. *The document calls for all training and conditioning sessions to be documented, reproducible upon request, and shared with the primary athletics health care providers before the session in which they are used. What is the purpose of these recommendations? Are team physicians and athletic trainers expected to review and approve all training and conditioning sessions?*

These recommendations are made to (1) Enhance the mindful and intentional application of strength and conditioning sessions, and (2) To enhance the awareness of such workouts by all staff with responsibility to student-athlete health and safety.

Documenting the sessions creates a formal, shareable record that should be both evidence- or consensus-based and sport-specific in its structure and implementation. It is also hoped that documenting such sessions will decrease the likelihood that strength and conditioning professionals and/or sport coaches will go “off-script” during the session. Non-evidence and non-consensus-based strength and conditioning, plus unplanned and/or punitive application of physical activity, have been associated with injury.

Primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) are not expected to approve training and conditioning sessions. The document specifically assigns responsibility for approving strength and conditioning sessions to credentialed strength and conditioning professionals, or by head sport coaches at institutions in which strength and conditioning professionals are not available. But it is hoped that these recommendations lead to an increase in the awareness of primary athletics health care providers about such sessions and create enhanced opportunity for interdisciplinary oversight.

16. *The document states that all strength and conditioning professionals should have a reporting line into the sports medicine or sports performance service lines of the institution. What does “reporting line” mean? Can strength and conditioning professionals have a dotted line reporting relationship to a sport coach?*

“Reporting line” is synonymous with an organizational or personnel chart. The intent of the document is to guide schools regarding the avoidance of an intentional administrative relationship between a strength and conditioning professional and a sport coach. The document calls for schools to develop an administrative structure in which strength and conditioning professionals are fully integrated into either the sports medicine or the sport science/performance staff. The document does not preclude a secondary “dotted line” reporting line to a sport coach.

17. *The document calls for annual education and training of athletics personnel on a number of topics related to the prevention of catastrophic injury. Can schools begin to offer such education now? Will any assistance from the NCAA national office be provided?*

Yes, schools are encouraged to begin educating immediately, and in whatever way they determine is appropriate for the needs of their personnel.

In the meantime, the NCAA SSI will work in collaboration with CSMAS on the development of educational resources that can be used by member schools at their discretion. Such resources will be available to member schools over the next several months.



## FAQs:

### Division II Enhanced Attendance at NCAA Inclusion Forum

April 16-19, 2020 | Denver, Colorado

#### **When is the deadline for nominations?**

Nominations must be received by Friday, Nov. 15, 2019.

#### **Who submits nominations?**

Nominations are to be sent by Division II conference commissioners.

#### **How many institutions can be nominated for the enhanced Division II attendance?**

Division II conferences are encouraged to nominate two active member institutions.

#### **What is required for each nomination?**

The conference office should submit an Attendee Nomination Form, found on page three of this document, for each nominated institution. They may nominate up to two active member institutions interested in attending. The form outlines the necessary information for each nomination. (Interested institutions will send an “inclusion implementation” team of four to six individuals, led by a team contact, to the forum). The NCAA staff will follow up with the institution(s) to gather additional information.

#### **Do members of the institutional “inclusion implementation” team need to be identified by Nov. 15?**

No, they do not need to be identified by the deadline. The institution’s “inclusion implementation” team will be built leading up to the spring forum. Please note, any changes to the “inclusion implementation” team after airfares have been issued will be made at the expense of the institution.

#### **Who is the “team contact?”**

The team contact is the institutional representative willing to lead the “inclusion implementation” team. The individual can be an athletics administrator, multicultural affairs officer, coach, faculty member, etc.

#### **What is the “inclusion implementation” team?**

The “inclusion implementation” team is a group of individuals from the institution who will participate in the NCAA Inclusion Forum and receive Division II funds to develop a plan to enhance inclusion on campus.

#### **Who is on the “inclusion implementation” team?**

- Minimum of four; not more than six individuals. Institutions should make every effort to consider a diverse institutional team, including, but not limited to:
  - At least two student-athletes with eligibility remaining through the 2020-21 academic year. Sophomores and juniors are encouraged;
  - One to two individuals employed outside the athletics department (e.g., chief diversity officer, faculty athletics representative, leaders from the office of multicultural affairs or from the office of inclusion); and

- One to two administrators from the athletics department (e.g., coaches, administrators), with a preference that at least one of the individuals be a member of the senior staff.

**Where are nominations sent?**

Nominations should be e-mailed to Kim Duyst at [kduyst@ncaa.org](mailto:kduyst@ncaa.org) by Friday, Nov. 15, 2019

**When are institutions notified if they are selected or not?**

Institutions will be notified by Friday, December 20, 2019.

**Who is notified about the selection?**

The team contact, identified on the initial nomination form, will be contacted via e-mail by the Division II staff regarding specific details and next steps.

**How many Division II institutions can attend with the enhanced funding?**

The maximum number of institutions able to attend is 40.

**What happens if there are fewer than 40 institutions nominated?**

If there are fewer than 40 institutions nominated, conferences will be provided the opportunity to nominate additional institutions.

**What happens if there are more than 40 institutions nominated?**

If there are more than 40 institutions nominated, some conferences will be limited to one participant.

**What happens to institutions that were interested, but not selected for the enhanced funding?**

Institutions not selected for this funding may still register for the forum and pay expenses, starting in January 2020. An additional allocation for enhanced funding will be available for the 2022 NCAA Inclusion Forum and those institutions may be nominated again for this opportunity.

**How do I register for the April 2020 Inclusion Forum without being selected for the enhanced funding?**

Information and registration requirements for the April 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum will be posted at [\[insert link\]](#). Registration will open in January 2020.

**What expenses are covered for the Division II enhanced attendance at the 2020 Inclusion Forum?**

- Shared double occupancy hotel rooms on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for student-athletes. Individual hotel rooms on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for administrators.
- The following meals:
  - Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday;
  - Lunch Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and
  - Reception on Saturday.
- Travel to and from Denver, Colorado.



- One-time stipend of \$100 per participant for incidentals, such as ground transportation and meals not provided at the forum. This stipend will be issued to the individual participants, and may not be issued to the institution.

**Who can I contact if I have more questions/concerns?**

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## **Division II Inclusion Implementation Initiative**

### **Session Descriptions & Potential Action Items from 2019 Inclusion Forum**

This document serves as a resource for Division II institutions considering attending the 2020 NCAA Inclusion Forum in Denver, CO. Please note that the potential action items included in this document are suggestions only. Institutions are welcome to develop action items based on a variety of factors, including campus size, campus culture, issues unique to the institution, and topics of relevance to the student-athlete population.

#### **The Skin We're In: Intentional Conversations about Race, Ethnicity, Identity and Allyship in Athletics**

##### Session Description:

*Whether addressed aloud or not, issues surrounding race, ethnicity and identity impact every relationship and interpersonal dynamic that exists. This session will delve deeper than the comfort level that usually keeps these conversations at a surface level, examining how everyone has a role in understanding, empathizing and advocating for one another, despite superficial differences. The panelists will lead attendees through exercises that deal with topics of anti-racism, whiteness, intentionality, power dynamics and how they impact the welfare and experiences of student-athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters.*

##### Potential Action Items:

- (1) Work with cultural centers on campus (e.g., Office of Multicultural Affairs, Diversity Center, etc.) to have student-athletes, coaches and/or administrators participate in unconscious bias training.
- (2) Develop a clear policy focused on bias reporting (and include that policy in the athletics department handbook).
- (3) Encourage your staff to attend campus programming focused on racial issues. This could be done by putting together a newsletter featuring current campus events focused on diversity and inclusion.

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#### **Gender Equity in Action: The Fine Art of Applying Title IX's Athletic Equity Expectations to Your Athletics Program**

##### Session Description:

*After providing a general overview of the law and recent developments, this program will explore the real work of gender equity planning and implementation. Join us as we discuss the pros and cons of Gender Equity Committees, examine the most efficient ways to evaluate program areas, and consider the value of*

*comprehensive equity plans with measurable outcomes and assigned responsibilities. The presenters will also discuss ways to get campus and departmental buy-in and educate campus constituencies.*

Potential Action Items:

- (1) Launch a gender equity task force comprised of members of the athletics department and task the group with developing gender equity goals with measurable outcomes, a concrete timeline and assigned responsibilities.
- (2) Partner with units across campus (e.g., the Women's Center, the Department of Women's Studies, etc.) and feature their work during games/athletic events set in March, which is nationally recognized Women's History Month.
- (3) Facilitate annual training of staff and coaches on Title IX compliance, myths and best practices.

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### **The Intersection of Inclusion, Disability and Intercollegiate Athletics**

Session Description:

*Administrators and athletics department staff are strategically positioned to create a more inclusive environment for student-athletes with disabilities. In this session, panel members will discuss the impact that visible and invisible disabilities can have on the life of a student-athlete. Attendees will learn more about the waiver process, common disabilities, and accommodations. The panel will discuss the power of language in the disability community and how building strong connections across campus can widen the support for student-athletes. This session will offer some practical tools for cultivating a safe and inclusive culture for athletes who identify as disabled.*

Potential Action Items:

- (1) Create a positive connection between the athletics department and the campus disability office to better support student-athletes with disabilities. The disability office can help consistently educate athletics department staff about disabilities. Educational sessions could cover topics such as types of disabilities (physical disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health, etc.), access to disability services on campus, the NCAA waiver process and disability language.
- (2) Gather feedback from student-athletes with disabilities with visible and invisible disabilities by asking questions such as:
  - a. "What messages does your athletics department provide about disability?"
  - b. "Do you talk about your disability with your teammates? Your coaches? Athletic department staff?"
  - c. "If you have services available through the campus disability office, do you use them? If not, why?"

- (3) Provide leadership opportunities for student-athletes with disabilities, e.g. via SAAC involvement.

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### **Taking a Trip Around the World: Understanding the Cultural Differences Impacting International Student-Athletes**

#### Session Description:

*College can be a daunting undertaking for many students, especially student-athletes trying to balance both academic and athletic obligations. But what about those students who also have to navigate learning a new language, a new education system and a new culture while finding that balance? How do we support our international student-athlete populations as they navigate new educational, social and personal environments hundreds, even thousands, of miles from home? This session will establish a foundation toward understanding the cultural differences that impact our international student-athletes, while exploring ways to create environments where they can develop and succeed.*

#### Potential Action Items:

- (1) Assign each international student-athlete a set of mentors to help them transition into life on campus. For instance, a junior or senior from the team of which the international student-athlete will be a part can serve as one mentor, while an international student-athlete from a different team can serve as an additional mentor.
- (2) Create a document outlining U.S. customs and etiquette that can be shared with incoming international student-athletes. The guide can cover topics such as U.S. holidays, classroom culture, coaching styles, locker room etiquette, etc.
- (3) Work with staff in the Office of International Programs/International Student Office in creating a resource outlining academic requirements for student-athletes, as these may differ from the general student population.

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### **LGBTQ Foundational Knowledge**

#### Session Description:

*How can athletics departments better serve LGBTQ individuals? Centered around this guiding question, this session will provide an overview of how coaches, administrators and higher education professionals can create an inclusive environment for individuals who identify as members of the LGBTQ community. Session attendees will learn about promising practices and will leave the session with specific action strategies on how to make their athletics department a more inclusive space for LGBTQ student-athletes, coaches and administrators alike. Topics covered include LGBTQ terminology, inclusive language, LGBTQ policies, allyship, NCAA resources available, and how to make sure that all members of the athletics department, including those identifying as LGBTQ, can participate in a safe and respectful environment.*

#### Potential Action Items:

- (1) Encourage student-athletes, coaches and administrators to share their pronouns when introducing themselves in new settings.
- (2) Invite coaches and administrators to display the pride flag (or similar symbols of LGBTQ+ inclusion) in their offices and common areas in the athletics facilities.
- (3) Create a platform for student-athletes, coaches and administrators who identify as members of the LGBTQ community to share their experiences, e.g. by hosting a panel discussion or themed SAAC meeting on this topic.

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**When Student-Athletes Transform Passion into Action: Leading for Excellence in diversity, Inclusion and Well-Being**

Session Description:

*This plenary session highlights the efforts of student-athlete leaders across all NCAA divisions to promote diversity, inclusion and well-being in their respective campus communities. The student-athletes in this session have been the driving forces behind inclusive excellence initiatives on their campuses; they have created award-winning initiatives and programming that helped deconstruct stigma, create accepting team cultures and promote inclusive environments at their school and beyond. Placing the student-athlete voice at the center, panelists will reflect on their experience as inclusive leaders in their community, share tips and best practices to create impactful programming, and offer insights into the crucial role student-athletes can play in driving inclusion and wellbeing efforts on U.S. college campuses.*

Potential Action Items:

- (1) Form a SAAC committee dedicated to diversity and inclusion to serve as a platform for student-athletes on your campus to voice their opinion on issues affecting them, particularly as they relate to diversity and inclusion. This committee could meet on a monthly basis and could be supervised by an administrator from the athletics department. Topics to be discussed could range from creating inclusive team climates and preventing discrimination to potential workshop/professional development topics to establishing outreach to the campus and/or university community.
  - (2) Train coaches and administrators in empowering student-athletes to be their true selves and provide leadership opportunities for student-athletes to turn passion into action. For instance, partner with the Center for Leadership or a similar unit on campus to develop specific programming developed on this topic.
  - (3) Create a confidential form that student-athletes can use to submit feedback about their experience in the athletics department, particularly as it relates to diversity and inclusion. That form can be a physical feedback form to be submitted to a mailbox in the athletics department or a digital form sent to an administrator for confidential or anonymous review.
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### **Intersection of Mental Health and Student-Athlete Identity**

Session Description:

*Student-athletes have multiple identities such as race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, gender, country of origin and physical ability. To improve student-athlete use of mental health services, it's important to discuss the various identities of student-athletes and the impact of this on their well-being. This session will explore the multiple identities of student-athletes and focus on best practices and resources to support student-athlete mental health.*

Potential Action Items:

- (1) Include contact information for counseling services in orientation materials for incoming student-athletes.
- (2) Host an event focused on ending the stigma surrounding mental health. For instance, the event could feature a panel discussion featuring a representative from the school's counseling center, a coach, student-athlete, etc.

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### **Preventing Campus Sexual Violence – Best Practices and Educational Tools**

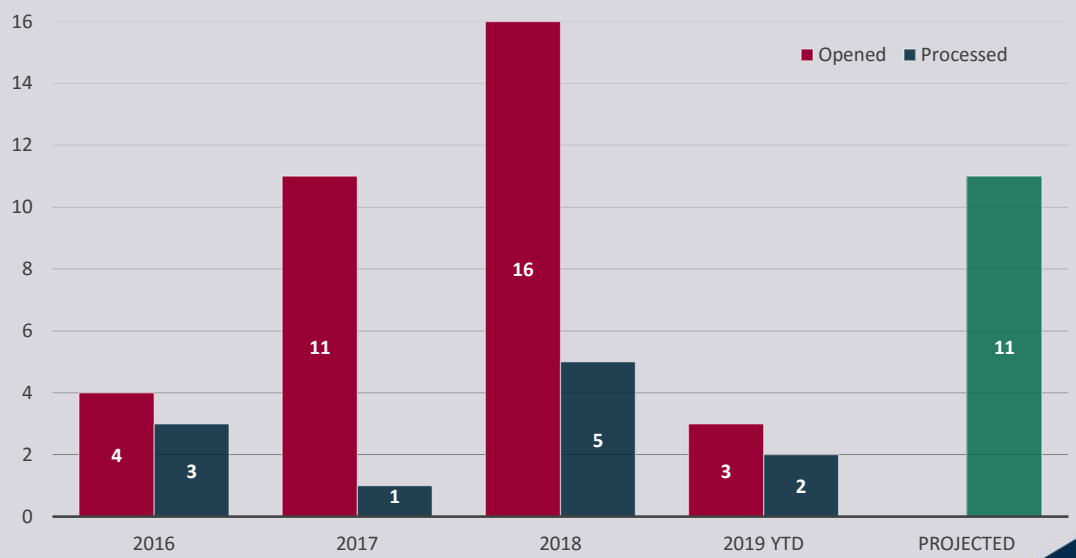
Session Description:

*NCAA member schools have helped lead the charge in higher education to prevent sexual violence and interpersonal violence on campuses through education efforts and by adhering to the Board of Governors policy on campus sexual violence. To continue improving your school's efforts, learn from experts in the field about what best practices and resources can improve your education to better engage students and staff to be part of this change. This session will also discuss the importance of adhering to consistent, annual sexual violence prevention training for coaches, staff and student-athletes to comply with the Board of Governors policy and help improve overall campus culture.*

Potential Action Items:

- (1) Utilize NCAA resources in engaging athletics departments staff on sexual violence prevention and awareness. For example, an updated version of the Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit will be released in early summer 2019 and available to all member institutions.
- (2) Require coaches to promote social norms on their respective teams that protect against violence and create protective environments. For instance, many coaches have their athletes sign team contracts outlining rules for the team. In such a contract, coaches can include a section addressing risks to safe environments and outlining bystander approaches to violence.

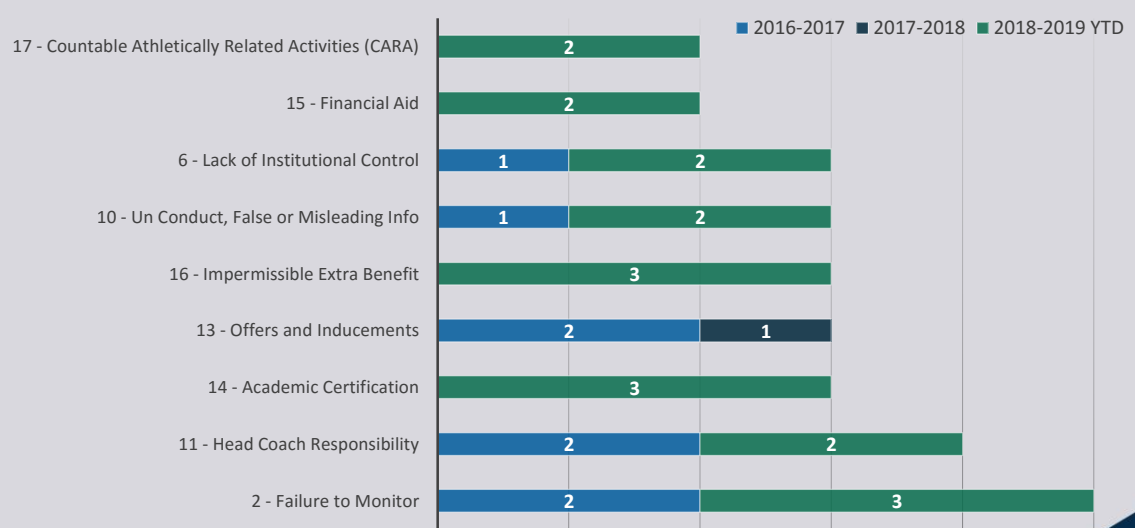
## DIVISION II: OVERALL CASE NUMBERS



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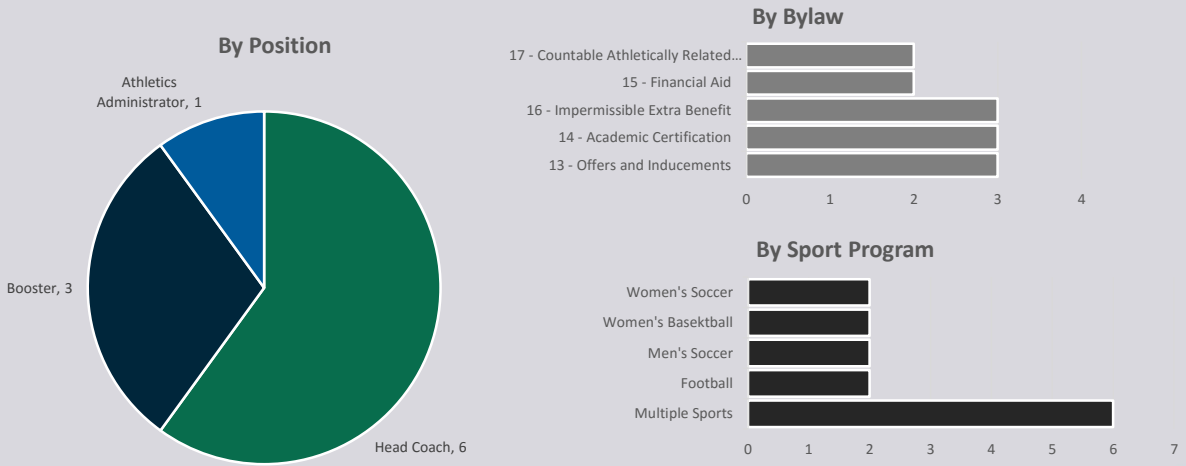
## DIVISION II: MOST CITED NCAA BYLAWS



YTD as of June 1, 2019



# DIVISION II: INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN ALLEGATIONS



*Includes top five in each category for underlying allegation data only August 1, 2016, to June 1, 2019.*



# DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS More Efficient & Binding Infractions Process





## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### Responsibility to Cooperate

#### Bylaw 19.2.3

As a term of employment, school presidents and athletics staff must commit contractually to full cooperation in the investigations and infractions process. Full cooperation means reporting violations in a timely manner; sharing all knowledge and documents requested in a timely manner; providing access to all electronic devices, social media and other technology; and maintaining confidentiality.

*This new rule is effective immediately, and associated language must be included in contracts or appointments executed on or after August 8, 2018. The penalties will be effective February 1, 2019.*



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### Immediate Penalties for Failure to Cooperate

#### Bylaw 19.2.3.2.3

The chair of the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions or the Independent Resolution Panel can impose immediate penalties when schools or individuals do not cooperate (including loss of revenue or postseason opportunities). These bodies can consider lack of cooperation as admission of a violation.

*This new rule is effective immediately, and associated language must be included in contracts or appointments executed on or after August 8, 2018. The penalties will be effective February 1, 2019.*



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Importation of Facts Bylaw 19.7.8.3.1**

People charged with investigating and resolving NCAA cases can accept information established by another administrative body, including a court of law, government agency, accrediting body or a commission authorized by a school. This will save time and resources previously used to confirm information already adjudicated by another group.



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Negotiated Resolution Bylaw 19.5.12**

When schools and NCAA staff agree on the facts of a case, they can work together on a resolution, including appropriate penalties, if any. This change will reduce legal fees and minimize drawn-out adversarial situations. Agreed-upon resolutions are subject to approval by the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions.



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### Protection for Cooperation (Whistleblower Protection) Bylaw 19.2.3.3

An institution shall not retaliate against a current or former institutional staff member or prospective or enrolled student-athlete who voluntarily reports information about potential violations to his or her conference, member institution and/or the Association.



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### Failure or Refusal to Produce Materials (Negative Inference) Bylaw 19.2.3.2.1

If an institution or individual fails or refuses to produce materials requested by the enforcement staff during an investigation, the hearing panel may infer that the requested materials would support an alleged violation for which the party may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw [19.9](#).



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Failure or Refusal to Participate in Interview (Negative Inference) Bylaw 19.2.3.2.2**

If an individual fails or refuses to participate in an interview requested by the enforcement staff, and he or she is later deemed to be an involved individual, the hearing panel may view the failure or refusal as an admission that an alleged violation, for which the individual may be subject to penalty pursuant to Bylaw [19.9](#).



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Stronger accountability and penalties**

To deter future violations, presidents, coaches and staff have stronger, clearer accountability expectations and face increased penalties if they break the rules.



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Stronger president and chancellor accountability**

University presidents and chancellors will be personally accountable for their athletics program following the rules. Presidents and chancellors join all athletics staff members in affirming the athletics program meets obligations for monitoring rules compliance, which is required to be eligible for the postseason. Also, schools are required to cooperate fully during NCAA investigations and take appropriate corrective action.

*This rule change is effective in all three divisions August 1, 2019.*



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## DIVISION I: BOARD-ADOPTED REFORMS

### **Financial Penalties Bylaw 19.9.5.2**

Those who break the rules face stronger penalties, including longer postseason bans (up to five years), longer head coach suspensions (could extend beyond one season), longer employment limitations for coaches and staff who violate rules (potential for lifetime show-cause orders), increased recruiting restrictions and the loss of all revenue associated with the Division I NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

*These stronger penalties are effective immediately.*



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## DIVISION II: INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURES

- ▶ In the fall of 2018, the enforcement staff developed Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) for Division II.
- ▶ Purpose is to provide member institutions and involved individuals with basic information regarding the enforcement staff's investigation and processing functions.
- ▶ Division II IOPs are modeled after Division I IOPs.



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## DIVISION I: VIOLATION STRUCTURE

**NCAA Bylaw 19.1.1 Severe Breach of Conduct (Level I Violation).** A severe breach of conduct is one or more violations that seriously undermine or threaten the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model, as set forth in the constitution and bylaws, including any violation that provides or is intended to provide a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage, or a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following, in appropriate circumstances, may constitute a severe breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14)*

- (a) Lack of institutional control;
- (b) Academic misconduct;
- (c) Failure to cooperate in an NCAA enforcement investigation;
- (d) Individual unethical or dishonest conduct, regardless of whether the underlying institutional violations are considered Level I;



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## DIVISION I: VIOLATION STRUCTURE

### NCAA Bylaw 19.1.1 (continued).

- (e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level I violation by an individual within the sport program;
- (f) Cash payment or other benefits provided by a coach, administrator or representative of the institution's athletics interests intended to secure, or which resulted in, enrollment of a prospective student-athlete;
- (g) Third-party involvement in recruiting violations in which institutional officials knew or should have known about the involvement;
- (h) Intentional violations or reckless indifference to the NCAA constitution and bylaws; or
- (i) Collective Level II and/or Level III violations.



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## DIVISION I: VIOLATION STRUCTURE

**NCAA Bylaw 19.1.2 Significant Breach of Conduct (Level II Violation).** A significant breach of conduct is one or more violations that provide or are intended to provide more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive recruiting, competitive or other advantage; include more than a minimal but less than a substantial or extensive impermissible benefit; or involve conduct that may compromise the integrity of the NCAA Collegiate Model as set forth in the constitution and bylaws. Among other examples, the following may constitute a significant breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 8/8/18 effective 10/15/18)*

- (a) Violations that do not rise to the level of Level I violations and are more serious than Level III violations;
- (b) Failure to monitor (such violations will be presumed Level II but may be deemed to be of a Level I nature if the failure is substantial or egregious);



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## DIVISION I: VIOLATION STRUCTURE

### NCAA Bylaw 19.1.2 (continued).

- (c) Systemic violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;
- (d) Multiple recruiting, financial aid, or eligibility violations that do not amount to a lack of institutional control;
- (e) A violation of Bylaw 11.1.1.1 (Responsibility of Head Coach) by a head coach resulting from an underlying Level II violation by an individual within the sport program;
- (f) A violation of Bylaw 13.1.1.3 (Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes) as it relates to contact with a student-athlete; or
- (g) Collective Level III violations.



## DIVISION I: VIOLATION STRUCTURE

**NCAA Bylaw 19.1.3 Breach of Conduct (Level III Violation).** A breach of conduct is one or more violations that are isolated or limited in nature; provide no more than a minimal recruiting, competitive or other advantage; and provide no more than a minimal impermissible benefit. Among other examples, the following may constitute a breach of conduct: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13)*

- (a) Inadvertent violations that are isolated or limited in nature; or
- (b) Extra-benefit, financial aid, academic eligibility and recruiting violations, provided they do not create more than minimal advantages.





## DIVISION I: AGGRAVATING FACTORS

**NCAA Bylaw 19.9.3.** Aggravating factors are circumstances that warrant a higher range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions determines whether aggravating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of aggravating factors include, but are not limited, to the following: *(Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 8/8/18, 9/24/18)*

- (a) Multiple Level I violations by the institution or involved individual;
- (b) A history of Level I, Level II or major violations by the institution or involved individual. Additional considerations include:
  - (1) The amount of time between the occurrences of violations;
  - (2) The similarity, severity and types of violations involved;
  - (3) Efforts to implement previously prescribed corrective measures; and
  - (4) Other factors the committee deems relevant to the infractions history.



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## DIVISION I: AGGRAVATING FACTORS

**NCAA Bylaw 19.9.3 (continued).**

- (c) Lack of institutional control;
- (d) Obstructing an investigation or attempting to conceal the violation;
- (e) Unethical conduct, compromising the integrity of an investigation, failing to cooperate during an investigation or refusing to provide all relevant or requested information;
- (f) Violations were premeditated, deliberate or committed after substantial planning;
- (g) Multiple Level II violations by the institution or involved individual;
- (h) Persons of authority condoned, participated in or negligently disregarded the violation or related wrongful conduct;
- (i) One or more violations caused significant ineligibility or other substantial harm to a student-athlete or prospective student-athlete;



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## DIVISION I: AGGRAVATING FACTORS

### NCAA Bylaw 19.9.3 (continued).

- (j) Conduct or circumstances demonstrating an abuse of a position of trust;
- (k) A pattern of noncompliance within the sport program(s) involved;
- (l) Conduct intended to generate pecuniary gain for the institution or involved individual;
- (m) Intentional, willful or blatant disregard for the NCAA constitution and bylaws;
- (n) The institution employs an athletics department staff member who is subject to a show-cause order and during the period of the show-cause order that individual's conduct, or for a director of athletics and/or head coach, conduct involving any program in which he or she has oversight, results in an institutional Level I or Level II violation in the case; or
- (o) Other facts warranting a higher penalty range.



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## DIVISION I: MITIGATING FACTORS

**NCAA Bylaw 19.9.4** Mitigating factors are circumstances that warrant a lower range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions determines whether mitigating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of mitigating factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (Adopted: 10/30/12 effective 8/1/13, Revised: 7/31/14, 10/5/16, 4/25/18, 4/27/18, 8/8/18, 9/24/18)

- (a) Prompt self-detection and self-disclosure of the violation(s);
- (b) Prompt acknowledgement of the violation, acceptance of responsibility and (for an institution) imposition of meaningful corrective measures and/or penalties;
- (c) Affirmative steps to expedite final resolution of the matter, including timely submission of a summary disposition report pursuant to Bylaw 19.6.2;
- (d) An established history of self-reporting Level III or secondary violations;



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## DIVISION I: MITIGATING FACTORS

### NCAA Bylaw 19.9.4 (continued).

- (e) Implementation of a system of compliance methods designed to ensure rules compliance and satisfaction of institutional/coaches' control standards (e.g., National Association of Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards);
- (f) Exemplary cooperation, such as:
  - (1) Identifying individuals (to be interviewed by the enforcement staff), documents and other information of which the enforcement staff was not aware;
  - (2) Expending substantial institutional resources to expedite a thorough and fair collection and disclosure of information; or
  - (3) Recognizing and bringing to the attention of the enforcement staff, in a timely manner, additional violations discovered in the investigation of which the enforcement staff was not aware.



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## DIVISION I: MITIGATING FACTORS

### NCAA Bylaw 19.9.4 (continued).

- (g) The violations were unintentional, limited in scope and represent a deviation from otherwise compliant practices by the institution or involved individual;
- (h) The absence of prior conclusions of Level I, Level II or major violations committed by the institution or involved individual; or
- (i) Other facts warranting a lower penalty range.



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## RESOURCES

- ▶ [NCAA.org Division II enforcement website.](#)
- ▶ [Division II Enforcement Internal Operating Procedures.](#)
- ▶ LSDBi (NCAA Bylaws 19 and 32).
- ▶ Enforcement staff.



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**Division II Mentoring Program Mentees**

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 45  
DII Mgmt Council 07/19**

| <b>Year</b>      | <b>Name</b>             | <b>Institution</b>                              | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Change</b>   |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>2011-12</b>   | Cimino, Linda           | Caldwell College                                | Assistant AD/SWA   | Division I Women's Basketball Coach                                 |
|                  | Clayton, Laura          | University of West Georgia                      | Assistant AD/SWA/Compliance  | Finalist in 3 searches  |
|                  | DeJong, Debbie          | Dowling College                                 | Assistant AD/Facilities  | Director of Athletics, LIU Post                                     |
|                  | Hill, Shantey           | C.W. Post Campus/Long Island University         |  | Director of Athletics, St. Joseph's College Long Island             |
|                  | Kelly, Kristene         | St. Augustine's College                         | Associate AD/SWA   | Director of Athletics, Keene State College                          |
|                  | Laurita, Brandi         | University of Findlay                           | Assistant AD/SWA   | Director of Athletics, Findlay                                      |
|                  | Long, Meredith          | Chowan University                               | Deputy Athletic Director   | Turned down AD position at Chowan                                   |
|                  | Miller, Kimberly        | Savannah State University                       | Assistant AD/SWA   | Finalist in 2 searches  |
|                  | Mott, Sandee            | Metropolitan State College of Denver            | Associate Director of Athletics  | Director of Athletics, Johnson and Whales University                |
| Passeggi, Tracee | Cal Poly Pomona         | Associate AD/SWA                                |  |   |
| <b>2012-13</b>   | Andrew, Lynne           | Fort Lewis College                              | Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations                          | Associate AD/SWA  |
|                  | Bell, Linda             |   |  |   |
|                  | Bushnell, Meghan        | Academy of Art University                       | Assistant Athletic Director/Extenral Relations & Student-Athlete Development | Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator              |
|                  | Charland, Tonya         | Maryville University                            | Assistant Athletic Director - Compliance/SWA                                 | GLVC, Associate Commissioner, Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator |
|                  | Ellis, Bethany          | Assumption College                              | Associate Athletics Director/SWA   | Director of Athletics, Wellesley                                    |
|                  | Johnson, Felicia        | Virginia Union University                       | Associate Athletic Director/SWA  | Director of Athletics, Virginia Union                               |
|                  | Liotta, Lisa            | Lake Erie College                               | Asst Athletic Director - Operations/SWA/Student Athlete Development          | Associate Director of Athletics, Findlay                            |
|                  | Quinine, Donte          | Seattle Pacific University                      | Assistant Athletic Director - Compliance                                     | Out of Athletics  |
|                  | Smikle, Jayson          | Pace University                                 | Assistant Atheltic Director/Compliance                                       | NJIT, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance                   |
| Spada, Stephanie | Philadelphia University | Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance/SWA | Associate Director for Compliance and Sport Management, Patriot League       |   |
| <b>2013-14</b>   | Becker, Keri            | Grand Valley State University                   | Associate Athletic Director/SWA  | Director of Athletics, Grand Valley State University                |
|                  | Blueford, Shardonay     | The College of Saint Rose                       | Asst. AD for Compliance  | Assistant Director of Compliance, Georgia Tech                      |
|                  | Burleson, Rachel        | Western State CO University                     | Asst. AD/SWA   | Director of Athletics, Franklin Pierce                              |
|                  | Clausen, Alison         | West Virginia Wesleyan College                  | Asst. AD for Athletic Services/Director of Compliance & Academic Services    |   |
|                  | Flowers, Jennifer       | Winona State University                         | Associate Athletic Director/SWA  | WCHL Executive Director   |
|                  | Fredrickson, Vicki      | Saint Leo University                            | Associate Athletic Director/SWA  | Regulatory and Equity Administrator at Saint Leo University         |
|                  | Johnson Tetteh, Bridget | Great Northwest Athletic Conference             | Assistant Commissioner   |   |

## Division II Mentoring Program Mentees

| Year               | Name                       | Position                                      | Institution  | Change  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 2013-14<br>(cont.) | Kohn, Selina               | Paine College                                 | Associate Athletic Director/SWA                                    | Director of Athletics, Paine College                          |
|                    | Perez, Ruben               | Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  | Assoc. Commissioner & Director Championships                       | Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Communications |
| 2014-15            | Bailey, Whitney            | Palm Beach Atlantic Univ                      | Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations                | Out of athletics  |
|                    | Bell, Jennifer             | Anderson University                           | Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance Coordinator/SWA             | Director of Athletics, Converse College                       |
|                    | Brunsdon, Melanie          | Winona State University                       | Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance                        | Associate AD and SWA  |
|                    | Bouyer Purnell, Jamie      | California State University - Dominguez Hills | Associate Athletics Director/SWA                                   |   |
|                    | Light, Kelly-Ann**         | Dominican College                             | Associate Director of Athletics/Director of Sports Information/SWA |   |
|                    | Loggins, Randy             | Tusculum College                              | Assistant Athletic Director  |   |
|                    | McAthie, Regan             | Concordia University                          | Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA                     | Director of Athletics, Concordia University                   |
|                    | O'Brien, Ellen*            | CACC Conference                               | Associate Commissioner/SWA   |   |
|                    | Red, Angela*               | McKendree University                          | Assistant Athletic Director - Operations/SWA                       | Assistant Director, NCAA                                      |
|                    | Whetsel, Christina*        | Angelo State University                       | SWA/Director of Athletic Compliance                                | Associate AD, Augusta   |
| 2015-16            | Bazemore, Michael          | Montana State University Billings             | Director of Compliance and Internal Operations                     | NCAA Assistant Director                                       |
|                    | Bennett, Rebecca           | California Collegiate Athletic Association    | Director of Communications   |   |
|                    | Dulude, Meggan             | Saint Michael's College                       | Associate Athletic Director  |   |
|                    | Hagenbuch, Kate            | Michigan Technological University             | Director Compliance and Student-Athlete Services                   |   |
|                    | Harris, Melissa            | LIU Post                                      | Coordinator of Athletic Operations and Special Events              |   |
|                    | Henkelman, Amy             | Dominican University of California            | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                | Director of Athletics, Dominican University                   |
|                    | Hiltner, Erin              | Metropolitan State University of Denver       | Asst. AD for Student Services/SWA                                  | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                           |
|                    | Nash, Myranda              | Brevard College                               | Asst. Athletic Director/SWA  | Director of Athletics, Brevard College                        |
|                    | Smith, Darnell             | University of Central Oklahoma                | Director of Athletic Compliance                                    |   |
| Watson, Harold     | Armstrong State University | Asst. AD for Marketing and Promotions         | Director of Athletics, Goshen College                              |   |
| 2016-17            | Bailey, Darrell            | California State University, East Bay         | Assistant Athletic Director for External Operations                |   |
|                    | Edwards, Michelle          | Saint Leo University                          | Associate Athletic Director/SWA                                    | Out of Athletics  |
|                    | Hoy Reed, April            | Azusa Pacific University                      | Associate AD/SWA/Director of Sports Medicine                       |   |
|                    | Johnson, Kari              | Central Washington University                 | Head Athletic Trainer/SWA  |   |
|                    | Lantz, Hanna               | Texas A&M University-Kingsville               | Coordinator of Student-Athlete Services/SWA                        |   |
|                    | Lovely, Courtney           | Palm Beach Atlantic University                | Senior Associate AD-Internal Operations/SWA                        | Director of Athletics, Palm Beach Atlantic                    |

## Division II Mentoring Program Mentees

| Year               | Name                   | Position                                    | Institution  | Change   |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| 2016-17<br>(cont.) | McManus, Wendy         | Northwestern Oklahoma State                 | Associate Director of Athletics- Compliance and Student-Athlete Services | Director of Athletics, Elmhurst College                    |
|                    | Oakes, Natasha         | Missouri Western State University           | Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance/SWA                       | Senior Associate for Compliance, University of North Texas |
|                    | Rolle, Jermaine        | Holy Family University                      | Assistant AD-Compliance  |  |
|                    | Wallgren, Jackie       | Colorado State University-Pueblo            | Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance/SWA                       |  |
| 2017-18            | Guerinot, Brandi       | Daemen College                              | Associate Director of Athletics  | Associate Director for Compliance, America East Conference |
|                    | Jones, Lenette         | Henderson State University                  | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      |  |
|                    | Kelly, Rose            | Philadelphia University                     | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      |  |
|                    | Kish, Kelley           | Nova Southeastern University                | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      | Director of Athletics- Lake Erie College                   |
|                    | Parker, Molly          | University of Alaska Fairbanks              | Asst. AD for Student Academic Services/SWA                               |  |
|                    | Pluger, Nikki          | Urbana University                           | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      |  |
|                    | Roberts, Erienne       | Slippery Rock University                    | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      | Associate AD, Itasca                                       |
|                    | Traphagen, Ann         | Augustana University (SD)                   | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      |  |
|                    | Webster, Lauren Packer | Mercyhurst University                       | Associate Director of Athletics/SWA                                      |  |
|                    | Williams, Kevin        | Queens College (NY)                         | Associate Director of Athletics for External Relations                   |  |
| 2018-19            | Armstrong, Jackie      | Point Loma Nazarene University              | Associate Director for Compliance/SWA                                    |  |
|                    | Dutton, Seth           | University of Arkansas, Monticello          | Asst. AD for Compliance  | Associate Athletic Director, Texas A&M-Commerce            |
|                    | Ford, Melanie          | Shepherd University                         | Asst. AD for Compliance  |  |
|                    | Frassinelli, Kelley    | Southern Connecticut State University       | SWA  |  |
|                    | Gohl, Pam              | University of Sioux Falls                   | Senior Associate AD-Compliance/SWA                                       | Director of Athletics, University of Sioux Falls           |
|                    | Lee, Matisse           | Claflin University                          | Asst. AD for Internal Operations/Student-Athlete Affairs                 |  |
|                    | McCampbell, Tiffany    | South Dakota School of Mines                | Sr. Assoc. AD of Internal Operations/SWA                                 | Associate AD David Williams                                |
|                    | Middleton, Kisha       | Lincoln University (PA)                     | Asst. AD/SWA   |  |
|                    | Walker, Morgan         | California State University, San Bernardino | Assoc. AD for Compliance   |  |
|                    | Williams, Sharod       | Conference Carolinas                        | Asst. Commissioner for External Operations                               |  |





**AGENDA**

National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Division II Identity Workshop for Coaches

NCAA National Office  
Pat Summitt/John Wooden

June 26-28, 2019

**Wednesday, June 26**

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| 4 – 6:30 p.m. | Welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jill Willson, president, Double L Consulting.</li><li>• Terri Steeb Gronau, vice president of Division II.</li></ul> It Starts with You and Presence Matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Justin Patton, executive leadership coach.</li></ul> |
| 7 p.m.        | Group dinner at Buca di Beppo.  |

**Thursday, June 27**

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| 7 – 7:45 a.m.   | Breakfast.<br><i>Available at hotel. Shuttle to national office departs at 7:45 a.m.</i>  |
| 8:30 a.m.       | Welcome and announcements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jill Willson.</li><li>• Maritza Jones, managing director of Division II.</li></ul> |
| 8:45 – 10 a.m.  | It Starts with You and Presence Matters.<br>Justin Patton, executive leadership coach.  |
| 10 – 10:15 a.m. | Break.  |

**Thursday, June 27 (cont.)**

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| 10:15 – 11:15 am        | <p>Understanding Academic and Membership Affairs, and the coaches' education initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chelsea Hooks, assistant director, academic and membership affairs.</li><li>• Karen Wolf, associate director, academic and membership affairs.</li></ul> |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <p>Fundraising for Coaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rick Cole, director of athletics, Hofstra University.</li></ul>   |
| 12:30 – 1: 15 p.m.      | <p>Lunch.</p>   |
| 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.        | <p>Risk Management.<br/>Janet Judge, partner, Holland and Knight.</p>   |
| 2:45 – 3 p.m.           | <p>Break.</p>   |
| 3-4 p.m.                | <p>Coaching Journey Inside Out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shelly Behrens, head field hockey coach, Millersville University.</li></ul>   |
| 4-5 p.m.                | <p>Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roberta Page, director, championships and alliances.</li><li>• Molly Simons, assistant director, championships and alliances.</li></ul>   |
| 5 – 6 p.m.              | <p>Happy Hour in the Hall of Champions.</p>   |
|                         | <p>Dinner on own.</p>   |

**Friday, June 28**

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| 7 – 7:30 a.m.           | Breakfast.<br><i>Available at hotel. Shuttle to national office departs at 7:30 a.m.</i>  |
| 8 – 8:15 a.m.           | Opening remarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jill Willson.</li><li>• Ryan Jones, associate director of Division II.</li></ul>   |
| 8:15 – 10:45 a.m.       | Breaking the Stereotype and Stigma of Mental Illness in Athletics: How You Can Make a Difference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ivy Watts, Beautifully Simply You</li></ul> |
| 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.      | Sport Science Institute resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jessica Wagner, associate director, Sport Science Institute.</li></ul>                                     |
| 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.      | Break for lunch.  |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | Community engagement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Willson.</li></ul>  |
| 12:15 – 1: 15 p.m.      | Division II resources and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan Jones.</li></ul>   |
| 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.        | Closing remarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Willson.</li></ul>   |
| 1:30 p.m.               | Depart for airport.   |



## NCAA Division II Diversity Grants Update

### 1. Grants Overviews.

- a. **Coaching Enhancement Grant.** The Coaching Enhancement Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to Division II member institutions for the creation of new assistant coaching positions, with the intent to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women. The grant funding was restructured in 2016-17. Selected recipients receive three years of grant funds from the NCAA. The NCAA contributes \$25,000 during the first year of funding for the salary and benefits of the hired assistant coach; \$15,000 during the second year; and \$8,000 in the third year. Recipients supply the complimentary funding toward the salary and benefits. Additionally, the NCAA provides \$1,200 for each year of NCAA funding to emphasize the commitment to professional development. Participating institutions are required to maintain the position for a minimum of two years after grant funds are exhausted, preferably incorporating the position into their ongoing operations.
  - b. **Ethnic Minorities and Women’s Internship Grant.** 2019-20 will be the fourth grant cycle. The Division II Ethnic Minorities and Women’s Internship Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to Division II conferences and member institutions committed to enhancing ethnic minority and gender representation in full-time, entry-level administrative positions. Selected recipients receive one year of grant funds, including \$23,660 to be allocated toward the hired intern’s salary and \$3,000 in professional development funding. Recipients must also contribute \$3,700, at minimum, as an in-kind gift to the hired intern as outlined in their proposal.
  - c. **Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.** The Strategic Alliance Matching Grant provides funding for Division II institutions and conference offices to enhance diversity and inclusion through full-time, senior-level positions in athletics administration. Selected institutions and conference offices receive grant funding for three years, with diminishing contributions by the NCAA. The NCAA funds 75 percent of the position during the first year; 50 percent the second year; and 25 percent the third year. Participating institutions or conference offices are required to maintain the position for a minimum of two years after grant funds are exhausted, preferably incorporating the position into their ongoing operations.
2. **Eligibility.** For all grants, the position must be considered full time and the hired employee must identify as an ethnic minority and/or woman according to federal guidelines.

**3. Selection Committees.** The composition for the selection committee for each of the Division II diversity grants is listed below.

**a. Coaching Enhancement Grant.**

- (1) DeDe Allen, University of Alaska Anchorage, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.
- (2) Matt Finley, Anderson University (South Carolina), South Atlantic Conference.
- (3) Michael Grasso, Molloy College, East Coast Conference.
- (4) Jeremy Rogers, University of Central Oklahoma, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.
- (5) Sharod Williams, Conference Carolinas, *chair*.

**b. Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.**

- (1) Emerald Fulmore, Bowie State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- (2) Jamie Purnell, California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- (3) Jody Russell, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
- (4) Darnell Smith, University of Central Oklahoma, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, *chair*.
- (5) Willie Washington, Benedict College, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

**c. Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.**

- (1) Demetrus Caldwell, California State University, Los Angeles, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
- (2) Hayley Ross-Treadway, University of Illinois at Springfield, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
- (3) Brian Summers, Christian Brothers University, Gulf South Conference.

- (4) William Sullivan, Mercy College, East Coast Conference.
- (5) Shelby Stueve, Seattle Pacific University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, *chair*.

**4. 2019 Selections.** The following institutions and conference were selected to receive the grants for the 2019-20 year:

**a. Coaching Enhancement Grant.**

- (1) Coker College, Assistant Softball Coach/Assistant SAAC Advisor.
- (2) Colorado State University-Pueblo, Assistant Women's Soccer Coach.
- (3) Davis & Elkins College, Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach.
- (4) East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, Assistant Women's Lacrosse Coach.
- (5) Fayetteville State University, Assistant Women's Track and Field Coach.
- (6) Limestone College, Sports Nutritionist/Assistant Strength Coach.
- (7) Northern State University, Assistant Women's Soccer Coach.

**b. Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.**

- (1) Concordia University Portland, Coordinator of Athletic Operations.
- (2) Emmanuel College (Georgia), Assistant Athletic Director.
- (3) Gannon University, Assistant Compliance and Academic Support Coordinator.
- (4) Kentucky State University, Marketing and Communications Intern (deferred to 2020-21).
- (5) Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Sport Administration Intern.
- (6) Upper Iowa University, Student-Athlete Success Intern.

**c. Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.**

- (1) California State University, San Bernardino, Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Success.
- (2) Christian Brothers University, Association Athletic Director of External Relations.
- (3) Colorado State University-Pueblo, Assistant/Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Events.
- (4) Goldey-Beacom College, Assistant Athletic Director (deferred to 2020-25).
- (5) Lake Superior State University, Assistant Athletic Director of Marketing.
- (6) Michigan Technological University, Director of Student-Athlete Wellness and Clinical Counselor.
- (7) Roberts Wesleyan College, Assistant Director of Athletics.
- (8) Southern Wesleyan College, Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Success and Community Engagement.
- (9) Tusculum College, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Student-Athlete Development.
- (10) University of Mount Olive, Director of Student-Athlete Development.
- (11) University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Athletic Academic Advisor.

**5. 2019-20 Budget Distribution.**

- a. Coaching Enhancement Grant.** The budget for the Division II Coaching Enhancement Grant for 2019-20 is \$370,000. The projected total spend for all classes for 2019-20 is \$361,200, with \$336,000 being spent on salaries for these classes and \$25,200 on professional development.
- b. Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant.** The budget for the Division II Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship Grant for 2019-20 is \$180,000. The projected total spend for 2019-20 is \$159,960 with \$141,960 being spent on salaries, \$18,000 on professional development and \$19,000 on the required orientation.

- c. Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.** The budget for the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant for 2019-20 is \$775,000 (\$625,000 plus the addition of \$150,000 for academic advising positions). The projected total spend for all three currently funded classes for 2019-20 is \$776,735.49, with \$674,235.49 being spent on salaries for all three currently funded classes and \$102,500 on professional development.
- 6. 2020-21 Proposal Submission Information.** Proposals for the 2020-21 selection cycle may be submitted starting Monday, September 16, 2019, and must be submitted not later than Thursday, January 30, 2020, via the NCAA Program Hub.
- 7. NCAA Staff Liaison.** For more information regarding the Division II diversity grants, contact Patrick Malin, assistant director of leadership development via e-mail at ([pmalin@ncaa.org](mailto:pmalin@ncaa.org)) or phone (317/917-6218).





**Attestation of Compliance  
Who, What, When, Where and Why**

**Who:** Divisions I, II and III chancellors, presidents and directors of athletics.

**What:** An annual attestation of compliance.

*Chancellors and presidents* will attest that they understand the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by NCAA Constitution 2.1 (principle of institutional control and responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (principle of rules compliance).

*Directors of athletics* will attest that the conditions for entry of individuals and teams in NCAA championship competition have been satisfied, including an attestation that they understand the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8 and that all athletics department staff members (full time, part time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8. Additionally, athletics directors will attest that the policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of athletics interests are in compliance with the Association's legislation.

*Failure to complete* the attestation will subject the institution to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee. The institution also will be *ineligible* to compete in individual and team NCAA championships.

**When:** The annual requirement is effective Aug. 1, 2019, and the attestation course (video and form) will be released by that date. The course will need to be completed annually by Oct. 15.

**Where:** The courses will be completed through the NCAA Learning Management System. The NCAA LMS is also known as Division I University, Division II University and Division III University. Your institution's Single-Source Sign-On administrator will give you access to the system and assign the course.

**Why:**

- Recommendation From the Commission on College Basketball. The annual attestation for chancellors, presidents and athletics directors was a recommendation from the Commission on College Basketball. The commission recommended an expansion in individual accountability for NCAA rules violations for chancellors, presidents and directors of athletics.
- Response to Commission Recommendation. New legislation was adopted to specify that, in order to enter a team or individual in an NCAA championship or for an individual to serve on an NCAA committee, presidents, chancellors and directors of athletics must attest annually that the obligations to control and monitor athletics programs have been met.

- Role of the Chancellor/President and Director of Athletics. After further review of the legislation adopted in August 2018 by all three divisions, the divisions adopted a proposal in April 2019 that appropriately shifts some certification requirements related to the athletics program from the president to the athletics director.
- Constitutional Principles 2.1 and 2.8. The proposal maintains the emphasis on the principle of institutional control and responsibility, and the principle of rules compliance without the undue administrative requirement to have each individual staff member provide an attestation.
- Institutional Discretion. Institutions have the discretion to determine the best way to ensure their staffs are aware of their obligations.

**Timeline for the Attestation Requirement Recommendation, Adoption and Implementation:**

April 2018: Commission report released with legislative and policy recommendations.

August 2018: Enabling attestation legislation adopted in all three divisions.

April 2019: Adoption of athletics director certification of compliance requirements in all three divisions.

Aug. 1, 2019: Effective date for attestation requirement. Attestation courses in Division I University, Division II University and Division III University released to the membership.

Oct. 15: Deadline for chancellors/presidents and directors of athletics to complete the attestation requirement.



## Attestation Statements

### Presidents and Chancellors Attestation

Read the text below and click the “Submit” button that follows.

- As a president or chancellor of an NCAA member institution I am ultimately responsible for controlling all aspects of intercollegiate athletics programs in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.
- My institution (including all members of the institution’s staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution’s athletics interests) must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. This includes a requirement to monitor programs, cooperate fully with the NCAA, and report violations if they occur.

By clicking the “Submit” button below, I attest that I understand the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance).

### Directors of Athletics Attestation

Read the text below and click the “Submit” button that follows.

- It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association.
- My institution (including all members of the institution’s staff, student-athletes, and other individuals and groups representing the institution’s athletics interests) must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics programs. This includes a requirement to monitor programs, cooperate fully with the NCAA, and report violations if they occur.

By clicking the “Submit” button below, I attest that I understand the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance) and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8.

### **Certification of Compliance Requirement for Directors of Athletics**

By clicking the “Submit” button, I certify that my institution has met the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 18.4.2 as summarized below:

1. I, or a designated representative, reviewed the NCAA rules and regulations with all staff members of the athletics department.
2. As of the date I click “Submit,” no current member of the coaching staff, within the past two years, has been:
  - a. Suspended from coaching by another member institution.
  - b. Prohibited from certain coaching-related activities as a result of violations while employed by another member institution, unless my institution has applied the prohibition equally.
  - c. Permitted to perform any coaching-related activities that the Committee on Infractions has prohibited by a disciplinary action.
3. As best I can determine, the policies, procedures and practices of my institution, staff and representatives are in compliance with NCAA legislation.
4. If a member of Division I or II, my institution has:
  - a. Published its regular entrance requirements.
  - b. Published its requirements for progress toward a degree.
  - c. Certified that each student-athlete is in good academic standing and is maintaining progress toward a degree as required by Bylaw 14.4.



## How To Access the Attestation Course – Video and Form via Division I University, Division II University and Division III University

Beginning Aug. 1, 2019, the attestation course and form submission will occur through the NCAA Learning Management System. A video explaining the legislative requirement, followed by the attestation form, will be a part of the course.

**What is an LMS?** The LMS is a one-stop, web-based system that allows learning and knowledge sharing activities to be accessed anytime, anywhere by computer or mobile devices. In this case, the attestation course will be housed and distributed through the NCAA LMS, also known as Division I University, Division II University and Division III University.

### How To Access the Attestation Course – Video and Form:

| Step | Action   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Go to <a href="http://www.ncaa.org">www.ncaa.org</a>   |
| 2    | Click on “MyApps” and log in using your institutional email and MyApps password and click on the “NCAA Learning Portal.”<br><br>This step will open your divisional learning portal in the LMS (e.g., Division I University, Division II University or Division III University). |
| 3    | From your divisional learning portal, click on “My Courses.”   |
| 4    | From "My Courses" click “Launch” next to the title "President and Chancellor's Attestation of Compliance" or "Athletics Director's Attestation of Compliance."   |
| 5    | Once the video is complete, click “Launch” next to the attestation signature. Here you will read the attestation statement, then check a box that you agree. Once the box is checked and you close the form, the process is complete.  |

A demonstration of how the Single-Source Sign-On administrator assigns courses for this process will occur during five scheduled webinars. SSO administrators also will receive instructions for adding participants to the LMS to complete the courses.

### Webinar Dates (all times are listed as Eastern time):

- 1 p.m. July 23
- 10 a.m. Aug. 14
- 2 p.m. Aug. 29
- 10 a.m. Sept. 10
- 11 a.m. Sept. 26

Note: The July 23 webinar will be recorded and available on the NCAA website for access at any time. An email communication with instructions to register for a webinar will come in early July.

## **NCAA Government Relations Report**

(June 2019)

### **Congressional Overview**

The 116<sup>th</sup> Congress continues to be challenged by gridlock. A divided Congress, along with a presidential election cycle that is in full swing, have contributed to an ongoing stalemate between the U.S. House and Senate. It is expected that over the summer Congress will focus on laying the groundwork for budget and appropriations decisions that will need to be made before the end of the fiscal year in September. Current government funding runs out on September 30<sup>th</sup> and Congress needs to tackle the debt ceiling and budget caps as well. There is also a growing desire among House Democrats to increase oversight activity, which could continue to disrupt Congress' legislative agenda.

### **Federal Issues**

#### **Student Athlete Equity Act**

On March 14, 2019, Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC) introduced H.R. 1804, the Student Athlete Equity Act. H.R. 1804 would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by removing the tax-exempt status of any qualified amateur sports organization that substantially limits a student-athlete's ability to earn compensation from use of their name, image or likeness. The proposal currently has two cosponsors, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) and Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX), and has been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee.

NCAA government relations staff will continue its outreach to policymakers to share concerns with the legal and practical implications of this bill.

#### **Sports Betting**

NCAA government relations staff have been working with the professional sports leagues and other stakeholders to seek introduction of a bipartisan sports betting proposal. The NCAA and others are seeking introduction of a bill that contains many of the standards that were included in the Sports Wagering Market Integrity Act of 2018, which was introduced by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and former Sen. Orrin Hatch during the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Under the bill, states that decided to legalize sports betting would be required to adhere to important core competencies. These competencies include: a minimum age requirement of 21 for individuals placing bets; the prohibition of bets placed by athletes, coaches, officials and others associated or credentialed by a sports organization; the restriction of certain types of risky bets from being offered to bettors; and the requirement that official sports organization data be used. The proposal also created a National Sports Wagering Clearinghouse to receive reports of suspicious activity, disseminate best practices, operate a national repository of sports wagering data and provide technical assistance and consultation.

With the continued growth of sports wagering throughout the country, the NCAA and professional sports leagues have educated policymakers on the need for introduction and passage of a federal sports betting proposal to protect student-athletes, eliminate illegal sports betting and uphold the integrity of amateur and professional sporting contests.

## **National Collegiate Athletics Accountability Act**

On May 10, 2019, Rep. John Katko (R-NY) introduced H.R. 2672, the National Collegiate Athletics Accountability Act. The bill would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide increased accountability of nonprofit athletic associations and to establish a commission to identify and examine issues of national concern related to intercollegiate athletics. H.R. 2672 currently has one co-sponsor, Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL), and has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **National Collegiate Athletics Act of 2019**

On April 2, 2019, Rep. Al Lawson (D-FL) introduced H.R. 2036, the National Collegiate Athletics Act of 2019. The bill would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and prevent colleges and universities from being a member of an intercollegiate athletic association that fails to comply with the requirements under the Act. The proposal would require institutions to provide 2-year scholarships to freshman men's basketball and football student-athletes that cover the full cost of attendance. These scholarships would only be revocable for specified reasons, including a violation of the student code of conduct or failing to meet the academic standards set by the institution. Institutions would be required to provide a need-based scholarship to men's basketball and football student-athletes who are no longer on an athletic scholarship at the school, enabling the student to complete the necessary coursework to obtain an associate or bachelor's degree. Finally, the proposal would require institutions to cover any medical costs incurred as a result of a sports-related injury for men's basketball or football student-athletes. H.R. 2036 currently has nine cosponsors and has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

## **Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) – White Paper on Student-Athlete Compensation**

In early April 2019, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT) released a report titled "Madness, Inc.: How is everyone getting rich off college sports – except the players". The report highlights the size, scope and nature of college sports and suggests that the NCAA must begin to put student-athletes first by finding a way to fairly compensate them. Media reports suggest that this white paper is the first of a series that Sen. Murphy plans to release related to college athletics.

## **State Issues**

### **Fair Pay to Play Act**

On February 4, 2019, California State Senator Nancy Skinner (D) introduced SB 206, the Fair Pay to Play Act. The proposal would prevent a California postsecondary educational institution from enforcing a rule that prevents a student-athlete from being compensated for use of their name, image or likeness. Further, the proposal – which has an implementation date of January 2023 - states that the NCAA or an athletic conference, shall not prevent a postsecondary educational institution from participating in intercollegiate athletics if a student athlete is

compensated for the use of their name, image or likeness. SB 206 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019 and approved by the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee on June 25, 2019. The bill will next move to the Assembly Higher Education Committee for consideration.

In June 2019, President Emmert penned a letter to the Chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and the Chairman of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media Committee notifying them of the creation of the NCAA Board of Governors Federal and State Working Group and requesting the Assembly postpone hearing SB 206 until the work of the committee has been completed.

### **Sports Betting**

The legalization of sports betting has continued to be a hotly debated topic in state capitols throughout the country. Currently, eight states are accepting wagers on athletics competitions (DE, MS, NV, NJ, NM, PA, RI, WV). Sports betting has also been legalized in Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, New York, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington D.C. and regulations are currently being developed. Legislation legalizing sports betting has been passed in Illinois, New Hampshire, Colorado, Connecticut and Maine, however, regulations have not been developed and wagering will not begin until additional action is taken by the Governor, voters or legislature.

NCAA government relations staff has continued to work closely with the professional sports leagues to educate policymakers about the risks associated with legalized sports betting and the need for standards that protect the integrity of athletics competitions and the well-being of student-athletes and professional athletes. Specifically, the NCAA and professional sports leagues have requested that regulations prohibit wagering by persons under 21 years of age and by athletes, coaches, referees or employees of an amateur or professional sports organization. Similar to efforts on the federal level, the NCAA has advocated for states to allow sports organizations to restrict, limit or exclude certain types of risky bets from being offered to bettors.

### **Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act**

The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (RUAAA) is a state model law designed to provide protections for student-athletes and education institutions through the regulation of athlete agents. The RUAAA updates the original act by expanding the definition of athlete agent, requiring agent notification to an institution before communicating with a student-athlete to induce them to sign an agency contract and creating a registration process that provides reciprocity for agents registered in other states. The RUAAA has been adopted in 13 states.

The RUAAA contains a provision that prohibits an athlete agent from providing anything of value to a student-athlete to induce them to enter into an agency agreement. This provision would prevent an agent from covering limited expenses for meals, hotel and travel related to the agent selection process, as allowed under recently adopted NCAA legislation. As a result, the NCAA is supporting passage of the RUAAA with an amendment that would allow athlete agents



to cover these limited expenses. The amendment has been approved in six states (AL, IN, KY, OR, TN, UT).

### **Higher Education Associations**

NCAA government relations staff continues to build strong relationships with various higher education associations. The American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and the National Association of Colleges and University Business Officers (NACUBO), among others, continue to provide guidance and support on issues of common interest. The NCAA government relations office looks forward to continuing these mutually beneficial relationships to better formulate and further the NCAA's legislative goals.