



REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Overview of 2025 NCAA Convention Division II Legislation and Legislative Grids.** The committee was provided an overview of the 2025 NCAA Convention legislative proposals that are sponsored by the NCAA Division II governance structure and the Division II membership. The committee also received an overview of the legislative grids that campus SAACs will complete and share with their national SAAC representative by Monday, Oct. 14. National SAAC representatives should send their conference's completed legislative grids to national SAAC Vice Chair Kara Amos by Monday, Oct. 21. National SAAC will review the feedback from the legislative grids and determine its official positions on the 2025 Convention proposals during its November meeting.
2. **Referrals for Feedback from NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.** The committee discussed two referrals from the Division II Legislation Committee.
 - a. **NCAA Bylaw 13.7.3 (Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete).** The committee did not support amending Bylaw 13.7.3, which prohibits an institution from using identifiable photographs and/or videos of a prospective student-athlete in camp or clinic information and/or advertisements if the prospective student-athlete has not signed a National Letter of Intent, the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or if the institution has not received their financial deposit in response to the institution's written offer of admission. The committee noted potential unintended consequences related to amending the bylaw. The committee emphasized that by preserving the current legislation, opinions from the public or assumptions of other institutions regarding recruitment of prospective student-athletes are eliminated, providing privacy to the student-athletes' recruitment process. The committee expressed concern that if other schools see a prospective student-athlete on a different campus, it may negatively impact their offers. The committee also discussed that if the legislation were to be eliminated, institutions could publicize a prospective student-athlete without their permission.
 - b. **Bylaw 14.4.3.4.2.1.3 (Academic Year in Residence).** The committee did not reach consensus on whether the division should consider eliminating the bylaw, which requires an individual who participates in organized competition before their initial collegiate enrollment to serve an academic year in residence before they are eligible to compete in their sport. The committee felt that if a student-athlete is already losing a season of competition, they should not be penalized a second time by serving a year in residence. The committee also discussed the importance of allowing student-athletes the opportunity to fully develop within their respective sport. The committee stated that the elimination of the legislation would deprive

student-athletes of a crucial year of progression and growth, which in turn would take away from the Division II experience.

3. **SAAC Network.** SAAC members were reminded to make sure their conference's SAAC network is updated with both campus SAAC advisors and presidents for the 2024-25 academic year by Sept. 15. If there are any questions or members need best practices for this initiative, committee members were encouraged to reach out to fellow committee members or Ryan Jones at rjones@ncaa.org.
4. **Update on Civic Engagement Resource.** The committee's congressional/civic engagement team presented an update on the civic engagement resource it plans to distribute prior to Election Day this fall for the committee's feedback. The resource includes information on Bylaw 17.1.6.8 (required day off – civic engagement) that prohibits all countable athletically related activities on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, civic engagement and community engagement opportunities that student-athletes can consider, information on absentee voting, and nonpartisan voting resources. The committee plans to also create social media content for the upcoming National Voter Education Week and National Voter Registration Day to further prepare student-athletes for Election Day.
5. **Future Meetings.**
 - a. Nov. 23-24, 2024; SAAC videoconference.
 - b. Jan. 13-17, 2025; in conjunction with the 2025 NCAA Convention; Nashville, Tennessee.
 - c. April 24-27, 2025; in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; Indianapolis.
 - d. July 16-17, 2025; SAAC meeting; videoconference.
 - e. July 18, 2025; Management Council/SAAC Summit; videoconference.
 - f. Nov. 2025; in conjunction with SAAC Super Region Convention; dates and location to be determined.
 - g. Jan. 13-17, 2026; in conjunction with 2026 NCAA Convention; Washington, D.C.

Committee Chair: Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference
Staff Liaisons: Ryan Jones, Governance
Marcus Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
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NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee September 8, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Laura Amaya, Roberts Wesleyan University, East Coast Conference.	
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Scott Borgmann Jr., Wilmington University (Delaware), Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference.	
Davaris Cheeks, Concordia University, St. Paul, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.	
Ben Cherry, California State University, San Marcos, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
Addison Courtney, Fairmont State University, Mountain East Conference.	
Alexis Devlin, Catawba College, South Atlantic Conference.	
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University, Conference Carolinas.	
Haley Gilbert, Augusta University, Peach Belt Conference.	
DJ Guest Jr., California State University, Dominguez Hills, California Collegiate Athletic Association.	
JJ Hayes, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Sunshine State Conference.	
Avery Hellmuth, Oklahoma Baptist University, Great American Conference.	
Grace Hoepfner, Michigan Technological University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Scout Huffman, Texas Woman's University, Lone Star Conference.	
Shani Idlette, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.	
Dani Mabry, Rockhurst University, Great Lakes Valley Conference.	
David Mayser, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Pacific West Conference.	
Dustyn McKenney, Western Oregon University, Great Northwest Athletic Conference.	
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.	
Austin Mondello, Colorado Mesa University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.	
Alexis Montalvo, Ashland University, Great Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Derrick Parker II, Grand Valley State University, At-Large.	
Darius Satterfield, Elizabeth City State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
Alia Scotka, University of West Florida, Gulf South Conference.	
Haley White, Lincoln Memorial University, At-Large.	
Katie Williamson, Southern Connecticut State University, Northeast-10 Conference.	
Absentees:	
Theresa Grosbach, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.	
Larry Parkinson, Executive Board Independent Member.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).	
NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Marcus Brown, Brooke Dixon, Chelsea Hooks, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Becca Medel, Morgan Melchert and Angela Red.	