



## SUMMARY OF FALL 2025 QUARTERLY ACTIONS

### National Collegiate Athletic Association

October 21-22, 2025, Division II Management Council and October 27-28, 2025, Division II Executive Board

#### 1. Welcome and Announcements.

Management Council. The Management Council convened its quarterly meeting at 11 a.m. Eastern time Tuesday, October 21.

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

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

The chair also welcomed Marcus Clarke, senior associate commissioner at the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, as an observer to the meeting due to George Knox, former Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association representative, having resigned from the Council.

The chair also mentioned that five Pathway Program members would be attending the Council meeting Wednesday as observers.

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

Executive Board. The Executive Board convened its quarterly meeting at 6:05 p.m. Eastern time Monday, October 27.

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

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

#### 2. Review of Previous Minutes.

##### a. July 21-22 Division II Management Council and August 6 Division II Executive Board.

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

Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the summary of actions from its summer meetings.

**b. NCAA Board of Governors.**

**(1) August 7 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its August 7 videoconference.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Board of Governors' report from its August 7 videoconference.

**(2) Board of Governors Consultative Process.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. The Executive Board discussed the key agenda items for the Board of Governors' October 29 meeting.

**c. Division II Administrative Committee.**

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

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

**3. 2025-26 Division II Priorities.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the 2025-26 Division II Priorities, which had been approved at the summer series of meetings.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**4. NCAA Convention and Legislation.**

**a. 2026 NCAA Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the core schedule of events for the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the agenda for the January 15 Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast and Meeting. The Board was also provided with an update on the Division II Keynote Session.

**(1) Possible Topics for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Management Council and Executive Board Joint Breakfast and Meeting.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and discussed a draft agenda for the joint breakfast and meeting with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Executive Board during the 2026 Convention. It was noted that SAAC would be discussing the draft agenda during its November 20 meeting and providing feedback.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(2) Management Council Members Serving as Facilitators for Roundtables During Division II Education Sessions.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and discussed the topics for the two concurrent Division II education sessions on Thursday, January 15. Management Council members agreed to serve as round-table facilitators during each of the educational sessions.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**b. Proposed Legislation for the 2026 Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the 16 proposals that will be voted on at the 2026 Convention, six sponsored by the governance structure and 10 that are membership sponsored.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the proposals for the Convention.

**c. Question and Answer Document Regarding Division II Proposal No. 2026-6 (Eligibility -- Athletics Eligibility -- Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule -- Five Seasons of Competition in 10-Semesters/15-Quarters).**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an overview of the question and answer document related to Division II Proposal No. 2026-6 (eligibility -- athletics eligibility -- seasons of competition: 10-semester/15-quarter rule -- five seasons of competition in 10-semesters/15-quarters).

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview that the draft question and answer document related to Proposal No. 2026-6 has been released to the membership.

**d. Discuss Conference and Membership Feedback Regarding Convention Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council members provided feedback from their conferences on the Convention legislation.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

e. **Committees' Review of Membership-Sponsored Proposals and Management Council Positions.**

(1) **Proposal No. 2026-5: Recruiting -- Definitions and Applications -- Football Recruiting Dead Period.**

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to support this proposal. The council noted that this change would support the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II. Specifically, the council noted that this change would give football coaches and support staff a greater work-life balance and a break from recruiting. The council also noted that this change would give prospective student-athletes a break from recruiting. Finally, the council noted that this change would better align with the football recruiting calendar in Division I.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

(2) **Proposal No. 2026-7: Financial Aid -- Eligibility for Athletics Aid -- Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Athletics Aid -- Retroactive Athletics Aid -- Issuance of Retroactive Athletics Aid.**

Management Council. The council agreed to support this proposal. The council noted that membership feedback supports allowing an institution to provide retroactive athletics aid and it provides flexibility for student-athletes. Additionally, the council noted that this change is student-athlete friendly and it reduces the financial aid calculation burden on compliance administrators and financial aid offices.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

(3) **Proposal No. 2026-8: Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing-Season Regulations -- Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities -- Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Baseball.**

Management Council. The council agreed to oppose this proposal. The council noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy. Specifically, the council noted that an increase in the weekly hour limitation may impact a baseball student-athlete's opportunity to engage in nonathletically related activities (e.g., jobs) or impact their opportunity to focus on their academics. The council also noted that this

change could result in other sports seeking more time to participate in countable athletically related activity (CARA). Further, the council noted that this change will not stop a baseball student-athlete from continuing to seek training from an outside organization to develop their skills. The council also noted that the current weekly hour limitation (four hours per day and 15 hours per week) is still appropriate. Finally, the council noted that the proposed legislation will likely increase time demands on the sports medicine staff, with the biggest burden being placed on athletic trainers.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

- (4) **Proposal No. 2026-9: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Baseball -- Number of Contests -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Student-Athlete.**

Management Council. The council agreed to oppose this proposal. The council noted that although this is permissive legislation, adding two additional contests could have a financial impact on institutions, which could include increased costs for officials and additional travel expenses. The council also noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II. Finally, the council noted that the proposed legislation will likely increase time demands on the sports medicine staff, with the biggest burden being placed on athletic trainers.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

- (5) **Proposal No. 2026-10: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- First Permissible Contest.**

Management Council. The council agreed to support this proposal. The council noted that standardizing the length of the season would be beneficial for teams and coaches. Specifically, it creates a clear time frame for coaches to build their schedule. Under current legislation, the first permissible contest date can fall later in November which makes it difficult for coaches to schedule their contests during the compressed time frame; therefore, this proposal will provide more flexibility in scheduling.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

- (6) **Proposal No. 2026-11: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Golf -- Number of Dates of Competition -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Student-Athlete.**

Management Council. The council agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

(7) **Proposal No. 2026-12: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Soccer -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Practice -- Championship Segment.**

Management Council. The council agreed to oppose this proposal. The council noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy and that this change may prompt other sports to request starting their season earlier. The council noted the feedback from NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports Prevention and Performance Subcommittee that they were unaware of any evidence suggesting that the proposed changes would better support student-athlete health and safety. The council also noted this change could result in financial hardship for institutions. Specifically, the council noted that this proposal would bring student-athletes to campus earlier, which would result in institutions having to pay for housing and food for those additional days. Finally, the council noted the proposed legislation will likely increase time demands on the sports medicine staff, with the biggest burden placed on athletic trainers.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

(8) **Proposal No. 2026-13: Playing and Practice Seasons -- Softball -- Number of Contests – Maximum Limitations -- Institutional and Student-Athlete -- Nonchampionship Segment.**

Management Council. The council agreed to oppose this proposal. The council noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II since this may prompt other sports to increase the number of contests/dates of competition in their sport. Additionally, the council noted that this change would create an increased burden on athletic trainers and other athletics administrators. The council also noted that this change would not ease the burden on compliance administrators, because compliance administrators would still need to monitor dates of competition used in the nonchampionship segment. The council also noted that softball recently changed their date formula which moved their championship one week later to align with Divisions I and III, giving the sport one extra week of regular-season participation. The change in the date formula provided softball student-athletes with the opportunity to compete in more contests. Finally, the council noted that softball's current maximum limitation of 56

contests can be used between the nonchampionship and championship segments.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

- (9) **Proposal No. 2026-14: Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Minimum Sponsorship for Division II Championships -- Exception for Field Hockey and Women's Rowing.**

Management Council. The council agreed to take no position on this proposal. The council acknowledged that if the Division II field hockey and women's rowing championships are discontinued, there would not be another NCAA championship opportunity available for these student-athletes, which warrants consideration of this exception. However, the council noted concerns regarding low sponsorship numbers, especially in women's rowing, and the lack of a specific timeframe in the proposal by which the sports would need to show continued growth to remain Division II championships. The council also raised concerns regarding the financial investment of Division II funds for sports that are below the minimum sponsorship threshold. Finally, the council requested that if the proposal is adopted, the Division II Championships Committee continue to monitor the growth of these two sports to address the concerns noted above. After a vote was conducted, a position of no position was taken given the Management Council voting requirements and its policies and procedures that require a two-thirds majority for either a position of support or opposition.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

- (10) **Proposal No. 2026-16: Championships Administration -- Administration of Division II Championships -- Criteria for Selection of Participants -- Automatic Qualification -- Requirements -- Division Championship -- Institutions in Final Year of Division II Membership Process.**

Management Council. The council agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the Management Council's position. No action was necessary.

f. **Proposed Groupings of Proposals and Roll-Call Votes.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the order of business for the Division II business session at the 2026 Convention and the designated roll-call votes for the purpose of production of the 2026 NCAA Convention Division II Official Notice.

There is a total of 16 proposals sponsored for the 2026 Convention. The 16 proposals are divided by subject matter. All proposals will be voted on by roll-call vote. One proposal is a football only vote.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**g. Suggested Speakers for the 2026 Convention Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the speakers' chart for the Division II business session at the 2026 Convention. The Council was informed of the duties that go along with being a designated or back-up speaker and was asked to advise staff of any changes individuals would like to make.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**h. Noncontroversial Legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form two noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2026-21 and NC-2026-23), as presented. The proposals are listed below.

- (1) **NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership -- Academic Success Rate -- Failure to Submit Data -- Elimination of Penalty for Failure to Submit Academic Success Rate Data in Any Two Years During a Five-Year Period.** To eliminate the penalty for an active member institution that fails to submit its Academic Success Rate (ASR) data in any two years during a five-year period.
- (2) **Infractions Program -- Use of Multiple Resolution Methods and Notification of Possibility Of Differing Outcomes.** To clarify that a single infractions case may be resolved through more than one resolution method; further, to specify that participating parties to an infractions case shall be notified of the possibility of differing outcomes should they elect to resolve allegations through different resolution methods.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**5. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.**

**a. Division II Committees.**

**(1) Academic Requirements Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 10 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(2) Championships Committee.**

**(a) August 7 Videoconference.**

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(b) September 16-17 Videoconference.**

**i. Noncontroversial legislation – NCAA Bylaw 8.7.6 -- Association-wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities -- Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee Composition.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to reduce the number of Division II representatives on the NCAA Divisions II and III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee from two to one (and thus reduce the total membership on the committee from nine to eight (6 Division III, 1 Division II, 1 non-voting secretary rules editor).

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**ii. Championship Bracket/Format Adjustments for Men's and Women's Tennis.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred back the Division II Men' and Women's Tennis Committees a review of the championships bracket.

The tennis committee's proposal maintains the traditional eight regions, but the Management Council believes an

analysis should be done to evaluate whether a super-regional model would make more sense given the sponsorship distribution.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**iii. Substitution Policy for Men’s and Women’s Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a policy stating that conference championships must use the same substitution policy in place for both the NCAA regionals and finals.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**iv. Regional Access in Men’s Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a policy stating that if a region has 15 or fewer institutions, access within the region to the accompanying regional is based on the proportionality to the total teams eligible to make the regional.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**v. Primary Selection Criteria Clarification in Men’s Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved an update to the language in the primary criteria for selection of participants for the Division II Men’s Golf Championships in the following manner:

Current Language	Proposed Clarifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional head-to-head competition;</li> <li>• Results versus common opponents;</li> <li>• Scoring average; and</li> <li>• Scoreboard by Clippd indexes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head-to-head competition;</li> <li>• Results versus common opponents;</li> <li>• Results vs. in-region opponents;</li> <li>• Scoring average; and</li> <li>• Strength of schedule.</li> </ul> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">Additionally, the men’s golf committee will contact the</p>

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Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**vi. Bracket Expansion/AQ Policy.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved revising the current policy regarding when consideration of expanding a Division II championship bracket is triggered (currently stated as soon as possible once a bracket is composed of more than 50% automatic qualifiers) to preclude conferences currently in a grace period from being included in the AQ calculation.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**vii. Access Ratios for Select Sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the access ratios for baseball, men’s lacrosse, women’s soccer, and women’s tennis.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(c) **October 2 Videoconference.**

- **Access ratios for select sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the access ratios for field hockey and men’s tennis, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(3) **Legislation Committee.**

(a) **August 11 Electronic Vote.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s August 11 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **September 3 Videoconference.**

- i. **2027 NCAA Convention Legislation -- Division II Bylaw 15.4.2.1.1.1 -- Financial Aid -- Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport -- Equivalency Sports - - Maximum Equivalency Limits -- Men’s Sports – Overall Limit -- Elimination of Overall Limit.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board sponsor legislation for the 2027 NCAA Convention to eliminate the limit of 60 total awards in all men’s sports other than football and basketball in any academic year.

Following the adoption of the new constitution at the 2022 Convention, the NCAA Division II President’s Council, now named the NCAA Division II Executive Board, established the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee, which was charged with starting and leading the work to review the division’s rules and policies and make recommendations to ensure that changes were consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution. The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee was tasked with reviewing various bylaws, which included Bylaw 15. Currently, an institution may not provide more than 60 total awards in all men’s sports other than football and basketball in any academic

year. This proposal does not change team equivalency limits and institutions will remain responsible for adhering to Title IX requirements. Finally, Division I previously had an overall equivalency limit in Division I men's sports, but that limit was eliminated in 1985.

Executive Board. The Executive Board sponsored legislation for the 2027 Convention to eliminate the limit of 60 total awards in all men's sports other than football and basketball in any academic year.

- ii. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.1.1.3.1 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- Notification of Transfer - - Elimination of June 15 Deadline.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the June 15 deadline for when a student-athlete must provide their institution with written notification of transfer.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update that the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the June 15 deadline for when a student-athlete must provide their institution with written notification of transfer.

- iii. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 15 -- Financial Aid -- Books and Supplies.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate books from the full grant-in-aid and equivalency calculation.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- iv. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 15.1.1 -- Financial Aid -- Eligibility for Athletics Aid -- Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Athletics Aid -- Exception to the 10-Semester/15-Quarter Limit.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit an institution to award a student-athlete with athletics aid beyond 10-

semesters/15-quarters provided the student-athlete has received an extension of eligibility.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- v. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 17.4.6.3 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Basketball -- Number of Contests -- Annual Exemptions -- Region Challenge Event -- Out-of-Region Opponents from Contiguous States.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred back to the Legislation Committee the noncontroversial proposal that would permit contests against an out-of-region opponent from a contiguous state to be exempted as part of a region challenge event in basketball.

During its July 21-22 meeting, the Management Council requested that the Legislation Committee review Proposal No. 2026-17 (playing and practice seasons -- basketball -- number of contests -- annual exemptions -- region challenge event -- out-of-region opponents from contiguous states), a membership-sponsored proposal, and consider whether it should be recommended as noncontroversial legislation.

During its September 3 meeting, the Legislation Committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to permit, in basketball, contests against an out-of-region opponent from a contiguous state to be exempted as part of a region challenge event.

The Management Council discussed that the intent of 2026-17 was to permit all out-of-region opponents, that count as in-region for championships selection, to also count as in-region for purposes of the region challenge event legislation.

Therefore, given the intent fell outside the scope of Legislation Committee's noncontroversial recommendation, the Management Council referred the proposal back to Legislation Committee for further discussion during the committee's November meeting.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

- vi. **Request for Feedback Regarding Bylaw 17 Concepts.**

Management Council. The Management Council requested that the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Division II Athletics Health Care Administrators, Division II Coaches Connection groups, Division II Faculty Athletics Representatives, Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association provide feedback on whether it is appropriate to amend Bylaw 17, as specified.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(c) Direct Institutional Name, Image and Likeness Feedback.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update on the feedback gathered to date regarding direct institutional name, image and likeness. The Council also provided its feedback on direct institutional name, image and likeness. The Legislation Committee will discuss the feedback gathered during its November meeting.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update on the feedback gathered to date regarding direct institutional name, image and likeness. The Board also provided its feedback on direct institutional name, image and likeness. The Legislation Committee will discuss the feedback gathered during its November meeting.

**(4) Legislative Relief Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's August 22 electronic vote and September 30 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(5) Membership Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's August 18 and September 11 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(6) Nominating Committee.**

**(a) August 12 Videoconference.**

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following appointment, effective immediately:

- **NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions (one immediate vacancy replacing Steve Johnson).** Cathy Stevens, assistant athletics director of compliance, Georgia College, Peach Belt Conference.

[The appointment noted above was approved August 27 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

(b) **September 8 Videoconference.**

- **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following appointments, effective immediately:

- i. **NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions (one immediate vacancy replacing Leslie Schuemann).** Piper Brewster, associate commissioner of governance and senior woman administrator, Pacific West Conference.
- ii. **NCAA Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel (one immediate Division II at-large vacancy and one Division II Conference Commissioners Association representative).** Matt Wilson, commissioner, Gulf South Conference; and Kate Corcoran, director of athletics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

[The appointments noted above were approved September 25 by the Administrative Committee. They are included in the document for ease of reference.]

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(c) October 14 Videoconference.**

• **Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following appointment, effective immediately:

- **NCAA Division II Membership Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Troy Dell). Jessica Grasso, commissioner, East Coast Conference.**

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

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

**(a) August 19 Videoconference.**

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(b) September 18 Videoconference.**

**i. 2026-32 Division II Operating Plan.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board adopt the division's new six-year Operating Plan that will be launched at the 2026 Convention and extend through Fiscal Year 2031-32 (FY32) to align with the length of the NCAA's current broadcast agreements.

The 2026-32 Operating Plan succeeds the division's current strategic plan adopted in 2015. Work on the new plan has been ongoing since 2021 when the division conducted a SWOT analysis with all Division II governance committees and councils to inform the new plan. However, the Division II Presidents Council (now Division II Executive Board) in

August 2021 agreed to pause the planning process due to the NCAA initiating a new constitution and the Board of Governors subsequently charging all three divisions to review their policies and bylaws accordingly. The Division II Implementation Committee carried out this charge, and the planning process resumed in January 2023.

Key to the development of the new plan was a representative Think Tank convened in September 2024 that brainstormed objectives and priorities, which helped inform a comprehensive membership survey distributed in January 2025. Since then, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee has collaborated with Division II stakeholders to ensure the new plan addresses these priorities and adequately funds initiatives to achieve desired outcomes.

The Division II board, council, and committees have been apprised of the plan's development and progress throughout the process.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adopted the division's new six-year Operating Plan that will be launched at the 2026 Convention and extend through FY32 to align with the length of the NCAA's current broadcast agreements.

**ii. Division II Long-Range Budget.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended the Executive Board adopt the division's long-range budget through FY32.

The long-range budget was developed specifically to support the division's new six-year Operating Plan and to support Division II member institutions' ability to provide their student-athletes with optimal educational and athletics experiences. The long-range budget features an increase in the baseline allocation to Division II championships from the current 62% to 65%, which the SPFC, Management Council and Executive Board supported during their summer meetings. The budget also is structured to address the total allocation to revenue distribution and initiatives by FY32.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adopted the division's long-range budget through FY32.

**(c) Discuss Feedback Needed Regarding Mental Health Support.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an overview of a survey that will be sent to all directors of athletics regarding mental health resources and programming on campuses to determine how to implement one of the goals of the Division II Operating Plan that could be funded in the near future.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(d) Unaudited 2024-25 Budget Figures.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the unaudited 2024-25 budget figures.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the unaudited 2024-25 budget figures.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's July 16-17, September 7 and October 6 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

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

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

**(a) August 7 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the working group's August 7 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(b) October 6 Videoconference.**

**i. Financial Aid Blanket Waiver.**

Management Council. The Management Council issued a blanket waiver, contingent on the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-6 (eligibility -- athletics eligibility -- seasons of competition: 10-semester/15- quarter rule -- five seasons of competition in 10-semesters/15-quarters), to permit a

student-athlete, regardless of sport, who would have used their final season of competition during or at the conclusion of the 2025-26 academic year, to receive athletics aid for the 2026-27 academic year without counting toward team equivalency limits. Relief will only apply if the student-athlete remains at their original institution. If the student-athlete transfers for the 2026-27 academic year, the athletics aid received at the new institution will count toward team equivalency limits.

If Proposal No. 2026-6 is adopted, student-athletes who were anticipating using their final season of competition during the 2025-26 academic year, may have the opportunity to return for a final season of competition during the 2026-27 academic year. If a returning student-athlete receives athletics aid for the 2026-27 academic year, it must count towards the institution's team equivalency limits. However, institutions will not know whether a student-athlete will have access to an additional season of competition until the 2026 Convention. Due to the timing of Convention, institutions may no longer have room within their team equivalency limits to provide returning student-athletes with athletics aid for the 2026-27 academic year. This waiver will assist institutions in proactively navigating potential budget and roster management challenges.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an overview of the blanket waiver issued by the Management Council.

**ii. Referral to the Division II Academic Requirements Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred a review of initial-eligibility requirements to the Division II Academic Requirements Committee.

The Division II Eligibility Review Working Group administered a survey in spring 2025. The primary purpose of the survey was to collect feedback from the Division II membership on the four concepts identified by the ERWG related to seasons of competition, period of eligibility, and waivers/exceptions to these rules. The final question of the survey asked whether there are any other legislative changes to Division II eligibility rules that should be considered. The

working group believes that if Proposal No. 2026-6 (eligibility -- athletics eligibility -- seasons of competition: 10-semester/15-quarter rule -- five seasons of competition in 10-semesters/15-quarters) is adopted, the Academic Requirements Committee should conduct a review of initial-eligibility standards to determine if a national standard is still necessary.

**(2) Management Council Identity Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the subcommittee's September 29 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(3) Management Council Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the subcommittee's September 4 videoconference report.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**c. Association-Wide Committees.**

**(1) Awards Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's July 8 videoconference and July 31 electronic vote reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

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

• **Playing Rules - Medical Re-Entry Considerations.**

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel amending sport playing rules that limit substitutions and/or reentry to allow exceptions for any student-athlete seeking timely medical evaluation and/or treatment of any condition with the potential to cause catastrophic injury or illness (including, but not limited to diabetes, sickle cell trait, asthma), as determined by the primary athletics health care provider.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel's July 17, July 21 and August 13 videoconference reports.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**(4) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**6. Division II Management Council.**

**a. Election to Fill Vacancies from the Great American Conference, Lone Star Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Peach Belt Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Sunshine State Conference.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected the following individuals to become new representatives on the Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2026 Division II Business Session, unless otherwise noted.

- (1) Great American Conference. **Shane Hansen**, faculty athletics representative, Northwestern Oklahoma State University.
- (2) Lone Star Conference. **Robert Coleman**, director of athletics, St. Mary's University.
- (3) Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. **Kevin Buisman**, director of athletics, Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- (4) Peach Belt Conference. **Diana Kling**, commissioner, Peach Belt Conference.
- (5) Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. **Cassie Kosiba**, senior woman administrator, South Dakota School of Mines.
- (6) Sunshine State Conference. **Drew Howard**, director of athletics, Florida Southern College, effective immediately.

Executive Board. The Executive Board ratified the elections.

**b. Election of Management Council Chair.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected **Bennett Cherry**, faculty athletics representative, California State University, San Marcos, as the chair of the Management Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2026 Division II Business Session, for a one-year term.

Executive Board. The Executive Board ratified the election.

**c. Election of Management Council Vice Chair.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected **Kristina Ortiz**, senior woman administrator, Georgian Court University, as the vice chair of the Management Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2026 Division II Business Session, for a one-year term.

Executive Board. The Executive Board ratified the election.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed committee and project team assignments, noting those assignments that are open with the turnover in Council representation. The Council was informed that if anyone was interested in being assigned to a specific committee or project team, they should inform the chair or one of the Division II staff members.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**7. Division II Executive Board.**

**a. Election of Central, East, Southeast, West Regions and At-Large Representatives.** The Executive Board elected the following individuals to become new representatives on the Board, effective at the adjournment of the 2026 Division II Business Session:

(1) Central Region. **Thomas Newsom**, Pittsburg State University.

(2) East Region. **Frank Wu**, Queens College (New York).

(3) Southeast Region. **Doug Searcy**, Barton College.

(4) West Region. **Jim Wohlpart**, Central Washington University.

(5) At-Large Representative. **Bill Pink**, Ferris State University.

**b. Ratification of Atlantic, Midwest, South, South Central Regions Representatives and One Independent Member Representative for a Second**

**Two-Year Term.** The Executive Board re-elected the following individuals to a second two-year term on the Board, effective at the adjournment of the 2026 Division II Business Session:

- (1) Atlantic Region. **Dwaun Warmack**, Claflin University.
- (2) Midwest Region. **Tim Collins**, Walsh University.
- (3) South Region. **Blake Thompson**, Mississippi College.
- (4) South Central Region. **Sandra Woodley**, University of Texas Permian Basin.
- (5) Independent Member. **Larry Parkinson.**

- c. **Executive Board Chair Election.** The Executive Board elected **Sandra Woodley**, president, University of Texas Permian Basin, as chair of the board, for a one-year period, starting at the conclusion of the 2026 business session and concluding January 2027.
  - d. **Executive Board Vice Chair Election.** The Executive Board elected **Tim Collins**, president, Walsh University, as vice chair of the board, for a one-year period, starting at the conclusion of the 2026 business session and concluding January 2027.
  - e. **Potential Meeting (October 26, 2026) on Higher Education with Division II Presidents and Chancellors.** The Executive Board endorsed hosting a meeting in conjunction with its October 2026 in-person meeting to implement an action step within the Division II Operating Plan that would gather primarily presidents/chancellors and athletics direct reports to evaluate/forecast trends in higher education that impact existing and potential Division II members. The goal is to focus on big picture higher education on Division II campuses. There may be an opportunity to discuss the impact on athletics but only after outlining the higher education trends and challenges and their impact on institutions generally. After the items from the meeting are collected, the Executive Board will use its January 2027 meeting to determine potential next steps.
  - f. **Joint Meeting and Lunch.** The Executive Board participated in a joint lunch and meeting with the NCAA Board of Governors, Division I Board of Directors and Division III Presidents Council. The groups received an update from NCAA President Charlie Baker and an update from the government relations staff.
- 8. National office updates.**
- a. **Executive.**

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**b. Legal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update from the office of legal affairs on issues surrounding the NCAA.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received a legal update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA managing director of legal affairs.

**c. Sport Science Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including changes to the health and safety survey and the Athletic Trainers Workforce Stakeholders meeting and next steps.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the CSMAS are working on, including the office hours initiative with team physicians, upcoming webinars, and Athletic Trainers Workforce Stakeholders meeting and next steps.

**d. Division II Award of Excellence.**

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that nominations for the award will be accepted through November 15. The overall winner of the award will be recognized at the Division II business session during the 2026 Convention.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**e. Division II ADA mentor program.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the nomination process for the Division II ADA Mentor Program.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**f. Division II FAR Fellows Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the September 26-28 Division II FAR Fellows Institute.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**g. Division II opportunity grants.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided information on the division's opportunity grants, including the Coaches' Enhancement Grant, the Internship Grant, and the Strategic Alliance Matching Grant.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**h. Division II SAAC Super Region Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the nomination process for the SAAC Super Region Convention that is scheduled for November 21-23, in Denver for the South Central and West regions.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**i. Division II Make It Yours brand/marketing strategy.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the Division II Make It Yours brand/marketing strategy.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**j. NCAA Transfer Portal.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the trends in the Transfer Portal regarding Division II student-athletes.

Executive Board. The Executive Board received information on the trends in the Transfer Portal regarding Division II student-athletes.

**k. Sports wagering legislation.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the prohibition on wagering on professional sports.

Protecting the integrity of intercollegiate athletics is paramount and the rules prohibiting wagering activities involving intercollegiate athletics activities must remain in place; however, based on the current legal and regulatory landscape, NCAA legislation should not prohibit wagering on professional sports. In addition,

currently, 38 states (plus Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico) offer legal sports betting in some format. There are 30 states that have online sports betting via either smartphone apps or websites. The most recent data on sports wagering by student-athletes indicate that 21% of student-athletes in male sports across all divisions violated NCAA legislation within the previous year by wagering on sports for money (over 10% reported wagering on sports once per month or more). Over 5% of student-athletes in female sports reported wagering on sports in the past year. With the changing landscape, it is appropriate to deregulate NCAA legislation in areas that do not require national standards. Finally, this change will allow NCAA enforcement efforts related to sports wagering to focus on behaviors that directly impact the integrity of intercollegiate athletics.

Executive Board. The Executive Board was provided with an update that the Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the prohibition on wagering on professional sports.

**8. Affiliated association updates.**

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

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

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**9. Other Business.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**10. Meeting Recap/Things to Report Back to Conferences.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included 2026 Convention information; legislation for the 2026 Convention; 2025-26 Division II Priorities; Division II Operating Plan and Long-Range Budget Update; Championships Committee highlights including the referral back to the Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committees regarding the championship bracket/format adjustments and 2025-26 championships steaming; a 2027 Convention proposal to eliminate the limit of 60 total awards in all men’s sports other than football and basketball in any academic year; noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the prohibition on wagering on professional sports; noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the June 15 deadline for when a student-athlete must provide their institution with written notification of transfer; notice of survey regarding mental health resources; Award of Excellence; SAAC Super Region Convention; Division II opportunity grants; Division II Degree Completion Award Program; Transfer Portal dashboard; and the post-meeting article.

Executive Board. No action was necessary.

**11. Future Meetings.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2027.

Executive Board. The Executive Board reviewed the upcoming meetings through October 2027.

**12. Adjournment.**

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 4:31 p.m. Eastern time October 22.

Executive Board. The Executive Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Eastern time October 28.

<b>October 21-22, 2025, Management Council and October 27-28, 2025,</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
<b>Management Council</b>	<b>Executive Board</b>
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College
Jackie Armstrong, Point Loma Nazarene University	Tim Collins, Walsh University
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Jennifer Bell, Converse University	Donna Henry, University of Virginia’s College at Wise
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Edward Hjerpe, Independent Member
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College

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Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Peter Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University	Derrick Parker II, Grand Valley State University
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Larry Parkinson, Independent Member
Jennifer Flowers, Winona State University	Steve Shirley, Minot State University
Eric Gobel, Assumption University	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Haley White, Lincoln Memorial University
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University	
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University	
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Sarah Ramey, University of Texas Permian Basin	
Darius Satterfield, Elizabeth City State University	
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University.
<b>Guests in Attendance</b>	
Shawn Bragg, Saint Michael's College	
Demetrus Caldwell, California State University, Los Angeles	
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	
Larry Earnesty, Millersville University	
Drew Howard, Florida Southern College	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College	
Christie Ward, Catawba College.	

**NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

Charlie Baker (*October 21-22*), Deena Casiero (*October 27-28*), Rachel Denton, Terri Steeb Gronau, Ty Halpin (*October 21-22*), Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Micaela Kapsalis (*October 21-22*), Karen Kirsch, Jordan Lysiak, Ann Martin (*October 21-22*), Katie Mucci (*October 27-28*), Mariah Murdock, Angela Red, Anne Rohlman (*October 21-22*), Jared Tidemann, Jill Waddell and Courtney Wengryn.