



A G E N D A

National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Presidents Council

Room 228
Phoenix Convention Center

January 11, 2024
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and announcements. [Supplement No. 1] (Steve Shirley)
2. Minutes. (Shirley)
 - a. Fall Management Council and Presidents Council meetings. [Supplement No. 2] (Action)
 - b. Administrative Committee. [Supplement No. 3] (Action)
 - c. NCAA Board of Governors. [Supplement No. 4]
3. Vice chair report. (Colleen Perry Keith)
 - a. December 13 Planning and Finance Committee videoconference report. [Supplement No. 5] (Action)
 - b. 2023-24 year-to-date budget-to-actual. [Supplement No. 6]
4. January 10 Management Council report. (Carrie Michaels)
 - a. Presidents Council-sponsored legislation in legislative form for the 2025 NCAA Convention. [Supplement No. 7] (Action)
 - b. Presidents Council-sponsored legislation in concept for the 2025 Convention. [Supplement No. 8] (Action)
 - c. Action items. [Supplement No. 9 to be distributed at the meeting.] (Action)
 - d. Informational items. [Supplement No. 10 to be distributed at the meeting.]
5. 2024 NCAA Convention.
 - a. Review of Convention schedule. [Supplement No. 11] (Maritza Jones)
 - b. Division II Official Notice. [Supplement No. 12] (Chelsea Hooks)
 - c. Procedural Issues document for Saturday's Division II business session. [Supplement No. 13] (Hooks) (Action)

- d. Review Presidents Council representatives' and various groups' positions during the business session. [Supplement No. 14] (Hooks)
6. Division II Presidents Council issues. (Shirley)
 - a. Executive Board vice chair election. [Supplement No. 15] (*Action*)
 - b. Executive Board policies and procedures. [Supplement No. 16] (*Action*)
 - c. Division I Project – talking points. [Supplement No. 17]
 - d. Policy regarding Executive Board sponsorship of legislation and positions on membership-sponsored proposals. [Supplement No. 18] (Terri Steeb Gronau) (*Action*)
7. Division II Academic Success Rate and Federal Graduation Rates. [Supplement No. 19] (Robert Turick)
8. Sport Science Institute update. (Brian Hainline, John Parsons and Anne Rohlman) (*1:15 to 1:45 a.m.*)
9. Update from the office of legal affairs. (Jared Tidemann) (*1:45 to 2:15 p.m.*)
10. Update on sports wagering landscape. [Supplement No. 20] (Clint Hangebrauck and Mark Hicks) (*2:15 to 2:45 p.m.*)
11. Other business.
12. Recognize outgoing members. (Shirley)
13. Future meetings. (Shirley)
 - a. April 23, 2024, virtual meeting (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time).
 - b. August 7, 2024, virtual meeting (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time).
 - c. October 28-29, 2024, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - (1) October 28 -- 6 to 9 p.m. -- Division II Executive Board meeting.
 - (2) October 29 -- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Division II Executive Board meeting.
 - (3) October 29 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Joint Lunch with Divisions I and III.
 - d. January 14-18, 2025, in conjunction with 2025 Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

- e. April 22, 2025, virtual meeting (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time).
 - f. August 6, 2025, virtual meeting (11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time).
 - g. October 27-28, 2025, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.
 - (1) October 27 – 6 to 9 p.m. – Division II Executive Board meeting.
 - (2) October 28 – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Division II Executive Board meeting.
 - (3) October 28 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Joint Lunch with Divisions I and III.
14. Adjournment.



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SUMMARY OF FALL 2023 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

National Collegiate Athletic Association
August 29, 2023, Division II Management Council;
October 16-17, 2023, Management Council; and October 24-25, 2023, Division II
Presidents Council

AUGUST 29, 2023, DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL VIDEOCONFERENCE.

- **NCAA Business Review.** The Management Council participated in a joint videoconference with the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Division II Athletics Directors Association board and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to receive an update on the NCAA business review findings from President Charlie Baker.

OCTOBER 16-17, 2023, MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING AND OCTOBER 24-25, 2023, PRESIDENTS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.**

Management Council. The Management Council convened its quarterly meeting at 11:03 a.m. Eastern time Monday, October 16.

The chair welcomed those in attendance, acknowledging staff who were present. The chair welcomed Laura Dahlby Nicolai representing the Great Northwest Athletic Conference; and Reginald Ruffin representing the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, as observers, due to the resignations of Theresa Hanson and Curts Campbell, respectively. The chair also acknowledged five Pathway Program members who were attending the Council meeting.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened its quarterly meeting at 6:37 p.m. Eastern time Tuesday, October 24.

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

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

2. **Review of Previous Meetings.**

a. **July 17-18 Division II Management Council and August 2 Presidents Council.**

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

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

b. NCAA Board of Governors.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the Board of Governors reports from its August 1 and August 16 videoconferences.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Board of Governors reports from its August 1 and August 16 videoconferences.

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. 2023-24 Division II Priorities.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the 2023-24 Division II Priorities, which had been approved at the summer series of meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the 2023-24 Division II Priorities.

4. NCAA Convention and Legislation.

a. 2024 NCAA Convention Schedule.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the core schedule of events for the 2024 Convention.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the core schedule of events for the 2024 Convention.

b. Possible Topics for the Joint Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council 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 Presidents Council during the 2024 Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Proposed Legislation for the 2024 Convention.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the five proposals that will be voted on at the 2024 Convention, three sponsored by the Presidents Council and two that are membership sponsored. The Council discussed and provided feedback on the legislation.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the proposals for the Convention.

d. Discuss Conference and Membership Feedback Regarding Convention Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council had requested data regarding Division II football schedules when reviewing one of the membership-sponsored proposals. The Council was provided with an overview of Division II football scheduling.

The Management Council also reviewed a joint statement received from the National Field Hockey Coaches Association and USA Field Hockey regarding NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2024-3. The Council appreciated the communication. The Council did not take any action to recommend changes to the proposal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

(1) Proposal No. 2024-1 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Football -- Preseason Practice and First Contest -- First Permissible Contest.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to oppose this proposal due to the proposal being contrary to the Life in the Balance philosophy. Specifically, the Council noted concerns related to the student-athlete experience and student-athletes feeling compelled to forgo participating in nonathletically related activities, such as summer jobs and internships. The Council also noted the potential impact this proposal would have on athletics administrators. Further, the Council noted the budget impact this proposal would have on institutions, as well as institutions having to potentially cut institutional programming short (e.g., camps) due to football teams coming back early. Finally, the Council noted that there are other possible solutions (e.g., playing 10 contests, adding a 12th week at the end of the football season and adjusting the postseason schedule to be played one week later) to accomplish what the proposal is seeking to accomplish.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to oppose this proposal for the same reasons as the Management Council.

(2) **Proposal No. 2024-2 Playing and Practice Seasons -- Softball -- Number of Contests -- Maximum Limitations -- Institutional and Student-Athlete -- Championship and Nonchampionship Contests.**

Management Council. The Management 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. The Council also noted that softball is a contest sport, whereas other sports (e.g., soccer during the nonchampionship segment and volleyball) are dates of competition sports and, therefore, are not the same. Further, the Council noted that all sports, except football, may participate in three discretionary exemptions during their playing season. The council noted that softball currently can participate in all 56-contests during both the nonchampionship and championship segments and, therefore, is not at a disadvantage. The Council also noted the potential disadvantage among institutions that will be able to participate in the eight contests during the nonchampionship segment and those institutions that will be unable to participate in the eight contests due primarily to weather. Finally, the Council noted the impact this proposal may have on athletic trainers and facilities staff.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to oppose this proposal for the same reasons as the Management Council.

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

Management Council. The Management Council recommended to the Presidents Council the proposed groupings of legislative proposals and the designated roll-call votes for the purpose of production of the 2024 NCAA Convention Division II Official Notice and the order of business for the Division II business session at the 2024 Convention.

There is a total of five proposals sponsored for the 2024 Convention. The five proposals are divided by subject matter. All proposals will be voted on by roll-call vote. Two proposals are football only votes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the proposed grouping of legislative proposals and the designated roll-call votes for the purpose of production of the 2024 Convention Official Notice and the order of business for the Division II business session at the 2024 Convention, as recommended.

g. Suggested Speakers for the 2024 Convention Proposals.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the speakers' chart for the Division II business session at the 2024 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.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the speakers' chart for the 2024 business session.

h. Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted in legislative form three noncontroversial proposals that had previously been approved in concept (Proposal Nos. NC-2024-15, NC-2024-16 and NC-2024-18, as presented. The three proposals are listed below.

- (1) **Committees -- Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees -- Olympic Sports Liaison Committee -- Elimination of Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.** To eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.
- (2) **NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership -- Academic Success Rate and Academic Performance Census -- Failure to Submit and Final Authority.** To specify that the withholding penalty for failure to submit Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) data will occur with the next distribution of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds; further, to specify that the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall have the final authority over waivers submitted by Division II institutions that fail to submit their ASR and APC data by the deadlines.
- (3) **NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control -- Active Membership -- Institutions -- Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership -- Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey and Financial Data Requirement -- Failure to Submit and Waiver Opportunity.** To specify that the withholding penalty for failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data will occur with the next distribution of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds; further, to establish a waiver opportunity for an institution that fails to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data by the deadline.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

a. **Division II Committees.**

(1) **Academic Requirements Committee.**

- (a) **2025 Convention Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.4.3.3 -- Eligibility -- Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements -- Eligibility for Competition -- Credit Hours Earned During the Regular Academic Year -- Elimination of the 18-Semester/27-Quarter Hours.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor a proposal for the 2025 Convention to eliminate Bylaw 14.4.3.3 (credit hours earned during the regular academic year), effective August 1, 2025, for certifications of progress-toward-degree requirements for fall 2025 and thereafter.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2025 Convention.

- (b) **2025 Convention Legislation -- Bylaw 14.5.4.3 -- Eligibility -- Transfer Regulations -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers -- Removal of English, Math and Science Requirement for Qualifiers.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor a proposal for the 2025 Convention to eliminate the requirement that a qualifier, who is a two-year college transfer, must earn transferrable credit hours in English, math and science, effective August 1, 2025, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2025.

Currently, two-year college transfers that do not graduate from the two-year college or who are not a final qualifier with only one term of attendance at the two-year college, are required to satisfactorily complete and transfer in at least six-semester or eight-quarter hours of English, three-semester or four-quarter hours of math and three-semester or four-quarter hours of natural or physical science as part of the two-year college transfer requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee and the Management Council believe that a two-year college transfer student who is a qualifier has already displayed their academic readiness through completion of core courses while enrolled in high school, therefore, eliminating the requirement would simplify transfer certification for qualifiers. Qualifiers would still need to satisfy the remaining two-year college transfer requirements (e.g., an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit each fulltime term, 2.20 transferable GPA) outlined in Bylaw 14.5.4.3.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council did not take action on this proposal. The Council requested additional time to review and discuss the concept. The Council will discuss the proposal at its January meeting.

- (3) **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 14.3.1.3 and 14.3.1.3.2 - Eligibility -- Freshman Academic Requirements -- Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers -- Core-Curriculum Requirements and Nontraditional Courses -- Modernization of Core-Course Requirements.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to modernize core-course requirements to encompass all delivery models; further, to eliminate the legislative distinction for nontraditional courses, effective August 1, 2024, for high school account, program or course reviews that occur on or after August 1, 2024.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (5) **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 14.5.4.1.1 -- Transfer Regulations -- Two-Year College Transfers -- Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- Graduation from Two-Year College -- Application – Academic Degree Requirement.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.5.4.1.1 (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- graduation from two-year college) to clarify that a student-athlete that previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student prior to attendance at a two-year college, shall utilize any academic degree from any two-year college(s) attended for purposes of satisfying transfer requirements, effective August 1, 2024, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2024..

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (2) **Championships Committee.**

- (a) **August 3 Videoconference.**

- **Neutrality in championships preliminary rounds for team sports.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update that the Division II Administrative Committee approved policy that permits preliminary round hosts in all team sports to run the same kind of pregame promotions and

celebrations they conduct during the regular-season contests before resuming neutrality during the course of the contest.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

[Note: The item noted above was approved August 30 by the Administrative Committee. It is included in the document for ease of reference.]

(b) August 11 Electronic Vote and August Videoconference.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's August 11 electronic vote and August 11 videoconference reports. The Council received an update on a pilot initiative for the 2023-24 academic year to stream all games of the Division II football, women's volleyball and men's and women's basketball championships. The pilot will provide key data for the NCAA as it continues its media rights negotiations regarding potential interest in coverage for Division II events.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) September 14-15 In-Person Meeting.

i. Noncontroversial legislation – Division II Bylaw 21.8.5.2.2. – Championship Committee -- Duties – Replacement of Sport and Rules Committee Members.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to permit the Division II Championships Committee to replace a member of a Division II sport committee or a Division II representative on an Association-wide playing rules committee when such member is not performing their duties properly.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. Triennial Budget Recommendations.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on the requests for championships enhancements for the triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, as recommended by the Division II Championships Committee. The requests will be reviewed by the Planning and Finance Committee in December, and, if

approved, by the Management Council and Presidents Council in January.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the requests for championships enhancements for the triennial budget cycle beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, as recommended by the Division II Championships Committee.

iii. Softball Championship Date Formula.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve a change in the date formula for the Division II Softball Championship that would move the finals to the week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday) in years when there is not a spring Division II National Championships Festival, resulting in the following date formula:

- Selection Announcement: Monday prior to regionals.
- Regionals (16 sites): One week before the super regionals (Thursday-Saturday).
- Super Regionals (8 sites): One week before the finals (Thursday-Friday).
- Finals: The week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday).

Further, the Management Council referred to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee a discussion on whether the date formula for softball should also be amended in years when the spring National Championships Festival occurs, which would remove softball from the Festivals. The Management Council agreed to discuss the feedback received from SAAC at its January meeting before making a recommendation for a change in Festival years.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the change in date formula, which would move the Division II Softball Championship finals to the week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday) in years when there is not a spring National Championships Festival.

iv. Regional Sites for the 2025 and 2026 Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sites to host regional competition for the 2025 and 2026 Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Championships. (Note: The Division II Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees are working with NCAA staff to secure enough bids to make recommendations for the remaining regions/years later this fall.)

Men’s Golf			
Year	Region	Site/Venue	Host Institution
2025	Central/ Midwest	St. Joseph Country Club	Missouri Western State University
2026	Central/ Midwest	Katke Golf Course	Ferris State University

Women’s Golf			
Year	Region	Site/Venue	Host Institution
2025	Central	Kickingbird Golf Club	University of Central Oklahoma
2025	East	The Meadows Golf Course	Grand Valley State University
2025	South	Chattahoochee Golf Course	University of North Georgia
2025	West	La Paloma Golf Club	West Texas A&M University
2026	Central	St. Joseph Country Club	Missouri Western State University
2026	West	Pueblo Country Club	Colorado State University, Pueblo

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- v. **Substitution Provisions in Men’s and Women’s Golf.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved allowing substitutes during all rounds of the Division II Men's and Women's Golf Championships (this includes stroke play and match play at the regionals and national finals).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vi. Access Ratios for Select Sports.

Management Council. The Management Council approved regional berth allocations for baseball, women's soccer, and men's and women's tennis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vii. Misconduct Policies.

Management Council. The Management Council approved modifications to the misconduct policy as follows: (1) more flexibility to apply increased financial penalties without requiring approval from the Championships Committee to do so (up to \$1500), and (2) to authorize the Championships Committee to change a private reprimand to a public reprimand in instances where the membership would benefit from such disclosure.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that the Management Council approved modifications to the misconduct policy.

viii. Sports Sponsorship Review Referral.

Management Council. The Management Council referred to the Division II Membership Committee, the Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, and the Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee a review of sports sponsorship requirements in swimming and diving and track and field to consider whether a potential reduction is warranted in the sports sponsorship and championship selection requirements.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **September 27 Electronic Vote and October 5 Videoconference.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 27 electronic vote and October 5 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Legislation Committee.**

(a) **September 13 Videoconference.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Various Bylaws -- Incorporating NCAA Division II Bylaw 12 into Division II Bylaws 7 and 14.**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to rename Bylaw 14 as Eligibility: academic and athletics requirements; further, to incorporate Bylaw 12 (amateurism) into Bylaws 7 (NCAA Division II membership and institutional control) and 14, as specified.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Update on the work of the NCAA the Division I Name, Image and Likeness Working Group and timeline for Division II to review and Discuss Proposals Developed by Division I.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of NIL proposals that the Division I Council introduced into its legislative cycle. The proposals include development of a voluntary registry for NIL service providers; requirements for disclosure and aggregate reporting of certain elements of NIL agreements; development of best practices for NIL contracts; and the creation of an education program for prospects and current student-athletes, as well as service providers and licensees. The Management Council provided feedback on whether some elements of these proposals would be beneficial or needed in Division II. The Council was informed that the Division I proposals will be shared with several Division II committees, affiliate groups and coaches' connection groups during the fall to gather feedback for the Division II Legislation Committee's review at the end of November for a discussion on whether similar changes are needed in Division II. The

Management Council and Presidents Council will receive additional updates during their January 2024 meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview of the NIL proposals that the Division I Council introduced into its legislative cycle.

(4) Committee for Legislative Relief.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Membership Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's September 25 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) August 16 Videoconference.

i. Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the amended Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.

ii. Calculating Division II Projected Revenue.

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed a change in the method for calculating Division II's projected revenue that takes Division II's prior year actual revenue plus Division II's allocation of change from the media agreements to calculate the Division II estimated revenue in the long-range budget.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved a change in the method for calculating Division II's projected revenue that takes Division II's prior year actual revenue plus Division II's allocation of change from the media agreements to calculate the Division II estimated revenue in the long-range budget.

(b) September 20 Videoconference.

i. Division II Participation in the NCAA's Insurance Program.

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed that Division II participate in the following policies within the NCAA's Insurance Program: (a) ticket and ancillary revenue insurance; and (b) media broadcast revenue insurance; the Division II premium allocation amount for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24); and approved endorsed that Division II should continue to participate in these programs going forward as outlined in FY23 and FY24 without review each year unless something in either program changes.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved that Division II participate in the following policies within the NCAA's Insurance Program: (a) ticket and ancillary revenue insurance; and (b) media broadcast revenue insurance; the Division II premium allocation amount for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24); and approved that Division II should continue to participate in these programs going forward as outlined in FY23 and FY24 without review each year unless something in either program changes.

ii. Division II Long-Range Budget.

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed the revised Division II long-range budget through 2031-32.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the revised Division II long-range budget through 2031-32.

(c) Unaudited 2022-23 Budget Figures.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the unaudited 2022-23 budget figures.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the unaudited 2022-23 budget figures.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's July 14-15 in-person meeting and August 9 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

• **Management Council Identity Subcommittee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Association -Wide Committees.**

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's June 13-14 meeting report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Honors Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee's June 29 videoconference report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the panel's July 19 and August 10 videoconference reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Committee on Women's Athletics.

- **Update on the Committee on Women's Athletics' Discussion Regarding Women's Wrestling.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update that the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics recently met and discussed updates for the six sports currently in the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program. Based on sports sponsorship data in the 2022-23 academic year, women's wrestling met the requirements to be considered for an NCAA championship through the Emerging Sports for Women program. Specifically, more than 40 schools sponsored women's wrestling at the varsity level and met the sport's minimum competition and participant requirements. The sport's growth puts it on track to become the sixth sport to earn NCAA championship status through the Emerging Sports for Women program, established in 1994 based on a recommendation from the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force.

At its February meeting, the Committee on Women's Athletics anticipates making a recommendation to Divisions I, II and III to sponsor legislation to add a national collegiate women's wrestling championship.

If this recommendation is made, the projected timeline to add a women's wrestling championship is for each division to sponsor a proposal for the 2024-25 legislative cycle and vote on the proposals before or during the 2025 Convention. If adopted, the first women's wrestling championship could be held in winter 2026. This timeline is consistent with past sports added as National Collegiate Championships through the Emerging Sports for Women program.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update that women's wrestling met the requirements to be considered for an NCAA championship through the Emerging Sports for Women program.

6. Roundtable Discussions Regarding Key Goals for the Division II Operating Plan.

Management Council. The Management Council participated in breakout sessions Tuesday morning, which gave members the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft key goals for the Division II Operating Plan.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was provided an overview and gave feedback on the draft key goals for the Division II Operating Plan.

7. **Division II Management Council.**

- a. **Elections to fill Vacancies from the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, Great Lakes Valley Conference, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Mountain East Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and One At-Large Representative.**

Management Council. The Management Council elected the following individuals to become new representatives on the Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2024 Division II Business Session, unless otherwise noted.

- (1) Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. **Kristina Ortiz**, senior woman administrator, Georgian Court University.
- (2) Conference Carolinas. **David Hicks**, director of athletics, King University.
- (3) Great Lakes Valley Conference. **Kristy Bayer**, director of athletics, Rockhurst University.
- (4) Great Northwest Athletic Conference. **Peter Crabb**, faculty athletics representative, Northwest Nazarene University, effective immediately.
- (5) Mountain East Conference. **Rubin Stevenson**, senior associate director of athletics for internal operations, Frostburg State University, effective February 1, 2024.
- (6) Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. **Carlin Chesick**, senior associate commissioner/senior woman administrator, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.
- (7) Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. **Jerry Haywood**, faculty athletics representative, Fort Valley State University, effective immediately.
- (8) At-Large Representative. **Kim Pate**, director of athletics, Lenoir Rhyne University, effective February 1, 2024.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the elections.

b. Election of Management Council Chair.

Management Council. The Management Council elected **Roberta Page**, director of athletics, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, as the chair of the Management Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2024 Division II Business Session, for a one-year term.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the election.

c. Election of Management Council Vice Chair.

Management Council. The Management Council elected **Erin Lind**, commissioner, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, as the vice chair of the Management Council, effective at the adjournment of the 2024 Division II Business Session, for a one-year term.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Management Council Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The Management Council tabled this item until its January 2024 meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Discussion Regarding Management Council Sponsoring NCAA Convention Proposals.

Management Council. The Management Council tabled this item until its January 2024 meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. Division II Presidents Council.

- a. **Election of two Independent Representatives to the Division II Executive Board.** The Presidents Council elected **Lisa Borders** and **Larry Parkinson** as new independent representatives for a two-year period, starting February 1, 2024, and concluding with adjournment of the 2026 Convention. Both appointments are renewable for an additional two years.
 - b. **Chair Election.** The Presidents Council elected **Colleen Perry Keith**, president, Goldey-Beacom University, as chair of the Council, for a one-year period, starting at the conclusion of the 2024 business session and concluding January 2025.
 - c. **Vice Chair Election.** The Presidents Council was advised that a vice chair would be elected at the January meeting to serve from January 2024 to January 2025. President Council members who wish to serve should contact the chair or the vice president of Division II.
 - d. **Discussion with NCAA President Charlie Baker.** The Presidents Council received an update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA president.
 - e. **Update on Congressional Engagement.** The Presidents Council received an update on congressional engagement efforts.
9. **National Office Updates.**
- a. **Legal.**

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

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a legal update on issues surrounding the NCAA from the NCAA director of legal affairs.
 - b. **Sport Science Institute.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including discussions on cannabis; discussions on concussion; mental health best practices; and stakeholder athletic trainer meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from Sport Science Institute staff on some initiatives that the office and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports are working on, including discussions on cannabis; discussions on concussion; mental health best practices; and stakeholder athletic trainer meeting.

c. Division II Award of Excellence.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that nominations for the award will be accepted through November 17. The overall winner of the award will be recognized at the Division II business session during the 2024 Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Division II FAR Fellows Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with an update regarding the September 29 through October 1 Division II FAR Fellows Institute.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Division II Diversity Grants.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Division II Make Game Day Yours.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an update on the Make Game Day Yours initiative, including the participation usage of the modules in Division II University.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Division II SAAC Super Region Convention.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the SAAC Super Region Convention that is scheduled for November 17-19, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia for the South region.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Division II Make It Yours Brand/Marketing Strategy.

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

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

i. Gender Equity Internal Review.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the gender equity assessment review.

Presidents Council. 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.

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

k. Sports Wagering.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided an overview of the sports wagering landscape.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. Affiliated Association Updates.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. Other Business.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council received a media rights update regarding the Division II men's semifinals and women's semifinal and finals for the basketball championships. Further, staff updated the committee on an anticipated agreement between Warner Brothers Discovery and Hudl to stream all games of the 2023 NCAA Division II Football Championship, the 2023 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship, and the 2024 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships (except for the semifinals and finals in basketball and football due to the existing broadcast contracts). The contract being negotiated is expected to be executed soon and will be followed by a comprehensive communication plan that will include direct outreach to the relevant sport committees and notice to the membership at large via established platforms (e.g., monthly championships and governance newsletters). The streaming initiative also will be included in the bid specifications for the four championships.

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

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions. These topics included: 2024 Convention information; legislation for the 2024 Convention; Championship Committee updates, including triennial budget recommendations; softball date formula change; and modifications to the misconduct policies; update on sports wagering; new template for congressional engagement; diversity grants; Degree Completion Award Program; information on the senate hearing on name, image and likeness; and the Management Council meeting article.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. Future Meetings.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2024 through January 2025.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the upcoming meetings for 2024 through January 2025.

14. Adjournment.

Management Council. The Management Council adjourned at 5:18 p.m. Eastern time October 17.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Eastern time October 25.

August 29, 2023, Division II Management Council; October 16-17, 2023, Management Council; and October 24-25, 2023, Presidents Council	
Attendees:	
Management Council	Presidents Council
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	Michaela Boyd, Azusa Pacific University
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	Carlos Campo, Ashland University
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive	Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University
Mark Corino, Caldwell University	Donna Henry, University of Virginia's College at Wise
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	Steven Shirley, Minot State University
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	Blake Thompson, Mississippi College
Kristi Kiefer Fairmont State University	Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University	Frank Wu, Queen College (New York)
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University	
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University	
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	
Bo Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University	
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	
Vaughn Williams, director of athletics, Bentley University	
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	

Absentees:	
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College	Roslyn Artis, Benedict College
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (<i>August 29</i>)	
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Guests in Attendance	
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Eddie Baker, The College of Saint Rose (<i>August 29</i>)	
Keith Baxter, Southeastern Oklahoma State University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Jennifer Bell, Converse University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Michaela Boyd, Azusa Pacific University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Eric Brothers, University of Sioux Falls (<i>August 29</i>)	
Dave Brunk, Peach Belt Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Tom Buning, Chaminade University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Rachel Burleson, Franklin Pierce University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Jason Carmichael, University of West Georgia (<i>August 29</i>)	
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas (<i>August 29</i>)	
Tom Daeger, Great Midwest Athletic Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Clyde Doughty, Bowie State University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Robert Dranoff, East Coast Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Kris Dunbar, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Bert Epting, Anderson University (South Carolina) (<i>August 29</i>)	
Jason Galaska, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (<i>August 29</i>)	
Kirby Garry, California State University, Monterey Bay (<i>August 29</i>)	

Haley Gilbert, Augusta University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Chris Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Dave Haglund, Great Northwest Athletic Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Molly Hansen, University of Montevallo <i>(August 29)</i>	
Allen Hardison, California Collegiate Athletic Association <i>(August 29)</i>	
Jason Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Anthony Holloman, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Albert King, Ashland University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Diana Kling, Peach Belt Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Michael Koehler, Rockhurst University <i>(October 16-17)</i>	
Laura Liesman, University of Illinois Springfield <i>(August 29)</i>	
Nicole Levering, Georgia Southwestern State University <i>(October 16-17)</i>	
Joel Lueken, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology <i>(August 29)</i>	
Pat Manak, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics <i>(August 29)</i>	
Cathy McFadden, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association <i>(August 29)</i>	
Michael McFarland, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania <i>(August 29)</i>	
Lisa Goddard McGuirk, Gannon University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Alexis Montalvo, Ashland University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Traci Murphy, Daemen University <i>(August 29)</i>	
Jim Naumovich, Great Lakes Valley Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Ed Pasque, Sunshine State Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	
Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference <i>(August 29)</i>	

Will Prewitt, Great American Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Steve O'Brien, St. Martin's University (<i>October 16-17</i>)	
Mike Racy, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (<i>August 29</i>)	
Brian Reese, Lander University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Ivana Rich, Edward Waters University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Deborah Rogers, Tuskegee University (<i>October 16-17</i>)	
Reginald Ruffin, Tuskegee University (<i>October 16-17</i>)	
Julie Ruppert, Northeast-10 Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Stephanie Shrieve-Hawkins, San Francisco State University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Scott Swain, Notre Dame College (<i>August 29</i>)	
Daniel Teliski, Gannon University (<i>October 16-17</i>)	
Jessica Harbison Weaver, Pacific West Conference (<i>August 29</i>)	
Katie Williamsson, Southern Connecticut State University (<i>August 29</i>)	
Julie Work, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (<i>August 29</i>)	
Justin Zavala, Bowie State University (<i>August 29</i>)	
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Charlie Baker (<i>August 29, October 24-25</i>), John Baldwin (<i>October 16-17</i>), Amanda Benzine (<i>August 29</i>), Tim Buckley (<i>October 24-25</i>), Dawn Buth (<i>October 24-25</i>), Michael Cioroianu (<i>August 29, October 24-25</i>), Rachel Denton, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline (<i>October 16-17</i>), Clint Hangebrauck (<i>October 16-17</i>), Brian Higgins (<i>August 29</i>), Kendee Hilliard, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Karen Kirsch, Micaela Liddane (<i>August 29, October 16-17</i>), Jordan Lysiak, Rebecca Burchette Medel (<i>August 29</i>), Megan McDonald (<i>August 29</i>), Corbin McGuire, Gretchen Miron (<i>October 16-17</i>), John Parsons (<i>October 16-17, October 24-25</i>), Susan Peal (<i>October 16-17, October 24-25</i>), Lamarr Pottinger (<i>October 16-17</i>), Greg Pottorff (<i>October 24-25</i>), Angela Red, Jared Tidemann (<i>October 16-17</i>), Robert Turick, Jill Waddell and Casey Wheelhouse (<i>October 16-17</i>).	



Interim Actions of the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee

1. On November 16, the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following items:
 - **NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball Media Rights**
 - a. Recommendation. Negotiate with CBS Sports Network on the identified priorities for the next agreement for the broadcast of the Division II Men’s and Women’s Basketball semifinals and Women’s Basketball finals. If no agreement can be reached, explore options with other media outlets.
 - b. Effective date. Immediate, for the rights to the 2025 championships.
 - c. Rationale. The men’s and women’s basketball semifinals and women’s final have been produced by and broadcast on CBS Sports Network since 2012. The current agreement expires after the 2023-24 season. While remaining on a linear network remains a priority, it is important for the division to do its due diligence given the evolution of the media landscape over the last several years. The consensus of the multiple governance groups that engaged in this discussion is that the next agreement should seek to maximize exposure for these games, ideally through both a linear and digital option. While CBS Sports Network has been a good partner for the last 12 years and offers high quality production, there may also be an opportunity to reduce production costs to the division with a different partner.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. To be determined, based on negotiations with interested partners. Currently, the division budgets \$300,000 annually for production.
 - e. Student-athlete impact. Exploring additional partners may provide opportunities for increased exposure and viewership for these games.
2. On December 6, the Administrative Committee approved the following items:
 - a. **Management Council Committee and Project Team Assignments.** The committee approved the Management Council committee and project team assignments for 2024, effective after the adjournment of the 2024 NCAA Convention Division II Business Session, unless otherwise noted.

**NCAA Division II Management Council
Committee and Project Team Assignments for 2024
(Effective Jan. 13, 2024, unless otherwise noted)**

(Mentor assignments are listed in italics below new Management Council members' names)

Management Council Representative (Mentor)	Committees/Project Teams
Femi Alao	NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Kristy Bayer <i>(Sande Mott)</i>	Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee
Patrick Britz	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Nominating Committee
Bennett Cherry	Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Carlin Chesick <i>(Marcus Clarke)</i>	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee
Marcus Clarke	Division II Championships Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee (chair)
Peter Crabb <i>(Bo Pagliasotti)</i>	Division II Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) <i>(effective immediately)</i> Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee <i>(effective Feb.1, 2024)</i>
Jeremy Elliott	Division II Management Council Subcommittee (chair) NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee
Theresa Grosbach	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Kim Hancock	NCAA Honors Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team
David Hansburg	NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Committee on Infractions
Jerry Haywood <i>(Bennett Cherry)</i>	Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Division II Management Council Subcommittee <i>(effective immediately)</i>
Amy Henkelman	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Committee for Legislative Relief Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
David Hicks <i>(Danny McCabe)</i>	Division II Infractions Appeals Committee Division II Management Council Liaison to College Sports Communicators

Management Council Representative (Mentor)	Committees/Project Teams
Erin Lind, <i>vice chair</i>	NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee Division II Administrative Committee Division II Championships Committee (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Liaison to the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA)
Katherine Loh	NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Danny McCabe	Division II Academic Requirements Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team (chair) Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Cindy McKnight	Division II Degree Completion Awards Committee Division II Management Council Subcommittee Division II Membership Committee
Austin Mondello	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee
Sandee Mott	Division II Championships Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Kristina Ortiz (<i>Christina Whetsel</i>)	Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Legislation Committee
Roberta Page, <i>chair</i>	NCAA Board of Governors (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Administrative Committee Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>ex officio</i>) Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>) Division II Nominating Committee
Bo Pagliasotti	NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Division II Convention Planning Project Team Division II Management Council Subcommittee (chair)
Kim Pate (<i>Amy Henkelman</i>)	Division II Nominating Committee (<i>effective Feb.1, 2024</i>) Division II Management Council Liaison to Division the

Management Council Representative (Mentor)	Committees/Project Teams
	II Athletics Directors Association (ADA) (<i>effective Feb. 1, 2024</i>)
Sarah Ramey	Management Council Liaison to Women Leaders in College Sports NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
Rubin Stevenson (<i>David Hansburg</i>)	Division II Convention Planning Project Team (<i>effective Feb. 1, 2024</i>) Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee (<i>effective Feb. 1, 2024</i>)
Christina Whetsel	Division II Membership Committee Division II Management Council Liaison to National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) Division II Management Council Subcommittee (<i>chair</i>)
Vaughn Williams	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Association (MOAA) Division II Legislation Committee
SAAC Member TBD	Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee

Management Council Subcommittee chairs:

- Appeals of Membership Committee decisions on provisional membership status: **Jeremy Elliott**
- Appeals of Academic Requirements Committee decisions on waivers involving the Academic Performance Census and the Academic Success Rate: Christina Whetsel
- Appeals of Legislative Review Subcommittee decisions involving the amateur status of prospective student-athletes: Marcus Clarke
- Appeals of Championships Committee decisions: **Bo Pagliasotti**

b. **Appointments to Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** The committee approved four appointments effective at the conclusion of the 2024 NCAA Convention.

- (1) At-Large, **Derrick Parker II**, football, Grand Valley State University. Derrick Parker II was nominated because of his strong written statement and commitment to mental health advocacy and education. Additionally, he would provide sport diversity to the committee.
- (2) At-Large, **Haley White**, women's tennis and field hockey, Lincoln Memorial University. Haley White was nominated because of her desire to elevate the

- (3) student-athlete voice as well as her leadership experience. She would also provide the committee sport diversity as she is both a women's tennis and field hockey student-athlete.
 - (3) Great Northwest Athletic Conference, **Dustyn McKenney**, cross country and track and field, Western Oregon University. Dustyn McKenney was nominated due to his commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives as well as his perspective as a football student-athlete. Additionally, he had a well-written and impactful personal statement.
 - (4) Gulf South Conference, **Alia Scotka**, women's golf, University of West Florida. Alia Scotka was nominated because of her strong written statement, evident leadership experience within her campus and conference SAAC and advocacy for mental health awareness for student-athletes.
3. On December 21, the Administrative Committee received an update from staff on the Division I temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by Judge John Preston Bailey of the Northern District of Virginia on December 13, 2023, which was converted to a preliminary injunction on December 18, 2023. It was noted that the preliminary injunction does not apply to Division II. The committee agreed to discuss further during governance meetings at the 2024 NCAA Convention in January.



REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
September 6, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Linda Livingstone, convened the videoconference at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors. President Livingstone also introduced Allison Feaster and welcomed her to the committee.
2. **Board of Governors August 1, 2023, and August 15, 2023, videoconference reports.** The board reviewed and approved the reports of its August 1, 2023, videoconference and August 15, 2023, videoconference.
3. **Executive Session.** The board convened in executive session.
 - **Legal and litigation update.** NCAA general counsel facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding several matters of ongoing litigation.
4. **Other business.** The board did not have other business.
5. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m. Eastern time.

NCAA Board of Governors March 16, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University.	
Charlie Baker, NCAA.	
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College.	
Bryce Choate, Graduated Division I student-athlete.	
Houston Davis, Central Arkansas University.	
Beth DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Allison Feaster, Boston Celtics/Vice President of Team Operations and Organizational Growth	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.	
Madeleine McKenna, Graduated Division II student-athlete.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Steven Shirley, Minot State University.	
Isaiah Swann, Graduated Division III student-athlete.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.	
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 th U.S. Army Surgeon General.	
Absentees:	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby and Mario Morris.	



REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 24, 2023, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair, President Linda Livingstone, convened the meeting at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern time and welcomed the Governors. President Livingstone noted that this was the first quarterly meeting for President Houston Davis and Allison Feaster.
2. **Board of Governors September 6, 2023, videoconference report.** The board reviewed and approved the report of its September 6, 2023, videoconference.
3. **Feedback from divisional presidential bodies via the consultative process.** Presidents Mary-Beth Cooper, Livingstone and Steven Shirley provided the board with an update on the use of the consultative process with the divisional presidential bodies prior to the meeting to solicit comment and feedback on potential board action and discussion.
4. **NCAA Business Plan.** President Charlie Baker outlined the NCAA business plan, including the mission, shared operational plan, themes and strategic priorities, and operating model. It was noted that the business plan was developed from the key findings and trends from the NCAA national office business review.
5. **Review of 2023-24 NCAA presidential goals.** President Charlie Baker presented his 2023-24 goals and noted that they align with the NCAA business plan. The board discussed and approved his 2023-24 goals during executive session.
6. **Update and next steps regarding congressional engagement and action.** NCAA staff provided an update on the five draft bills introduced in the House and the Senate. NCAA staff also updated the board on membership outreach efforts.
7. **Update regarding NCAA contracts involving media rights agreements.** A representative from Endeavor, the consultant selected to assist the Association with media rights negotiations following the expiration of the NCAA's media rights agreement with ESPN in 2024, joined the board for continued discussions on this topic.
8. **NCAA sports wagering update.** NCAA staff provided an update on the current landscape of states where online and/or live legal sports wagering is permitted (35 states and the District of Columbia), and various initiatives on this issue. NCAA staff noted that they continue to focus on enhancing relationships with integrity services, gaming commissions, pro leagues, vendors and others, while working on state advocacy/legislative initiatives and education initiatives.

9. **Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Beth DeBauche, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the committee's report.

a. **NCAA internal audit year-end review for FY 2022-23.** The Finance and Audit Committee shared the year-end review of the NCAA internal audit for the 2022-23 fiscal year. It was noted that the committee did not raise any concerns.

b. **NCAA internal audit plan revision for FY 2023-24.** The Finance and Audit Committee presented a revised internal audit plan for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the internal audit plan revision for FY 2023-24.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

c. **Term extensions for Amy Keskin and Melody Rollins, committee members on the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee.** The Finance and Audit Committee recommended a term extension for two members of the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee. It was recommended that the terms of service for Amy Keskin, vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer at Washington University in St. Louis, and Melody Rollins, client advisor with Bridgewater Associates, be renewed for one additional four-year term.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the term extension of Amy Keskin and Melody Rollins for one-additional four-year term on the Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee.” **Approved** (Unanimous voice vote)

10. **NCAA Sport Science Institute/NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports update.** The NCAA chief medical officer provided several updates on the work of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

a. **NCAA drug-testing policy and elimination of cannabis from the NCAA banned substance list.** The board received a report on a recommendation from the September CSMAS meeting to the divisional legislative bodies to introduce and adopt legislation to eliminate cannabinoids from the list of banned drug classes and to develop a robust education program. It was noted that this recommendation acknowledges that cannabinoids are not performance enhancing and that local-level harm-reduction strategies may be more effective at preventing, identifying and managing problematic use. Finally, it was noted that the divisional legislative bodies will review this recommendation during their January 2024 meetings and determine if and when to introduce a proposal into the legislative cycle.

- b. **NCAA Mental Health Best Practices update.** The board continued its discussions on proposed updates to the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices resource. It was noted that CSMAS used the consensus process for potential updates to the resource and will make a final recommendation during its December videoconference. It is anticipated that the board will consider the updates to the best practices during its January 2024 in-person meeting, and if approved, the updated best practices will be released to the membership at the 2024 NCAA Convention.
- c. **NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol rollout in January 2024.** The board received a report from CSMAS regarding its approval of the recommended updates to the NCAA Concussion Safety Protocol Checklist and other relevant member education resources. It was noted that the updates are effective January 15, 2024.
- d. **Transgender student-athlete participation policy.** The board received an update on the three-phased approach of the Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy, which is currently in phase two through the 2023-24 academic year. It was noted that CSMAS will consider a potential recommendation for the 2024-25 academic year during its December videoconference with anticipated action by the board during its January 2024 in-person meeting.

11. Board of Governors Processes and Procedures.

- a. **NCAA Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Livingstone reported on matters discussed by the Executive Committee during its October meeting.
- b. **Board of Governors vice-chair election notice.** President Livingstone noted that the term of the board's current vice-chair, Steven Shirley, will conclude upon adjournment of the January 10, 2024, meeting. The board will elect a new vice-chair during the January 2024, in-person meeting.
- c. **Update on Association-wide committee review.** NCAA staff provided an update on the ongoing work of the board's review of Association-wide committees to determine their relevance, assess whether potential changes would better align the committees' work with the new constitution and determine how to streamline the Association-wide governance structure. It was noted that in October the divisional legislative bodies adopted legislation to eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaisons Committee; therefore, the committee was eliminated from the Association-wide governance structure. It was further noted that four committees (CSMAS, Playing Rules Oversight Panel, Honors Committee, and Postgraduate Scholarship Committee) completed the review. The board did not recommend any changes to the four committees.
 - **Review of DEI committees.** The board was provided an update on the review of the four NCAA Association-wide DEI committees (the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, the

Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, and the Gender Equity Task Force). NCAA staff noted that the board will receive a status update during its January 2024, in-person meeting, with a potential recommendation anticipated in April 2024.

12. **Other business.** The board did not have other business.
13. **Future meetings.** The board reviewed its future meetings through January 2025.
14. **Executive session.** The board convened in executive session.
15. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:37 p.m. Eastern time.

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

NCAA Board of Governors October 24, 2023, Meeting	
Attendees:	
Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University. (<i>virtual</i>)	
Charlie Baker, NCAA president.	
Bryce Choate, Graduated Division I student-athlete.	
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College.	
Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas.	
Beth DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference.	
Allison Feaser, Boston Celtics.	
Linda Livingstone, Baylor University.	
Madeleine McKenna, Graduated Division II student-athlete.	
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.	
Jere Morehead, University of Georgia.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Steven Shirley, Minot State University.	
Isaiah Swann, Graduated Division III student-athlete.	
Lynda Tealer, University of Florida.	
Nadja West, MD, retired United States Army lieutenant general and 44 th U.S. Army Surgeon General. (<i>virtual</i>)	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Karen Brodtkin, Endeavor.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Terri Steeb Gronau and Stephanie Quigg.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Scott Bearby, Tim Buckley, Dawn Buth, Michael Cioroianu, Joni Comstock, Kelly Dodds, Jennifer Fraser, Dan Gavitt, Brain Hainline, Clint Hangebrauck, Mark Hicks, Brian Higgins, Julie Kimmons, Kevin Lennon, Felicia Martin, Louise McCleary, Corbin McGuire, Mario Morris, Dave Schnase and Stan Wilcox.	



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Division II Surplus Recommendations.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve allocating the fiscal year 2022-23 surplus plus the fiscal year 2023-24 unallocated revenue equaling \$4,425,118 in the following ways:

Item	Notes	Amount
Division II Supplemental Distribution (285 institutions eligible)	Approximately \$13,510 per institution	\$3,850,473
Joint Championships Roll-Over		\$340,053
Division II 50 th Anniversary Celebration Roll-Over		\$205,000
Championships Festival Roll-Over		\$14,592
Additional Expenses for Division II		\$15,000
TOTAL		\$4,425,118

Notes:

Supplemental Distribution. Sent to each active and eligible institution that received the Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Fund in April 2023 and is still an active Division II institution at the time of the distribution in February 2024.

Joint Championships Roll-Over. This line item is rolled over each fiscal year to ensure dollars are available for joint championships events.

50th Anniversary Celebration Roll-Over. In January 2023, the Division II Presidents Council approved the use of \$300,000 (including \$50,000 for signage) to celebrate Division II's 50th anniversary over the 2023-24 academic year. The remaining funds from the FY23 budget will be used to cover expenses in FY24.

Championships Festival Roll-Over. The remaining funds from FY23 will be used to pay for the spring national championships festival expenses in FY24.

Additional Expenses for Division II. Per the new NCAA Constitution, previous overhead charges ceased with FY22. Starting in FY23, an annual review is conducted to validate additional Association service expenses that Division II pays for directly from its 4.37 percent allocation. Expenses for FY24 are expected to be higher than originally anticipated.

- (2) Effective date. Immediate.
- (3) Rationale. The Planning and Finance Committee reviewed a recommendation for using the surplus and agreed that the uses outlined in the above chart are appropriate. The surplus included unexpected unallocated revenue from FY24. After submitting FY24 budget requests approved by the Planning and Finance Committee and Presidents Council in April 2023, Division II governance received information in August that the FY24 budget increase was \$1,336,270 more than originally noted (\$2,535,488 total new revenue for FY24 vs \$1,199,218 known in March 2023). The additional dollars were added to the Division II reserve. Since the dollars remain unallocated, the Planning and Finance Committee added the unallocated dollars to the FY23 surplus and used them to increase the supplemental distribution to the Division II membership in February 2024. In 2024, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee can discuss how to allocate the increased FY24 revenue.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. N/A.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation prioritizes the membership distribution to help with supporting programs that benefit the student-athlete experience.

b. 2024-27 Division II Championships Triennial Budget Recommendations.

- (1) Recommendation. Approve the Division II championships triennial budget recommendations listed in Attachment A.
- (2) Effective Date. 2024-27 budget triennium.
- (3) Rationale. The Division II Presidents Council and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee allocated \$1.5 million to the base budget for championships for the triennial cycle beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The Division II Championships Committee discussed all requests from Division II sport committees, which totaled more than \$3 million, and prioritized

them accordingly, collaborating with sport committees throughout the process to ensure all stakeholders were aware of the conditions and constraints. The Planning and Finance Committee supported the prioritized listing in Attachment A and recommends approval by the Presidents Council.

- (4) Estimated Budget Impact. The recommendations total \$1,292,831. The remaining \$207,169 of the \$1.5 million allocation will be reserved for future championship initiatives.
- (5) Student-Athlete Impact. All of the recommendations, in one way or another, directly enhance the student-athlete experience at Division II championships, either by increasing participation opportunities or improving championship administration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Planning and Finance Committee Chair Colleen Perry Keith welcomed the group and previewed the meeting agenda.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its September 20 videoconference, as presented.
3. **Review of budget-to-actuals.** The committee reviewed the final Division II budget-to-actuals for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
4. **Fiscal-year 2022-23 surplus recommendations.** The committee reviewed the surplus from the 2022-23 fiscal year and the unallocated revenue for the 2023-24 fiscal year and agreed to allocate the funds as specified in Nonlegislative Action Item 2-a above.
5. **2024-27 Division II championships triennial budget recommendations.** The committee reviewed and supported the championship enhancement recommendations from the Division II Championships Committee for the 2024-27 budget triennium (See Nonlegislative Action Item 2-b above.)
6. **Review of Division II Operating Plan.** The committee reviewed and approved a revised Operating Plan (see Attachment B) based on input received during the fall meetings of the Division II Management Council, Division II Presidents Council, and the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The Operating Plan is designed to enable the Division II governance structure to begin determining key goals and objectives for the 2026-32 Division II Strategic Plan. The document is based on the new NCAA Operating Plan outlined by NCAA President Charlie Baker and includes a vision statement and a series of commitments and strategic priorities that could help shape the new plan. The revised Operating Plan will be shared with the councils and Division II SAAC for further discussion in January. Specific questions will be developed regarding each strategic priority area for

the councils and SAAC to discuss in roundtables. Following the January discussions, governance committees and affiliate organizations will be asked to provide feedback.

7. Division II Conference Strategic Priorities Fund.

a. Guidelines and Principles. The committee reviewed and approved its revised Conference Strategic Priorities Fund Guidelines and Principles document that reflects the transition to the new Strategic Planning and Finance Committee as the overseeing body beginning in February 2024. The updated guidelines also include conference allocations for the 2024-25 academic year. Finally, the updated guidelines include the addition of WeCOACH Professional Growth and Leadership Development Program as a permissible use in the Diversity and Inclusion strategic positioning outcome area.

b. Use of funds to provide tuition assistance to part-time intern. The committee considered an inquiry from a conference office regarding use of Conference Strategic Priorities Funds to pay for tuition as part of a part-time intern's salary. The committee acknowledged the request as being unique and not directly addressed in the fund's guidelines but agreed that it could be a permissible expense so long as the conference ties the expense to one of the strategic positioning outcome areas.

8. Division II revenue distribution.

a. Revenue distribution policy. The committee reviewed and approved the updated revenue distribution policy.

b. Estimates for April 2024 Division II conference sports sponsorship fund distributions. Staff reviewed the 2024 conference sports sponsorship fund distributions. Conferences were notified of their 2024 estimated distributions last month following the November 1 verification deadline.

c. Fines for late submission. The committee was notified that a conference did not submit its sports sponsorship verification information by the November 1 deadline but submitted an appeal that notes a clerical error as the cause of the late submission. After discussion, the committee approved a one-time waiver of the fine. In addition, the committee asked staff to discuss potential updates to the software to ensure that conferences receive a verification notice that their submission has been received.

9. Future meetings and videoconferences. This was the final meeting for this iteration of the Planning and Finance Committee, which will transition to the new Strategic Planning and Finance Committee beginning in February. Staff will conduct two orientation calls with the new committee members before the group meets formally for the first time in March. President Keith thanked members for their contributions and commitment to excellence during their terms.

Committee Chair: Colleen Perry Keith, President, Goldey-Beacom College

Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance

Maritza Jones, Division II Governance

Ryan Jones, Division II Governance

Andrea Worlock, Administrative Services

Division II Planning and Finance Committee December 13, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
	Carlos Campo, Ashland University.
	Mark Corino, Caldwell University.
	Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College.
	Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
	Steven Shirley, Minot State University.
	Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University.
Absentees:	
	Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.
	Frank Wu, Queens College (New York).
Guests in Attendance:	
	None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
	Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Andrea Worlock.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
	Gary Brown, Becca Burchette, Kendee Hilliard, Karen Kirsch and Jill Waddell.

**Division II Championships Committee
2024-27 Triennial Budget Recommendations**

ATTACHMENT A

Sport	New Initiatives (Sport Committee Requests)	Amount
All	General championship enhancements	\$25,000
All	Preliminary round signage (25% increase)	\$18,690
All	Officiating fee increase (DIII + \$10)	\$26,040
All	Banquets (\$30 to \$50)	\$114,280
Baseball	Finals site format change to best of three series	\$44,330
Baseball	Super regional format change to three days	\$58,810
Baseball	Increase squad size (25 to 26) and travel party (29 to 30) by one	\$75,000
Basketball - M/W	Regional evaluator stipend (\$6,000 per gender)	\$12,000
Field Hockey	Increase bracket to eight teams (from six to eight)	\$85,000
Football	Increase officiating fees (from \$270 to \$325)	\$10,395
Football	Increase video evaluator fee (from \$110 to \$150)	\$1,080
Football	Increase alternate fees (from \$120 to \$200) and pay travel	\$28,000
Golf - M/W	Live scoring leaderboard at final site (\$10,000 per gender)	\$20,000
Golf - W	Increase regionals field size to 72 teams (from 48 to 72)	\$135,494
Lacrosse - M	Increase bracket to 16 teams (from 12 to 16)	\$135,000
Lacrosse - W	Increase bracket to 24 teams (from 16 to 24)	\$191,000
Soccer - M/W	Staggered start at final site	\$7,500
Soccer - M/W	Separation of third and quarterfinal rounds (Men's - \$35,028, Women's - \$25,244)	\$60,272
Softball	Additional cameras for video replay at final site	\$3,850
Swimming/Diving - M/W	Gifts for relay-only swimmers	\$6,200
Track - Indoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request	\$29,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes	\$136,000
Volleyball	National coordinator of officials	\$17,500
Volleyball	Travel expenses for line judges	\$36,000
Volleyball	Increase game fee for line judges at final site	\$240
Wrestling	Independent video review	\$12,500
Wrestling	Increase officials fees by \$25 per session	\$3,650
	Allocated	\$1,292,831
	Remaining	\$207,169

Sport Committee Requests Not Recommended

All	Honorariums (20%)	\$42,420
All	Mementos (\$75 to \$100)	\$142,850
Basketball - M/W	DV Sport at regional sites (\$85,604 per gender)	\$171,208
Golf - W	Increase final site field size to 20 teams (from 18 to 20)	\$25,506
Softball	Increase squad size to 24, travel party to 30	\$306,000
Softball	Increase squad size to 22, travel party to 28	\$154,000
Swimming/Diving - M	Increase field size by 30	\$72,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Four day outdoor championship; no increase to field size	\$187,590
Wrestling	Expenses for athletic trainer at final site	\$86,000

Division II Championships Committee
2024-27 Triennial Budget Recommendations

Items Rendered Moot by Recommendations Above

Field Hockey	Increase bracket to seven teams (from six to seven)	\$42,000
Football	Increase alternate fees (from \$120 to \$200)	\$2,160
Golf - W	Increase regionals field size to 80 teams (from 48 to 80)	\$178,494
Lacrosse - M	Increase bracket to 14 teams (from 12 to 14)	\$68,000
Lacrosse - W	Increase bracket to 20 teams (16 to 20)	\$95,500
Track - Indoor M/W	Set field sizes	\$46,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request option 1	\$96,000
Track - Outdoor M/W	Set field sizes - updated request option 2	\$85,000

Division II Operating Plan

NCAA Mission: Provide a world-class athletic and academic experience for student-athletes that fosters lifelong well-being.

DII Vision: Provide an environment in which student-athletes develop well-being and life skills through their desired academic pursuits, through participation in high-level athletics, and through impactful civic engagement.

DII Commitments:

- Empower student-athletes to excel in their chosen academic curricula and ensure that athletics is an integral component of the holistic educational experience.
- Provide programs and resources to enhance student-athletes' physical, mental and social well-being.
- Deliver an outstanding championships program that provides equitable and rewarding postseason experiences.
- Conduct meaningful civic engagement activities to strengthen relationships within the campus and surrounding communities.
- Support student-athletes' personal and professional development as they successfully transition to life after sport.
- Operate an efficient, effective, and inclusive governance structure informed by diligent research that enables Division II members to actualize the mission and vision.
- Promote and celebrate the Division II brand through the Make It Yours platform to enhance the public's knowledge and appreciation of the Division II experience.

DII Strategic Priorities

Student-Athlete Experience

- **Academics**
 - Maintain rules and policies that enable institutions to support student-athletes' academic achievement.
 - Continue to achieve a student-athlete graduation rate above that of the general student body.
 - Promote and honor student-athletes, institutions and conferences that achieve a high level of academic success.
 - Support student-athletes in their efforts not only to complete their undergraduate degrees but also pursue postgraduate work.
 - Ensure that student-athletes are afforded the opportunity to develop the skills they need to succeed in life after college.
- **Athletics**
 - Seek innovative approaches to support up-and-coming sports that offer new, exciting and equitable opportunities.

- Create a game environment at the campus, conference and national levels that is welcoming, inclusive, fan-friendly, entertaining and civil.
 - Celebrate student-athletes' success in regular-season and postseason competition.
 - Implement a championships access ratio and selection methodology that enhances the postseason for participants and fans without compromising the regional model as a core tenet of the Division II regular-season experience.
 - Help student-athletes maximize their opportunities related to Name, Image and Likeness.
 - Develop initiatives and practices that strengthen the officiating pool; provide education, training and resources to support current officials and attract new officials.
- **Health and Wellness**
 - Collaborate with the Sport Science Institute and the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to create an environment/culture that supports and enhances total wellness for all individuals (physical, mental, social and personal well-being).
 - Prioritize destigmatizing mental health concerns and foster a culture of acceptance and wellness; emphasize mental wellness as an asset to athletic performance.
 - Provide education and training that allow athletics department personnel to manage mental wellness issues.
 - Emphasize access and opportunity as a best business practice at the campus, conference and national levels.
 - Collaborate within the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee network to activate the DII SAAC's commitments and goals, including empowering student-athletes with resources, empathizing with their concerns, and enhancing their voice and experience.

Membership Experience

- **Governance**
 - Maintain a diverse and inclusive governance and committee structure that represents all Division II constituents through the one school/one vote legislative process at the NCAA Convention.
 - Increase participation in the governance and committee structure from all levels (e.g., presidents/chancellors, athletics directors, commissioners, compliance administrators, senior woman administrators, faculty athletics representatives, coaches, student-athletes, staff).
 - Ensure a strong student-athlete presence in decision-making at the campus, conference and national levels.
 - Use research and data points to inform decision making.
 - Emphasize effective communication and transparency in decision making to strengthen trust.
- **Operations and Positioning**

- Maintain achievable and meaningful membership standards that position Division II as a destination of choice for current and potential new members.
- Maintain presidential oversight of the division's budgeting process that protects membership interests and supports excellent championships programming.
- Help institutions and conferences enhance their community engagement operations and strengthen relationships.
- Develop educational materials and resources that help institutions support a culture of compliance.
- Provide leadership and professional development opportunities for student-athletes, athletics administrators, coaches and faculty members.
- Seek new revenue streams and opportunities to increase ticket sales, corporate sponsorships and media partnerships.



SUPPLEMENT NO. 6
DII Presidents Council 01/24

FY 2023-24 DII Budget to Actual (through 11/30/23)

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24		
	Actual YTD	Actual YE	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue					
DII/DIII Allocation-Based Revenue	\$46,807,823	\$52,203,104	\$51,602,115	\$51,602,115	\$0
Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Total	\$46,807,823	\$52,203,104	\$51,602,115	\$51,602,115	\$0
Expenses					
Championship Expenses					
Men's Championships					
DII Men's Baseball	(\$3,560)	\$2,576,141	\$58,577	\$2,612,685	\$2,554,108
DII Men's Basketball	\$4,761	\$2,143,039	\$10,062	\$2,101,589	\$2,091,527
DII Men's Cross Country	\$40,104	\$786,765	\$406,446	\$689,925	\$283,479
DII Men's Football	\$1,269,721	\$3,448,464	\$1,854,555	\$3,327,760	\$1,473,205
DII Men's Golf	\$67	\$958,651	\$15,286	\$1,008,644	\$993,358
DII Men's Lacrosse	\$21	\$468,959	\$32,105	\$520,184	\$488,079
DII Men's Soccer	\$400,659	\$1,500,963	\$354,530	\$1,466,193	\$1,111,663
DII Men's Swimming and Diving	(\$1,432)	\$487,278	\$22,879	\$546,941	\$524,062
DII Men's Tennis	\$203	\$701,551	\$293	\$855,139	\$854,846
DII Men's Track Indoor	(\$4,925)	\$741,484	\$27,079	\$738,730	\$711,651
DII Men's Track Outdoor	\$1,393	\$921,925	\$7,880	\$973,528	\$965,649
DII Men's Wrestling	(\$3,218)	\$668,059	\$21,294	\$700,908	\$679,615
Other	\$0	\$151	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,703,793	\$15,403,427	\$2,810,985	\$15,542,226	\$12,731,241
Women's Championships					
DII Women's Basketball	\$6,209	\$2,239,712	\$19,540	\$2,299,008	\$2,279,468
DII Women's Cross Country	\$33,757	\$785,297	\$437,975	\$665,610	\$227,635
DII Women's Field Hockey	\$40,536	\$429,974	\$73,990	\$252,041	\$178,051
DII Women's Golf	\$2,866	\$732,859	\$13,944	\$752,786	\$738,842
DII Women's Lacrosse	(\$1,637)	\$692,981	\$5,091	\$647,376	\$642,285
DII Women's Rowing	\$181	\$317,156	\$9,108	\$509,237	\$500,129
DII Women's Soccer	\$614,070	\$1,886,547	\$756,711	\$1,787,718	\$1,031,007
DII Women's Softball	\$156	\$2,254,827	\$6,140	\$2,589,872	\$2,583,732
DII Women's Swimming and Diving	(\$2,131)	\$546,095	\$26,380	\$663,839	\$637,459
DII Women's Tennis	(\$3,372)	\$671,670	\$822	\$776,082	\$775,260
DII Women's Track Indoor	(\$1,360)	\$749,860	\$26,803	\$741,653	\$714,850
DII Women's Track Outdoor	(\$4,224)	\$920,250	\$11,792	\$960,355	\$948,564
DII Women's Volleyball	\$284,346	\$1,649,575	\$130,717	\$1,777,759	\$1,647,043
Other	\$0	\$151	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$969,396	\$13,876,954	\$1,519,012	\$14,423,336	\$12,904,324
Championship Expenses Total	\$2,673,189	\$29,280,382	\$4,329,997	\$29,965,562	\$25,635,565



FY 2023-24 DII Budget to Actual (through 11/30/23)

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24		
	Actual YTD	Actual YE	Actual	Budget	Variance
Non-Championship Expenses					
APPLE Training Institute and NCAA Inclusion Forum	\$3,750	\$222,640	\$246,750	\$350,000	\$103,250
Approved Supplemental Distribution	\$0	\$2,312,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Championships Festival	\$106,039	\$730,311	\$55,786	\$700,000	\$644,214
Coaches' Connection Program	\$93,599	\$182,275	\$108,479	\$254,000	\$145,521
Coaching Enhancement Grant	\$244,614	\$243,414	\$328,800	\$370,000	\$41,200
Community Engagement at DII Championships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Conference Strategic Priorities Fund	\$3,435,999	\$3,435,999	\$3,428,000	\$3,444,000	\$16,000
Degree Completion	\$6,250	\$444,495	\$18,750	\$450,000	\$431,250
DII University	\$11,990	\$137,490	\$51,350	\$300,000	\$248,650
Drug Testing Enhancement	\$43,980	\$175,921	\$60,400	\$181,198	\$120,798
Exploratory/Provisional Membership	\$0	\$102,498	\$0	\$0	\$0
FAR Institute	\$18,289	\$52,430	\$29,159	\$75,000	\$45,841
Game Day	\$106,188	\$335,745	(\$1,022)	\$0	\$1,022
Governance Outreach	\$6,345	\$34,016	\$4,851	\$38,000	\$33,149
Grant to ADA	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Grant to CCA	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Grant to College Sports Communicators	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Grant to MOAA	\$71,075	\$71,075	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Grant to NAAC	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Grant to Women Leaders in College Sports	\$70,000	\$71,803	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Identity Initiatives, Communications and Marketing	\$43,707	\$725,098	\$165,955	\$1,203,500	\$1,037,545
Identity Workshop	\$3,040	\$109,234	\$0	\$165,000	\$165,000
Insurance	\$132,678	\$132,678	\$132,460	\$135,000	\$2,540
Internship Grant	\$165,000	\$172,388	\$133,592	\$218,500	\$84,908
Joint Championships	\$0	\$109,947	\$2,247	\$0	(\$2,247)
Leadership Conference	\$0	\$280,955	\$902	\$358,000	\$357,098
Membership Education	\$13,209	\$96,094	\$5,056	\$145,000	\$139,944
Mentor Program	\$11,092	\$64,786	\$16,920	\$88,500	\$71,580
NCAA Annual Convention	\$14,919	\$149,500	\$2,650	\$147,000	\$144,350
New AD Orientation	\$19,713	\$21,908	\$17,311	\$41,000	\$23,689
Regular Season and Championships Media	\$0	\$338,703	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Conference Sports Sponsorship Fund	\$0	\$5,774,299	\$0	\$5,947,524	\$5,947,524
Institutional Equal Distribution Fund	\$0	\$1,924,740	\$0	\$1,982,508	\$1,982,508
SAAC Super Region Convention	\$0	\$264,675	\$47,417	\$300,000	\$252,583
Strategic Alliance Matching Grant	\$622,827	\$642,248	\$728,600	\$775,000	\$46,400
Non-Championship Expenses Total	\$ 5,544,303	\$19,659,364	\$6,034,413	\$18,618,730	\$ 12,584,317
Additional Expenses for Division II	\$ 40,000	\$ 174,513	\$ -	\$ 164,800	\$ 164,800
Expenses Total	\$8,257,492	\$49,114,259	\$10,364,410	\$48,749,092	\$38,384,682
Surplus (Deficit)	\$38,550,331		\$41,237,705	\$2,853,023	
Add: Prior Year Reserve Balance	\$51,681,847		\$51,681,847	\$51,681,847	
Estimated Reserve Balance	\$90,232,178		\$92,919,552	\$54,534,870	



PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Attached for your review is the legislative draft of the proposal being sponsored by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council for the 2025 NCAA Convention. Proposal No. PC-1 is new for you to review in legislative format. This proposal was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council in concept, but has not yet been approved in legislative form.

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Proposal Number: PC-1

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

Convention Year: 2025

Date Submitted: October 26, 2023

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

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)]

Category: Presidents Council

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

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

Bylaws: Amend 14.4, as follows:

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

[14.4.1 unchanged.]

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

[14.4.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

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

~~(c) Credit hours earned for the annual credit-hour requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.4.3.4;~~ and

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

[14.4.1.2 unchanged.]

[14.4.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 through 14.4.3.2 unchanged.]

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

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

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

~~(a) A midyear transfer student-athlete;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[14.4.3.7.1 renumbered as 14.4.3.6.1, unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

14.4.3.~~7.6~~.6 Repeated Courses. Credit for courses that are repeated may be used by a student-athlete to satisfy the progress-toward-degree requirements of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ only under the following conditions:

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

14.4.3.~~7.6~~.7 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit After Change of Degree Program. A student-athlete who changes their designated degree program after their fifth semester or seventh quarter of collegiate enrollment may comply with the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ if:

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

14.4.3.~~7.6~~.8 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Major. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program with an identified major may not use a course to fulfill the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ even if the course fulfills an elective component of the student-athlete's degree program, if the student-athlete ultimately must repeat the course to fulfill the requirements of the student's major.

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

[14.4.3.8 renumbered as 14.4.3.7, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~8.7~~.1 Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete's entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaws ~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

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

(d) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the "missed term" may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

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

[14.4.3.9 renumbered as 14.4.3.8, unchanged.]

14.4.3.~~9.8~~.1 Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete's immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. A Division II conference office has the authority to administer medical absence waivers for terms that occurred at an NCAA institution prior to a student-athlete's enrollment at a member institution within the conference.

14.4.3.~~9.8~~.2 International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2-~~14.4.3.3~~ and 14.4.3.~~4.3~~ may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Parapan American, Olympic, Paralympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts and

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the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters.

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

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

Additional Information:

Review History:

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

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

Oct 25, 2023: Approved in Concept - NCAA Division II Presidents Council.



Presidents Council-Sponsored Legislation
In Concept

The Management Council recommends that the Presidents Council take action to approve the following legislative concepts for sponsorship at the 2025 NCAA Convention:

- **2025 Convention Legislation – Bylaw 14.5.4.3 – Eligibility – Transfer Regulations – Two-Year College Transfers – Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid – All Other Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers – Removal of English, Math and Science Requirement for Qualifiers.**
 - a. Recommendation. Sponsor legislation for the 2025 Convention to eliminate the requirement that a qualifier, who is a two-year college transfer, must earn transferrable credit hours in English, math and science.
 - b. Effective date. August 1, 2025, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2025.
 - c. Rationale. Currently, two-year college transfers that do not graduate from the two-year college or who are not a final qualifier with one term of attendance at the two-year college, are required to satisfactorily complete and transfer in at least six-semester or eight-quarter hours of English, three-semester or four-quarter hours of math and three-semester or four-quarter hours of natural or physical science as part of the two-year college transfer requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee and the Management Council believe that a two-year college transfer student who is a qualifier has already displayed their academic readiness through completion of core courses while enrolled in high school, therefore, eliminating the requirement would simplify transfer certification for qualifiers. Qualifiers would still need to satisfy the remaining two-year college transfer requirements (e.g., an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferrable credit each full-time term, 2.20 transferable GPA) outlined in Bylaw 14.5.4.3.
 - d. Estimated budget impact. None.
 - e. Estimated student-athlete impact. None.



NCAA Division II Management Council Report
Action Items

At its January 10 meeting, the Management Council took action on the following items and recommends that the Presidents Council take the appropriate action, as indicated below.

NOTE: *These items can be taken as a package unless an item is pulled for separate consideration.*

1. Football Super Region Alignment.

- a. Recommendation. Approve the football super region alignment, as specified, for the 2025 season when Conference Carolinas begins sponsoring football. [Attachment]
- b. Effective date. 2025 season.
- c. Rationale. Fifteen conferences currently sponsor football, but this will increase to 16 in the 2025 season when Conference Carolinas begins sponsoring the sport. The alignment recommendation ensures having four conferences aligned in each of the four super regions; reduces the range of the number of institutions in each of the four super regions (from 32 to 46 institutions to 36 to 47 institutions); and keeps most institutions within a specific super region more closely aligned to each other geographically than is the case in the current super regional alignment. Historical or perceived strength of conferences did not factor into this recommendation.

[Note: The Division II Championships Committee acknowledges the potential ramifications on counting opponents that were scheduled before this super region alignment was developed as in-region for the purposes of selections but does not believe this should detract from supporting the recommendation at this time. The committee has asked staff to consult the football-playing commissioners to provide information for each of their institutions to ensure the committee has an accurate list of institutions that may be affected in this regard (i.e., schools that have contracts already in place for 2025 with opponents that would have been considered in region under the current alignment but not under the new alignment) and whether the contiguous state principle in the regionalization model would mitigate those concerns. The commissioners are being asked to provide this information for the Championships Committee to consider during its February meeting.]

- d. Estimated budget impact. None.
- e. Student-athlete impact. None.

2. Softball Championships Date Formula for Festival Years.

- (1) Recommendation. Move the Division II Softball Championship finals to the week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday) in years when there is a Division II Spring National Championships Festival, resulting in the following date formula:

- Selection Announcement: Monday prior to regionals.
- Regionals (16 sites): One week before the super regionals (Thursday-Saturday).
- Super Regionals (8 sites): One week before the finals (Thursday-Friday).
- Finals: The week after Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday-Wednesday).

[Note: In October 2023, the Management Council and Presidents Council approved the change to the date formula during years in which there is not a Spring Championships Festival. At that same meeting, the Management Council also referred the discussion on moving the date formula in years when there is a Spring Championship Festival to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for feedback.]

- (2) Effective date. For the 2028 championship.
- (3) Rationale. Currently, the Division II softball selection date is one week earlier than their counterparts in both Divisions I and III. This results in Division II student-athletes playing at least one week of their regular season without the benefit of playing in the same weather conditions as the rest of NCAA softball, which are generally better in May. Aligning the Division II Softball Championship date formula with Divisions I and III would mitigate concerns regarding poor playing conditions due to inclement weather earlier in the season and provide consistency within the sport. This policy would be permissive, meaning that conferences can align their regular-season schedule in a manner with which their membership agrees, continuing to complete conference championships when they do currently, or using the additional week that would be gained with selections being moved a week later.

A National Fastpitch Coaches Association survey of Division II head coaches revealed that of the 138 of the 245 head coaches responding, 79% supported aligning the Division II championship dates with Divisions I and III softball.

The Championships Committee and Management Council acknowledged the importance of National Championships Festivals, but members ultimately agreed to support the sport committee, which has vetted the proposal at length and is fully aware of the impact on future festivals.

- (4) Estimated budget impact. None for the championship budget; however, there is the potential for increased costs to participating institutions due to student-athletes being on campus during a vacation period and participating an additional week during the regular season.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. The adjustment to the date formula has the potential to reduce missed class time due to rescheduled contests and have a positive impact both physically and emotionally on student-athletes to begin the postseason after most classes have ended.

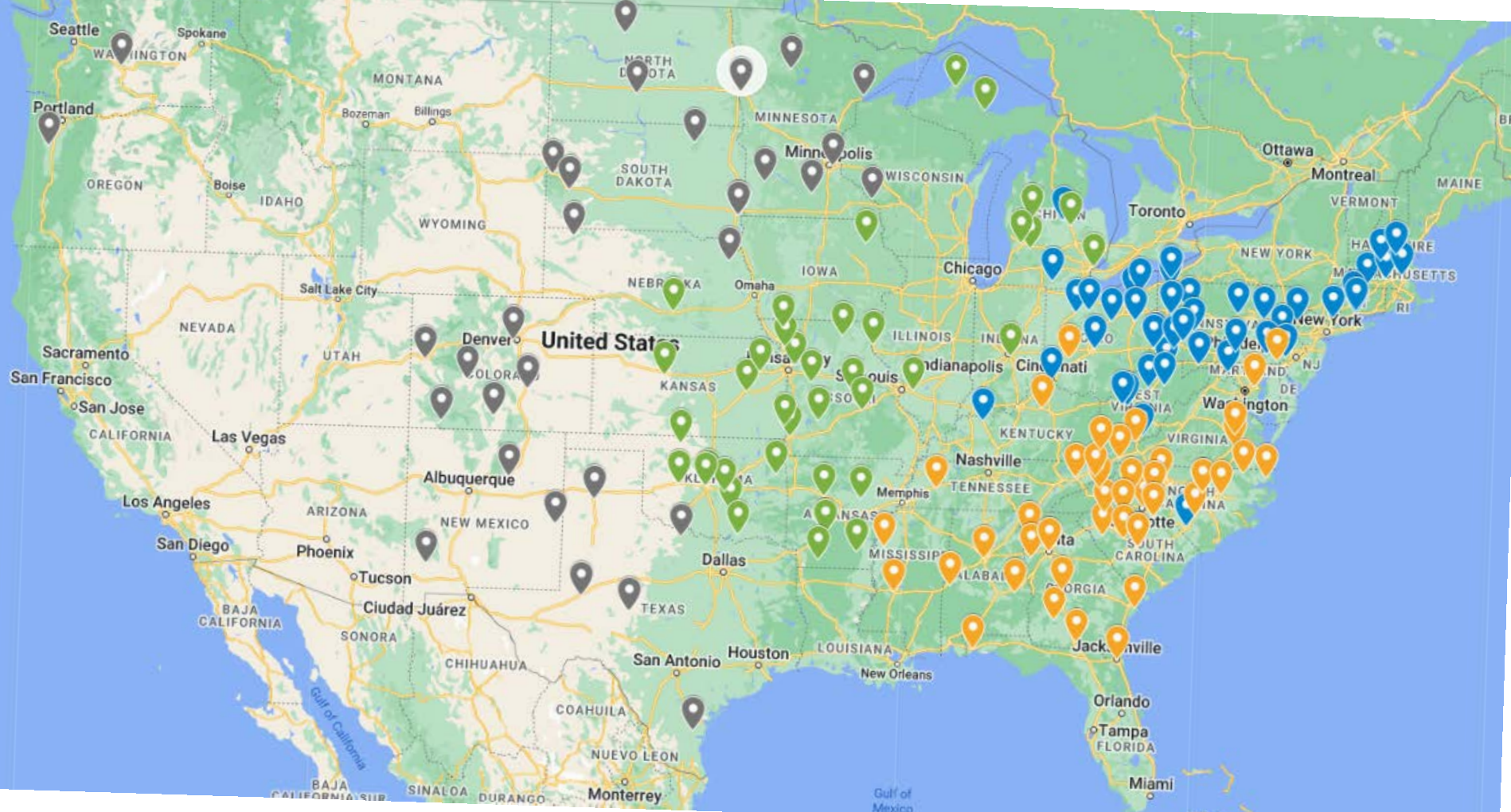
2023 Division II Football Super Regional Alignments

Super Region 1	<u>Great Midwest Athletic Conference (10)</u>	<u>Mountain East Conference (11)</u>	<u>Northeast-10 Conference (9)</u>	<u>Pennsylvania St. Athletic Conference (16)</u>
46	Ashland Findlay Hillsdale Ky. Wesleyan Lake Erie Northwood Ohio Dominican Tiffin Thomas More Walsh	Charleston (WV) Concord Fairmont St. Frostburg St. Glenville St. Notre Dame (OH) UNC Pembroke West Liberty West Va. Wesleyan West Virginia St. Wheeling	American Int'l Assumption Bentley Franklin Pierce New Haven Pace Post (Independent in 2023) Southern Conn. St. St. Anselm	Bloomsburg California (PA) Clarion East Stroudsburg Edinboro Gannon Indiana (PA) Kutztown Lock Haven Mercyhurst Millersville Seton Hill Shepherd Shippensburg Slippery Rock West Chester

Super Region 2	<u>Central Intercollegiate Athletic Assoc. (12)</u>	<u>Gulf South Conference (9)</u>	<u>South Atlantic Conference (12)</u>	<u>Southern Intercollegiate Ath. Conf. (13)</u>
46	Bluefield St. Bowie St. Elizabeth City St. Fayetteville St. Johnson C. Smith Lincoln (PA) Livingstone Saint Augustine's Shaw Virginia St. Virginia Union Winston-Salem	Chowan Delta St. Mississippi Col. North Greenville Shorter Valdosta St. West Ala. West Florida West Ga.	Barton Carson-Newman Catawba Emory & Henry Erskine Lenoir-Rhyne Limestone Mars Hill Newberry Tusculum UVA Wise Wingate	Albany St. (GA) Allen Benedict Central St. (OH) Clark Atlanta Edward Waters Fort Valley St. Kentucky St. Lane Miles Morehouse Savannah St. Tuskegee

Super Region 3	<u>Great American Conference (12)</u>	<u>Great Lakes Intercollegiate Ath. Conf. (7)</u>	<u>Great Lakes Valley Conference (8)</u>	<u>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Assoc. (12)</u>
39	Ark.-Monticello Arkansas Tech East Central Harding Henderson St. Northwestern Okla. Okla. Baptist Ouachita Baptist Southeastern Okla. Southern Ark. Southern Nazarene Southwestern Okla.	Davenport Ferris St. Grand Valley St. Michigan Tech Northern Mich. Saginaw Valley Wayne St. (MI)	McKendree Missouri S&T Quincy Southwest Baptist Truman St. UIndy Upper Iowa William Jewell	Central Mo. Central Okla. Emporia St. Fort Hays St. Lincoln (MO) Missouri Western Mo. Southern St. Neb.-Kearney Northeastern St. Northwest Mo. St. Pittsburg St. Washburn

Super Region 4	<u>Lone Star Conference (9)</u>	<u>Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conf. (13)</u>	<u>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (10)</u>
32	Angelo St. Central Wash. Eastern N.M. Midwestern St. Tex. A&M-Kingsville Tex. Permian Basin West Tex. A&M Western N.M. Western Ore.	Augustana (SD) Bemidji St. Concordia-St. Paul Mary Minn. Duluth Minnesota St. Minot St. MSU Moorehead Northern St. Sioux Falls Southwest Minn. St. Wayne St. (NE) Winona St.	Adams St. Black Hills St. Chadron St. Colo. Sch. of Mines Colorado Mesa CSU Pueblo Fort Lewis N.M. Highlands South Dakota Mines Western Colo.



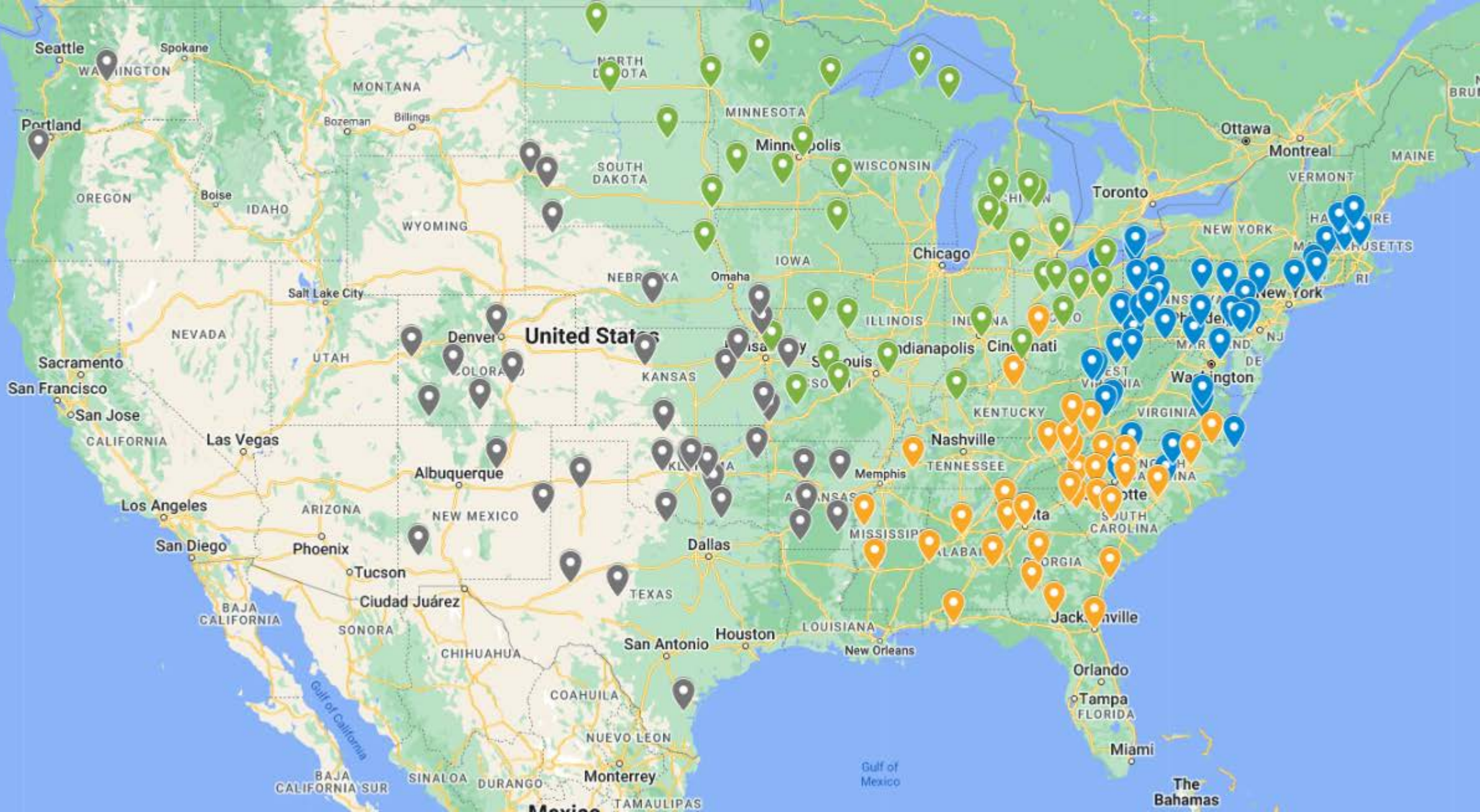
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Super Region 1	<u>Central Intercollegiate Athletic Assoc. (12)</u>	<u>Mountain East Conference (10)</u>	<u>Northeast-10 Conference (9)</u>	<u>Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (16)</u>
47	Bluefield St. Bowie St. Elizabeth City St. Fayetteville St. Johnson C. Smith Lincoln (PA) Livingstone Saint Augustine's Shaw Virginia St. Virginia Union Winston-Salem	Charleston (WV) Concord Fairmont St. Frostburg St. Glenville St. Notre Dame (OH) West Liberty West Va. Wesleyan West Virginia St. Wheeling	American Int'l Assumption Bentley Franklin Pierce New Haven Pace Post Southern Conn. St. St. Anselm	Bloomsburg California (PA) Clarion East Stroudsburg Edinboro Gannon Indiana (PA) Kutztown Lock Haven Mercyhurst Millersville Seton Hill Shepherd Shippensburg Slippery Rock West Chester

Super Region 2	<u>Conference Carolinas (6)</u>	<u>Gulf South Conference (6)</u>	<u>South Atlantic Conference (11)</u>	<u>Southern Intercollegiate Ath. Conf. (13)</u>
36	Barton Chowan Erskine North Greenville Shorter UNC Pembroke	Delta St. Mississippi Col. Valdosta St. West Ala. West Florida West Ga.	Anderson (SC) Carson-Newman Catawba Emory & Henry Lenoir-Rhyne Limestone Mars Hill Newberry Tusculum UVA Wise Wingate	Albany St. (GA) Allen Benedict Central St. (OH) Clark Atlanta Edward Waters Fort Valley St. Kentucky St. Lane Miles Morehouse Savannah St. Tuskegee

Super Region 3	<u>Great Lakes Intercollegiate Ath. Conf. (7)</u>	<u>Great Lakes Valley Conference (9)</u>	<u>Great Midwest Athletic Conference (10)</u>	<u>Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conf. (13)</u>
39	Davenport Ferris St. Grand Valley St. Michigan Tech Northern Mich. Saginaw Valley Wayne State (MI)	Lincoln (MO) McKendree Missouri S&T Quincy Southwest Baptist Truman St. UIndy Upper Iowa William Jewell	Ashland Findlay Hillsdale Ky. Wesleyan Lake Erie Northwood Ohio Dominican Tiffin Thomas More Walsh	Augustana (SD) Bemidji St. Concordia-St. Paul Mary Minn. Duluth Minnesota St. Minot St. MSU Moorehead Northern St. Sioux Falls Southwest Minn. St. Wayne St. (NE) Winona St.

Super Region 4	<u>Great American Conference (12)</u>	<u>Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Assoc. (11)</u>	<u>Lone Star Conference (9)</u>	<u>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (10)</u>
42	Ark.-Monticello Arkansas Tech East Central Harding Henderson St. Northwestern Okla. Okla. Baptist Ouachita Baptist Southeastern Okla. Southern Ark. Southern Nazarene Southwestern Okla.	Central Mo. Central Okla. Emporia St. Fort Hays St. Missouri Western Mo. Southern St. Neb.-Kearney Northeastern St. Northwest Mo. St. Pittsburg St. Washburn	Angelo St. Central Wash. Eastern N.M. Midwestern St. Tex. A&M-Kingsville Tex. Permian Basin West Tex. A&M Western N.M. Western Ore.	Adams St. Black Hills St. Chadron St. Colo. Sch. of Mines Colorado Mesa CSU Pueblo Fort Lewis N.M. Highlands South Dakota Mines Western Colo.





NCAA Division II Management Council Report
Informational Items

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

- a. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- NCAA Division II Bylaw 18 – Remove Cannabinoids from the List of NCAA Banned Drug Classes.** The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to remove cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drug classes.

The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommended the removal of cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances based on extensive study informed by subject matter experts (including medical doctors, substance misuse experts and membership practitioners), consensus opinion from the 2022 Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics and referrals from Divisions II and III to consider banning only performance enhancing drugs. Removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances does not condone or promote cannabinoid use; instead, it acknowledges the ineffectiveness of existing policy (prevention and penalty) and aims to recenter student-athlete health while recognizing the shifting cultural and legal landscapes surrounding cannabinoid use. In summary, removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances:

1. Acknowledges the ineffectiveness of existing policy (prevention and penalty);
2. Affirms the role of the NCAA drug-testing program to address only performance-enhancing substances;
3. Emphasizes the importance of moving toward a harm-reduction strategy, like alcohol, that prioritizes education and support over penalty;
4. Realigns toward local testing and education efforts to identify problematic cannabinoid use; and
5. Notes that educating student-athletes on the health threats posed by contemporary cannabis and methods of use is more effective than a prevention approach.

Finally, the Management Council determined that the proposal would apply retroactively to any penalty associated with a previous positive test; thereby, rendering the penalty moot.

- b. **Question and Answer Guide on the Removal of Cannabinoids from the List of NCAA Banned Drugs.** The Management Council was provided an overview the question and answer guide regarding the removal of cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drugs. [Attachment A]

2. **Championships Committee – Baseball Pitch Clock Rule.** The Management Council referred a review of the visible pitch clock rule in baseball to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee as it pertains to Division II and asked the committee to consider recommending to delay the effective date to January 1, 2026.

In August 2022, the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved a requirement that the between-innings and action clocks in baseball be visible on the field by Jan. 1, 2024, for all Division I games and by Jan. 1, 2025, for all Divisions II and III games. After that decision, several Division II conference commissioners expressed concern regarding the ability to obtain and install the necessary equipment by Jan. 1, 2025, and suggested that the rule be delayed or at least made permissive. The Division II Conference Commissioners Association surveyed its membership regarding the matter and enough respondents expressed concern to warrant recommending that the rule be referred to the Baseball Rules Committee for further review.

3. **Legislation Committee.**

- a. **Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaw 13.1.1.2 -- Recruiting -- Contacts and Evaluations -- Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes -- Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes -- NCAA Division I Contact with Division II Student-Athletes Outside of Applicable Division I Transfer Window.** The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to clarify that Division I institutions may not contact a Division II student-athlete outside of the applicable Division I transfer window.

Currently, Division II institutions must comply with Division I legislation that states that a student-athlete currently enrolled at a Division I Institution may only initiate written notification of transfer during an applicable window for their sport, unless an exception applies, regardless of the division the Division I student-athlete is transferring to. However, Division I institutions may permissibly contact a Division II student-athlete outside of the applicable Division I transfer windows. Prohibiting a Division I institution from contacting a Division II student-athlete outside of the applicable transfer window promotes recruiting equity across both Divisions I and II.

- b. **Update on Discussions Regarding Voting on Football Issues.** The Management Council approved a referral from the Legislation Committee to discuss whether any legislative changes are warranted for football only issues. The council agreed to continue the discussion at its April meeting.

Currently, when a legislative proposal affects only the sport of football, only football sponsoring institutions and conferences are eligible to vote on the proposal at the NCAA Convention. This voting procedure is only applicable for football-specific legislation. Equity concerns regarding football only votes have been raised by the membership since no other sports have similar restrictive voting. Further, although

a proposal may be specific to the sport of football, other non-football sponsoring member institutions may still be impacted by the legislative amendment.

c. Update on Division I NIL Working Group. The Division I Council adopted Division I Proposal 2023-58. The proposal creates the following student-athlete protections associated with name, image and likeness activities:

- (1) Establishes a voluntary registration process for NIL professional service providers (e.g., agents, financial advisors).
- (2) Establishes mandatory student-athlete disclosure of specified information related to NIL agreements over \$600 to the institution no later than 30 days after entering or signing an agreement. Prospective student-athletes will be required to disclose specified information related to all current or expired NIL agreements 30 days after enrollment at an institution.
- (3) Develops a comprehensive NIL education plan to provide prospective student-athletes, student-athletes and professional service providers resources to assist in navigating the NIL environment.

The council also introduced legislation related to the role of institutions in name, image and likeness activities for possible action as expedited legislation in April 2024. The elements of the proposal include:

- (1) Maintaining the prohibition on institutional compensation for NIL and remove national restrictions on the services and assistance that institutions and their third-party service providers can provide enrolled student-athletes, provided certain criteria are satisfied.
- (2) Specifying that entities that are officially affiliated or otherwise closely aligned with an institution are subject to the same standards as the institution.
- (3) Clearly defining an NIL entity as an individual, group of individuals or any other entity (e.g., collective) organized to support the athletics interests of a member institution or group of member institutions by compensating student-athletes for NIL activities on behalf of the entity or another third party.
- (4) Eliminating regulations governing permissible communication between an institution and an NIL entity and maintain prohibition that an institution shall not provide direct or indirect financial support or institutional assets to an NIL entity.

- (5) Prohibiting an NIL entity from engaging in any contact, correspondence or other communication with or providing any benefits to a prospect, current student-athlete at another four-year institution or any individual associated with a prospect or current student-athlete at another four-year institution (e.g., family member, agent, advisor, coach) until specified criteria are met.
4. **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee -- Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 21.8.5.2.1 and 21.8.5.6.1 -- Championships Committee and Legislation Committee -- Composition.** The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaws 21.8.5.2.1 (Championships Committee – composition) and 21.8.5.6.1 (Legislation Committee – composition) to include a second member of the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on the NCAA Division II Championships Committee and NCAA Division II Legislation Committee. Further, to specify that the one additional student-athlete appointed to the Championships Committee and one additional student-athlete appointed to the Legislation Committee shall: 1) each have one vote; 2) serve a one-year term that is renewable for one year; and 3) be elected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
5. **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.**
 - a. **Mental Health Hardship Waiver.** The Management Council approved a two-year pilot program for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years establishing a hardship waiver based on mental health assertions.
 - b. **NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Sports Wagering Guidelines.** The Management Council approved amendments to the sports wagering guidelines, as noted in Attachment B.
6. **Policy for Sponsorship of Convention Legislation.** The Management Council adopted a policy for sponsorship of Convention Legislation by the Management Council, effective Feb. 1, 2024, as noted below:

As a general rule, the Management Council will review and consider any legislative recommendation from Division II and Association-wide committees and determine whether to sponsor legislation for the NCAA Convention without requiring Executive Board sponsorship.

If the legislative recommendation has a significant financial impact to the Division II budget and/or on Division II schools and conferences, the Management Council shall recommend that the Executive Board sponsor the legislation for a vote at the annual Convention.

A two-thirds majority of the Management Council members present and voting is necessary to sponsor legislation for the annual Convention or to recommend sponsorship of legislation by the Executive Board (e.g., for recommendations with a significant financial impact). If a legislative recommendation does not receive a

two-thirds majority, but receives a majority approval of the Management Council members present and voting, the legislative recommendation will be shared with the Executive Board for notice and awareness.

The Management Council will approve the legislative form for all proposals sponsored by the governance structure for a vote at the Convention, regardless of whether they were sponsored by the Management Council or the Executive Board. The Executive Board is not asked to act on the legislative form and will receive the legislative form of the proposals as an informational item in the Management Council report to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board will see all legislation sponsored by the Management Council for the annual Convention as an informational item in the Management Council report to the Executive Board.

In addition, the Management council recommended that the Presidents Council adopt a policy for the Executive Board to take a position on membership-sponsored proposals. [See Presidents Council Supplement No. 18.]



**NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
Question and Answer Document
Legislative recommendation to remove cannabinoids from list of NCAA Banned Substances**

This document contains information, questions and answers to assist the NCAA membership in its understanding of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports legislative recommendation to remove cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances.

Background and history.

At its September 2023 meeting, the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports made a legislative recommendation to each of the appropriate divisional governance bodies to consider removing cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances. The recommendation was based on extensive study informed by subject matter experts (including medical doctors, substance misuse experts and membership practitioners), consensus opinion from the 2022 Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics and referrals from Divisions II and III. Importantly, removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances does not condone or promote cannabinoid use, instead, removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances:

1. Acknowledges the ineffectiveness of existing policy (banning, testing and penalizing) and acknowledges that educating student athletes on health threats posed by contemporary cannabis, coupled with effective individual campus management strategies are more effective than a punitive approach.
2. Affirms the role of the NCAA drug-testing program to address only performance enhancing substances.
3. Aims to recenter student-athlete health by promoting local testing and education to identify problematic cannabinoid use coupled with local harm reduction, cannabis use disorder and cannabis/co-morbid mental health disorder management strategies.
4. Emphasizes the importance of moving toward a harm reduction strategy, similar to alcohol, that prioritizes education, support and evidence- and consensus-based management over penalty.

CSMAS first recommended the removal of the class of drugs that included cannabinoids in 2014. NCAA Task Force work in 2012 and 2013 noted that existing penalties were ineffective deterrents of problematic cannabinoid use and agreed that other intervention strategies should be pursued. While the 2014 recommendation was not adopted by the membership, CSMAS recognized, then and now, that the environment (cultural, legal, scientific and medical information and membership opinion) around cannabinoids continues to evolve.

In 2022, to better understand the current literature, policy and research about cannabinoids CSMAS commissioned the Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics. The summit included more than 60 individuals representing industry and subject matter experts and the NCAA membership.

Specifically, the summit aimed to develop potential consensus recommendations that could inform future education, policy, management and research opportunities regarding cannabinoid use in collegiate sport. Attendees of the summit reached a consensus opinion that cannabinoids are not a performance-enhancing drug, that national-level testing for cannabinoids is not an effective intervention strategy and that a harm reduction approach to cannabinoids, like alcohol, is best implemented at the local level.

Importantly, a robust educational program is recommended in parallel to this recommended change to educate both the membership and student-athletes about contemporary cannabinoids and the harm associated with problematic use.

The following questions and answers attempt to address specific questions and concerns identified since CSMAS formalized its recommendation.

Question No. 1: Does removal of the cannabinoids class from the list of NCAA banned substances indicate support for cannabinoid use?

Answer: No. Instead, the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports agrees that this change better supports the health of student-athletes by acknowledging the ineffectiveness of existing policy and promoting more-effective harm-reduction strategies at the local level that are aimed at education, support and prevention and management of problematic cannabinoid use.

Question No. 2: Has national-level testing for cannabinoids proven to be an effective deterrent for NCAA student-athlete cannabinoid use?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: If the recommendation is adopted, will the NCAA provide additional educational resources and programming that address substance misuse and impact of modern cannabinoids?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: Are substances in the cannabinoids class considered performance-enhancing?

Answer: No. CSMAS agrees with the consensus opinion from the Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics that cannabinoids are not performance-enhancing substances.

Question No. 5: Does the NCAA drug-testing program prohibit alcohol?

Answer: No.

Question No. 6: If the cannabinoids class is removed from the banned substance list, does local testing remain a valuable harm-reduction strategy?

Answer: Yes. Local testing can be a valuable harm-reduction strategy. However, schools are encouraged to create a harm-reduction strategy that best serves its student-athletes. This may include testing, educational resources, programming, screening, or any combination of these strategies.

Question No. 7: If the cannabinoids class is removed from the banned substance list, will the NCAA provide schools with information on how to operate effective drug-testing programs?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 8: When does the NCAA test for cannabinoids?

Answer: Currently, NCAA drug-testing includes cannabinoids during championship testing. It is not included as part of the year-round or summer testing program. Other testing occasions, such as exit tests, follow-up tests and breach of protocol, may include testing for all banned-substance classes.

Question No. 9: What is the penalty for testing positive for a substance in the cannabinoids class?

Answer: Currently, there is no penalty if the student-athlete engages with the school in an education and management plan for substance misuse, as developed or facilitated by the school.

Question No. 10: If the recommendation is adopted, would the NCAA continue to test for substances in the cannabinoids class?

Answer: No.

Question No. 11: What substances are included in the cannabinoids class?

Answer: Any substance chemically/pharmacologically related to the cannabinoids class. Examples include marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids (Spice; K2; JWH-018; JWH-073), tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, Delta-8).

Application and Effective Date.

Question No. 12: When will the divisions consider the recommendation?

Answer: Each division will follow its legislative process to consider the recommendation.

Question No. 13: What is the recommended effective date for the recommendation?

Answer: Immediate; if adopted, any penalty associated with a previous positive test would be rendered moot.

Question No. 14: If the recommendation is adopted, would a student-athlete serving a withholding penalty associated with a previous positive NCAA drug-test for cannabinoids be required to serve the remainder of their penalty?

Answer: No.

Question No. 15: If all the divisions do not adopt the recommendation, how would a positive cannabinoid test apply to a student-athlete who transfers from a division where cannabinoids are banned to a division where cannabinoids are not banned?

Answer: The recommendation would defer to divisional preference.

a. Guidelines for violations reported on or after November 15, 2023:

- (1) In situations where a student-athlete engages in activities designed to influence the outcome or integrity of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins ("point shaving"), who participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete's institution, or who knowingly provides information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. *(May 2018, **affirmed November 2023**)*
- (2) In situations where a student-athlete participates in any sports wagering activity involving another collegiate institution, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to require the student-athlete participate in sports wagering rules and prevention education and begin its withholding analysis at sit-one-season of competition and charge the use of one season of competition. *(May 2018, updated November 2023)*
- (3) For all other violations of Bylaw 10.3 (e.g., in-game betting, person-to-person wagers), the following guidelines shall apply (dollar value is cumulative amount wagered or risked):
 - (a) \$200 or less = participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (b) Greater than \$200 to \$500 = 10% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (c) Greater than \$500 to \$800 = 20% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.
 - (d) Greater than \$800 = 30% withholding condition and participation in sports wagering rules and prevention education.

In cases where the impermissible sports wagering activity greatly exceeds \$800, the committee directed the reinstatement staff to consider whether additional withholding, including permanent ineligibility, may be appropriate. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, updated November 2023)*

- (4) For any violation where a student-athlete receives winnings associated with any sports wagering activity, the student-athlete must make repayment of full value received. *(December 2011, affirmed May 2013, affirmed November 2023)*
- (5) If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved in a later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the committee directed staff to begin its withholding analysis at permanent loss of eligibility in all sports. *(affirmed November 2023)*



2024 NCAA Convention
Core Schedule of Events

Time	Meeting	Location
Wednesday, January 10		
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Division II Management Council Meeting	Room 228 Breakfast and lunch 226AB [North Building 200 Level]
11:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.	NCAA Board of Governors Meeting	Room 232 BC [North Building 200 Level]
5 to 6:30 p.m.	Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation	Symphony Hall [West Building 100 Level]
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	North Ballroom 120 BCD [North Building 100 Level]
Thursday, January 11		
8 to 11 a.m.	Division II Presidents Council/Management Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Breakfast and Meeting	Room 226 AB [North Building 200 Level]
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Breakfast for New Division II Athletics Directors	Room 226 C [North Building 200 Level]
8:45 to 4:30 p.m.	Association-Wide Programming <i>10 to 11 a.m.: Division II Session: Mental Wellness Tools to Support Coaches, Staff and Student-Athletes</i> <i>1 to 2 p.m.: Division II Session: Developing a Strong Division II Campus or Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee</i>	[West Building 100 Level] Room 105 Room 105
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Division II Presidents Council Meeting	Room 228 [North Building 200 Level]
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Management Council Mentor/Mentee Meeting and Lunch	Room 226 C [North Building 200 Level]
4:45 to 5:45 p.m.	Woman of the Year Presentation	Symphony Hall [West Building 100 Level]
5:45 to 7 p.m.	NCAA Delegates Reception	North Ballroom 120 BCD [North Building 100 Level]

Time	Meeting	Location
7:30 to 9 p.m.	Division II Management Council Toast	Room 224 [North Building 200 Level]
Friday, January 12		
7:30 to 10:15 a.m.	Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast	Room 226 AB [North Building 200 Level]
8 to 9 a.m.	Division II Delegates Breakfast	Arcade Pre-Function [West Building 100 Level]
9 to 10:15	Division II Education Sessions	[West Building 100 Level]
	<i>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Division II Schools</i>	Room 105
	<i>FAR Programming and Resources in Division II</i>	Room 101
	<i>Name, Image and Likeness in Division II</i>	Room 106
10:30 a.m. to Noon	Division II Keynote Session and 50 th Anniversary Celebration	301 Ballroom BCD [West Building 300 Level]
1:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Division II Conference Meetings	Various Locations
5 to 6 p.m.	Division II Faculty Mentor Award Presentation and Reception	Room 224 [North Building 200 Level]
Saturday, January 13		
7 to 8 a.m.	Delegates Breakfast	West Ballroom Pre-Function [West Building 300 Level]
8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Division II Business Session	301 Ballroom BCD [West Building 300 Level]
Convention Center/Hotel Departure		



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Official Notice

118th Annual Convention

On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association's 118th annual Convention scheduled January 10 through 13, 2024, in Phoenix, Arizona.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2024 Convention. This publication is sent to the president or chancellor, director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator and senior compliance administrator at each active NCAA Division II member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division II business session of the 2024 Convention, including amendments-to-amendments. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before participating in the Convention. It is particularly important that each Division II delegate have access to the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing the Board of Governors legislation and Division II Convention legislation.

In addition to the consideration of legislation, Division II delegates also will participate in educational and discussion sessions about topics of concern within the division and the Association.

We hope you will join delegates from all divisions at the Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation, which will feature the State of College Sports on Wednesday afternoon.

We hope that each member of the Association will participate in the 2024 Convention. We look forward to seeing you.

Linda A. Livingstone
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Chair, Division III Presidents Council

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Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the president or chancellor of each member institution or organization. **In November 2023, a link to the appointment of delegates website was emailed to the president or chancellor of all member institutions and organizations. If a president, chancellor, director of athletics or commissioner needs to have the information resent, contact ncaaconvention@shortstravel.com.**

It is important that the voting delegate be properly accredited, and appointing officers are urged to submit the required information to the NCAA national office at their earliest convenience.

An institution's or organization's president or chancellor shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional or organizational discretion.

Please note that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions and organizations to include women in their NCAA Convention delegations.

If an institution's or organization's president or chancellor fails to submit the online delegate appointment form, that institution's or organization's representatives will be registered as visitors until the president or chancellor certifies in writing the voting and alternate delegates. No other institutional or organizational representatives are permitted to complete a delegate appointment form.

Once the online delegate appointment form has been verified by the president or chancellor, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without written instructions from that president or chancellor. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the president or chancellor.

Visiting delegates, except in certain situations, do not have speaking privileges at the Convention.

At the Convention, each individual representing a member institution or conference who registers will receive an orange Convention badge designating the individual as a delegate. In addition, each president and chancellor will receive a badge with a purple color designation signifying their professional title. Speakers and presenters for education sessions will receive badges with a lime color designation. Convention vendors will receive badges with a teal color designation. Media will receive badges with a red color designation. Individuals attending the Convention as a visitor will receive a badge with a goldenrod color designation.

Voting delegates receive red lanyards and alternate delegates receive blue lanyards. Other delegates with speaking rights receive green lanyards. Delegates without speaking rights and other observers receive white lanyards.

The Convention registration fee for NCAA members was \$325 for all delegates who registered on or before Wednesday, October 11, and \$450 for all delegates who registered by Sunday, November 26. Member registration fees on or after Monday, November 27, are \$600.

The registration fee includes one ticket to the Welcome Reception, Delegates Reception and Delegates Breakfast (s). In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to attend the NCAA Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation and Woman of the Year Awards Presentation.

Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was distributed to the membership in mid-October 2023. At this time, an online registration process was also made available for event registration and hotel reservations. If there is anything further the NCAA can do to facilitate your attendance at the Association's 2024 Convention, please contact us.

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website ([Convention - NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org/convention)). In addition, the Convention Program (available through the Convention app) contains the most up-to-date schedule of meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.

Please also note that the Convention officially begins at the Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation when it convenes at 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 10. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Saturday, January 13.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 118th annual Convention begin on Page 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

It is particularly important that each Division II delegate have a copy of the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Association-wide and Division II Convention legislation for the 2024 Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 9.3, an amendment to the Association's legislation may be proposed by the NCAA Board of Governors, NCAA Division II Presidents Council, by any 15 or more active Division II member institutions or by two active conferences on behalf of 15 or more active member institutions eligible to vote on the matter. The source of the amendment is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

All proposals designated by the Division II Presidents Council for roll-call votes are indicated with an asterisk preceding the proposals in this publication, as well as in the voting designation accompanying each such proposal.

Please note that the Presidents Council is authorized to distribute during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative proposals.

Amendments-to-Amendments

All sponsors of amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. In the interim, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council had until September 1 to submit their legislative proposals. All proposals were provided to the membership September 22, 2023, in the 2024 NCAA Convention Division II Educational Resources.

The Division II Presidents Council, any eight or more active Division II member institutions or one active conference on behalf of eight or more active member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments, if any, are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication, if any. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2024 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council and distributed before or during the business session.

Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the academic and membership affairs staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Review of Interpretations

The Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division II. These rulings are subject to review by the Division II membership upon the request of any member in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 9.4.1.4. Any Division II member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the academic and membership affairs staff via electronic mail to the primary contact individuals – chooks@ncaa.org or rdenton@ncaa.org – not later than Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the Presidents Council

The Presidents Council may adopt "emergency" legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when significant values or harm are at stake and the use of the regular legislative cycle is likely to cause undue hardship to the Association or Division II Membership because of the delay in effective date or the NCAA must respond to, or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings, per Bylaw

9.3.1.2. Such "emergency" legislation shall be adopted by at least a three-fourths majority of the members of the Presidents Council present and voting. The Presidents Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. Acceptance of the report of the Presidents Council during the Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, 2024, ratifies the Presidents Council's actions in this regard.

Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division II Manual

The Legislation Committee and the Academic Requirements Committee are authorized to approve interpretations to be incorporated in next academic year's NCAA Division II Manual. Such incorporations appear in the Official Notice of the Convention in Appendix A. Any additional interpretations approved by the Management Council are distributed to the delegates at the Division II business session. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, 2024, will approve incorporation of the interpretations as distributed. A delegate may object to the incorporation of a particular interpretation at the time of the Management Council report, and the Division II membership will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that specific interpretation.

Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the Management Council

The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council), is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation, per Bylaws 8.1.2-(e) and 9.3.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the Presidents Council, or the entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council). The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council in 2023 appear in Appendix B. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, 2024, approves the Management Council's actions in this regard.

Order of Business

The Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation of the 118th annual Convention will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 10. The "State of College Sports" remarks by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that session.

The various proposals will be taken up in their numerical order, unless that order is changed at the Convention. Amendments for the annual Convention are grouped topically by area and will be presented as indicated on page x.

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed (consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification). In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping may become moot.

Voting Procedures

Each voting delegate when registering, receives a "voting paddle" for use in indicating the institution's vote when the chair calls for a "paddle" vote (Appendix C). Voting delegates receive orange paddles.

For roll-call votes, the Association utilizes an electronic voting system. Upon registering for the Convention, each voting delegate moves to the general registration area to receive the voting unit identification card that has been coded for that member institution or conference. The voting delegates must turn in the voting unit identification card contained in the registration envelope to obtain the electronic unit. Amendments to federated provisions are voted on by divisions, with a majority vote required for approval. In such instances involving federated provisions, each division is committed to the result of its counted vote. Any member that voted on the prevailing side can request reconsideration of the recorded vote of its division on an issue at any time before the conclusion of voting during that session. Each proposal includes a designation of the division(s) that votes on that item and the type of vote involved (federated or common).

Delegates are urged to register and receive their voting materials before the opening business session begins at 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 10. In addition, all voting in the division business session shall be by show of paddles (or by electronic roll-call votes), rather than by voice or hand.

Memorial Resolutions

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who we have lost in the last year. Your assistance is needed to create a complete and accurate memorial list of current and former staff members or current student-athletes who passed away in 2023. Click [here](#) to enter the names of any individuals from your conference or institution who meet the criteria. The deadline for submitting names is Friday, Dec. 15. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Lawrence at mlawrence@ncaa.org.

Administrative Structure

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors, and the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council, are listed in Appendix D.

Request for Interpretations

Division II member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention.

All such requests must be received to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via email to the primary contact individuals, chooks@ncaa.org or rdenton@ncaa.org, not later than Thursday, December 14, 2023. Requests will be considered by the appropriate interpretative entities and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division II Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The resulting interpretations will be duplicated and distributed to the conferences for their pre-Convention meetings before the beginning of the business session on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 118th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Proposal Number

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General Topic

Playing and Practice Seasons

Championships Administration

118th Annual Convention

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND DIVISION II GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~strikethrough~~ are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface** and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]

2024 NCAA CONVENTION OFFICIAL NOTICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The frequently asked questions section following each Division II proposal in the white pages is designed to provide further clarification regarding the application of the proposal and/or the rationale for the legislative change. The information includes frequently asked questions, figures and other information. Further information regarding the application of the proposals is available in the 2024 Convention Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide at www.ncaa.org.

[Note: The sponsors of the two membership proposals approved the information included in the additional information section for those proposals.]

DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The NCAA Division II Presidents Council has determined that it will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II presidents or chancellors.

Legislative proposals developed by the Division II Management Council or by Division II committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division II Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. This procedure was established to affirm presidential control of intercollegiate athletics in Division II.

The Division II Presidents Council has identified those proposals that it believes are of particular interest to Division II presidents or chancellors and has included them in the Presidents Council grouping. It should be noted, however, that inclusion of proposals in the Presidents Council grouping does not necessarily constitute a position by the Division II Presidents Council for or against a proposal. Those proposals with an asterisk before the proposal number have been identified by the Presidents Council as roll-call votes. Delegates should refer to each proposal's source line for information regarding the sponsor of each proposal.

[Note: Pursuant to Bylaw 9.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption at the NCAA Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2024-1 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST

Intent: In football, to specify that a member institution shall not participate in its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before one week prior to the Thursday preceding September 6.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

17.11 Football.

[17.11.1 through 17.11.2 unchanged.]

17.11.3 Preseason Practice.

17.11.3.1 First Practice Date -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions in the championship segment, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 24 days before the **institution's** first *permissible* contest or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

[17.11.3.2 through 17.11.3.4 unchanged.]

17.11.4 First Contest -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the **week prior to the** Thursday preceding September 6.

[17.11.5 through 17.11.10 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Gulf South Conference, Lone Star Conference and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Rationale: Currently, an institution may participate in its first permissible regular-season contest in the sport of football on the Thursday preceding September 6. Amending the first permissible contest date to allow institutions to play their first regular-season contest with outside competition one week prior to the Thursday preceding September 6, will provide institutions with the flexibility to schedule and play the maximum allowable 11 contests over a 12-week period, if desired. As a result, institutions will have the ability to schedule an off/bye week during the season which will benefit student-athlete health and safety. This proposal will also lessen the burden of finding available non-conference opponents and will create added flexibility and financial benefits to include unique opportunities such as sponsored or destination-site contests with opponents outside or within an institution's own conference.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation surrounding the first permissible contest date?

Answer: Currently, in the sport of football, an institution may participate in its first permissible contest with outside competition the Thursday preceding September 6.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation surrounding the first permissible contest date?

Answer: If adopted, in the sport of football, an institution would be able to participate in their first permissible contest with outside competition one week prior to the Thursday, preceding September 6. [See Question No. 3 below]

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will an institution be permitted to participate in their first permissible contest for the 2024 football season?

Answer: For the 2024 football season, the Thursday preceding September 6 is September 5, 2024. Therefore, if adopted, an institution would be able to participate in its first permissible contest on or after Thursday, August 29, 2024.

The chart below outlines the first permissible contest under current legislation and the first permissible contest in future years if the proposal is adopted.

Year	First Permissible Contest under Current Legislation	First Permissible Contest if Division II Proposal No. 2024-1 is Adopted
2025	September 4, 2025	August 28, 2025
2026	September 3, 2026	August 27, 2026
2027	September 2, 2027	August 26, 2027
2028	August 31, 2028	August 24, 2028
2029	August 30, 2029	August 23, 2029

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will this proposal amend the first permissible practice date?

Answer: Currently an institution may begin participating in preseason practice 24 days before the first permissible contest date or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

If adopted, an institution would utilize the **institution’s first contest date**, as opposed to the first permissible contest date, to determine when the 24 days would begin. The legislation would still permit an institution to begin their preseason practice 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes.

For example, for the 2024 football season, if an institution schedules its first contest on August 29, 2024, an institution would be permitted to begin its preseason practice period on August 5, 2024, or 10 days before the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

The chart below outlines when an institution may begin participating in preseason practice in future years if Division II proposal is adopted.

Year	Institution's First Contest Date	Start of Preseason Practice
2025	August 28, 2025	August 4, 2025 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2026	August 27, 2026	August 3, 2026 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2027	August 26, 2027	August 2, 2027 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2028	August 24, 2028	July 31, 2028 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.
2029	August 23, 2029	July 30, 2029 or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

[Note: The chart above outlines the start of the preseason practice period based on an institution participating in its first contest one week prior to the Thursday, preceding September 6. The start of the preseason practice period may vary depending on when an institution schedules its first permissible contest].

Position Statement(s): *NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, NCAA Division II Championships Committee:* The committees agreed to take no position on this proposal.

NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics: The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that this proposal would treat football differently than other fall sports, including women's sports, as well as

create inequities in the opportunities for certain sports (e.g., soccer) to participate in an acclimatization period. Finally, the committee noted the proposal could create a financial burden on institutions already concerned about equitable resource allocation.

NCAA Division II Football Committee: The committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that this proposal will provide the ability for member institutions and/or conferences to have more flexibility in scheduling (e.g., scheduling nonconference opponents). Further, it was noted the option for institutions to have a bye week will permit institutions to play their 11 contests over a 12-week period. Finally, the committee noted that this proposal is equitable by not allowing a member institution more preseason practice days than another member institution before their first scheduled contest.

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee: The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II. Specifically, the committee noted concerns related to the student-athlete experience and student-athletes feeling compelled to forgo participating in nonathletically related activities, such as summer jobs and internships. The committee also noted the impact on the work-life balance of athletics administrators. Additionally, it was noted that this proposal may prompt other Division II sports to feel the need to begin their playing and practice seasons earlier. Finally, the committee noted that although the change may be permissive, there is a potential competitive advantage since some Division II institutions may not be able to bring in their student-athletes earlier due to budget constraints.

NCAA Division II Presidents Council., NCAA Division II Management Council.: The councils agreed to oppose this proposal due to the proposal being contrary to the Life in the Balance philosophy. Specifically, the councils noted concerns related to the student-athlete experience and student-athletes feeling compelled to forgo participating in nonathletically related activities, such as summer jobs and internships. The councils also noted the potential impact this proposal would have on athletic administrators. Further, the councils noted the budget impact this proposal would have on institutions, as well as institutions having to potentially cut institutional programming short (e.g., camps) due to football teams coming back early. Finally, the councils noted that there are other possible solutions (e.g., playing 10 contests, adding a 12th week at the end of the football season and adjusting the postseason schedule to be played one week later) to accomplish what the proposal is seeking to accomplish.

No. 2024-2 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOFTBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS -- INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT-ATHLETE -- CHAMPIONSHIP AND NONCHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

Intent: In softball, to specify that an institution or student-athlete shall limit its playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during another segment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.21, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

17.21.7 Number of Contests.

17.21.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball ~~during the institution's softball playing season~~ to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) **during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship and eight contests during another segment**, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.21.7.3, 17.21.7.4 and 17.21.7.5.

[17.21.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.21.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 56 softball **contests during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship and eight contests during another segment**. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.21.7.3 through 17.21.7.5 unchanged.]

Source: East Coast Conference, Gulf South Conference, Albany State University (Georgia), Metropolitan State University of Denver, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Montana State University Billings, Union University, University of Alabama in Huntsville and University of West Alabama.

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Rationale: In softball, an institution must limit its playing season with outside competition to 56 contests (games and scrimmages). Further, a student-athlete may participate in 56 contests each academic year. The legislation also permits an institution and student-athlete to participate in up to three discretionary exemptions annually. These exemptions are excluded from an institution's and student-athlete's maximum contests limit. Currently,

softball is at a disadvantage from a developmental standpoint comparative to other sports (i.e., soccer, volleyball) since the current legislation only permits three discretionary exemptions. Any contests scheduled outside of the three discretionary exemptions would count against an institution's and student-athlete's maximum contests limit. Permitting eight additional contests during the nonchampionship segment, in addition to the three discretionary exemptions, will allow for proper in-game development, especially for incoming student-athletes, and scheduling flexibility for institutions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: Under current legislation, how many softball contests may an institution and student-athlete participate in during the playing season?

Answer: An institution and student-athlete may participate in a maximum of 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment and championship segment.

Question No. 2: If adopted, will this proposal amend the maximum number of contests in the sport of softball?

Answer: Yes. An institution and student-athlete may participate in eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment and 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the championship segment.

Question No. 3: If adopted, will this change the number of discretionary exemptions an institution may exempt from their maximum number of contests?

Answer: No. An institution will still be permitted to exempt no more than three discretionary exemptions listed in NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.21.7.4 (discretionary exemptions).

Question No. 4: If adopted, will the contests played during the nonchampionship segment count towards championships selection?

Answer: No.

Question No. 5: If adopted, will the contests played during the nonchampionship segment count towards an institution's and student-athlete's statistics for NCAA purposes?

Answer: No.

Position Statement(s): *NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports:* The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that additional athletic activity entails additional risk of injury. In addition, and of timely concern, the committee noted the impact and burden on institutional medical and athletic training staff, especially given the current membership concerns with the state of the collegiate athletic training workforce.

NCAA Division II Championships Committee: The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that the change may infringe on the division's Life in the Balance philosophy (i.e., "season creep") and potentially disadvantage institutions that are unable to schedule that many contests.

NCAA Division II Legislation Committee: The committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that the change may result in some inequities between institutions who are able to participate in all contests (56 contests during the championship segment and eight during the nonchampionship segment) and those institutions unable to do so. The committee also noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II since this may prompt more sports to increase the number of competitions or contests they participate in.

NCAA Division II Management Council., NCAA Division II Presidents Council.: The councils agreed to oppose this proposal. The councils noted the impact this change would have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II. The councils also noted that softball is a contest sport, whereas other sports (e.g., soccer during the nonchampionship segment and volleyball) are dates of competition sports and, therefore, are not the same. Further, the councils noted that all sports, except football, may participate in three discretionary exemptions during their playing season. The councils noted that softball currently can participate in all 56-contests during both the nonchampionship and championship segments and, therefore, is not at a disadvantage. The councils also noted the potential disadvantage among institutions that will be able to participate in the eight contests during the nonchampionship segment and those institutions that will be unable to participate in the eight contests due primarily to weather. Finally, the councils noted the impact this proposal may have on athletic trainers and facilities staff.

NCAA Division II Softball Committee: The committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted the scheduling flexibility this proposal would provide Division II institutions, especially those that are unable to

participate in contests during the nonchampionship segment due to weather. The committee also noted that the 56 contests will only be permitted to be played during the championship segment, with the eight contests only being allowed to be played during the nonchampionship segment. Finally, the committee noted that this proposal will provide freshman softball student-athletes with an opportunity to develop at the collegiate-level during the nonchampionship segment.

Championships Administration

No. 2024-3 CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP FOR DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS AND THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD

Intent: To amend the minimum number of sponsoring institutions required to establish and maintain a Division II championship to 35 institutions for both men's and women's sports; further, to establish a three-year grace period during which a sport that falls below the minimum sponsorship requirement may regain the necessary sponsoring institutions before the championship is discontinued.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

18.4 Administration of Division II Championships.

18.4.1 Minimum Sponsorship for Division II Championships.

18.4.1.1 Men's Sports. A Division II championship may be established in a men's sport if at least ~~50~~**35** institutions sponsor the sport.

18.4.1.2 Women's Sports. A Division II championship may be established in a women's sport if at least ~~40~~**35** institutions sponsor the sport.

18.4.1.3 ~~Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirement~~**Grace Period.** ~~A Division II championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2.~~ **A sport that falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2 shall have three years to regain the minimum number of sponsoring institutions before the Division II championship is discontinued. The three-year grace period begins with the academic year in which the Division II Championships Committee confirms that the sport has fallen below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2.**

~~18.4.1.3.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports. A Division II championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport.~~

~~18.4.1.3.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A Division II championship in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2.~~

[18.4.2 through 18.4.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Rationale: The proposal was originally recommended by the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee's championships subcommittee during its review of Division II bylaws and subsequently referred to the NCAA Division II Championships Committee for further review. The Championships Committee collaborated with various membership stakeholder groups to vet the proposal and gather feedback through membership surveys which indicated broad support for both reducing the minimum sponsorship requirement and making it consistent across both men's and women's sports. The Championships Committee believes 35 is an appropriate benchmark that both reflects membership interest and commitment meriting a Division II championship and gives emerging sports a reasonable target to transition to championship status. Additionally, the Championships Committee determined that a three-year grace period provides sufficient time for a given sport to recover should it fall below the minimum requirement without unduly extending the grace period and tying up resources that could otherwise be devoted to championships in good standing and emerging sports that merit championship consideration.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: The minimum number of Division II institutions required to maintain and/or establish a Division II Championship will be 35 for both men's and women's sports. Further, a three-year grace period will be established for a sport that falls below the 35-minimum threshold. Finally, the exceptions for men's and women's lacrosse and the Olympic sports will be eliminated.

Question No. 2: If an emerging sport does not have the minimum number of institutions required to establish a National Collegiate Championship (50 for men and 40 for women), but meets the 35-minimum threshold required to establish a Division II Championship, may a Division II Championship be established?

Answer: No. If there is only one championship offered, it must be a National Collegiate Championship. An emerging sport must have the required 40 institutions to establish a National Collegiate Championship first before it can establish a Division II Championship.

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will the three-year grace period begin?

Answer: The three-year grace period will begin in the academic year the Championships Committee confirms that the sport has fallen below the 35-minimum threshold.

For example, if the Championships Committee confirms a sport has fallen below the 35-minimum threshold in October 2024, the 2024-25 academic year would be the first year of the grace period. The 2025-26 academic year would be the second year and the 2026-27 academic year would be the third year. The championship would be discontinued after the 2026-27 academic year.

Question No. 4: If the proposal is adopted at the 2024 Convention, when is the earliest a Division II Championship may be discontinued?

Answer: The 2027-28 academic year based on the confirmation of sports sponsorship by the Championships Committee occurring in the 2024-25 academic year.

No. 2024-4 CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION – ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS – CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS – AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION – AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION IN ALL TEAM SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

Intent: In all team sports other than football, to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted to all conferences that sponsor the sport.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4.3.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

18.4.3.3 Automatic Qualification. ~~Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that should receive one automatic qualification position for their teams into NCAA championships conducted in team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports as identified in Bylaw 17.02.16. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.~~

18.4.3.3.1 Team Sports Other Than Football. Each governing sport committee shall recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that meet the requirements outlined in Bylaw 18.4.3.3.1. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.

18.4.3.3.2 Timed Individual Sports and Other Individual Sports. Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that should receive one automatic qualification position for their teams into NCAA championships. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final.

[18.4.3.3.1 through 18.4.3.3.3 renumbered as 18.4.3.3.3 through 18.4.3.3.5, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Rationale: Currently, sport committees have the option of recommending when and if to apply automatic qualification to their selection processes for team sports. However, the concept of requiring automatic qualification rather than maintaining it as an option emerged during the Division II Implementation Committee's review process as being a core tenet of the Division II championships program. The Division II Championships Committee believes that all conferences should be provided access to NCAA Division II Championships in all team sports when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. The Championships Committee also notes that

automatic qualification has long been regarded as the most effective way to grow a sport, as it establishes an equitable path for member institutions to participate in NCAA championships and an incentive for sponsorship.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, the sport committees have the option of recommending to the Division II Championships Committee when and if to apply automatic qualification to their selection processes. If approved by the Championships Committee, the sport will have automatic qualification and then each conference must request automatic qualification for the conference from the respective sport committee.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: Team sport committees (other than football) will be required to apply automatic qualification to their selection process for those Division II conferences that meet the requirements in NCAA Division II Bylaw 18.4.3.3.1 (requirements – division championship). It will no longer be an option on whether to recommend automatic qualification. Conferences will still be required to annually request automatic qualification from the respective sport committee.

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will all team sports (other than football) have automatic qualification?

Answer: The 2024-25 academic year.

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will this proposal impact bracket sizes in team sports?

Answer: If adopted, the Championships Committee will establish a policy that specifies that no more than 60% of a team's bracket may be made up of automatic qualifiers. If a sport reaches a 50% threshold, the committee will also establish as policy that bracket expansion be considered. However, should a sport exceed the 60% threshold while being considered for bracket expansion, the committee may maintain automatic qualification while the field size is being addressed.

Note: As part of the 2024-27 triennial budget process, the Championships Committee has recommended bracket increases for the field hockey and men's and women's lacrosse championships effective for the 2024-25 academic year. If approved by the Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council in January 2024, these sports would be in line with this policy.

No. 2024-5 CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION – ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS – CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS – EARNED ACCESS – FOOTBALL – EARNED ACCESS FOR ALL FOOTBALL-SPONSORING CONFERENCES

Intent: In football, to amend the earned access legislation to specify that all football-sponsoring conferences shall be represented in the bracket; further, to specify, that the highest-ranked team in a football-sponsoring conference that is not already represented in the bracket shall be included.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

[Division II, Football Only, Roll Call]

18.4 Administration of Division II Championships.

[18.4.1 through 18.4.3 unchanged.]

18.4.3.4 Earned Access – Football. The Division II Football Committee shall award earned access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship to all Division II football-playing conferences that meet the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.3.4.1 for which at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. To be awarded earned access, the conference shall have a minimum of six active football-playing members. The earned access shall go to the conference's highest-ranked team that is not already represented in the bracket in the final regional Top 10 poll.

[18.4.3.4.1 through 18.4.3.4.2 unchanged.]

[18.4.3.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Rationale: Currently, in football, earned access only applies if at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. This proposal will amend earned access in football to require representation in the bracket from all football-sponsoring conferences. The Division II Championships Committee believes that all conferences should be provided access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship when bracket sizes are appropriate to do so. The Championships Committee also notes that earned access has long been regarded as the most effective way to provide guaranteed access to the championship.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, earned access only applies if a conference that is not currently represented in the bracket has a team within the top nine in the super region. A conference whose highest ranked team is outside of the top nine is not granted earned access to the field.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: All football-sponsoring conferences will be represented in the bracket. This proposal will also require that the highest-ranked team in a football-sponsoring conference that is not already represented in the bracket be included. Therefore, earned access will be determined by the Division II Football Committee, as opposed to the team being selected by the conference.

Question No. 3: If adopted, when will the Division II Football Committee begin utilizing the new earned access process?

Answer: The 2024-25 academic year.

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the bracket size in the sport of football?

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

Interpretations to be Included in the 2024-25 NCAA Division II Manual

In accordance with its authority, the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee and the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee have approved inclusion of the following interpretations in the 2024-25 NCAA Division II Manual. This will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council to the 2024 Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, and acceptance of that report will constitute approval of the incorporation of these interpretations. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular interpretation, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretations.

It should be noted that these interpretations already have been accepted by the membership, and the only issue concerning these interpretations that is before the Division II membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2024-25 Division II Manual and subsequent Division II Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation will still be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Division II Academic Requirements Committee or Division II Legislation Committee, the provisions of Bylaw 9.4.1.4 also would apply (any Division II member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the 2024 Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, by making such a request in writing to the Association's Convention office prior to 1 p.m. Friday, January 12, the day preceding the Division II business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Bylaw 9.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2024-25 Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2024-25 Manual as noted.

NO. I-2024-1 RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY -- COMMENTS PRIOR TO SIGNING AND MEDIA RELEASE REGARDING SIGNING -- FINANCIAL DEPOSIT IN RESPONSE TO OFFER OF ADMISSION

Bylaws: Amend 13.10, as follows:

13.10 Publicity.

[13.10.1 unchanged.]

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 ~~receives the prospective student-athlete's signed~~ written offer of admission and/or financial aid **or before the institution has received their financial deposit in response to its offer of admission**, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. [See Bylaws 13.1.3.3.1 and 13.4.4]. [D]

[13.10.2.1 through 13.10.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.10.3 unchanged.]

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

[13.10.4.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the December 14, 2022, official interpretation will clarify that a Division II institution may publicly comment on a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend their institution upon receiving a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division II Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 8.1.2-(e) and 9.3.1.1, the NCAA Division II Management Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council), is permitted to adopt such legislation if it is noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. These actions will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council at the 2024 Division II business session on Saturday, January 13, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of these actions and incorporation in the 2024-25 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

NO. NC-2024-1 DIVISION II ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE – PRESIDENTS COUNCIL – MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – EFFECTIVE DATE FOR MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S COMPOSITION AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Intent: To amend the effective date of Sections C (Management Council composition) and D (Management Council duties and responsibilities) of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-7 from August 1, 2023, to February 1, 2024.

A. Bylaws: Amend 8.1, as follows: (February 1, 2024)

8.1 Division II ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**.

8.1.1 Composition. The composition of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** shall ~~be based on a weighted regional representation by institutions that shall include one~~**eight** ~~chancellor or president~~**presidents/chancellors** ~~per region for every 22 institutions in that region (see Bylaw 8.1.1.4.1).~~**based on Division II championships region. In addition, two** ~~one~~ "at-large" ~~positions shall exist~~**president/chancellor** to enhance efforts to achieve diversity of representation and to accommodate independent institutions ~~on the board, and two independent members who are not salaried by an NCAA member institution, conference or affiliated member and shall be approved, appointed and verified as independent by the Executive Board.~~ The ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** shall also include two ~~members~~**student-athletes** ~~of~~**serving on and chosen by** the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (one representing male sports and one representing female sports) (see Bylaw 21.8.5.9.5). **The chair of the Division II Management Council shall serve on the Executive Board as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.**

8.1.1.1 Same Conference. To the extent possible, chancellors or presidents from the same conference shall not serve concurrently on the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**.

8.1.1.2 Same Institution. To the extent possible, members of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** and the Management Council (see Bylaw 8.2) shall not be employed at the same institution.

~~8.1.1.3 Eligibility for Membership. The Presidents Council shall be composed of chancellors or presidents representing Division II active member institutions.~~

~~8.1.1.4 Geographical Areas.~~

~~8.1.1.4.1 Geographical Areas. For the purpose of representation on the Presidents Council, the Association shall be divided into geographical areas. The Division II geographical areas are as follows:~~

~~(a) Region 1 -- Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia;~~

~~(b) Region 2 -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee;~~

~~(c) Region 3 -- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin; and~~

~~(d) Region 4 -- Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.~~

8.1.1.5 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Members. The two members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall each have a vote on the Presidents Council.

[8.1.2 unchanged.]

8.1.3 Election/Term of Office.

8.1.3.1 Selection Process. When a vacancy on the Presidents Council occurs, a formal call for nominations shall be published on the NCAA website. In addition, an informational letter to solicit nominations will be mailed to institutions and conference offices in the region in which the vacancy exists. The members of the Council shall select an individual to fill a vacancy after reviewing nominations submitted by institutions and/or conference offices.

8.1.3.21 Term of Office. ~~Members~~**Presidents, chancellors and independent members** of the Presidents Council~~Executive Board~~ shall serve ~~six~~**two**-year terms, which shall conclude following the annual NCAA Convention~~that are renewable for an additional two-year term~~. Presidents Council members are not eligible for immediate re-election. A Presidents Council member may be elected to an additional term on the Presidents Council after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on the Presidents Council may not serve further on the Presidents Council~~The two student-athletes appointed to the Executive Board shall serve one-year terms that are renewable for an additional one-year term~~.

8.1.3.21.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The chair and the vice chair of the ~~Council~~**Executive Board** shall each serve terms not to exceed ~~three~~**two** years. The chair and vice chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** before serving as chair or vice chair.

8.1.3.2.2 Student-Athletes. The two student-athletes appointed to the Presidents Council shall each serve a one-year term that is renewable for an additional one-year term.

[8.1.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 8.1.2, as follows: (February 1, 2024)

8.1.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** shall:

(a) Implement policies adopted by the ~~Association's~~**NCAA** Board of Governors;

[8.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Establish a strategic plan **and/or a set of strategic priorities** for Division II;

[8.1.2-(d) unchanged.]

~~(e) Adopt noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division II;~~

[8.1.2-(f) through 8.1.2-(g) relettered as 8.1.2-(e) through 8.1.2-(f), unchanged.]

~~(h)~~ **g) Identify, before the printing of the notice of any Convention, Division II proposals for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur**Adopt emergency legislation;****

~~(i) Establish the final sequence of legislative proposals in the agenda for the Division II business session at the annual Convention;~~

[8.1.2-(j) through 8.1.2-(k) relettered as 8.1.2-(h) through 8.1.2-(i), unchanged.]

~~(l)~~ **j) Approve recommendations of the Management Council (see Bylaw 8.2), including the composition of the Management Council;**

[8.1.2-(m) relettered as 8.1.2-(k), unchanged.]

~~(n)~~ **l) Ensure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership, the membership of the Management Council (see Bylaw 8.2) and the membership of each of the other bodies in the Division II governance structure;**

~~(o)~~ **m) Develop and a) Approve the budget and the use of funds allotted to Division II (e.g., institutional equal distribution funds, funds for the operation of championships);**

[8.1.2-(p) through 8.1.2-(r) relettered as 8.1.2-(n) through 8.1.2-(p), unchanged.]

~~(s)~~ **q) Appoint a Division II Presidents CouncilExecutive Board member to the NCAA Board of Governors;**

[8.1.2-(t) through 8.1.2-(u) relettered as 8.1.2-(r) through 8.1.2-(s), unchanged.]

(v ~~t~~) ~~Appoint such~~**Create** committees or ~~subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of this constitution or the Division II bylaws~~**other bodies (e.g., project teams) to study and recommend courses of action on specific issues or to fulfill duties and responsibilities of Division II.**

8.1.2.1 Duties of the Chair. The chair of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** shall:

[8.1.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Preside at ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** meetings;

[8.1.2.1-(c) through 8.1.2.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee.

8.1.2.2 Duties of the Vice Chair. The vice chair of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** shall:

[8.1.2.2-(a) through 8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Serve ~~as chair of~~**on** the Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee.

C. Bylaws: Amend 8.2, as follows: (February 1, 2024)

8.2 Division II Management Council.

8.2.1 Composition. The **composition of the** Management Council shall ~~be comprised of~~**include** one ~~administrator or representative~~**member** from each of the Division II multisport voting conferences; ~~one administrator or representative of Division II independent institutions provided there are at least eight Division II independent institutions; two~~**four** "at-large" ~~positions~~**members** to enhance efforts to achieve diversity of representation; and two ~~members of~~**student-athletes serving on and chosen by** the **Division II** Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (**one representing male sports and one representing female sports**) (~~per see~~ Bylaw 21.8.5.9.4). The members shall be representatives of Division II active member institutions. The members of the Council shall include:

(a) At least ~~four~~**five** directors of athletics;

(b) At least ~~four~~**five** senior woman administrators;

(c) At least ~~four~~**five** faculty athletics representatives; and

(d) At least ~~one~~**two** conference ~~administrator~~**office staff**.

Once the minimums are met, the Council may include individuals working in athletics administration and individuals that supervise athletics, including but not limited to a vice president, athletic trainer, assistant/associate/deputy director of athletics, and/or other individuals involved in the administration of athletics.

[8.2.1.1 through 8.2.1.3 unchanged.]

[8.2.2 through 8.2.4 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 8.2.2, as follows: (February 1, 2024)

8.2.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Management Council shall:

(a) Implement policies adopted by the ~~Association's~~**NCAA** Board of Governors and the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**;

(b) Make recommendations to the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** on matters it deems appropriate;

(c) ~~Recommend the adoption of~~**Adopt** noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division II, ~~subject to ratification by the Presidents Council~~;

(d) Sponsor legislative proposals for a vote at the annual NCAA Convention;

(~~d~~ **e**) Take final action on matters delegated to it by the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**;

(~~e~~) ~~Make interpretations of the bylaws of Division II;~~

(f) Review and act on the recommendations of the Division II committee structure and the recommendations of ~~Division II representatives to~~ committees with Association-wide functions;

[8.2.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Identify, before the printing of the Official Notice for any Convention, Division II proposals for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur;

(i) Establish the final sequence of legislative proposals in the agenda for the Division II business session at the annual Convention;

[8.2.2-(h) through 8.2.2-(j) relettered as 8.2.2-(j) through 8.2.2-(l), unchanged.]

(k m) Recommend the ~~appointment of such committees or subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of this constitution or the~~ creation of committees or other bodies to study and suggest courses of action on specific issues or to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Division II bylaws, subject to ~~ratification~~**approval** by the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**.

8.2.2.1 Duties of the Chair. The chair of the Management Council shall:

[8.2.2.1-(a) through 8.2.2.1-(f) unchanged.]

8.2.2.2 Duties of the Vice Chair. The vice chair of the Management Council shall:

[8.2.2.2-(a) through 8.2.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Serve as a member of the Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee; and

[8.2.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

[8.2.2.3 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 8.3, as follows: *(August 1, 2023)*

8.3 Division II Administrative Committee.

8.3.1 Composition. The Administrative Committee shall consist of five members, including the chairs and vice chairs of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board** and, Management Council, **and the chair of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**. ~~The fifth member shall be another member of the Presidents Council.~~

[8.3.1.1 unchanged.]

[8.3.2 through 8.3.3 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 8.4, as follows: *(February 1, 2024)*

8.4 Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee.

8.4.1 Composition. The Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~**11** members, including the vice chair of the ~~Presidents Council~~**Executive Board**, **two members** ~~the vice chair~~ of the Management Council, **one of which must include the vice chair**, ~~three additional members of the Presidents Council and two additional members of the Management Council.~~ **one conference commissioner, one member from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and six additional members.** ~~The chairs of the Presidents Council and the Management Council shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.~~ **At least one of the 11 members shall be from a minority-serving institution.**

[8.4.1.1 unchanged.]

8.4.2 Duties. The Division II **Strategic** Planning and Finance Committee shall:

(a) ~~Review budgetary recommendations related to the annual Division II budget~~**Monitor the Division II strategic plan/strategic priorities; and assess and report on its implementation and recommend updates, when necessary, consistent with the Division II philosophy, strategic position and direction from the Division II Executive Board;**

(b) ~~Advise both the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council regarding the division's financial affairs~~**Provide regular reports on the implementation of the strategic plan/strategic priorities of the Division II Management Council and Executive Board;**

(c) ~~Monitor the Division II strategic plan, assess and report on its implementation and recommend updates of the plan, when necessary, consistent with the Division II philosophy, strategic position and direction from the Division II~~

~~Presidents Council~~ **Make recommendations related to the Division II budget and budget guidelines and principles;**
and

(d) ~~Provide regular reports on the implementation of the strategic plan to the Division II Management Council and Presidents Council.~~ **Ensure alignment of the division's strategic plan/strategic priorities with financial allocations; and**

(e) Advise both the Division II Executive Board and Management Council regarding the division's financial affairs.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).

Effective Date:

Sections A, B, C, D, F: February 1, 2024
Section E: August 1, 2023

Additional Information:

Delaying the effective date for the change in composition and duties and responsibilities for the Management Council will provide an opportunity for an expanded pool of candidates to meet the new requirements in Proposal No. 2023-7 (Division II organizational structure -- presidents council -- management council -- administrative committee -- planning and finance committee).

NO. NC-2024-2 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- RESEARCH COMMITTEE -- ELIMINATION OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Intent: To eliminate the NCAA Research Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.6 unchanged.]

~~21.2.7 Research Committee.~~

~~21.2.7.1 Composition. The Research Committee shall consist of 10 members, including four representatives from Division I, two each from Divisions II and III and two unallocated. In addition, three positions shall be allocated for men, three allocated for women and four unallocated. The membership of the committee shall consist of at least three athletics administrators and at least three faculty athletics representatives with appropriate research experience.~~

~~21.2.7.2 Duties. The committee shall:~~

- ~~(a) Promote and encourage graduate student research on psychosocial aspects of intercollegiate athletics by administering the Association's Graduate Student Research Grant Program;~~
- ~~(b) Assist staff in the evaluation of data-sharing requests submitted by the membership, as needed;~~
- ~~(c) Study and make recommendations to the NCAA research staff and governance committees concerning opportunities for Association or collaborative research at the nexus of higher education and athletics;~~
- ~~(d) Confer with research staff on issues related to the Research Review Board, its policies and standard operating procedures; and~~
- ~~(e) Monitor progress of the most significant research endeavors undertaken by the NCAA research staff at the behest of the Association.~~

[21.2.8 through 21.2.10 renumbered as 21.2.7 through 21.2.9, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Board of Governors).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-Wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The result of a preliminary review was a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Research Committee. Over time the work in this area changed and is no longer necessary to serve the membership. This proposal is recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

NO. NC-2024-3 COMMITTEES -- PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL AND RULES COMMITTEES -- DUTIES -- ELIMINATION OF COMMON RULES REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association.

A. Bylaws: Amend 21.1, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.1 Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

[21.1.1 through 21.1.3 unchanged.]

21.1.4 Duties. The panel shall:

[21.1.4-(a) through 21.1.4-(d) unchanged.]

~~(e) Review and act on requests from any division to exempt it from applying or delaying implementation of a playing rule for financial reasons;~~

[21.1.4-(f) through 21.1.4-(g) relettered as 21.1.4-(e) through 21.1.4-(f), unchanged.]

[21.1.5 through 21.1.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

21.3.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.3.1.1 through 21.3.1.2 unchanged.]

21.3.1.3 Duties. Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. ~~These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.~~ Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel review.

[21.3.1.4 through 21.3.1.6 unchanged.]

[21.3.2 through 21.3.14 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 21.4, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

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

21.4.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.4.1.1 through 21.4.1.4 unchanged.]

21.4.1.5 Duties.

21.4.1.5.1 Rules of Play. Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. ~~These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.~~ Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to Playing Rules Oversight Panel review.

[21.4.1.5.2 through 21.4.1.5.4 unchanged.]

[21.4.1.6 unchanged.]

[21.4.2 through 21.4.7 unchanged.]

D. Administrative: Amend 31.1.6, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

31.1.6 Playing Rules.

[31.1.6.1 through 31.1.6.2 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.~~

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Playing Rules Oversight Panel).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The new NCAA constitution, which was adopted by the membership in January 2022 and was effective August 1, 2022, includes a provision that calls for flexibility at the divisional level in establishing the rules for sports competitions. This proposal is intended to effectuate the application of the flexibility required by the constitution. Rules committees and committees with both playing rules and championship administration responsibilities will be maintained as common committees (requiring inclusion of members from each applicable division). Maintaining the committees as such will encourage the establishment and maintenance of common playing rules insofar as it is prudent and appropriate. However, the committees will have the flexibility to establish differences in divisional playing rules as the divisions deem necessary. The process for recommending divisional differences in the playing rules would be determined by each division through its policies and procedures. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel would still have the authority to not approve recommendations that the panel determines would harm the image of the games, create an unsafe environment for student-athletes or place an unreasonable financial burden on the membership of a particular division. This proposal would enact the flexibility contemplated in the new NCAA constitution but would maintain appropriate involvement of all divisions to balance the need for flexibility with the appropriate level of consistency among the divisions.

NO. NC-2024-4 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- TRANSFER FROM A NON-DIVISION II INSTITUTION

Intent: To specify that the June 15 written notification of transfer date is not applicable to a student-athlete transferring from a non-Division II institution (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA).

Bylaws: Amend 14.5, as follows:

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

[14.5.1 through 14.5.4 unchanged.]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.5.1 through 14.5.5.2 unchanged.]

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

[14.5.5.3.1 through 14.5.5.3.8 unchanged.]

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

[14.5.5.3.9-(a) through 14.5.5.3.9-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student must provide written notification of transfer to the institution by June 15 (see Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9.1 for an exception for midyear and non-Division II transfers); and

[14.5.5.3.9-(e) unchanged.]

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

[14.5.5.3.9.2 unchanged.]

[14.5.5.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate, for student-athletes transferring for the 2023-24 academic year, and thereafter.

Additional Information:

During the 2022 NCAA Convention, the adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2022-4 (recruiting, eligibility and financial aid – transfer regulations – four-year college transfers – exceptions for transfers from four-year colleges – notification of transfer, one-time transfer exception and financial aid legislation) required, among other conditions, that a transfer student-athlete provide their current institution with written notification of transfer by June 15 in order to utilize NCAA Division II Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception). Since its adoption, there has been an increase in legislative relief waivers for non-Division II transfer student-athletes due to missing the June 15 written notification of transfer date. The majority of waivers were approved. Removing the June 15 written notification of transfer date for non-Division II transfer student-athletes will eliminate staff legislating through the waiver process. This proposal will not eliminate the need for student-athletes transferring from non-Division II institutions (e.g., Division I, Division III or NAIA) to satisfy the remaining conditions of Division II Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception) in order to be immediately eligible upon transfer.

NO. NC-2024-5 COMMITTEES – ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES – GENERAL COMMITTEES – COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT -- ELIMINATION OF COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

Intent: To eliminate the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2 Association-Wide Committees – General Committees.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.6 unchanged.]

21.2.7 Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

~~21.2.7.1 Composition. The Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct shall consist of 11 members. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility.~~

~~21.2.7.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. The Division II student-athlete shall serve as a member of the committee in an advisory capacity and may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility.~~

~~21.2.7.2 Duties. The committee shall be responsible for promoting sportsmanship and ethical conduct within the Association.~~

[21.2.8 through 21.2.9 renumbered as 21.2.7 through 21.2.8, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Board of Governors).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The continued review has resulted in a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. The work associated with sportsmanship and ethical conduct has expanded so significantly that it has been supported and absorbed by the NCAA national office and other councils and committees in the divisional governance structures, which reflects the importance of sportsmanship and ethical conduct to the Association. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

NO. NC-2024-6 COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II GENERAL COMMITTEES -- CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE -- DUTIES -- FINAL AUTHORITY

Intent: To specify that the Division II Championships Committee shall have final authority to approve Division II sport and rules committee appointments.

Bylaws: Amend 21.8, as follows:

21.8 Division II Committees.

[21.8.1 through 21.8.4 unchanged.]

21.8.5 Division II General Committees. To conduct Division II business in an efficient and orderly fashion, the following Division II committees shall be established and shall report directly to the Division II Management Council.

[21.8.5.1 unchanged.]

21.8.5.2 Championships Committee.

[21.8.5.2.1 unchanged.]

21.8.5.2.2 Duties. The committee shall:

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

(f) Select **and approve** sports **and rules** committee representatives, ~~subject to ratification by the Division II Management Council;~~

[21.8.5.2.2-(g) through 21.8.5.2.2-(h) unchanged.]

[21.8.5.2.2.1 unchanged.]

[21.8.5.3 through 21.8.5.9 unchanged.]

[21.8.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Currently, the NCAA Division II Management Council is the final authority for approving Division II sport and rules committee appointments. However, given the new governance structure adopted at the 2023 Convention that revises the duties of the Management Council and drives decision making through the structure, the Division II Championships Committee is well positioned to take on this responsibility due to their familiarity with the duties of sport and rules committees and the individuals assigned to them. The Management Council would continue to review the appointments as part of the Championships Committee reports, as informational items.

NO. NC-2024-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- MERGING BYLAW 18 AND 31

Intent: To amend and combine Bylaws 18 and 31, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7, as follows:

7.8 Institutional Eligibility.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements

[14.01 through 14.1 unchanged.]

14.1.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all of the Association's general eligibility requirements and any additional eligibility requirements adopted by the applicable membership division.

[14.1.1.1 unchanged.]

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

[14.1.2 through 14.1.11 unchanged.]

[14.2 through 14.13 unchanged.]

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

C. Bylaws: Amend 18, as follows:

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

- ~~(a)~~ *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)~~ **a** The institution shall have paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw ~~31.2.1~~**18.2.2.1**;
- ~~(c)~~ **b** The institution shall designate (in accordance with Bylaw ~~20~~**7**) 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)~~ **c** The institution's director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, the institution's compliance with Bylaw ~~18.4.2.1~~**17.8.1.1**;

- (e ~~d~~) 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; ~~and~~
- (f ~~e~~) The institution shall have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process; ~~and~~.
- (g) ~~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).~~

~~187.48.21.1.1~~ Certification of Compliance – Requirements. The institution's director of athletics shall certify that the following conditions have been satisfied. (See Bylaw 7.3.1.5.7.)

~~187.48.21.1.1.1~~ NCAA Rules Review. The 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.

7.8.1.1.2 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:

[7.8.1.1.2-(a) through 7.8.1.1.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~187.48.21.1.12.21.1~~ 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 ~~18.4.2.1.1.27.8.1.1.2~~ to apply.

~~187.48.21.1.12.2.2~~ 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.

~~187.48.21.1.13.3~~ 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 director or athletics can determine.

~~187.48.21.1.14.4~~ Maintenance of Compliance. It is the intention of the institution to maintain such compliance.

~~187.48.21.12.2~~ Additional Requirements. Other requirements for institutional eligibility for championships are set forth in Bylaw ~~31.2.118.2.2~~.

~~187.48.2.2~~ Championships. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution shall, in addition to meeting the general institutional eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaw ~~18.4.2.17.8.1~~:

[7.8.2-(a) through 7.8.2-(b) unchanged.]

- (c) Report annually to the NCAA through the president or chancellor, on a form approved by the Management Council, the admissions and graduation-rate data specified in Bylaw ~~18.4.2.2.17.8.2.1~~. The data shall be received in the national office not later than January 2. Any data received after that date shall appear on a form postmarked not later than December 26.

~~187.48.2.21.1~~ Admissions and Graduation-Rate Disclosure. An institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or an individual competitor in an NCAA championship unless it has submitted federal graduation rate and enrollment data to the NCAA national office on or before the applicable deadline. (See Bylaw 13.3 for additional regulations.)

~~187.48.2.2.2~~ Exemption From Maximum Awards Limitation. A member institution may be exempt from the maximum awards limitation in a sport provided the institution:

[7.8.2.2-(a) through 7.8.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

18 Championships ~~and Postseason Football~~ **Administration**

[18.01 unchanged.]

~~18.01.2 Postseason Competition Not Sponsored by a Collegiate Entity. Competition by member institutions in postseason contests that are not sponsored, promoted, managed and controlled by a collegiate entity shall conform to the requirements set forth in this article and all other applicable legislation of the Association, which may include penalties for violations of these requirements by sponsoring agencies.~~

18.201.2 Criteria for Establishment or Continuation of Championships. The establishment or continuation of an ~~NCAA~~ **National Collegiate Championship or a Division II e**Championship in a given sport shall be determined on the basis of the requirements in the following bylaws, with sponsorship of a sport based on the Association's records as of September 30 each year (see Bylaws 18.4.1 and 18.5.2).

[18.02 unchanged.]

18.02.1.1 National Collegiate Championship. A National Collegiate Championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes and teams of active member institutions to determine the NCAA champion in that sport for all divisions that do not have a separate division championship in that sport. A National Collegiate Championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in ~~Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4~~ **18.5.2**.

18.02.1.2 Division Championship. A division championship for a particular sport is postseason competition conducted by the Association for eligible student-athletes or teams of active member institutions to determine the division champion in that sport. A division championship is established or continued in accordance with the criteria set forth in ~~Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4~~ **18.4.1**.

18.02.2 Mixed Team. A mixed team is a varsity intercollegiate sports team on which at least one individual of each gender competes (~~see Bylaw 18.2.8.3~~).

[18.02.2 unchanged.]

~~18.02.3 Open Date. An open date is a regular weekend playing date before the end of an institution's regular football schedule on which an institution is not playing a game, or a date approved by the Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, to enable an institution to assist financially in meeting an unforeseen hardship situation resulting directly from the institution's intercollegiate athletics activities.~~

~~18.02.4 Postseason Football Bowl Game. A postseason football bowl game is a football contest conducted after the regular football season and involving two teams selected because of their regular-season performance (e.g., won-lost record, conference championship).~~

[18.02.4 through 18.02.5 renumbered as 18.02.2 through 18.02.3, unchanged.]

[18.1 unchanged.]

18.41.21 Institutional Eligibility. **To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition 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.**

[18.2 unchanged.]

18.42.1 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships, a student-athlete shall meet all applicable individual-eligibility requirements set forth in NCAA legislation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaw 14. **An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference.**

18.42.1.42 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.

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

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

18.42.1.42.12.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics, they shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, they shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed and facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids and narcotics tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, they shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of regular-season contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and they test negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

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

18.42.1.42.23.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics or tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws ~~18.4.1.4.1 or 18.4.1.4.3~~ **18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.4**.

18.42.1.42.34 Penalty – Cannabinoids. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws ~~18.4.1.4.1 or 18.4.1.4.2~~ **18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3**.

18.42.1.42.34.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws 18.4.1.4.1 or 18.4.1.4.2.

18.42.1.42.34.1.1 Failure to Attest. If an institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 25-percent of a season in all sports (25-percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition).

18.42.1.42.34.2 Third Positive Test and Beyond. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a third time or more for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test,

as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for use of a substance other than cannabinoids (substance in a banned drug classes other than cannabinoids or narcotics, substance in the banned drug class narcotics), they shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaws ~~18.4.1.4.1 or 18.4.1.4.2~~ **18.2.1.2.2 or 18.2.1.2.3**.

~~18.42.1.42.34~~ **18.2.1.42.34** Failure to Attest. If the institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 50-percent of a season in all sports (50-percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition).

~~18.42.1.42.45~~ **18.2.1.42.45** Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than a cannabinoid or narcotic.

~~18.42.1.42.45.1~~ **18.2.1.42.45.1** Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following:

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

~~18.42.1.42.56~~ **18.2.1.42.56** 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:

[18.2.1.2.6-(a) through 18.2.1.2.6-(c) unchanged.]

~~18.42.1.42.67~~ **18.2.1.42.67** Appeals. An institution may appeal the penalty to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee), as specified by the committee's policies and procedures. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by an other authority.

~~18.42.1.42.8~~ **18.2.1.42.8** Non-NCAA Athletics Organization's Positive Drug Test. The Board of Governors shall authorize methods for drug testing any student-athlete who has disclosed in the student-athlete statement (see Bylaw 14.1.3.1) that they have a positive drug test administered by a non-NCAA athletics organization that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the WADA code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

[18.2.1.1 renumbered as 18.2.2.1, unchanged.]

~~18.2.2 Division Championship. A division championship in a particular sport may be established by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in Division I or, in Divisions II and III, a simple majority of all members of that division present and voting at an annual Convention subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw.~~

[18.2.2 unchanged.]

~~18.2.3 Championships Existing During 1993-94. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship that existed during the 1993-94 academic year may be continued if at least 40 member institutions sponsor the sport.~~

~~18.2.4.3 Sponsorship Criteria.~~

~~18.2.4.3.1 Minimum Period. The applicable minimum sponsorship number must exist for one academic year in order for a championship to be established. Legislation to establish the championship may be proposed during the year in which the minimum sponsorship number exists. Varsity sports sponsored before August 1, 1994, shall count toward the minimum one- or two-year sponsorship requirement.~~

~~18.2.4.3.2 National Collegiate and Division Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a division championship exist in the same sport, sponsorship of the sport in the division in which the division~~

~~championship is conducted shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship.~~

~~18.2.5 Establishment of Single Championship in Sport. If only one championship is established or continued in accordance with Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, it shall be a National Collegiate Championship for which any active member institution in good standing can be eligible.~~

~~18.2.6 Establishment of Three Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and two division championships exist in the same sport, the National Collegiate Championship automatically shall become a division championship for the remaining division that does not sponsor a division championship in that sport.~~

~~18.2.7 Establishment of Two Championships in Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and one division championship exist in the same sport, only the members of the division sponsoring the division championship may participate in the division championship, and that division's membership may not participate in the National Collegiate Championship in that sport.~~

~~18.2.8 Determination of Sponsorship Requirements.~~

~~18.2.8.1 Single-Gender Athletics Programs. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for men shall not be included in making calculations concerning men's championships, and member institutions sponsoring no varsity intercollegiate athletics programs for women shall not be included in making calculations concerning women's championships.~~

~~18.2.8.2 Separate Men's and Women's Teams, Same Sport. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4 for a combined men's and women's championship, separate varsity intercollegiate men's and women's teams in the same sport at a member institution shall be counted separately.~~

~~18.2.8.3 Mixed Team. For purposes of meeting the required minimums set forth in Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4, a mixed team (as defined in Bylaw 18.02.2) shall be counted as one team. A mixed team shall count toward the minimum-sponsorship percentage for men's championships.~~

~~18.2.9 Subdivision Requirements. If a division subdivides for the administration of a sport, resulting in less than the applicable minimum number of the division's active members sponsoring the sport on a varsity intercollegiate basis in that subdivision, the subdivision shall meet the requirement within three years of the date the subdivision was created. It may establish and conduct a championship in the interim.~~

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers 90 national championships. There are 11 National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See ~~Bylaw 31.02.2 for information about the classification and terminology of championships and see~~ Bylaw 9.3.10.1 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (11).

18.3.2 NCAA Division II Championships (25).

18.4 ~~Eligibility for~~**Administration of Division II** Championships.

18.24.41 Minimum Sponsorship for **Division II** Championships.

~~18.4.1.1 Institution's Responsibility. The responsibility of an institution to withhold from all intercollegiate competition a student-athlete who is ineligible under any NCAA legislation is set forth in Bylaw 14.12.1.~~

~~18.4.1.2 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement Authority. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have final authority to determine all matters pertaining to the eligibility of student-athletes competing in the various NCAA championships submitted by member institutions (see Bylaw 14.13).~~

~~18.4.1.3 Protest of Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete has been certified by the institution as eligible to compete in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete's eligibility is protested, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall not rule on such a protest received during the period beginning 24 hours before the event and ending with the conclusion of the event. (See Bylaw 31.2.2.3 regarding protests received during a break in the continuity of a championship.)~~

18.24.41.1 Men's Sports. A ~~National Collegiate~~**Division II** ~~C~~championship ~~or a division championship~~ may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport.

~~18.24.41.2~~ Women's Sports. A *National Collegiate* **Division II** championship *or a division championship* may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport.

~~18.24.101.3~~ Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements. A **Division II** championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws ~~18.2.3 or 18.2.4~~ **18.4.1.1 or 18.4.1.2**.

~~18.24.101.13.1~~ Exception -- Olympic Sports. A *National Collegiate* **Division II** championship *or a division championship* in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws ~~18.2.3 and 18.2.4~~ **18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2**. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport.

~~18.24.101.23.2~~ Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A *National Collegiate* **Division II** championship *or division championship* in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws ~~18.2.3 and 18.2.4~~ **18.4.1.1 and 18.4.1.2**.

18.4.2 Championship Site Selection.

~~18.4.1.4.7 Banned Drugs and Drug-Testing Methods. The Board of Governors shall adopt a list of banned drug classes and shall authorize methods for drug testing of student-athletes on a year-round basis. The list of banned drug classes and the procedure for informing member institutions about authorized methods for drug testing are set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.~~

18.4.3.3.2 Impact of Nullification on Automatic Qualification for Use of Ineligible Player(s). The Championships Committee may impose a penalty on an institution's team for permitting ineligible student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaws 18.02.1 and 18.4.3.2 regarding nullification penalties for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition). An institution that receives a nullification penalty may be denied the right to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship.

18.4.3.4.2 Impact of Nullification on Earned Access for Use of Ineligible Player(s). The Championships Committee may impose a penalty on an institution's team for permitting ineligible student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaws 18.02.1 and 18.4.3.2 regarding nullification penalties for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition). An institution that receives a nullification penalty may be denied the right to participate in the NCAA championship.

[18.4.2.1 renumbered as 18.4.4.1, unchanged.]

~~18.4.2.1.3 Petitioning for Division I Classification. A Division II institution petitioning for Division I institutional membership or eligibility in a sport (in accordance with Bylaw 7) shall have operated in conformity with the requirements of Bylaw 18.4.2.2(a) for a period of two years before the effective date of its Division I membership or be ineligible for Division I championships.~~

[18.4.2.2 renumbered as 18.4.4.2, unchanged.]

[18.4.3 renumbered as 18.4.5, unchanged.]

18.5 National Collegiate Championships.

~~18.5.1 Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification into any Division II Championship, a conference shall meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.~~

~~18.25.1~~ National Collegiate Championship. A National Collegiate Championship for which any active member in good standing is eligible (per Bylaw 7.3.2) may be established by action of all three divisions acting through each division's governance structure, subject to the requirements, standards and conditions regarding the required number of members sponsoring the sport as prescribed in this bylaw.

18.5.2 Minimum Sponsorship for National Collegiate Championships.

18.5.2.1 Men's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship may be established in a men's sport if at least 50 institutions sponsor the sport.

18.5.2.2 Women's Sports. A National Collegiate Championship may be established in a women's sport if at least 40 institutions sponsor the sport.

18.5.2.3 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements. A championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaws 18.5.2.1 or 18.5.2.2.

18.5.2.3.1 Exception -- Olympic Sports. A National Collegiate Championship in any Olympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.5.2.1 and 18.5.2.2. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic sport.

18.5.2.3.2 Exception -- Men's and Women's Lacrosse. A National Collegiate Championship in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship requirements of Bylaws 18.5.2.1 and 18.5.2.2.

~~18.25.32.14~~ National Collegiate and Division **II** Championship in Same Sport. If a National Collegiate Championship and a ~~division~~**Division II** championship exist in the same sport, **Division II** sponsorship of the sport ~~in the division in which the division championship is conducted~~ shall not count toward the minimum sponsorship number for the National Collegiate Championship.

18.5.3 Automatic Qualification ~~by Conference~~.

18.5.23.1 National Collegiate Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship, a conference shall:

[18.5.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Meet all applicable requirements for conference automatic qualification into any National Collegiate Championship as set forth in Bylaw ~~31.3.4~~**18.5.3.1.1**.

18.5.3.1.2 Limitation on Automatic-Qualifying Positions. A member conference that satisfies the general requirements for automatic qualification is eligible for one automatic qualification per applicable sport.

[18.5.3.1.1 renumbered as 18.6.2.1.1, unchanged.]

[18.5.4 renumbered as 18.6.3, unchanged.]

18.67 Playing Rules for Championships. In sports in which the Association maintains rules committees, the rules adopted by said committees shall govern the conduct of all NCAA-sponsored events in those sports. ~~in those sports in which the Association does not maintain rules committees, the rules to be used are specified in Bylaw 31.1.6.~~

[18.6.1 through 18.6.2 renumbered as 18.7.1 through 18.7.2, unchanged.]

D. Administrative: Amend 31, as follows:

~~31~~**18.02.1** Automatic Qualification. Automatic qualification is the automatic entry into a championship field by a team or individual student-athletes representing a member conference recommended by the appropriate sports committee and approved by the Championships Committee (see Bylaw 31.3.4).

~~31~~**18.02.34** Misconduct. Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law, occurring from the time the championship field is announced through the end of the championship that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics.

~~31~~**18.02.45** Nullification. Nullification is a penalty imposed on an institution by the Championships Committee for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition.

~~31~~**18.2** Eligibility for Championships.

~~31~~**18.2.1.71** Notification of Ineligibility. An institution shall advise the NCAA championships staff if a student-athlete who has participated in regular-season competition becomes ineligible before the date on which the governing sports committee selects championship participants, as indicated in the appropriate championships handbook.

~~31~~**18.2.31.72.1** Banned Drugs. The following is the list of banned-drug classes, which aligns with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes, with the exception of the glucocorticoid class. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) has the authority to identify banned drugs within each class. The institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have specifically identified.

[18.2.1.2.1-(a) through 18.2.1.2.1-(i) unchanged.]

~~31~~**18.2.31.42.1.1** 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:

[18.2.1.2.1.1-(a) through 18.2.1.2.1.1-(f) unchanged.]

~~31~~**18.2.31.2.9** Medical Exceptions. Exceptions to the prohibition on use of any substance in a banned-drug class may be provided to a student-athlete, as specified in the policies and procedures of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

~~31~~**18.2.31.32.10** Methods for Drug Testing. The methods and any future modifications authorized by the Board of Governors for drug testing of student-athletes shall be posted to the NCAA website. Copies of the modifications shall be available to member institutions.

~~31~~**18.2.31.42.11** Events Identified for Drug Tests. The Board of Governors shall determine the regular-season and postseason competition for which drug tests shall be made and the procedures to be followed in disclosing its determinations.

~~31~~**18.2.31.52.12** Individual Eligibility – Team Sanctions. Executive regulations pertaining to team-eligibility sanctions for positive tests resulting from the NCAA drug-testing program shall apply only in the following situation: If a student-athlete is declared ineligible before an NCAA team championship or a certified postseason football game and the institution knowingly allows them to participate, all team-ineligibility sanctions shall apply (i.e., the team shall be required to forfeit its awards and any revenue distribution it may have earned, and the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records). In the case of certified postseason football contests, the team's and student-athlete's performances shall be deleted from NCAA records.

~~31~~**18.2.12** Institutional Eligibility. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in NCAA championships, an institution shall *recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Bylaw 17.02.16) and shall meet the institutional requirements set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2 applicable to the division in which the institution is a member or for which it is petitioning for eligibility in a sport***be an active member in good standing and list the sport on the NCAA sports sponsorship report by the established deadline for the applicable year (see Bylaw 18.2.2.1).** An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference [~~see Bylaw 18.4.2.1(a)~~], as well as any additional requirements specified in the applicable pre-championship manual.

~~31~~**18.2.12.21** Deadline. The institutional eligibility requirements for entry into NCAA championships (~~see Bylaw 18.4.2~~) must be met by the following dates:

[18.2.2.1-(a) through 18.2.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

~~31~~**18.2.12.32** Deadline Waivers. Institutions that fail to meet a deadline for institutional eligibility in NCAA championships may appeal to the Championships Committee for a waiver. This waiver is available only in those instances when the institution officially sponsors the sport and fails to list the sport on the NCAA sports sponsorship report prior to the appropriate deadline. If the Championships Committee grants the appeal, then the institution's eligibility may be restored for NCAA championships.

~~31~~**18.14.32.21.1** Criteria for Regional Site Determination. The top-seeded team, as determined by the governing sports committee, shall be provided the opportunity to host the regional competition, provided the specific criteria that have been developed by the governing sports committee have been met as well as ~~the following~~**any** general site-selection criteria:**outlined in Championships Committee policy.**

~~(a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;~~

~~(b) Revenue potential (e.g., a financial guarantee or guideline that ensures fiscal responsibility and is appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the Championships Committee); and~~

~~(c) Attendance history and potential.~~

~~31~~**18.4.12.2** Host Institution's Responsibility. The host institution shall administer the finances of an NCAA championship in accordance with ~~this bylaw~~**championship policy** and consistent with the institution's championship budget, as submitted to and approved by the governing sports committee and the Championships Committee.

~~31~~**18.34.3** Criteria for Selection of Participants.

~~3118.14.3.21.1.1~~ Team Championships Pairings. Sports committees shall pair teams strictly within their regions.

~~3118.34.3.12~~ Criteria for Selection in Team Sports. To be considered for championship selection, a team must satisfy all scheduling requirements as outlined by championships policy in that sport (e.g., minimum number of Division II or in-region contests). The following criteria shall be employed by a governing sports committee in selecting participants for NCAA championships competition:

[18.4.3.2-(a) through 18.4.3.2-(d) unchanged.]

~~3118.34.43.3~~ Automatic Qualification. Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that should receive **one** automatic qualification **position** for their teams into NCAA championships conducted in team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports as identified in Bylaw 17.02.16. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final. *Before recommending that a conference receive automatic qualification, a governing sports committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 and 31.3.4.2.*

~~3118.34.43.13.1~~ Requirements -- Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

(a) Been a multisport voting member conference of the Association for five consecutive academic years (see Bylaw 7.3.5.1.3.); **and**

[18.4.3.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for automatic qualification in a Division II championship set forth in Bylaws 31.3.4.1-(a) and 31.3.4.1-(b), the conference must also meet the following criteria:

~~(c) Conference Membership. All institutions may hold membership in only that conference in the sport in which automatic qualification is sought and may participate in only that conference's process to determine the automatic qualifier.~~

~~(d) Conference Competition and Selection of Champion. Conference competition conducted in accordance with Bylaw 7.1.4.2 must be conducted in the applicable sport and the conference champion in that sport must be determined not later than the date on which participants are selected for the NCAA championship, either by regular in-season conference competition or a conference meet or tournament, as indicated at the time of application.~~

~~(e) Conference With Subdivisions and Selection of Champion. A conference may establish subdivisions and conduct competition within each subdivision to determine a conference champion, provided each subdivision consists of at least four members. Conferences with subdivisions of four members must conduct double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament, to determine their champion. Conferences with subdivisions of five or more members may conduct either single or double round-robin competition within each subdivision, plus a postseason tournament, to determine their champion.~~

~~(f) Conference Selection of Champion Due to Unforeseen Circumstances.~~

~~(1) Championship That Results in Tie. In the event of a tie for the conference championship, the conference shall have the responsibility of determining which team or individual shall represent the conference in NCAA competition. If a playoff is held, such competition shall be considered conference competition, not NCAA competition.~~

~~(2) Unexpected Termination of Championship. If a conference's competition to determine its automatic qualifier is unexpectedly terminated (e.g., due to inclement weather), the conference may designate its qualifier, provided it has established objective criteria for making that designation and has communicated that information to the appropriate sports committee by a specified deadline.~~

~~(g) Conference Champion Ineligible, Declines to or Cannot Compete. All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship. If a conference's automatic qualifier is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year, and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. Conference policy shall determine how a conference's automatic qualifier is determined for championship selection.~~

~~(h) Conference Champion Declines to Compete Based on Religious Practices. Automatic qualification for a conference shall not be withdrawn if a conference champion declines to compete in an NCAA championship for reasons related to written religious policies against competition on certain days. Under such circumstances, the~~

~~conference's second-place team (as determined by the conference), shall receive the automatic bid to the NCAA championship.~~

- ~~(i) Quality of Competition. Competition in the applicable sport must be of sufficient quality to warrant automatic qualification. The criteria for determining the quality of competition shall be win-loss record and strength of schedule of both the conference as a whole and its individual member institutions.~~
- ~~(j) Conference Compliance Requirement. The conference must maintain and actively enforce compliance with eligibility rules at least as stringent as those in Bylaw 14 applicable to its members.~~
- ~~(k) Impact of Nullification on Automatic Qualification for Use of Ineligible Player(s). The Championships Committee may impose a penalty on an institution's team for permitting ineligible student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaws 31.02.4 and 31.3.3 regarding nullification penalties for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to compete in intercollegiate competition). An institution that receives a nullification penalty may be denied the right to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship.~~

~~3118.34.43.73.3~~ Limitation on Automatic-Qualifying Positions. A member conference that satisfies the general requirements for automatic qualification is eligible for one automatic qualification per applicable sport (see Bylaws 31.3.4.1 and 31.3.4.2).

~~3118.34.53.4~~ Earned Access – Football. The Division II Football Committee shall award earned access to the NCAA Division II Football Championship to Division II football-playing conferences for which at least one member institution finishes no more than two spots lower than the super region bracket size in the final NCAA Division II football regional ranking. To be awarded earned access, the conference shall have a minimum of six active football-playing members. The earned access shall go to the conference's highest-ranked team in the final regional Top 10 poll.

~~3118.34.53.74.1~~ Requirements. To be eligible for earned access to the football championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[18.4.3.4.1(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Have at least six active members that sponsor football at the varsity intercollegiate level in which earned access is sought and that are eligible for the NCAA championship, and have had at least six active members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines possible earned access. Institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for earned access in football.

~~[Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for earned access set forth in Bylaw 31.3.5.1(a) and Bylaw 31.3.5.1(b) the conference must also meet the following criteria:]~~

- ~~(c) Conference Membership. All institutions may hold membership in only that conference in football in which earned access is sought and may participate in only that conference's process to determine if earned access is provided.~~
- ~~(d) Conference Compliance Requirement. The conference must maintain and actively enforce compliance with eligibility rules at least as stringent as those in Bylaw 14 applicable to its members.~~
- ~~(e) Impact of Nullification on Earned Access for Use of Ineligible Player(s). The Championships Committee may impose a penalty on an institution's team for permitting ineligible student-athlete(s) to compete in intercollegiate competition (see Bylaws 31.02.4 and 31.3.3 regarding nullification penalties for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to complete in intercollegiate competition). An institution that receives a nullification penalty may be denied the right to participate in the NCAA championship.~~

~~3118.34.63.5~~ Selection of Balance of Championship Field. Once the official representative(s) of each qualifying conference is determined, the governing sports committee responsible for selection of the balance of the championship field shall consider objectively and without prejudice the competitive records of all other eligible student-athletes and teams (including representatives of the other members of the conferences receiving automatic qualification). To the best of its ability, the committee shall select the most highly qualified individuals and teams to complete the championship field in accordance with the regional structure, if any, approved for the particular championship.

~~3118.35.43.21.1~~ Requirements – National Collegiate Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in a National Collegiate Championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[18.5.3.1.1(a) through 18.5.3.1.1(d) unchanged.]

~~31.18.35.74~~ Institution Trademarks. Participation in a National Collegiate Championship constitutes acquiescence by the member institution that the Association may use the institution's name, mascot and other identifying marks in championship-related activities, including television, promotion, licensing and merchandising programs incident to the championship. Revenues derived from such activities, less expenses, will be remitted to the member institution.

~~31.18.16.61.1~~ 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 recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[18.6.1-(a) through 18.6.1-(g) unchanged.]

~~31.18.16.62.2~~ 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 recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[18.6.2-(a) through 18.6.2-(h) unchanged.]

31 Executive Regulations

~~31.01 General Principles.~~

~~31.01.1 Names of Championships.~~ All NCAA championships (see Bylaw 18.3) have formal designations that identify their appropriate category and sport classification (see Bylaw 31.02.2). The name of each championship is the property of the Association (see Bylaw 31.6).

~~31.01.2 Postseason Championship Opportunities.~~ NCAA championships are intended to provide national-championship competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport seasons, with consideration for regional structures that may be approved for certain championships.

~~31.01.3 Size of Championships Fields.~~ The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships. (See Bylaw 31.3.1 for the criteria to be considered in establishing the size of the championship field.)

~~31.01.4 Economy of Operation.~~ Every sports committee (see Figure 21-1) and games committee (Bylaw 31.1.2) shall exercise all possible economy in the conduct of an NCAA championship.

~~31.02 Definitions and Applications.~~

~~31.02.2 Championships Classification and Terminology.~~

~~31.02.2.1 Team Championships.~~ Team championships are those conducted for the team sports (see Bylaw 17.02.16.1). The title of a team championship is always singular and is identified as a National Collegiate Championship or a division championship (e.g., National Collegiate Women's Rifle Championship, Division II Men's Basketball Championship).

~~31.02.2.2 Individual-Team Championships.~~ Individual-team championships are those conducted for the individual sports (see Bylaw 17.02.16.2). The title of an individual-team championship is always plural, reflecting the fact that both individual and team championships are determined (e.g., National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships, Division II Women's Tennis Championships).

~~31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.~~

~~31.1.1 Authority of Championships and Sports Committees.~~ As specified in Bylaw 18.1, all NCAA championships shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the Championships Committee, the Management Council, the Presidents Council and/or the Board of Governors and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the appropriate sports committees, subject to the standards and conditions set forth in these executive regulations. Additional policies of an administrative nature are set forth in the respective championships handbooks and are to be followed in the administration of NCAA championships.

~~31.1.1.1 Appeal of Decisions of Sports Committees.~~ An appeal of a decision of a governing sports committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, concerning questions of individual or institutional eligibility or the conduct of a championship will not be considered by the Championships Committee at any time during the championship or 48 hours immediately before the championship. During such period, the governing sports committee, or a

~~subcommittee designated by it, shall be the final authority in acting upon appeals concerning the conduct of the championship, subject to the provisions of Bylaw 31.2 regarding institutional and individual eligibility questions.~~

~~31.1.1.2 Appeal of Nullification Decisions of Championships Committee. An appeal of a nullification will be considered by the Championship Committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, within 72 business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. in all time zones) of a nullification decision. During such period, the Championships Committee, or a subcommittee designated by it, shall be the final authority acting on appeals concerning nullification decisions.~~

~~31.1.1.3 Waivers. The NCAA president shall be authorized to grant waivers of executive regulations governing the conduct of an NCAA championship when warranted by special and unusual circumstances.~~

~~31.1.2 Games Committee. The governing sports committee shall appoint a games committee to supervise actively the conduct of each championship session. The games committee conducting any NCAA championship shall limit participation to eligible student-athletes and may limit the number of entries or reject any application for entry in any event in order that the competition shall best promote the welfare and interest of the sport involved.~~

~~31.1.3 Sites and Dates. The governing sports committees recommend to the Championships Committee the sites and dates for all NCAA championships.~~

~~31.1.3.1 Championships Committee Approval. Championships Committee approval shall be obtained before final site commitments are made to the host institution or any other individual or organization associated with the management of an NCAA championship. However, in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and volleyball, the governing sports committees are authorized to select sites for preliminary rounds of competition without prior Championships Committee approval.~~

~~31.1.3.2 Site Selection. The governing sports committees shall evaluate prospective sites for NCAA championships in terms of the specific criteria approved by the Championships Committee. The division championships committees may assign specific priorities to these criteria for their respective championships. These shall be specified in the appropriate pre-championships manuals. A governing sports committee that desires to use additional criteria shall obtain Championships Committee approval before doing so.~~

~~31.1.3.2.2 Criteria for National Championship Site Determination. The following criteria are to be used in the evaluation of sites for all national championships:~~

- ~~(a) Quality and availability of the facility and other necessary accommodations;~~
- ~~(b) Revenue potential (e.g., financial guarantee or guideline that ensures fiscal responsibility and is appropriate for the particular event, as recommended by the governing sports committee and approved by the Championships Committee);~~
- ~~(c) Attendance history and potential; and~~
- ~~(d) Geographical location (e.g., a site that minimizes travel expenses).~~

~~31.1.3.2.3 Nonpredetermined Site. When a championship site is not predetermined, the governing sports committee may award the site to the higher-ranked team if the above criteria, and any priorities established by the respective division championships committee, are met.~~

~~31.1.3.2.4 On-Campus Versus Off-Campus Sites. Preference shall be given to conducting competition on the grounds or in the buildings of educational institutions unless there are compelling reasons, based on evaluation of the criteria in Bylaw 31.1.3.2.1 (which shall be applied to both on-campus and off-campus sites), to conduct the competition in an off-campus facility. In those instances in which it is advisable to conduct the competition at off-campus sites, the host institution(s) shall have complete control, supervision and management of the facility being used.~~

~~31.1.3.2.5 Reconsideration of Host Institution. The Championships Committee may reconsider the designation of a host institution for an NCAA championship if that institution's team or individual student-athletes are not eligible to compete in the championship.~~

~~31.1.3.3 Concluding Dates. NCAA championships competition shall be concluded not later than May 31 each year unless later dates are approved by the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.1.4 Day of Competition. NCAA championships competition may be scheduled or conducted on any day, provided the governing sports committee has received the prior approval of the Championships Committee and the following regulations are applied.~~

~~31.1.4.1 Institutional Policy. If a participating institution has a written policy against competition on a particular day for religious reasons, it shall inform the NCAA national office prior to September 1 of each academic year in order for it or one of its student-athletes to be excused from competing on that day. The championship schedule shall be adjusted to accommodate that institution.~~

~~31.1.4.2 Individual Championships. In individual championships, an athlete must compete according to the institution's policy regarding Sunday competition (i.e., if the institution has no policy against Sunday competition, the athlete shall compete on Sunday if required by the schedule).~~

~~31.1.4.3 Rescheduling, Emergency or Competitive Development. If an emergency develops that causes postponement of an NCAA championship, or if the competitive situation dictates a more expeditious completion of the meet or tournament, Sunday competition may be permitted, provided the competing institutions are agreeable and advance approval is obtained from the Division II Championships Committee or the relevant sports committee.~~

~~31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin before noon, local time.~~

~~31.1.4.4.1 Exception. Sports committees may reschedule competition to begin prior to noon on Sunday if extenuating circumstances arise (e.g., weather) that would otherwise cause postponement of the championship.~~

~~31.1.4.4.2 Exception – Women's Rowing Championship. In instances where the final day of the women's rowing championship occurs on a Sunday, competition may begin prior to noon.~~

~~31.1.4.4.3 Exception – Men's and Women's Fencing Championships. Competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing championships may begin prior to noon.~~

~~31.1.5 Squad Limits. In any championship where a squad limit has been established by the governing sports committee or by the bylaws, the number of eligible student-athletes in competitive uniform at the start of the competition shall not exceed the prescribed number. An institution that is advised that it is in violation of this regulation and that does not promptly conform to it automatically shall forfeit the competition. There shall be no inordinate delay of the competition to allow the institution to conform to the rule.~~

~~31.1.6 Playing Rules.~~

~~31.1.7 Medical Disqualification. The student-athlete's team physician shall examine each athlete injured during NCAA competition and make a recommendation to the athlete, the coach and the chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, as to the advisability of continued participation or disqualification of the athlete. In the absence of said team physician, the NCAA tournament physician, as recommended by the host institution and approved by the governing sports committee, shall examine the injured athlete and make a recommendation as noted above. The chair of the governing sports committee, or the chair's designated representative, shall be responsible for enforcement of the medical recommendation if it involves disqualification.~~

~~31.1.8 Misconduct. Each games committee shall hold a pretournament meeting with the coaches of participating institutions to review and explain the policies related to misconduct (as defined in Bylaw 31.02.3).~~

~~31.1.8.1 Hearing Opportunity. An act of misconduct may be found upon an administrative hearing granted to the student-athlete or the institutional representative involved by the Appeals Subcommittee.~~

~~31.1.8.2 Misconduct Incident to Competition. If the act of misconduct occurs during the competition, under normal circumstances the individual shall be allowed to complete the competition in which they are participating at the time of the incident. An administrative hearing shall be held at the conclusion of the day's competition, during a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted or at the conclusion of the championship. However, if the act of misconduct is so flagrant that it obviously violates the principles of fair play and sportsmanship, the games committee may immediately withdraw the student-athlete or institutional representative from the competition and conduct the hearing after this action. Other acts of misconduct shall be dealt with in a timely manner by the governing sports committee.~~

~~31.1.8.3 Penalty for Misconduct. A governing sports committee (or the games committee authorized to act for it) may impose any one or a combination of the following penalties on an institution or any student-athlete or representative of an institution guilty of misconduct that occurs incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice:~~

~~(a) Public or private reprimand of the individual;~~

~~(b) Disqualification of the individual from further participation in the NCAA championship involved;~~

~~(c) Banishment of the individual from participation in one or more future championships of the sport involved;~~

- (d) ~~Cancellation of payment to the institution of the Association's travel guarantee for the individual involved;~~
- (e) ~~Banishment of the institution from participation in one or more future championships in which its team in that sport otherwise would be eligible to participate;~~
- (f) ~~Disqualification of an institution for a period of time from serving as host institution for one or more NCAA championships;~~
- (g) ~~Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship; and~~
- (h) ~~Financial or other penalties different from (a) through (g) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.1.8.4 Ban From Future Championship. When a student-athlete or institutional representative is banned from participation in a future championship, such penalty shall be applied to the next tournament(s) in which the individual's team is involved and the individual otherwise is eligible to participate. In the case of an individual event, the penalty shall be applied to the next meet(s) or tournament(s) for which the individual qualifies and otherwise is eligible to participate.~~

~~31.1.8.5 Review of Action. Any action related to misconduct may be reviewed by the governing sports committee on request of any institution participating in the championship.~~

~~31.1.9 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.~~

~~31.1.9.1 Financial Penalties. Pursuant to established policies and procedures, a governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the Appeals Subcommittee.~~

~~31.1.9.2 Late-Entry Fines. Institutions shall not be charged entry fees for teams or student-athletes competing in NCAA championships, but governing sports committees may establish late-entry fines, subject to the approval of the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.1.10 Awards. The Association has created standard, participant and commemorative awards for individuals and teams that participate in NCAA championships. The number of such awards for each championship shall be determined by the governing sports committee, subject to the approval of the Championships Committee. These official NCAA awards shall be the only awards presented by the Association to teams and individuals for participation in NCAA championships competition and shall be the only awards presented at the site of an NCAA championship. "At the site" is intended to include the period from the time access to the site is available to spectators until all patrons have left the facility or area used for competition.~~

~~31.1.10.1 Additional Awards. An institution may purchase additional standard, participant or commemorative awards for participation in NCAA championships. There is no limit on the number of additional awards an institution may purchase. An institution may provide, at its discretion, the awards to any individual. The NCAA awards form shall be used to purchase additional awards.~~

~~31.1.10.2 Other Permissible Awards. The above provision places no restriction on the presentation of awards at banquets or meetings held in conjunction with the championship or at sites other than that of the championships competition itself.~~

~~31.1.11 Admission and Tickets. Admission shall be charged at all NCAA championships unless a governing sports committee determines that charging admission is not feasible because of facility configuration or the expense relative to the event's attendance history. Ticket prices shall be determined by the respective games committees with the approval of the governing sports committee.~~

~~31.2.1.1 Commitment to Participate. Eligible members in a sport who are not also members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) will participate (if selected) in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport.~~

~~31.2.1.2.1 Compliance With Deadline. Any dues check or approved form required shall be received in the national office by the applicable date or must have been postmarked not later than seven days before the applicable date.~~

~~31.2.1.3.1 Penalty for Deadline Waiver. Such an institution that fails to meet a deadline a future time may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of \$150 for the second offense and \$300 for each additional offense during the five-year period after the last offense. On approval of the Championships Committee of such~~

~~waiver and receipt of the institution's check in the national office, the institution may compete in NCAA championships, provided it is otherwise eligible.~~

~~31.2.1.4 Joint-Declaration Program. The NCAA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA), respectively, will administer a joint-declaration program in those men's and women's sports in which there is a date conflict between the national championships of the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA. In such championships, each institution that holds membership in the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA must declare by August 15 each year whether it will participate (if selected) in the NAIA championship or in the NCCAA championship, in the NCAA championship or in no postseason competition in that sport. An institution that fails to submit the joint-declaration form by the established deadline shall be ineligible to compete in the NCAA and either the NAIA or NCCAA championships in the particular sport(s) that year. An appeal process exists for such institutions. An institution in the joint-declaration program may participate in the championship for which the institution declared, even when the championship occurs outside the permissible NCAA playing season. Institutions in the joint-declaration program must abide by all other NCAA regulations for all sports, including the length of the playing season.~~

~~31.2.1.5 National Collegiate Championships. In team sports in which the NCAA offers only one national championship, all member institutions in good standing are eligible to compete in accordance with the requirements of division membership (see Bylaw 7.3.2.1) and institutional eligibility (per Bylaw 31.2.1).~~

~~31.2.1.6 Division Championships. In those sports in which national-championship competition is offered in more than one division, only those member institutions that meet the membership requirements of the respective divisions or requirements applicable to institutions competing outside their membership divisions are eligible to compete in such division championships (see Bylaw 7).~~

~~31.2.1.7.1 Failure to Report Ineligible Player Prior to Selection. If an institution fails to report an ineligible player before being selected to participate in the championship, the governing sports committee may declare the institution ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or two years.~~

~~31.2.1.7.2 Discovery of Ineligibility of Player Following Selection. When an institution fails to report an ineligible player and the omission is not discovered until after the institution is selected to participate in the championship, necessitating the institution's withdrawal from the championship, that withdrawal shall be considered as one of the years of ineligibility, provided another member institution participates in the championship in place of the disqualified institution. If the discovery of the ineligible student-athlete(s) occurs so near the beginning of the championship that the governing sports committee does not have a reasonable period of time to replace the disqualified institution in the bracket, that fact shall be taken into consideration in determining the number of years the disqualified institution shall be ineligible to participate.~~

~~31.2.1.7.3 Review of Violation of Terms of Availability Questionnaire. When an institution is alleged to have violated the terms of an availability questionnaire (e.g., failing to report an ineligible student-athlete), it may be represented at the meeting of the governing sports committee when the committee determines whether a violation occurred and, if so, whether the institution shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament for one or more years. The institution may submit a written statement or make an in-person presentation, or both. After the governing sports committee has ruled on the matter, its decision shall be final unless the institution appeals the decision to the Championships Committee. The Championships Committee shall hear the appeal at one of its regularly scheduled meetings unless there are compelling reasons to conduct a special meeting for such purpose.~~

~~31.2.1.7.4 Protest Regarding Eligibility of Team. Any team that has been duly certified as eligible for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the progress of the competition or during a period 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, a team may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided such protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.~~

~~31.2.2 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible to enter teams or individual student-athletes in an NCAA championship, an institution shall recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Bylaws 7.3.1.5.4 and 17.02.16) and shall meet the institutional requirements in Bylaw 18.4.2 applicable to the division in which the institution is a member or for which it is petitioning for eligibility in a sport, as well as any additional requirements specified in the applicable championships handbooks. All student-athletes must satisfy all general eligibility requirements established for NCAA championships participation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaw 14. Other specific requirements for eligibility for NCAA championships are included in other bylaws in this Manual and are applicable and binding for championships participation.~~

~~31.2.2.1 Eligibility Requirements. A member institution shall not enter a student-athlete, as an individual or as a member of a team, in an NCAA championship unless the student-athlete satisfies all eligibility requirements of Bylaw 14.~~

~~31.2.2.2 Conference Eligibility. An institution that holds membership in a member conference may not enter teams or individuals in an NCAA championship unless they are eligible for such competition under the rules of that conference [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(a)].~~

~~31.2.2.3 Protest of Eligibility Status. Any student-athlete duly certified by the institution for an NCAA championship shall not be withheld from participation because of any protest made or filed during the championship or during the 24 hours immediately before the championship. If there is a break in the continuity of the championship (e.g., between rounds of a basketball tournament) when no competition is being conducted, the student may be withheld from further competition in the championship, provided the protest is made or filed at least 24 hours before the next segment of the championship.~~

~~31.2.2.5 Institutional Penalty for Ineligible Participation. When an ineligible student-athlete participates in an NCAA championship and the student-athlete or the institution knew or had reason to know of the ineligibility, the Committee on Infractions may prescribe a financial penalty.~~

~~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.~~

~~31.2.3.1.2 Positive Drug Test -- Non-NCAA Athletics Organization. A student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.~~

~~31.3 Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation. A list of the institutions in good standing shall be supplied by the championships staff liaison to the chair of each governing sports committee prior to selection of the championship participants in each Division II championship sport.~~

~~31.3.1 Size of Championships Fields. The size of all NCAA championships fields shall be established by the Championships Committee to provide for efficient management of the events, adequate NCAA championship opportunities relative to the nationwide quality of competition and sound economic administration of the financial resources of the Association and its championships.~~

~~31.3.2 Selection Decisions of Sports Committees. The determination of sites, selection of teams or individuals, or their site assignment in championships competition made by a governing sports committee (or a designated subcommittee) may not be appealed.~~

~~31.3.3.1.1 Countable Competition. For NCAA team-championship selection purposes, competition is countable only when the teams played are varsity intercollegiate teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions that conduct a majority of their competition in that team sport against varsity intercollegiate teams (see Bylaw 7.3.1.5.4) of four-year, degree-granting institutions located in Canada, Mexico and the United States, its territories or possessions. Competition against service teams, professional teams, semiprofessional teams, amateur teams, two-year colleges and club teams shall be excluded.~~

~~31.3.3.2 Qualifying Standards in Individual and Team Sports. Individuals and teams required to meet performance standards to qualify for NCAA championships competition shall achieve such standards in meets held during the same academic year as the particular championship.~~

~~31.3.3.3 Unavailable Players on Team. The presence on a varsity squad of one or more players who are unavailable for NCAA championships competition does not necessarily disqualify that team from consideration.~~

~~31.3.3.4 Nullification(s) When a Student-Athlete Participates in Competition While Ineligible for Use of Banned Drugs. Nullifications shall only be imposed when an institution permits a student-athlete to participate in intercollegiate competition after the institution and the student-athlete receive notification of the confirmed positive drug test.~~

~~31.3.3.5 Committee Member Participation in Selection Process. All members of a governing sports committee may participate in committee deliberations and vote on the teams or student-athlete(s) under consideration for selection. If a team or student-athlete(s) of the institution of a member of the governing sports committee is under consideration for selection a member of the regional advisory committee in that sport, who represents another member conference, shall participate in the discussions affecting that particular selection.~~

~~31.3.3.5.1 Waiver Opportunity. The conference shall advise the NCAA championships staff in writing by September 1 of each year whether it wishes the selection process set forth in Bylaw 31.3.3.5 to be applied or waived. Once the conference has indicated its intention regarding the application or waiver of this regulation, it may not be changed during that year.~~

~~31.3.3.5.1.1 First Waiver. Conferences that fail to meet the deadline may appeal to the Management Council for a waiver of the deadline. Such an appeal must be submitted to the national office not later than October 15. If the Management Council grants the appeal, the conference shall be granted a waiver.~~

~~31.3.3.5.1.2 After Waivers. Such a conference that fails to meet the September 1 deadline in a future year may be granted a waiver only on payment of a penalty of \$150 for the second offense and \$300 for each additional offense during the five-year period after the last offense. On approval of the Management Council of such waiver and receipt of the conference's check in the national office, the conference may use the selection process set forth in Bylaw 31.3.3.5, provided it is otherwise eligible to do so.~~

~~31.3.3.6 Exclusion of Institution Reclassifying From Division II to Division I. In all sports, any Division II institution that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I, no longer shall be eligible to participate in any future NCAA Division II championship.~~

~~31.3.4.3 Notification, Automatic Qualification in Jeopardy. The Championships Committee must issue a written warning to a conference that is in jeopardy of losing its automatic qualification. The warning must be issued during the academic year prior to the potential loss of automatic qualification. (Note: This regulation does not apply to championships in which a play-in system has been established.)~~

~~31.3.4.4 Exception -- Multisport Conference. A multisport conference that adds a conference-sponsored sport may be considered for automatic qualification in that sport, provided the conference includes at least six active NCAA Division II institutions that have conducted conference competition together at the Division II level in the sport the preceding two years and the sport is sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division II membership.~~

~~31.3.4.5 Grace Period. A conference shall remain eligible for automatic qualification for three years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below the minimum number of institutions required for active membership, provided the conference remains within one member institution of that minimum number.~~

~~31.3.4.6 Sport Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows:~~

~~(a) Team sports -- baseball, basketball, bowling, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball and water polo;~~

~~(b) Timed individual sports -- indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and swimming; and~~

~~(c) Other individual sports -- cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing and men's wrestling.~~

~~31.3.4.8 Waiver -- Five-Year Waiting Period. The Championships Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver for an active member conference of the five-year waiting period for automatic qualification set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.2-(a).~~

~~31.3.4.9 Waiver -- Minimum Number of Members in a Conference. The Membership Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver for an active member conference that falls below the required minimum number of active institutions set forth in Bylaw 31.3.4.2-(c), if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The Management Council shall hear and act on a conference's appeal of a decision made by the Membership Committee.~~

~~31.3.5.2 Grace Period. A football-playing conference shall remain eligible for earned access for three years following the date of withdrawal of the institution(s) that causes the conference's membership to fall below six football-playing institutions, provided the conference maintains at least five active football-playing members.~~

~~31.4 Financial Administration of Championships:~~

~~31.4.1.1 Institution's Financial Report. A financial report from each championship site shall be submitted to the NCAA president not later than 60 days after the conclusion of the competition and shall bear certification of the athletics director of the host institution. The report shall be submitted on a form approved and provided by the NCAA president.~~

~~31.4.1.1.1 Exclusions. A host institution or sponsoring agency shall not include, in its financial report or in its percentage of net receipts, television rights fees or income from the sale of championships merchandise. Also, income from program advertising or sales shall not be included in the host institution's or sponsoring agency's financial report or percentage of net receipts if the program is produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency.~~

~~31.4.2 Gross Receipts. Gross receipts shall be all revenues derived from the championship, including:~~

- ~~(a) Sale of tickets. All tickets shall be accounted for at face value and shall become a part of gross receipts. Working passes may be provided to bona fide working personnel, including media representatives; and participation passes may be provided to student athletes competing in the championship, as well as to their coaches, athletic trainers, managers and other members of the participating institution's official party as defined by the Association;~~
- ~~(b) Net revenue from marketing items sold at the site through or by an outside agency under contract with the NCAA;~~
- ~~(c) Program sales and advertising;~~
- ~~(d) Radio, television and movie rights; and~~
- ~~(e) Any other income derived from the operation of the championship.~~

~~31.4.2.1 Exclusions. Income from concessions and parking shall accrue to the host institution or sponsoring agency and is not included in gross receipts. Sales commissions received by a host institution for selling marketing items on behalf of an outside agency under contract with the NCAA shall accrue to the host institution.~~

~~31.4.2.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for the gross receipts of championships shall be approved in advance by the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.4.3 Game Expenses. Game expenses are the actual costs directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship, including specifically the costs for tickets (printing, selling and collecting), sales taxes, ushers, game officials, police, buildings and grounds expenses, printing of related materials, motion pictures of the competition (if authorized by the Championships Committee), reasonable entertainment, expenses of selection committees authorized by the governing sports committee and any other out-of-pocket expense directly related to the administration and conduct of the championship.~~

~~31.4.3.1 Exclusions. The following items shall not be included as game expenses:~~

- ~~(a) The cost of permanent equipment, local transportation of competing teams and on-campus facility rental charges; and~~
- ~~(b) A fee or honorarium for athletics department staff members of the host institution (e.g., athletics director, assistant athletics director, business manager, ticket manager, coach, sports information director or athletic trainer). (Note: Such a payment could be made from the host institution's share of net receipts.)~~

~~31.4.3.2 Waiver. Any waiver of the policies for game expenses shall be approved in advance by the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.4.4 Institutional Allowance. The host institution may share in the balance remaining after game expenses are deducted from the gross receipts. Television rights fees and income from championships programs and merchandise produced and sold under contract between the NCAA and an outside agency shall not be included in determining the host institution's allowance.~~

~~31.4.4.1 Permissible Allowances. The amount of institutional allowance varies with the sport, the level of championships competition, whether there is a common site for men's and women's championships and whether an institution's facilities are used. The permissible institutional allowances (from balance of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses) are as follows:~~

	TEAM ^{1,2,3}		INDIVIDUAL ^{1,2,3}	
	Preliminary	Final	Preliminary	Final
One day	\$575	\$1,150	\$700	\$1,725
Two days	\$750	\$1,450	\$870	\$2,000
Three or more days	\$920	\$1,725	\$1,150	\$2,300

¹ For championships conducted at institutional facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance above or a maximum of 15 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses, whichever is greater.

~~² For championships conducted at off-campus facilities, hosts may deduct the permissible allowance or a maximum of 10 percent of gross receipts after deduction of game expenses, on the recommendation of the sports committee and approval of the Championships Committee.~~

~~³ Amount is doubled for common-site men's and women's championships.~~

~~31.4.4.2 Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to allowances to host institutions:~~

- ~~(a) If an institution's department of intercollegiate athletics must pay a rental fee for the use of an on-campus facility, such fee shall be deducted from the institution's share of the net receipts or allowance; and~~
- ~~(b) No other sum from the receipts of an NCAA championship, or from any other source, shall be paid to the college or university sponsoring or acting as host of the NCAA championship except to cover actual and necessary expenses directly incurred in the conduct of the championship as noted in Bylaw 31.4.3.~~

~~31.4.5 Administrative Expenses. After the institution's allowance has been deducted, the athletics director of the host institution shall forward the remaining receipts to the NCAA president, who then deducts administrative expenses and costs incurred by governing sports committees and their representatives in matters of championships administration.~~

~~31.4.6 Transportation and Per Diem Expenses. Subject to the availability of funds, the Association may pay transportation and per diem expenses incurred by teams and individual competitors in NCAA championships competition. Transportation expenses and per diem allowances for the official traveling parties of competing institutions in Division II championships, National Collegiate Championships and individual-team championships shall be determined and provided in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Championships Committee. On an annual basis, the Championships Committee shall determine and announce to the membership the percentage of transportation expense and the per diem allowance to be paid in each championship for the next academic year.~~

~~31.4.7 Net Receipts. After payment of game and administrative expenses for each championship, the NCAA president shall place the remaining moneys in the general operating fund of the Association to be used to cover other expenses of the Association and to be apportioned among member institutions, as directed by the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.4.8 Distribution of Forfeited Receipts. An institution may be obligated to return its share of the revenue distribution for permitting an ineligible student-athlete to participate in the championship (see Bylaw 31.2.2.5). If so, such funds shall be distributed among other member institutions according to a formula prescribed by the Championships Committee.~~

~~31.4.9 Publication of Championships Financial Summaries. A financial summary of each championship shall be published in the membership reports of the Association.~~

~~[31.6 through 31.8 renumbered as 31.1 through 31.3, unchanged.]~~

~~31.94 National Statistics Program. A national statistics program shall be maintained for active member institutions in baseball, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, and men's and women's volleyball. The Management Council shall oversee the statistics program and approve its policies and procedures. The national statistics program policies and procedures shall be published on the NCAA website.~~

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Additional Information:

When the Division II Implementation Committee was established to review the division's policies and procedures after the new NCAA Constitution was adopted at the 2022 NCAA Convention, the committee created topic-specific subcommittees to help complete its task. Among the duties assigned to the Championships Subcommittee was to review Bylaws 18 and 31 as they relate to Division II national championships and determine which of those rules should remain as legislation, which could be moved to policy, and which (if any) could be removed altogether. The subcommittee reviewed each rule within Bylaws 18 and 31 with those parameters in mind and worked with staff to draft revisions as appropriate. Once the Implementation Committee completed its work in August 2022, this item was among those referred to the Division II Championships Committee for final review.

NO. NC-2024-8 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- STANDARDIZED DATES FOR END OF GRACE PERIOD

Intent: To permit the NCAA Eligibility Center to use October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date as the standard end date of the prospective student-athlete's grace period.

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 their seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[14.2.1 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 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 their high school graduation date~~ **cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date**, shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after ~~the one-year time period~~ **October 1 or March 1** and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2.

[14.2.4.2.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2.1.3 Discontinued High School Enrollment. An individual who discontinues high school enrollment and then participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after ~~a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one-calendar-year has elapsed)~~ **October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed** following the discontinued enrollment and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

[14.2.4.2.1.2 through 14.2.4.2.1.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual **who does not cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation**, shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following **October 1 or March 1** ~~to one-year time period after the individual's high school graduation~~ and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

[14.2.4.2.2.1 through 14.2.4.2.2.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4.3 Road Racing. Participation in road racing is essentially the same as cross country or track and field competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports for purposes of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual who does not ~~enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-calendar-year time period following high school graduation~~ **cease participation by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date** and participates in a road race(s) shall use one season of intercollegiate competition in cross country and track and field for each consecutive 12-month period after ~~the one-year time period~~ **October 1 or March 1** and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment. The individual shall also fulfill an academic year in residence at any member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in cross country or track and field competition.

[14.2.4.4 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, during the amateurism certification process, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff are required to utilize varying dates to identify the conclusion of an individual's grace period, creating confusion and lack of uniformity. Because of this, the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief issued a blanket waiver in February 2022 to permit the Eligibility Center staff to use October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date as the end date of their grace period for the 2022-23 academic year. The utilization of a standard date through the blanket waiver created more consistency and flexibility and helped to ensure simplified messaging was provided to all prospects regarding when organized competition prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment must end. Permitting the Eligibility Center staff to utilize a standard date (October 1 or March 1) in determining the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period, will provide more consistency and flexibility for prospective student-athletes and ensure consistent educational messaging related to the amateurism certification process.

NO. NC-2024-9 AMATEURISM -- VARIOUS BYLAWS -- DEFINITION OF AGENT AND USE OF AGENTS -- EFFECTIVE DATE

Intent: To amend the effective date of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-8 from August 1, 2023, to August 1, 2023, for any prospective student-athlete initially enrolling full-time at a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2023.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.02, as follows:

12.02 Definitions and Applications.

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

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

[12.02.3 through 12.02.11 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.2.4, as follows:

12.2.4 Draft and Inquiry.

[12.2.4.1 unchanged.]

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

12.2.4.3 Negotiations. An individual may request information about professional market value without affecting their eligibility status. Further, the individual, their relatives or legal guardians, the institution's professional sports counseling panel or head coach may enter into negotiations with a professional sports organization without the loss of the individual's eligibility status. *An individual who retains an agent in order to secure a professional sports opportunity shall lose eligibility status.*

C. Bylaws: Amend 12.3, as follows:

12.3 Use of Agents.

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

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

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

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

[12.3.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2023, for any prospective student-athlete initially enrolling full-time at a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2023.

Additional Information:

Historically, the effective dates on legislative proposals impacting amateurism have been tied to the academic year in which a prospective student-athlete initially enrolls full-time to ensure equal treatment of incoming recruiting classes. With the proposal's current August 1, 2023, effective date, prospective student-athletes within the same incoming recruiting class (e.g., the incoming 2023-24 class) may be certified under different legislation. Amending the effective date will permit equal application of the legislation to incoming prospective student-athletes.

NO. NC-2024-10 NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- FOOTBALL, MEN'S GOLF, WOMEN'S GOLF AND MEN'S LACROSSE

Intent: In the sports of football, men's golf, women's golf and men's lacrosse, to amend the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 7.3, as follows:

7.3 Active Membership.

7.3.1 Institutions.

[7.3.1.1 through 7.3.1.7 unchanged.]

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

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	24		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	22		Equestrian	6	12
Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	6	5
Field Hockey	10		Women's Fencing	6	5
Football	89		Golf	67	5
Men's Ice Hockey	20		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Women's Ice Hockey	20		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Men's Lacrosse	8 10		Rifle	8	4
Women's Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	6		Swimming and Diving	8	11
Women's Rugby	9		Tennis	10	5
Soccer	10		Track and Field, Indoor	4	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Stunt	8	16	Men's Wrestling	9	6
Men's Volleyball	9		Women's Wrestling	9	6
Women's Volleyball	15		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Men's Water Polo	15				
Women's Water Polo	10				

[7.3.1.7.1.1.1 through 7.3.1.7.1.1.11 unchanged.]

[7.3.2 through 7.3.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Additional Information:

Among the referrals from the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee to the NCAA Division II Membership Committee was to collaborate with the NCAA Division II Championships Committee to consider aligning minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship and championships selection purposes. The referral occurred after the Implementation Committee's championships and membership subcommittees each noted the differences in select sports in these two categories and agreed it would be best to conduct a more collaborative review to arrive at numbers that provide a more simple, consistent and equitable process among sports. The review included feedback from sport committees that currently have different standards (football, men's and women's golf, men's lacrosse and men's soccer). The only sport for which the final recommendation differed significantly from the sport committee proposal was men's soccer, which had proposed retaining the 15-contest requirement for championship selection purposes. However, both the Membership Committee and the Championships Committee believed that doing so would not align the numbers for sports sponsorship and championship selection, and that mirroring the sports sponsorship requirement of 10 contests is a more flexible option for institutions (retaining the in-region contest requirement for championships selection mirrors the current sports sponsorship minimums) and aligns with the requirements in women's soccer in the number of contests.

NO. NC-2024-11 NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS - CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP (ALL SPORTS) -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- PROVISIONAL PERIOD -- ASSESSMENT PROGRAM -- REMOVAL OF INSTITUTIONAL SELF-STUDY GUIDE

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that institutions in year one of the provisional process must complete a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of its intercollegiate athletics program using the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG).

Bylaws: Amend 7.4, as follows:

7.4 Provisional Membership.

7.4.1 Institutions – Change of Division Membership (All Sports).

[7.4.1.1 through 7.4.1.4 unchanged.]

7.4.1.5 Division II Membership Process. Institutions seeking to become active members of Division II in all sports must successfully complete all requirements of the Division II membership process, as specified in Bylaw 7.4.

[7.4.1.5.1 through 7.4.1.5.2 unchanged.]

7.4.1.5.3 Provisional Period. Once an institution receives notice that it has been accepted to begin the Division II membership process, the institution shall enter the provisional period of the membership process on September 1, the beginning of practice in any sport for the fall term or the first day of classes for that fall term, whichever occurs first, following the acceptance of the application. The provisional period shall be a minimum of three years. At the completion of the three-year period, the institution shall receive a determination of its readiness to proceed to active membership.

7.4.1.5.3.1 Assessment Program. Institutions are required to satisfy the following requirements during the provisional period:

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(a)-(1) unchanged.]

~~(2) A comprehensive self-study and evaluation of its intercollegiate athletics program using the Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG);~~

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(a)-(3) through 7.4.1.5.3.1-(a)-(9) renumbered as 7.4.1.5.3.1-(a)-(2) through 7.4.1.5.3.1-(a)-(8), unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(b) through 7.4.1.5.3.1-(d) unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.3.2 unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.4 unchanged.]

[7.4.1.6 through 7.4.1.8 unchanged.]

[7.4.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Additional Information:

With the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2023-2 (NCAA Division II membership and institutional control -- active membership -- institutions -- conditions and obligations of active membership -- elimination of self-study and evaluation), active Division II member institutions are no longer required to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG). While understanding that the provisional membership process may include standards not required for active membership, the NCAA Division II Membership Committee noted that the institution's work with the NCAA vendor throughout the provisional membership process covers most topics included in the ISSG, resulting in duplicative work. Further, provisional member institutions are required to submit an annual report each year of the provisional membership process, which can be used to include topics in the ISSG that are not addressed by the vendor.

NO. NC-2024-12 NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS - CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP (ALL SPORTS) -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- PROVISIONAL PERIOD -- ASSESSMENT PROGRAM -- DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS ATTENDANCE AT THE NCAA INCLUSION FORUM

Intent: To add the director of athletics as a required institutional representative at the NCAA Inclusion Forum once during the three-year provisional membership process.

Bylaws: Amend 7.4, as follows:

7.4 Provisional Membership.

7.4.1 Institutions – Change of Division Membership (All Sports).

[7.4.1.1 through 7.4.1.4 unchanged.]

7.4.1.5 Division II Membership Process. Institutions seeking to become active members of Division II in all sports must successfully complete all requirements of the Division II membership process, as specified in Bylaw 7.4.

[7.4.1.5.1 through 7.4.1.5.2 unchanged.]

7.4.1.5.3 Provisional Period. Once an institution receives notice that it has been accepted to begin the Division II membership process, the institution shall enter the provisional period of the membership process on September 1, the beginning of practice in any sport for the fall term or the first day of classes for that fall term, whichever occurs first, following the acceptance of the application. The provisional period shall be a minimum of three years. At the completion of the three-year period, the institution shall receive a determination of its readiness to proceed to active membership.

7.4.1.5.3.1 Assessment Program. Institutions are required to satisfy the following requirements during the provisional period:

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(a) through 7.4.1.5.3.1-(d) unchanged.]

(1) Attendance at the NCAA Inclusion Forum. Institutional representatives required to attend are the **director of athletics**, senior woman administrator and a senior level administrator outside of athletics;

[7.4.1.5.3.1-(d)-(2) through 7.4.1.5.3.1-(d)-(3) unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.3.2 unchanged.]

[7.4.1.5.4 unchanged.]

[7.4.1.6 through 7.4.1.8 unchanged.]

[7.4.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Currently, provisional member institutions are required to have their senior woman administrator and a senior-level administrator outside of athletics attend the NCAA Inclusion Forum at least one time during the three-year provisional membership process. During its review of the provisional membership process, the Division II Membership Committee

noted that including the director of athletics as a required staff member to attend the Inclusion Forum once during the three-year provisional membership process would provide that individual with invaluable education and resources to enhance efforts on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging initiatives.

NO. NC-2024-13 ELIGIBILITY AND COMMITTEES -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND COMMON COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEES WITH GOVERNANCE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND STUDENT RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Intent: To eliminate the NCAA Student Records Review Committee; further, to amend the duties of the NCAA High School Review Committee, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1, as follows:

14.1 General Eligibility Requirements.

[14.1.1 through 14.1.2 unchanged.]

14.1.2.3 High School Review Committee. The High School Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to ~~the academic review of~~ **reviewing the validity of any** high schools ~~and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements~~ **and the validity of any prospective student-athlete's academic credentials.** ~~A~~**The** review may result in a determination that a high school **or a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials** shall not be used ~~for the purpose of meeting~~ **to meet** initial-eligibility requirements. The **committee's** policies and procedures ~~for the review~~ shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.4.2.)

~~14.1.2.4 Student Records Review Committee. The Student Records Review Committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for the review shall be approved by the Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 21.6.5.2.)~~

[14.1.2.5 renumbered as 14.1.2.4, unchanged.]

[14.1.3 through 14.1.11 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.6, as follows:

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

21.6 Common Committees -- Committees With Governance Administration Responsibilities.

[21.6.1 through 21.6.4 unchanged.]

21.6.4.2 Duties. The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to ~~the academic review of~~ **reviewing the validity of any** high schools ~~and to determine the validity of a high school (e.g., core courses, curriculum, grades) for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements~~ **and the validity of any prospective student-athlete's academic credentials.** ~~A~~**The** review may result in a determination that a high school **or a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials** shall not be used ~~for the purpose of meeting~~ **to meet** initial-eligibility requirements. The **committee's** policies and procedures ~~for the review and determination of the validity of a high school~~ shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.3.)

[21.6.4.3 through 21.6.4.4 unchanged.]

~~21.6.5 Student Records Review Committee.~~

~~21.6.5.1 Composition. The committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:~~

- ~~(a) One admissions officer of a Division I or Division II institution;~~
- ~~(b) One staff member of a Division I or Division II institution or conference office;~~
- ~~(c) One staff member of a Division I institution or conference;~~
- ~~(d) One representative from the Division II Academic Requirements Committee;~~
- ~~(e) Four representatives from the secondary-school community; and~~

~~(f) One member selected at large from either the secondary-school community or a Division I or Division II institution or conference office.~~

~~21.6.5.2 Duties. The committee shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures related to the review of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials and to determine the validity of a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. A review may result in a determination that a prospective student-athlete's academic credentials shall not be used for the purpose of meeting initial-eligibility requirements. The policies and procedures for review of academic credentials and the determination of the validity of such credentials shall be approved by the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee. (See Bylaw 14.1.2.4.)~~

~~21.6.5.3 Terms. Committee members shall be appointed to one four-year term. A member's term of service shall commence on the first day of January following the member's appointment. A member may be appointed to one additional term. An individual who has served two terms may not be reappointed. The term of service of the member serving on the Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall run concurrently with their service on that committee.~~

~~21.6.5.4 Appeals. The committee determination shall be final, binding and conclusive and shall not be subject to further review by any other authority.~~

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

Effective Date: January 10, 2024

Additional Information:

Following the adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-4 (eligibility – freshman academic requirements – elimination of standardized test-score requirements SAT or ACT), which removed standardized test scores from the Division II initial-eligibility standards, the remaining duties of the NCAA Student Records Review Committee (SRRC) related to identifying academic programs and reviewing academic credential validity, align with existing duties of the NCAA High School Review Committee (HSRC) related to reviewing programs and revised transcripts. Eliminating the SRRC and placing their duties related to the validity of academic credentials under the HSRC will streamline oversight and avoid redundancy.

NO. NC-2024-14 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACTABLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- REMOVAL OF NOTIFICATION OF RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send written notification of recruitment to an NAIA institution prior to having contact with an NAIA student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's interest shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. ~~Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete at an NAIA institution, the Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution.~~ [D]

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires that a Division II institution's director of athletics, or their designee, provide an NAIA institution with written notification of recruitment prior to contacting a prospective student-athlete at an NAIA institution. Further, prior to having contact with a student-athlete from an NCAA institution, NAIA legislation required that the student-athlete needed to be placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal. However, due to a recent change in the

NAIA's legislation, a student-athlete from an NCAA institution no longer has to be placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal in order for an NAIA institution to have contact. Eliminating the written notification of recruitment requirement will ease the burden on compliance administrators.

NO. NC-2024-15 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE -- ELIMINATION OF OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Intent: To eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.4 unchanged.]

~~21.2.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.~~

~~21.2.5.1 Composition. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall consist of 14 members, including at least one from each division. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility.~~

~~21.2.5.1.1 Student-Athlete Representation. The Division II student-athlete member of the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall also be a member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.~~

~~21.2.5.2 Duties. The committee shall:~~

~~(a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing bodies; and~~

~~(b) Study and make recommendations concerning the Association's appropriate role in the involvement of student-athletes in international athletics.~~

[21.2.6 through 21.2.8 renumbered as 21.2.5 through 21.2.7, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Board of Governors).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The continued review has resulted in a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, as its duties overlap with a partnership between the NCAA and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Further, the committee's legislated duties and charge have been completed. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

NO. NC-2024-16 NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- ACADEMIC SUCCESS RATE AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE CENSUS -- FAILURE TO SUBMIT AND FINAL AUTHORITY

Intent: To specify that the withholding penalty for failure to submit Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) data will occur with the next distribution of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds; further, to specify that the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall have the final authority over waivers submitted by Division II institutions that fail to submit their ASR and APC data by the deadlines.

Bylaws: Amend 7.3.1.5, as follows:

7.3.1.5 Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership.

[7.3.1.5.1 through 7.3.1.5.11 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.12 Academic Success Rate. Active members shall annually submit data, by the applicable deadline, for the Academic Success Rate in a form prescribed by the Management Council.

7.3.1.5.12.1 Failure to Submit Data. An active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate by the applicable deadline shall forfeit receipt of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds ~~in the following academic year~~ **with the next distribution**. Further, an active member institution that fails to submit data for the Academic Success Rate in any two years during a five-year period shall forfeit Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds ~~for the following three consecutive academic years~~ **with the next three distributions**.

7.3.1.5.12.1.1 Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may grant waivers of Bylaw 7.3.1.5.12.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. ~~The Management Council Subcommittee [see Bylaw 8.2.2.3] shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Academic Requirements Committee~~ **The decision of the Academic Requirements Committee shall be considered final.**

7.3.1.5.13 Academic Performance Census – Failure to Submit. If an institution fails to submit its Academic Performance Census by the applicable deadline, in a format approved and administered by the Presidents Council (or a committee designated by the Presidents Council), that institution shall forfeit Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds ~~for the following academic year~~ **with the next distribution**.

7.3.1.5.13.1 Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may grant waivers of Bylaw 7.3.1.5.13 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. ~~The Management Council Subcommittee [see Bylaw 8.2.2.3] shall hear and act on an institution's appeal of a decision made by the Academic Requirements Committee~~ **The decision of the Academic Requirements Committee shall be considered final.**

[7.3.1.5.14 through 7.3.1.5.22 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, the withholding penalty for failure to submit Academic Success Rate (ASR) and Academic Performance Census (APC) data occurs during the following academic year. However, new systems have been implemented that streamlined the process to take place without delay. As a result, in practice, if an institution fails to submit the data, the withholding penalty occurs with the next distribution of Equal Distribution Funds. Therefore, changing the legislated timing of the withholding penalty for failure to submit ASR and APC data will align with current practice. Additionally, current legislation provides a waiver opportunity for institutions that fail to submit ASR and APC data. If the Division II Academic Requirements Committee denies the waiver, current legislation gives the Division II Management Council Subcommittee the authority to hear and act on an institution's appeal of the committee's decision. Granting the Academic Requirements Committee final authority over such waiver decisions places the decision making in the hands of subject matter experts. Further, such waiver decisions have not traditionally been appealed to the Management Council Subcommittee.

NO. NC-2024-17 AMATEURISM – USE OF LOGOS ON EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND APPAREL – INCORPORATING INTO PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS LEGISLATION

Intent: To move the use of logos on equipment, uniforms and apparel legislation into the playing and practice seasons legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 12.5, as follows:

~~17.51.10~~ **17.10** Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the applicable sports playing rules are satisfied and the following criteria are met. [D]

[17.1.10-(a) through 17.1.10-(b) unchanged.]

~~17.51.10.1~~ **17.10.1** Laundry Label. If an institution's uniform or any item of apparel worn by a student-athlete in competition contains washing instructions on the outside of the apparel on a patch that also includes the manufacturer's or distributor's logo or trademark, the entire patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed 2 1/4 square inches. [D]

~~17.51.210.2~~ Pre- or Postgame Activities. The restriction on the size of a manufacturer's or distributor's logo is applicable to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's competition, which includes any pre- or postgame activities (e.g., postgame celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences) involving student-athletes. [D]

~~17.51.310.3~~ Outside Team Uniforms and Apparel. The provisions of Bylaw ~~17.1.10~~(b) do not apply to the official uniforms and apparel worn by outside teams.

~~17.51.410.4~~ Title Sponsor Recognition. Racing bibs and similar competition identification materials (e.g., bowl-game patches) worn by participants may include the name of the corporate sponsor of the competition, provided the involved commercial company is the sole title sponsor of the competition. [D]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

As part of the work of the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee, the Legislative Process and Compliance Subcommittee of the Implementation Committee determined that the location of Bylaw 12.5 was no longer the appropriate bylaw to house the legislation. Upon review, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee determined that eliminating Bylaw 12.5 would diminish the importance of the restrictions surrounding manufacturing logos. Therefore, keeping Bylaw 12.5 in the Division II Manual and incorporating it into Bylaw 17 will maintain the importance of the restrictions surrounding manufacturing logos, while placing it in a more appropriate location within the Division II Manual as the restrictions in Bylaw 12.5 better align with the regulations set forth in Bylaw 17.

NO. NC-2024-18 NCAA DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- INSTITUTIONS -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY AND FINANCIAL DATA REQUIREMENT -- FAILURE TO SUBMIT AND WAIVER OPPORTUNITY

Intent: To specify that the withholding penalty for failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data will occur with the next distribution of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds; further, to establish a waiver opportunity for an institution that fails to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data by the deadline.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7.3.1.5, as follows: (*Immediate*)

7.3.1.5 Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership.

[7.3.1.5.1 through 7.3.1.5.18 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.19 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.

7.3.1.5.19.1 Failure to Submit Survey. An institution that fails to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey by the applicable deadline shall forfeit receipt of Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds ~~in the following academic year~~**with the next distribution**.

7.3.1.5.19.1 Waiver. The Membership Committee may waive the requirement of Bylaw 7.3.1.5.19.1 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The decision of the Membership Committee shall be considered final.

[7.3.1.5.20 through 7.3.1.5.22 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 7.3.1.5, as follows: (*August 1, 2025*)

7.3.1.5 Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership.

[7.3.1.5.1 through 7.3.1.5.22 unchanged.]

7.3.1.5.23 Financial Data Requirement -- Failure to Submit. An active member institution that fails to submit its financial data per NCAA Article 2-D-1-c by the applicable deadline, in a format approved and administered by the Membership Committee, shall forfeit Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds ~~for the following academic year~~**with the next distribution**.

7.3.1.5.23.1 Waiver. The Membership Committee may waive the requirement of Bylaw 7.3.1.5.23 if it deems that unusual circumstances warrant such action. The decision of the Membership Committee shall be considered final.

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

Effective Date:

Section A: Immediate

Section B: August 1, 2025

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, the withholding penalty for failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data occurs during the following academic year. However, new systems have been implemented that streamlined the penalty process to take place without delay. As a result, in practice, if an institution fails to submit the data, the withholding penalty occurs with the next distribution of Division II Equal Distribution Funds. Therefore, changing the legislated timing of the withholding penalty for failure to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data will align with current practice. Additionally, current legislation does not provide a waiver opportunity for institutions that fail to submit the student-athlete health and safety survey and financial data. Establishing a waiver opportunity will provide institutions with greater opportunities for relief. Further, it will allow the Membership Committee to have final authority over waiver decisions, ensuring that decision making remains in the hands of subject matter experts.

Convention Voting Procedures

The following terms and procedures involved in voting at NCAA Conventions have been reviewed by the Association's parliamentarian.

Significant Terms

1. **Vote Announcement** - After a paddle, roll-call or secret ballot vote, the chair announces the vote and states whether the motion passed or failed.
2. **Retake a Vote** - A retake occurs when a paddle vote is taken again or when a paddle vote is counted. A retake may occur before the statement of the next question. After the statement of the next question, a motion to reconsider must be used to retake a vote. During a retake, voters may change their votes and new eligible voters may participate. A retake motion would be considered dilatory and, therefore, denied after a roll-call vote and out of order after a secret-ballot vote unless it is clear that the question was misunderstood or that fraud had occurred.
3. **Change a Vote** - In a paddle vote, a vote may be changed if a retake occurs or by rising for that purpose before the result is announced by the chair. After the announcement of the vote, but before the next question is stated, a change may be made only by permission of the assembly by a majority vote after a nondebatable motion. In a roll-call vote, a change may occur before closing the polls or the polls may be reopened to change a vote before the statement of the next question. In a secret-ballot vote, no change may be made once the ballot is cast. After the statement of the next question following a roll-call vote and after a vote is cast in a secret ballot, a vote change can occur only through a successful motion to reconsider.
4. **Recount a Vote** - This applies only to a secret-ballot vote. The ballots simply are counted again as cast and can be ordered only by a majority vote of the assembly.
5. **Closing the Polls** - For roll-call and secret-ballot votes, the polls are opened when the chair calls for the vote. When the chair has ascertained that all who so desire have voted or have changed their votes, the chair will state that the polls are closed. If there is disagreement on closing the polls, they may be closed by a two-thirds vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, the polls may be reopened before the statement of the next question by majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, however, the chair will move to the next item on the agenda.
6. **Statement of Next Question** - When a new motion is made and seconded, the chair will announce that "The motion before you is.... Is there any discussion?" This is the statement of the next question and ends the opportunity to retake a vote or reopen the polls in regard to the preceding question.
7. **Reconsideration** - After the statement of the next question, only one motion to reconsider any foregoing question may be made before adjournment of the Convention by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of a vote taken in a division or subdivision business session must occur in that division's or subdivision's business session, except that such reconsideration also may occur during a designated period at the beginning of the general business session.

Voting Procedures

1. **Paddle Voting**
 - a. The chair calls for a vote by paddles and determines the result by sound or sight from the dais.
 - b. The chair may retake the vote if there is doubt.
 - c. The chair must have the vote counted if requested by a voting delegate. The chair also may choose to retake a paddle vote and have it counted by hand or by the wireless voting system.
 - d. During a retake, new voters may participate, or votes may be changed. Vote changes also may occur before the result is announced by the chair.
 - e. A retake will not be permitted after the next question has been stated. A request to retake a counted vote will be regarded as dilatory by the chair and will not be allowed.
2. **Roll-Call Voting (by Wireless Voting System)**
 - a. A roll-call vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, following a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a secret-ballot and a roll-call vote are moved, the assembly votes first on whether or not to vote by roll call. A motion to conduct a secret ballot on an issue designated for roll call by the Presidents Councils will be considered out of order.

- b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for a roll-call vote by use of wireless voting system.
- c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to has voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that polls are closed.
- d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new votes, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
- e. Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a majority.

3. Ballot Voting (Secret Ballot)

- a. A secret ballot may be ordered by the assembly before, during or after any ordinary vote (but before the next question is stated) by a majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so.
- b. Once ordered, the chair shall ask for the vote by wireless voting system. Votes will be tallied electronically, but only a summary printout of results will be reported.
- c. After the chair determines that all who wish to vote have voted, the polls shall be closed. A vote change shall not be permitted once the vote is cast.
- d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. Once the next question is stated by the chair, the polls may not be reopened for a new vote on the prior issue.
- e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.

NCAA Governance Structure

Board of Governors

Chair - Linda A. Livingstone

Div.	Name, Institution	Conference	Term Exp.
FBS	Linda A Livingstone, Baylor University	Big 12 Conference	AUG 2024
FBS	Jere Morehead, University of Georgia	Southeastern Conference	AUG 2024
FBS	Lynda Tealer, University of Florida	Southeastern Conference	JUN 2024
FCS	Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University*	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	AUG 2024
FCS	Elizabeth E. DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference	Ohio Valley Conference	AUG 2024
DI	Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University**	The Summit League	AUG 2024
I	Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas	Atlantic Sun Conference	AUG 2025
II	Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania*	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	JAN 2024
II	Madeleine McKenna, Pennsylvania Western University, California**	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	AUG 2024
II	Steven Shirley, Minot State University	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	JAN 2024
III	Mary Beth Cooper, Springfield College	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	JAN 2025
III	Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University*	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	JAN 2024
III	Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas^	American Southwest Conference	AUG 2024
Independent	Charlie Baker, NCAA President*		
Independent	Allison Feaster, VP of Team Operations, Boston Celtics		AUG 2025
Independent	Nadja West, Retired Lt. General		AUG 2024

^Former student-athlete

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Division II Presidents Council

Chair - Steven Shirley

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
Roslyn Artis, Benedict College	JAN 2028
Michaela Boyd, Azusa Pacific University	JAN 2024
Carlos Campo, Ashland University	JAN 2026
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul	JAN 2025
Michael Driscoll, Indiana University of Pennsylvania	JAN 2024
John Y. Gotanda, Hawaii Pacific University	JAN 2026
Donna Price-Henry, The University of Virginia's College at Wise	JAN 2026
Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College	JAN 2026
Steven Shirley, Minot State University	JAN 2024
William Thierfelder, Belmont Abbey College	JAN 2024
Blake Thompson, Mississippi College	JAN 2027
Dwaun Warmack, Claflin University	JAN 2028
Sandra Woodley, University of Texas Permian Basin	JAN 2027
Frank Wu, Queens College (New York)	JAN 2024

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Division II Management Council

Chair - Carrie Michaels

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
Femi Alao, Roberts Wesleyan University	JAN 2027
Patrick Britz, South Atlantic Conference	JAN 2027
Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive	JAN 2024
Bennett Cherry, California State University, San Marcos	JAN 2027
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	JAN 2025
Mark A. Corino, Caldwell University	JAN 2024
Pete Crabb, Northwest Nazarene University	JAN 2028
Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville	JAN 2027
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University	JAN 2027
Kim Hancock, Ferris State University	JAN 2027
David Hansburg, Colorado School of Mines	JAN 2026
Jerry Haywood, Fort Valley State University	JAN 2028
Amy Henkelman, Dominican University of California	JAN 2025
Kristi Kiefer, Fairmont State University	JAN 2024
Emma Kramer, Simon Fraser University	JAN 2024
Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	JAN 2026
Katherine Loh, Florida Southern College	JAN 2027
Daniel McCabe, Adelphi University	JAN 2025
Cindy McKnight, Ursuline College	JAN 2027
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	JAN 2024
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University	JAN 2024
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University	JAN 2026
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	JAN 2027
John 'Bo' Pagliasotti, Southwestern Oklahoma State University	JAN 2026
Sarah Ramey, West Texas A&M University	JAN 2027
Christina Whetsel, Augusta University	JAN 2026
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University	JAN 2027
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University	JAN 2024

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2024 NCAA Convention Procedural Issues and Clarifications
Regarding NCAA Division II Proposals

1. Corrections. There are no corrections to the 2024 NCAA Convention Division II Official Notice.
2. Reordering of proposals. There are no reordering issues at this time.
3. Withdrawal issues. There are no withdrawal issues at this time. However, the sponsors of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2024-2 have shared that they will not move the proposal on the Convention floor.
4. Mootnicity issues. There are no mootnicity issues at this time.
5. Immediate effective date. There are no proposals with an immediate effective date.
6. Alternate effective date. There are no proposals with an alternate effective date prior to August 1, 2024.
7. Delayed effective date. There are no proposals with a delayed effective date.
8. Football only votes. The following proposals affect only football. Only those institutions and conferences that sponsor football may vote on these proposals. However, any delegates with speaking rights may speak to the proposals on the Convention floor.
 - a. Division II Proposal No. 2024-1.
 - b. Division II Proposal No. 2024-5.
9. Interpretations. There are no official interpretations of the proposals at this time.
10. Noncontroversial legislation amendments. There are no noncontroversial legislation amendments at this time.
11. Motion to divide a proposal. A voting delegate may "divide" a properly moved proposal into two or more parts to be voted on separately only if the parts make sense as they stand alone and only if each part may be adopted without any of the others.
 - a. A voting delegate may make a motion to divide a proposal after it is properly moved and seconded.
 - b. A motion to divide a proposal:
 - (1) Requires the delegate making the motion to clearly articulate the division;
 - (2) Requires a second;

- (3) Is a debatable motion; and
 - (4) Requires a simple majority for adoption.
- c. The chair of the business session will facilitate a motion to divide a proposal.
12. Reconsideration of a proposal. A "window of reconsideration" is available to delegates at the end of the business session following a brief break to reconsider the outcome of a particular vote on a proposal. A motion to "reconsider" a proposal should only be made during this period.
- a. A voting delegate on the prevailing side of the vote on a proposal may make a motion to reconsider a proposal.
 - b. The chair of the business session will facilitate the reconsideration of a proposal.
 - c. The first vote is on the motion to reconsider the outcome (pass or fail) of a proposal and is a debatable motion. Motions to reconsider the outcome (pass or fail) of a proposal require a majority approval. If the motion to reconsider is approved, the delegates may debate the merits of the proposal and will vote on whether the proposal should be adopted or defeated.
 - d. Delegates with speaking rights may only speak to the merits of a particular proposal twice. For example, if a delegate spoke once on the merits during the original consideration of the proposal, the delegate may only speak once on the merits of the proposal during reconsideration of the proposal.

If a voting delegate has any questions regarding the reconsideration of a proposal, representatives from the NCAA Division II Membership Committee will be available during the "window of reconsideration."



2024 NCAA CONVENTION – DIVISION II BUSINESS SESSION

Official Notice No.	Title	Effective Date	Presidents Council Position (Source)	Speaker (Back-Up)	Topical Grouping	Type of Vote	FARA Position	SAAC Position	Notes
Official Notice				Michaels		Paddle			One vote to approve the order of the notice and adopt the blue pages.
2024-1	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST	August 1, 2024.	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Gulf South Conference; Lone Star Conference; and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	None.	Playing and Practice Seasons	Roll Call	Oppose	Oppose	<p>Football only vote.</p> <p>Membership-Sponsored Proposal</p> <p>One vote on the proposal – merits.</p> <p><i>The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and Championships Committee agreed to take <u>no position</u> on this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>The Presidents Council, Management Council, Committee on Women’s Athletics and Legislation Committee agreed to <u>oppose</u> this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>The Football Committee agreed to <u>support</u> this proposal.</i></p>
2024-2	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOFTBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS - - MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS -- INSTITUTIONAL AND STUDENT-ATHLETE -- CHAMPIONSHIP AND NONCHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS	August 1, 2024.	East Coast Conference; Gulf South Conference; Albany State University (Georgia); Metropolitan State University of Denver; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Montana State University Billings; Union University; University of Alabama in Huntsville; and University of West Alabama.	None.	Playing and Practice Seasons	Roll Call	Oppose	Oppose	<p>Membership-Sponsored Proposal</p> <p>One vote on the proposal – merits.</p> <p><i>The Presidents Council, Management Council, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, Legislation Committee and Championships Committee agreed to <u>oppose</u> this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>The Softball Committee agreed to <u>support</u> this proposal.</i></p>

Official Notice No.	Title	Effective Date	Presidents Council Position (Source)	Speaker (Back-Up)	Topical Grouping	Type of Vote	FARA Position	SAAC Position	Notes
2024-3	CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP FOR DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MINIMUM NUMBER OF SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS AND THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD	August 1, 2024.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].	Wollmering (Colvin)	Championships Administration	Roll Call	Support	Support	One vote on the proposal – merits.
2024-4	CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION IN ALL TEAM SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL	August 1, 2024.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].	McAthie	Championships Administration	Roll Call	No position	Support	One vote on the proposal – merits.
2024-5	CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- EARNED ACCESS -- FOOTBALL -- EARNED ACCESS FOR ALL FOOTBALL-SPONSORING CONFERENCES	August 1, 2024.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].	Gibson (Page)	Championships Administration	Roll Call	No position	Oppose	Football only vote. One vote on the proposal – merits.



Division II Executive Board
Vice Chair Election

ACTION ITEM.

Division II Executive Board Vice Chair Election.

1. Recommendation. That the Presidents Council elect Sandra Woodley as the vice chair of the Division II Executive Board. The duties of the vice chair, as stated in NCAA Bylaw 8.1.2.2 are as follows:
 - a. Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties, if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
 - b. Report to the Division II membership at each annual Convention on the financial affairs of the division;
 - (c) Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee; and
 - (d) Serve on the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.
2. Effective Date. Immediately, for a one-year period ending at the conclusion of the 2025 Convention. Bylaw 8.1.3.2.1 provides for the vice chair to serve a term not to exceed two years; additionally, the person elected to serve in the position must have been a member of the Executive Board for at least one year.
3. Rationale. Sandra Woodley has been nominated to serve and has an interest in serving as vice chair. As her term on the Board does not expire until January 2027, she is eligible to serve a second term of office, if re-elected.
4. Budget Impact. None.
5. Student-Athlete Impact. None.



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NCAA Division II
~~Presidents~~
~~Council~~ Executive Board
Policies and Procedures

(~~Updated August 2022~~ Created October 2023; Effective February 2024)

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DIVISION II EXECUTIVE BOARD

Policies and Procedures

The NCAA Division II Executive Board Policies and Procedures outline the operations and authority of the NCAA Division II Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have the authority to adopt or revise the policies and procedures specified herein as needed.

NCAA Structure

The NCAA Board of Governors establishes and directs the general policy of the Association, provides final approval and oversight of the Association's budget; internal and external audits; enterprise risk management; strategic planning; allocation of assets; establishes policies related to fiduciary responsibility; and employs the NCAA president, (see NCAA Constitution, Article 2.A.3.d for full list of duties and responsibilities).

Each division shall have independent authority to organize itself, consistent with the principles of the Association (see Constitution, Article 2.B.1).

The Division II Executive Board establishes and directs the general policy of Division II and sponsors legislation for the governance structure (see NCAA Bylaw 8.1).

The Division II Management Council handles the day-to-day operations of Division II (see Bylaw 8.2).

The Division II Administrative Committee is empowered in the interim between meetings of the Division II Executive Board and Management Council to conduct business necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of Division II (see Bylaw 8.3).

Division II Executive Board Structure

The Division II Executive Board is ~~an 1813-member~~ body composed of presidents or chancellors representing Division II active member institutions, two independent members and two student-athletes from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. President/chancellor representation on the Executive Board ~~is based on weighted regional representation (one representative for every 22 schools within a given region). Bylaw 8.1.1.4 specifies the geographic regions for the Presidents Council shall include eight presidents/chancellors based on Division II championships region, one "at-large" president/chancellor to enhance diversity on the board. In addition, two "at-large" president/chancellor positions exist to enhance efforts to achieve diversity representation and to accommodate independent institutions. The chair of the Division II Management Council shall serve on the Executive Board as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.~~

To the extent possible, the at-large member should be from a conference not represented on the Executive Board from a championships region~~presidents or chancellors from the same conference shall not serve concurrently on the Executive Board.~~ To the extent possible, members of the Executive Board and the Management Council shall not be employed at the same institution.

The student-athletes shall be elected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee according to the committee's policies and procedures.

Terms of Office

~~Presidents Council members are elected to serve terms of six years and are not eligible for election to another term on the Presidents Council until three years have elapsed. Presidents, chancellors and independent members of the Executive Board shall serve two-year terms, that are renewable for an additional two-year term.~~ If an Executive Board member is elected (due to interim vacancies) and begins ~~his/her~~ their term of office at a time other than the spring quarterly meeting, that person may serve less than ~~six~~ two years in order to end his/her term at the annual NCAA Convention in January. A member may not serve on the Executive Board more than two terms.

The student-athletes shall serve a one-year term renewable for one year and their terms will coincide with their terms on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The Division II Administrative Committee shall have the authority to amend terms of service of the Executive Board members, as necessary, to stagger the expiration of terms to provide for continuity of service.

An Executive Board member on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may continue their service on the Council. An Executive Board member on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve on the Executive Board.

If an Executive Board 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 Executive Board and an election will occur to replace that member on the Board.

An individual whose status changes to the extent that they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for service on the Executive Board may not continue to serve on the Executive Board and shall be replaced at the Executive Board meeting immediately following the change in status.

Division II Administrative Committee

The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the Division II Executive Board and Management Council between meetings of those groups. Such actions should include:

- The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to examine, on or about the legislative deadline each year, all legislation submitted for the NCAA Convention to determine (1) any proposals that might merit Executive Board support, (2) any proposals to be designated for roll-call votes; and (3) any proposals that should be placed early in the Convention agenda to facilitate attendance and participation by chancellors and presidents.
- The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to serve as a committee of reference, making decisions regarding topics to place on an Executive Board agenda, to defer to a later agenda, to refer to some other NCAA entity or not to consider at all.
- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee serve as the Division II Executive Board screening subcommittee to consider candidates for service on the Executive Board (from among those nominated by the membership) when vacancies occur.

This screening committee may contact candidates to discuss Executive Board responsibilities, discuss Division II issues and determine a candidate's willingness to serve.

- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee shall consider Executive Board representatives' appointments to committees and project teams.
- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee shall discuss upcoming officer elections for the Executive Board and call for chair and vice-chair nominations for the Board.

Chair and Vice-Chair

The chair and vice-chair of the Executive Board are elected by the members of the Executive Board. A member must serve a minimum of one year on the Executive Board prior to serving as chair or vice-chair. They each may serve a maximum of ~~three~~two years as chair or vice-chair; however, there will be an annual election for each position. The chair and vice-chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position following service as chair or vice-chair for three years.

The term of office of the chair and vice chair runs from January to January (term ends upon adjournment of the NCAA Business Session at the annual Convention).

The vice chair is a separately elected position and does not ascend to the chair role automatically.

- Duties of the Chair
 - a. Serve as a spokesperson for Division II;
 - b. Preside at Division II Executive Board meetings;
 - c. Preside at the Division II business session at the annual Convention;
 - d. Serve as chair of the Division II Administrative Committee; and
 - e. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

In addition to these legislated duties, the chair shall serve as the Division II Executive Board representative to the Board of Governors.

- Duties of the Vice-Chair
 - a. Take the chair's place and perform the chair's duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
 - b. Report to the Division II membership at each annual Convention on the financial affairs of the division;
 - c. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
 - d. Serve ~~as chair of on~~ the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee; ~~and~~.

In addition to these legislated duties, the vice-chair shall serve as a member of the Association's Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee.

Election Process

In order to be elected as chair or vice chair, the individual must receive a majority vote of all Executive Board member present and voting. The vote results will be announced during the Executive Board meeting.

Special Circumstances

In the event that the chair of the Executive Board leaves the position of chair prior to expiration of their term as chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. The vice chair of the Executive Board 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 that the election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or ~~tele~~video conference of the Executive Board if the Administrative Committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting.]

In the event that the vice chair of the Executive Board leaves the position of vice chair prior to expiration of their term as vice chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. [Note that the election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or ~~tele~~video conference of the Executive Board if the Administrative Committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting.]

In the event that both the Executive Board chair and vice chair are absent or unable to lead an Executive Board meeting or ~~tele~~video conference, another member of the Executive Board may be selected to lead the meeting or ~~tele~~video conference by a majority vote of all members of the Board present at the meeting or on the ~~tele~~video conference. If time permits and the absence of the chair and vice chair, or their inability to lead the meeting or ~~tele~~video conference, is known in advance, the election of another member may take place via email vote.

Role and Purpose

The Division II Executive Board serves as a leadership structure and forum for presidential interests in Division II intercollegiate athletics matters. The Executive Board is empowered to:

- a. Implement policies adopted by the Association's Board of Governors;
- b. Establish and direct the general policy of Division II;
- c. Establish a strategic plan and/or set of strategic priorities for Division II;
- d. Elect a chair and vice-chair;
- e. Sponsor amendments and amendments-to-amendments to the constitution by a two-thirds majority vote; ~~Appoint a Division II Presidents Council member to the Board of Governors;~~
- f. Sponsor Division II legislation or grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division II membership because of the delay in its effective date;
- ~~g. Identify, prior to the printing of the notice of any Convention, Division II proposals for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur;~~
- ~~h. Establish the final sequence of legislative proposals in the agenda for the Division II business session at the annual Convention;~~
- ig. Adopt emergency legislation;
- ~~j. Sponsor amendments and amendments-to-amendments to the constitution by a two-thirds majority vote;~~
- hk. Call for a special Convention of Division II;

- ~~il.~~ Delegate to the Division II Management Council responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate (e.g., noncontroversial legislation, intent based amendments);
- ~~mj.~~ Approve recommendations of the Division II Management Council;
- ~~nk.~~ Ratify, amend or rescind the actions of the Division II Management Council;
- ~~ol.~~ Ensure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership, the membership of the Division II Management Council and the membership of each of the other bodies in the Division II governance structure;
- ~~pm.~~ ~~Develop and a~~ Approve the budget and the use of funds allotted to Division II (e.g., enhancement institutional equal distribution funds, funds for the operation of championships);
- ~~qn.~~ Approve regulations providing for expenditures and income to Division II;
- ~~ro.~~ Approve regulations providing for the administration of Division II championships;
- ~~sp.~~ Advise the Board of Governors concerning the employment of the Association's chief executive officer (e.g., president) and concerning the oversight of their employment;
- ~~sq.~~ Appoint a Division II Executive Board member to the Board of Governors;
- ~~r.~~ Provide comments and input on the Board of Governors on matters that impact Division II and the Association;
- ~~us.~~ Convene same-site meetings, as necessary, with the Division II Management Council; and
- ~~tv.~~ Appoint such Create committees or subcommittees other bodies (e.g., project teams) to study and recommend courses of action on specific issues or to fulfill duties and responsibilities of Division II as may be necessary for executing the provisions of the NCAA Constitution or Division II bylaws.

Attendance

- Attendance and participation at all Executive Board meetings, including the annual NCAA Convention, are required. If an Executive Board member must miss a meeting, they should notify the office of the Division II vice president. An Executive Board member's absence from two Executive Board meetings in a calendar year, regardless of the reason, shall constitute that member's resignation from the Executive Board. The Executive Board may waive the application of this policy in the case of extenuating circumstances.
- Executive Board members are encouraged to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order and stay until the meeting is adjourned. Conflicts that require individuals to plan late arrivals or early departures should be communicated before the meeting to the office of the Division II vice president.
- Executive Board members should become knowledgeable on all agenda issues and be prepared to discuss items the Executive Board will be asked to consider.
- An Executive Board member will provide a report (with appropriate recommendations) when the individual's name appears next to an agenda item.
- Executive Board members have an opportunity to serve on Division II committees and project teams. Executive Board members are encouraged to accept such assignments, when possible.

Meeting Information

- The Division II Executive Board meets four times annually: at the NCAA Convention in January, in April, in August and again in October. The meeting schedule is designed in part to assure that the Executive Board is enabled to make decisions regarding legislative matters in time to meet its September 1 deadline for submission of legislative proposals. The Division I Board of Directors, the Division II Executive Board and the Division III Presidents Council shall

meet at the same site at the same time (but not together). All meetings must be held in the contiguous 48 states.

- All meetings will be held on weekdays, with the possible exception of the Convention meeting, which is subject to scheduling of other major sessions.
- To the extent possible, all in-person meetings should be held in the metropolitan area where the national office is located, with the exception of the meeting held in conjunction with the NCAA Convention.
- For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Board. For the Executive Board to take action (including action to sponsor, cosponsor, support or oppose a legislative proposal), a simple majority of Executive Board members present and voting shall be required, unless otherwise specified. Note that abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a simple majority or a two-thirds majority.
- Proxy voting (i.e., voting when not present by having another vote on your behalf or informing the chair of your vote without attending a meeting) of any kind shall not be permitted for an Executive Board member unable to attend a regular Executive Board meeting.
- Executive Board meetings are considered closed business meetings and are not open to any interested chancellor or president. When an issue is extremely sensitive, an "executive session" will be called, alerting the Executive Board 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.

Expense Policies

The Division II Executive Board is bound by various Association expense policies, including these:

- NCAA travel policies are given to each new member of the Executive Board. 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 Executive Board 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 Executive Board meetings or other events sponsored by the NCAA.
- Transportation and the hotel room and tax are billed directly to the NCAA; the member needs only to pay incidental charges to their room when leaving the meeting site. After the meeting, each member will receive electronically 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 paid during the preceding year, if that amount exceeds \$600. In such instances, the member then will declare that amount in filing their income tax return for that year, so members will want to record their Executive Board related expenses in order to deduct the appropriate amount. Some Executive Board members may prefer to have their expense reimbursement paid directly to their institutions to eliminate the need for such personal record keeping and will not receive the Form 1099.

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 (1) 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 (2) 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 (3) 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.

Guiding Principle Related to Student-Athlete Well-Being

The Executive Board 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.*

Operating Policies and Procedures

The Division II Executive Board has adopted the following policies and procedures under which it agrees to operate.

- Inasmuch as the Executive Board should raise the visibility and effectiveness of president/chancellor participation in the NCAA, its members should attend the Association's annual Convention in January.
- The Executive Board will establish annually those major policy areas that it intends to consider during that year. It then will reject other issues during that year unless something arises that is of "crisis proportion."
- The Executive Board will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II chancellors and presidents.
- Although the Executive Board will resist pressure to call a special Convention, it should be able to do so if the Executive Board deems it to be in the best interests of the NCAA.
- The Executive Board will emphasize more effective contacts with chancellors and presidents to build support for Executive Board initiatives.
- Any position taken by any subcommittee or ad hoc committee of the Executive Board is subject to approval by the full Executive Board.
- The Executive Board periodically will send a document to all chancellors and presidents at member institutions, reporting and seeking support for positions taken by the Executive Board.
- In acting for the Executive Board between Executive Board meetings, Executive Board members of the Division II Administrative Committee will take no action that would be contrary to a previous decision by the full Executive Board.
- The Executive Board members of the Division II Administrative Committee will be cautious in approving any in-person appearances before the Executive Board by those wishing to present topics, in light of the Executive Board's limited meeting time; instead, concise written submissions will be encouraged.
- While legislative recommendations in most cases will be processed through the Division II Management Council, specific constituent groups may formulate legislative recommendations for the Executive Board to consider and possibly accept as its own.
- While the Executive Board as a whole should support Executive Board-sponsored proposals, each Executive Board member, as an individual representing a member institution, is free to vote as they wish on those proposals.
- The Executive Board will send a newsletter periodically to all Division II chancellors and presidents reporting on activities that are of interest to them.
- The Executive Board and Management Council shall produce a joint summary of their respective meetings each quarter.
- The relationship between the Executive Board and Management Council will be one of regular communication and cooperation, including communications between the chairs of the two groups between meetings.
- The Executive Board should not request general exceptions to the Association's expense policies.

Conflict of Interest Statement

The NCAA is a voluntary Association comprised of public and private institutions and conferences 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. When considering disclosures, keep in mind those may result in an "excess benefit transaction" under Section 4958 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or other tax or other laws that may apply.

A committee member who receives information under confidential or nondisclosure terms, including but not limited to Association business or litigation matters, shall adhere to those confidential obligations as a primary matter. In addition to any fiduciary obligation to their institution and conference, committee members also have a fiduciary duty to the Association not to use nonconfidential knowledge or information obtained solely due to service on that committee to the disadvantage of the Association. 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 they may have hereunder and should recuse themselves 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. A committee member who acts contrary to this policy may void defense and indemnity privileges that are provided by the Association in connection with committee service.

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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 minutes)



PROJECT DIVISION I
December 20, 2023

This is the start of a conversation the NCAA believes it must have now to confront the growing legal and political challenges facing college sports.

The proposal would upgrade the Division I rules to give schools greater ability to provide enhanced, equitable benefits to student-athletes designed by individual schools – but does not alter current pay for play policy.

The NCAA is changing to respond to the challenges facing college sports, but there are some challenges the NCAA cannot address alone that require partnering with Congress, including employment challenges and protecting the NCAA's authority to set basic rules without endless legal challenges.

WHY?

Modernization:

The proposal recognizes the growing ability of most well-resourced schools to provide greater benefits to student-athletes while being governed by rules appropriate for their level.

While the NCAA is often accused of being reactive, this policy anticipates the environment student-athletes will likely experience in the realignment era and the changing financial positions across Division I.

It builds on a holistic model and recent commonsense reforms to support student-athletes.

Equity:

In a landscape dominated by collectives, men receive a far greater share of name, image and likeness activity, but this proposal would enable schools to provide greater benefits, subject to Title IX.

Working with Congress remains a priority:

The NCAA believes it is important to advance this proposal at the same time college sports leaders engage Congress.

The NCAA is advancing this proposal to do everything in its power to transform college sports to benefit student-athletes, but there are some issues the NCAA cannot address alone.

Issues such as empowering conferences and the NCAA to set rules without endless litigation and affirming student-athletes are not employees subject to tax and other regulatory burdens still require partnering with Congress.

The proposal is a clear demonstration that the NCAA is exhausting all its options to address the issues at hand — an expectation many members of Congress believe is prerequisite to acting.

Previously, opponents of granting college sports legislative support cited lack of health protections, lack of academic guarantees and limits on other benefits for student-athletes.

With this proposal, combined with the new health, wellness and academic requirements going into effect next year, and the NIL bylaw work underway, the NCAA is confronting those criticisms head on — hopefully removing barriers to action in D.C.

What is being proposed:

The proposal would permit all Division I schools to provide greater benefits to student-athletes by:

- Permitting schools to offer student-athletes any level of enhanced educational benefits they deem appropriate.
- Permitting schools to either help create, or further assist student-athlete's name, image and likeness licensing opportunities.
- Proposing a new Division I subdivision where schools must offer a minimum of \$30,000 educational benefits to at least half of student-athletes on campus. New subdivision members would be granted greater autonomy to set rules for topics such as scholarship and roster limits.
- Keeping all postseason tournament access and revenue distribution unchanged from the current status.
- \$30K is an approximation of the costs associated with pursuing educational and professional development opportunities such as internships and advanced degrees.

This is the first step in a several-months-long legislative process that President Charlie Baker looks forward to undertaking with members.



**Discussion Regarding
Policy for Sponsorship of Convention Legislation**

Background

With the adoption of NCAA Proposal No. 2023-7, the Division II Management Council will be permitted to sponsor legislation for the annual Convention as part of its duties, effective February 1, 2024. With the new legislation, the new Division II Executive Board is still permitted to sponsor legislation for the NCAA Convention.

One goal of the proposal adopted at the 2023 Convention was to have the Management Council take greater ownership and responsibility to sponsor legislation for the Convention to provide the new Executive Board the opportunity to focus on the strategic priorities for the division.

The Management Council and Presidents Council are asked to consider establishing a policy to better define those legislative recommendations for the annual Convention that should be sponsored by the Executive Board and not just the Management Council.

Further, the Management Council and Presidents Council are asked to consider whether a similar policy should be established for when the Executive Board would take a position (e.g., support, opposition, no position) on membership-sponsored proposals.

Potential Policy Recommendation for Sponsorship of Legislation for the Annual Convention

As a general rule, the Management Council will review and consider any legislative recommendation from Division II and Association-wide committees and determine whether to sponsor legislation for the NCAA Convention without requiring Executive Board sponsorship.

If the legislative recommendation has a significant financial impact to the Division II budget and/or on Division II schools and conferences, the Management Council shall recommend that the Executive Board sponsor the legislation for a vote at the annual Convention.

A two-thirds majority of the Management Council members present and voting is necessary to sponsor legislation for the annual Convention or to recommend sponsorship of legislation by the Executive Board (e.g., for recommendations with a significant financial impact). If a legislative recommendation does not receive a two-thirds majority, but receives a majority approval of the Management Council members present and voting, the legislative recommendation will be shared with the Executive Board for notice and awareness.

The Management Council will approve the legislative form for all proposals sponsored by the governance structure for a vote at the Convention, regardless of whether they were sponsored by the Management Council or the Executive Board. The Executive Board is not asked to act on the legislative form and will receive the legislative form of the proposals as an informational item in the Management Council report to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board will see all legislation sponsored by the Management Council for the annual Convention as an informational item in the Management Council report to the Executive Board.

Potential Policy Recommendation for Executive Board to Take a Position on Membership-Sponsored Proposals

Division II legislation requires that all amendments submitted by the membership shall be evaluated by an appropriate NCAA committee before they can be included on the agenda for an NCAA Convention.

Current Management Council policies and procedures state:

A two-thirds vote of the Division II Management Council members present and voting (either affirmative or negative) is required to support or oppose a specific legislative proposal. If a two-thirds majority to support or oppose is not achieved, the Management Council will take no position. Any Management Council member whose conference or institution has sponsored a proposal should be recused 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 Management Council and Executive Board are asked to consider whether when taking a position on a membership-sponsored proposal, should a similar threshold be established for when the Executive Board is asked to take a position: Specifically, the policy would state that the Management Council shall take a position on any membership-sponsored proposal and the Executive Board will only take a position if the legislative proposal has a significant financial impact to the Division II budget and/or on Division II schools and conferences.

Current legislation does not require the Management Council or Presidents Council/Executive Board to take a position on membership-sponsored proposals; therefore, a standard can be established as policy.



CONVENTION



2024

Trends in NCAA Division II Graduation Rates

Division II Presidents Council – January 2024



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2023 Four-Class Division II Graduation Rates

(Aggregate six-year graduation rates for 2013-16 entering cohorts)

	Student-Athletes		Student Body
	ASR	Federal Rate	Federal Rate
DII Overall	76% +0	60% +0	53% +1
DII Men	69% +0	52% -1	48% +1
DII Women	88% +0	69% +0	57% +1

Notes: ASR = Academic Success Rate. The four-cohort rates reported above are based on the last four single-year cohorts with six-year outcomes available (those first reported in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023). Numbers in blue indicate percentage point differences in four-cohort rates from those reported in 2022.



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Impact of COVID-19

- The students in the most-recently added cohort (2016 entry) would typically have been in the second semester of their 4th academic year when the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020. Most other members of the latest four-cohort reporting group (e.g., 2013-2015 entry) would have been in years 5 or greater of their graduation window at the beginning of the pandemic. Full pandemic-related impacts on graduation rates will not be completely known for several years.



CONVENTION



2024

Summary

- Overall Division II student-athlete graduation rates (Academic Success Rate and federal rate) and many subgroup rates are at or near their highest-ever levels.
- Using the federal graduation rate to examine student-athlete vs. student body graduation from initial school in Division II, we see higher rates for student-athletes within every demographic subgroup studied.



CONVENTION



2024

Summary

- Notable single-cohort student-athlete increases in ASR over the 17 years of calculating this rate in Division II:
 - Overall: (69% to 77%)
 - Black Men: (42% to 51%)
 - Black Women: (61% to 76%)
 - Hispanic/Latino Men: (48% to 66%)
 - Hispanic/Latina Women: (63% to 80%)
- Increase in ASR observed for two-year (57% to 73%) and four-year transfer student-athletes (66% to 77%) in the past 10 years.



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2023 Four-Cohort Division II Academic Success Rates

(Aggregate six-year graduation rates for 2013-16 entering cohorts)

Student-Athlete Group	ASR
Overall	76%
Black	57%
Hispanic/Latino	71%
White	84%
Black Men	51%
Hispanic/Latino Men	66%
White Men	77%
Black Women	76%
Hispanic/Latino Women	80%
White Women	92%



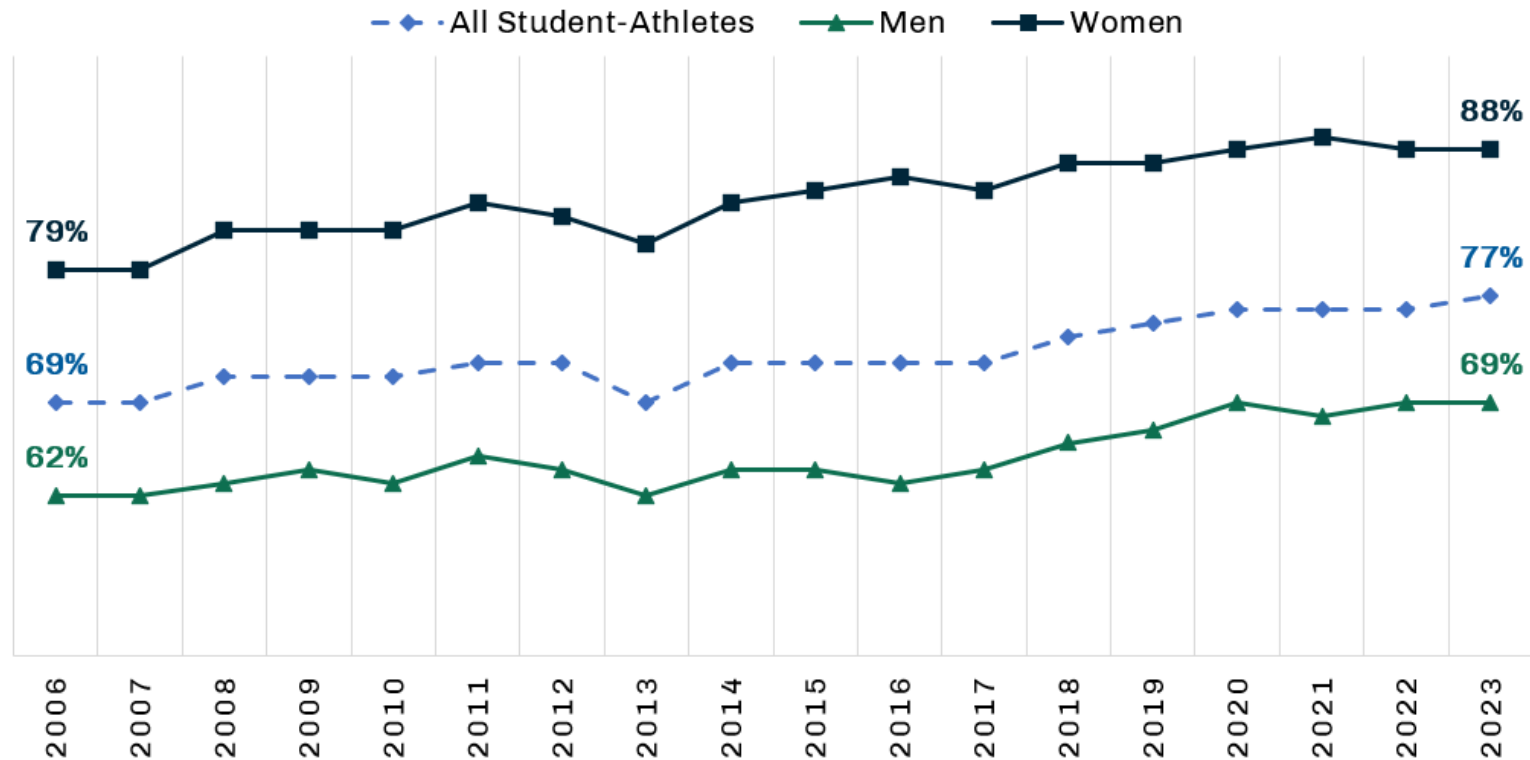
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Academic Success Rates (ASR) Trends of Division II Student-Athletes

(Single-cohort six-year graduation rates)



* 2023 reporting year represents 2016-17 entering cohort; 2022 represents 2015-16 entering cohort, etc.



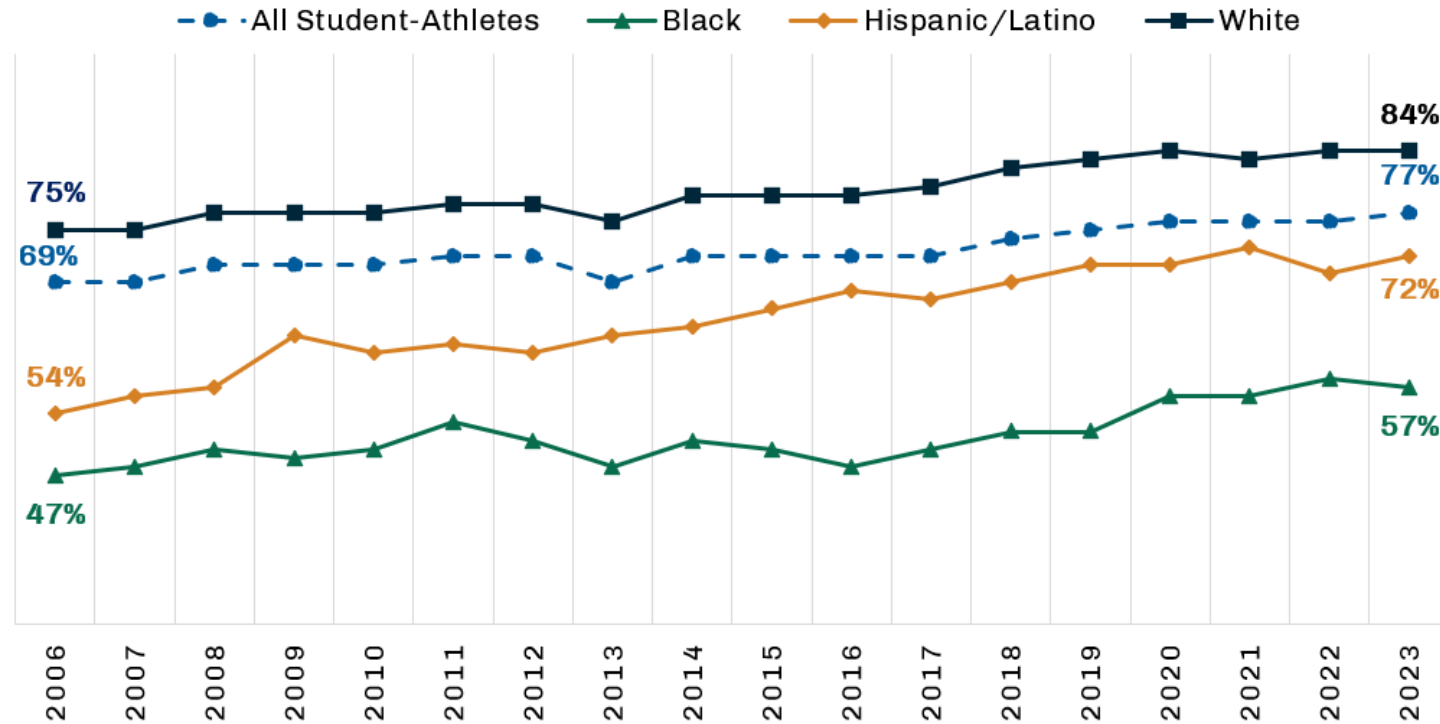
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Academic Success Rates (ASR) Trends of Division II Student-Athletes

(Single-cohort six-year graduation rates by race/ethnicity)



* 2023 reporting year represents 2016-17 entering cohort; 2022 represents 2015-16 entering cohort, etc.



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Comparison of Federal Graduation Rates Between Scholarship Student-Athletes with Student Body

(Aggregate six-year FGR for 2013-16 entering cohorts)

	Student-Athlete Federal Rate	Student Body Federal Rate
Overall	60%	53%
Men	52%	48%
Women	69%	57%
Black	44%	37%
Hispanic/Latino	55%	49%
White	65%	58%
Black Men	38%	31%
Hispanic/Latino Men	48%	43%
White Men	59%	53%
Black Women	58%	41%
Hispanic/Latino Women	62%	54%
White Women	72%	61%



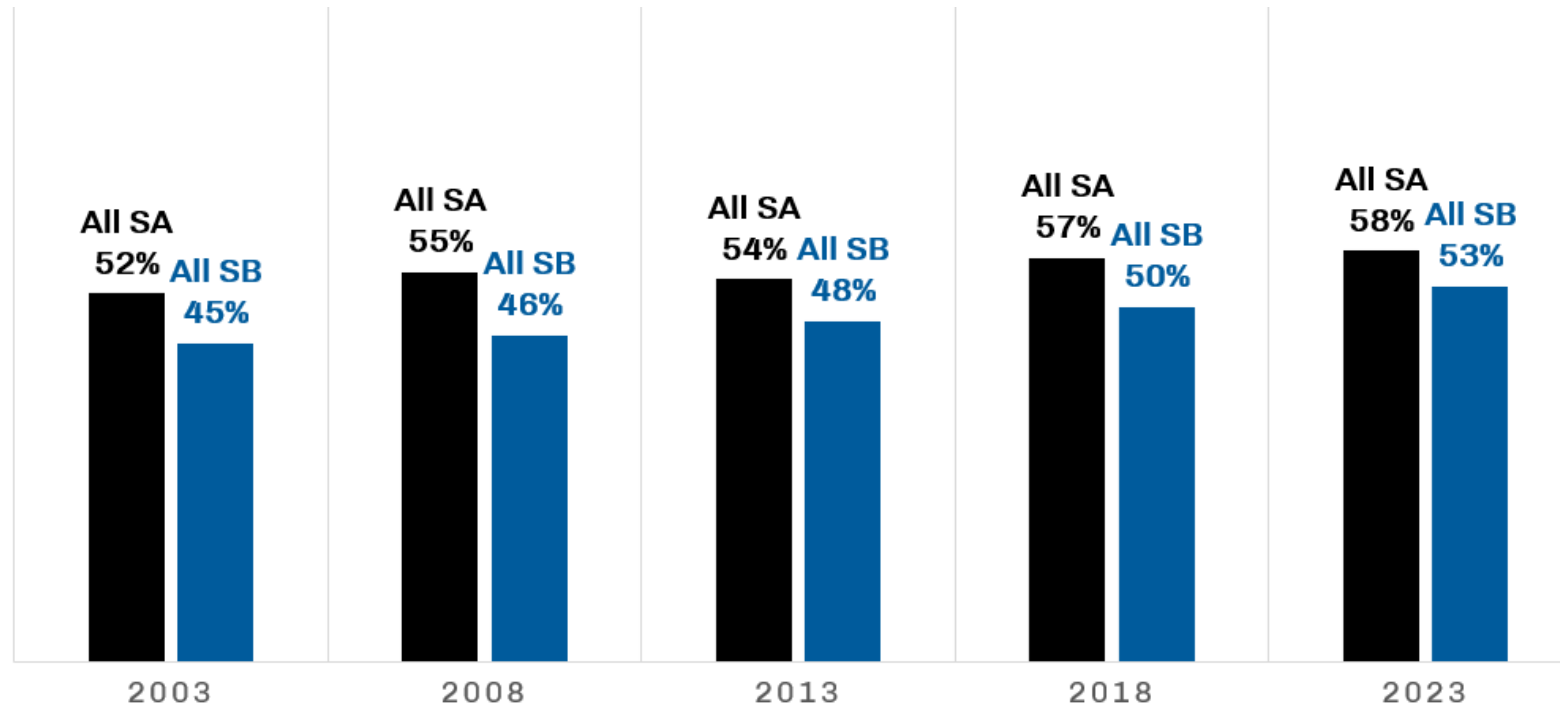
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Trends in Federal Graduation Rates: Division II Scholarship Student-Athletes v. Student Body

(Single-cohort six-year graduation rates)



* 2023 reporting year represents 2016-17 entering cohort, etc.



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MEN'S SPORT	DIVISION I (GSR)	DIVISION II (ASR)	DIVISION III (ASR)
Baseball	89%	78%	89%
Basketball	85%	67%	80%
Cross Country/Track	84%	72%	88%
Football (FCS)	82% (79%)	56%	75%
Golf	92%	83%	89%
Ice Hockey	93%	89%	88%
Lacrosse	92%	76%	87%
Soccer	89%	77%	85%
Swimming	91%	79%	91%
Tennis	93%	85%	91%
Volleyball	90%	75%	85%
Wrestling	86%	60%	79%

- Four-cohort rates include six-year graduation outcomes for cohorts in 2020-23.
- GSR and ASR are similar calculations but based on slightly different cohort definitions.
- Both GSR and ASR account for transfers in and out of a given institution.
- Division = School's primary division, not necessarily division of competition for team.
- Only sports with four-cohort Ns > 200 in both DI and DII included.



WOMEN'S SPORT	DIVISION I (GSR)	DIVISION II (ASR)	DIVISION III (ASR)
Basketball	93%	84%	91%
Cross Country/Track	92%	86%	94%
Field Hockey	97%	95%	95%
Golf	96%	91%	94%
Lacrosse	98%	92%	95%
Rowing	96%	88%	96%
Soccer	96%	89%	93%
Softball	94%	89%	93%
Swimming	97%	92%	95%
Tennis	97%	92%	94%
Volleyball	95%	88%	92%

- Four-cohort rates include six-year graduation outcomes for cohorts in 2020-23.
- GSR and ASR are similar calculations but based on slightly different cohort definitions.
- Both GSR and ASR account for transfers in and out of a given institution.
- Division = School's primary division, not necessarily division of competition for team.
- Only sports with four-cohort Ns > 200 in both DI and DII included.



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Federal Graduation Rate Calculation

- The FGR is federally mandated reporting of student body and student-athlete (if on athletics aid) graduation from an initial school. The rate essentially measures retention at that school.
- Graduation must occur within six years of initial entry.
- The federal rate makes no accommodation for transfers into or out of a school.
 - Incoming transfers into the school are not tracked.
 - Outgoing transfers are recorded as academic failures.



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Academic Success Rate Calculation

- The ASR is a graduation metric developed by NCAA presidents and chancellors.
- The calculation is mandated for student-athletes only and should not be compared with the federal rate.
- Graduation must occur within six years of initial entry.



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Academic Success Rate Calculation

- The ASR is more inclusive than the federal rate because it includes transfers into the school, midyear enrollees and nonscholarship student-athletes. Two assumptions are made:
 1. Student-athletes who leave school while academically eligible to compete are removed from the calculation (assumed transfers passed on to another school's cohort).
 2. Student-athletes who leave school while ineligible to compete are coded as nongraduates (even though many are known to transfer).
- Both assumptions are imperfect but lead to an ASR that better approximates a true student-centered graduation rate (student earns a degree within six years of entering higher education).



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2024

Rate Calculations

Federal

- First-time fall freshmen on athletics aid.



$$\frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^*}$$

ASR

- First-time fall freshmen on athletics aid.
- **Transfers.**
- **Midyear enrollees.**
- **Nonscholarship student-athletes.**



$$\frac{\text{Graduates}}{\text{Cohort} - \text{Exclusions}^* - \text{Left Eligible}}$$

* Exclusions include death, permanent disability, church mission, and military or foreign service.
Note: Both rates use a six-year window from initial collegiate enrollment.



Comparison of ASR & FGR Cohorts

(2020-2023 Reporting Cohorts)

	Federal Rate	ASR
Enrolled (Under Federal Definition)	76,695	76,695
Enrolled as Freshmen in January	0	1,623
Two-Year College Transfers	0	17,542
Four-Year College Transfers	0	16,095
Nonscholarship Athletes	0	31,563
Total Enrolled	76,695	143,518 (+87%)
Allowable Exclusions (Death, Military, Church Mission, etc.)	116	307
Left Eligible	0	34,710
Participants on Teams No Longer Sponsored by School	0	3,374
Total Denominator	76,579	105,127 (+37%)



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A photograph showing a group of hands stacked together in a pyramid shape. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves and a blue watch. The background is a blurred, dark grey. The text is overlaid on a dark blue horizontal band at the bottom of the image.

**NCAA SPORTS WAGERING INTEGRITY INITIATIVES
– DIVISION II PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

Post PASPA Background

- ▶ Post PASPA Repeal (2018) the BOG formed the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Sports Wagering which identified the following focus areas relative to sports wagering:
 - ▶ Broad Focus Areas:
 - Protecting Student-Athlete Health and Well-Being.
 - Protecting the Integrity of NCAA Competition.
 - ▶ Targeted Focus Areas
 - Education and Awareness
 - Integrity Services
 - Research
 - NCAA Legislation and Policy
 - Officiating
 - Political Landscape (State and Federal Laws)

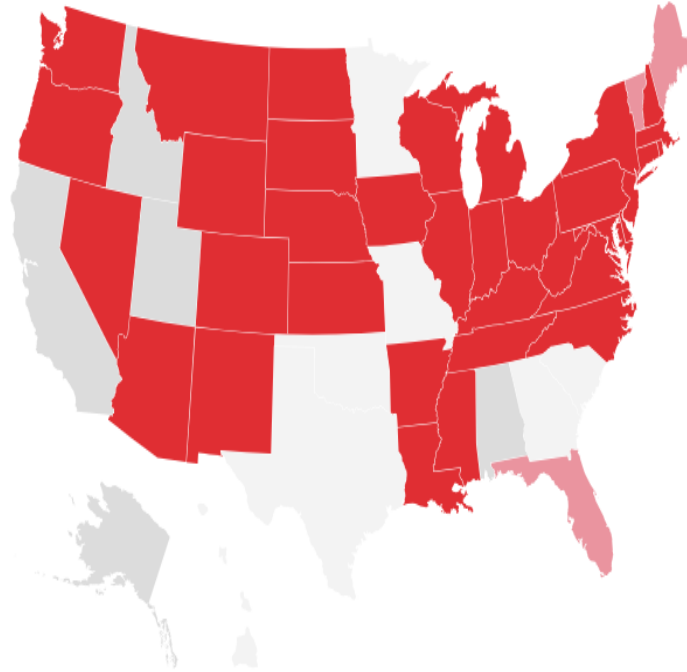
Online and/or in person wagering is now legal and live in 35 states + DC

Commercial Landscape Exploding - March Madness is the 2nd most popular sporting event for gamblers, after Super Bowl

Student-Athlete Well-Being and Integrity Issues Manifesting

Fragmented landscape creates **regulatory and enforcement challenges**

According to NCPG, **6% of college students who gamble exhibit symptoms of problem gambling.**



SPORTS BETTING ACTIVITY

Legal Landscape as of September 7, 2023

- Live, Legal* (35 States + DC)
- Legal, Not Yet Operational** (3 States)
- Active Legislation/Ballot Initiative*** (0 States)
- No Legislation (5 States)
- Dead Legislation (7 States)

*Live, Legal: Sports betting is legally offered through retail and/or online sportsbooks.

**Legal, Not Yet Operational: States have legalized sports betting, but not yet launched.

***Active Legislation/Ballot Initiative: Bills to legalize sports betting have been pre-filed/introduced or a voter referendum is scheduled.

Current Commercial Landscape

- ▶ Legal sportsbooks handled \$93 Billion in bets in 2022, a 61% increase from 2021.
- ▶ AGA estimated 68 Million Americans wagered \$15.5 Billion on 2023 DI Men's Basketball Championship.
- ▶ Significant increases in markets offering handle in other championships:
 - ▶ DII Markets – Football and Volleyball
- ▶ 2023 AGA updated marketing code to limit sportsbook – institution sponsorships.

Integrity and Sports Betting Issues

- ▶ Recent news around collegiate sports betting issues raises awareness and concerns.
- ▶ Increase in SAR cases related to sports wagering.
- ▶ Increasing number of enforcement cases related to sports wagering.
- ▶ Types of issues NCAA enforcement currently investigating:
 - ▶ Coach betting on own school but different sport;
 - ▶ Alleged inside information violations;
 - ▶ Student-athlete solicited by third-party to match-fix;
 - ▶ And multiple cases involving coaches/administrators engaged in sports betting;
 - ▶ DII International Tennis Student-Athletes.

Key Initiatives:

- ▶ Education:
 - ▶ E-Learning
 - ▶ Epic Risk Management
- ▶ Integrity Services – Monitor 13,000+ contest annually
- ▶ State Advocacy
- ▶ Mental Health Best Practices
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Legislation
- ▶ SAR Guideline Updates

Thank You!

- ▶ How can national office best support Division II in this area?
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