

Division III: New Legislation in 2020 Webinar



Regional Rules

Overview

- Recap of 2020 NCAA Convention Proposals.
- Recap of 2020/2021 Noncontroversial Legislation.
- Recap of April 24, 2020, Staff Interpretation.
- Questions.



SNACKS & Permissible Nutritional Supplements

- Proposal No. 2020-4.
- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Permits an institution to provide snacks and nutritional supplements as benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in athletics.



SNACKS & Permissible Nutritional Supplements (cont.)

➤ Current Rule:

- Institutions may provide meals under certain conditions (e.g., day of a home contest, in conjunction with an away-from-home contest, during vacation periods when student-athletes are required to be on campus; when a meal is missed due to practice)
- Institutions may provide nutritional supplements in conjunction with a permissible meal.



SNACKS & Permissible Nutritional Supplements (cont.)

- **Bylaw 16.5.1 Exceptions.**
- **(e) Snacks and Nutritional Supplements.** An institution may provide snacks and permissible nutritional supplements to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation and for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, protein supplements, omega-3 fatty acids, and vitamins and minerals. *(Adopted: 1/27/20 effective 8/1/20)*



SNACKS & Permissible Nutritional Supplements (cont.)

- **Bylaw 16.11.1.11.1 Meals Related to Institutional Committee Service.** A student-athlete who serves on an institutional committee may receive expenses to cover the cost of meals missed as a result of a committee meeting that occurs when regular institutional dining facilities are open. *(Adopted: 1/27/20 effective 8/1/20)*
- **Meals and Snacks Related to Educational and Business Meetings and Programs.** An institution may provide meals and snacks for student-athlete educational and business meetings and programs, provided the meetings and programs are offered pursuant to Bylaw [16.3](#). *(Adopted: 1/27/20 effective 8/1/20)*



SNACKS & Permissible Nutritional Supplements (cont.)

	Meal	Snack
Education/business meetings	Yes	Yes
Celebratory events	Yes	Yes
On day of home contest	Yes	Yes
Away-from-home competition and practice	Yes	Yes
In conjunction with practice	No	Yes
In conjunction with practice if practice resulted in missing a meal that was previously paid by the student-athlete	Yes	Yes
Preseason practice before the academic year	Yes	Yes
Vacation period when required to be on campus	Yes	Yes
In conjunction with voluntary workout outside the playing season	No	Yes
In conjunction with a nontraditional practice	No	Yes



Practice Expenses for Golf and Swimming & Diving

- Proposal No. 2020-5.
- Effective Date: Immediate (January 2020).
- Permit an institution to pay expenses for practice for the sports of golf and swimming and diving, beyond the current geographic limits without having the team engage in an away-from-home contest.



Practice Expenses for Golf and Swimming & Diving (cont.)

What was the rule:

- An institution may provide expenses for practice that occurs within the state of the institution, within 100 miles of the institution's campus if outside the state or associated with an away-from-home contest.



Practice Expenses for Golf and Swimming & Diving (cont.)

- **16.8.1.1.5** Exception -- Golf and Swimming and Diving. An institution may provide actual and necessary travel expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging and meals) for golf and swimming and diving student-athletes at any location during an official vacation period, provided the student-athlete is eligible and no class is missed. **[R]** *(Adopted: 1/27/20)*



Practice Expenses for Golf and Swimming & Diving (cont.)

- May occur during a vacation period during the declared playing season.
- A student-athlete must be eligible to compete to receive expenses.
- The institution may pay expenses for practice that occurs in the continental United States only.



Voluntary Leadership Programming

- Proposal No. 2020-6.
- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Permit coaches to engage in leadership programming involving sports-related information with their student-athlete leaders outside the declared playing and practice season.



Voluntary Leadership Programming (cont.)

➤ Current Rule:

- Student-athletes and coaches may participate in leadership and other programming involving sports-related information outside the playing and practice season provided: (a) similar programming is available to students generally; (b) the programming is not limited to members of a specific team; and, (c) participation is voluntary.



Voluntary Leadership Programming (cont.)

17.02.1.1.1.5 Exceptions. Leadership Programming Involving Athletics-Related Information.

- (a) Student-athletes serving in a team leadership capacity may voluntarily participate in leadership programming involving athletics-related, general information outside of the declared playing season with any member of an institution's coaching staff.
- (b) All programming must occur during the institution's regular academic year and must be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of any of the institution's final regular examination period (see Bylaw 17.1.2–(c) and 17.1.2–(d) regarding holiday, vacation and final examination periods.)
- (c) All leadership programming involving athletics-related, general information is limited to one meeting per week, with each meeting lasting no more than 90 minutes, and may not occur more than ten times outside of the declared playing season.
- (d) The leadership-programming plan and materials must be in writing in the office of the institution's director of athletics and compliance officer (if separate individuals hold such positions). *(Adopted: 1/27/20 effective 8/1/20)*



Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee

- Proposal No. 2020-1.
- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- To require an active Division III member institution or conference to designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.



Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee (cont.)

- What: The ADID is a staff member appointed by an institution/conference serve as the conduit for information related to national, local and campus-level issues of diversity and inclusion and promoter of diversity and inclusive practices related to athletics.
- Who: Any staff member at the institution or conference. This role can be added to an existing position.
- When: Reported annually through the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic form.



Emerging Sports for Women - Acrobatics and Tumbling and Wrestling

- Proposal Nos. 2020-8 and 2020-9.
- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- To add acrobatics and tumbling and wrestling as an emerging sport for women.



Emerging Sports for Women - Acrobatics and Tumbling and Wrestling (cont.)

- Acrobatics and Tumbling:
 - Spring sport.
 - Maximum of 12 dates of competition. No contests in the nontraditional segment of the playing season.
 - Sport Sponsorship minimums: Six contests with at least 18 participants.



Emerging Sports for Women - Acrobatics and Tumbling and Wrestling (cont.)

- Wrestling:
 - Winter sport.
 - Practice can't begin until October 10.
 - Maximum of 16 dates of competition. First date of competition not before November 1.
 - Sport Sponsorship minimums: Seven contests with at least six participants.



Recap of 2020/2021 Noncontroversial Legislation



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Final Term Exception: Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program

- Management Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to expand the current final semester/quarter exception to student-athletes enrolled in the final term of their minor or undergraduate certificate program (designated before the applicable term).
- Effective for the 2020-21 academic year.



Final Term Exception: Minor or Undergraduate Certificate Program

- Permit a student-athlete to participate while enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies in their final term prior to graduating to complete the requirements for a minor or undergraduate certificate program
- Must complete requirements or forfeit all future eligibility in all sports.



Mental Health Resources

NC 2020-12



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Mental Health Resources

An institution shall:

- Make mental health resources available to its student-athletes.
- Ensure that resources are consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices.

An institution must:

- Distribute mental health educational materials annually
- Make student-athletes aware of available mental health resources on an annual basis.
- Provide a guide to the mental health resources available, with specific details regarding how to access them.



Mental Health Resources (cont.)

- Each institution has the discretion to make mental health resources available to students in the manner that it deems appropriate.
- It does not prescribe when that must occur or limit the frequency with which an institution may disseminate this information.
- Institutions have broad discretion to include information that pertains to student-athlete mental wellness within the resources they provide to these groups.
 - Please note that such resources may be distributed through a variety of media, including, but not limited to, social media, websites, web-based apps, posters, pamphlets, student-athlete handbooks, etc.



Mental Health Resources (cont.)

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Major Infractions

Bylaw 16.4.1
Mental Health Resources

Proposal NC-2020-12
AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- MEDICAL SERVICES -- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
as medical-expense benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics. [R]16.4.1

Educational Column - September 24, 2019
Noncontroversial Proposal No. 2020-12 Awards, Benefits and Expenses -- Medical Services -- Mental Health Resources (III)



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4-2-4 Transfer Exception Expansion

NC 2021-1



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Two-Year College Transfers

A student-athlete transferring from a two-year school to your school must serve an academic year of residence.

Bylaw 14.5.4

Unless the student-athlete qualifies for a transfer exception.

Bylaw 14.5.4.1



Two-Year Transfer Exceptions

Previously, a student-athlete transferring from a two-year school could be immediately eligible at your school if one of the following was true:

They have never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics

(If they have **never** attended a four-year school) They would have been academically and athletically eligible at the two-year school

(If they **have** attended a four-year school) They would have been academically and athletically eligible upon transferring from the original four-year OR

They attended the two-year for at least two FT semesters/three FT quarters *and* they completed at least 24 semester/36 quarter credits



4-2-4 Transfer Exception

Previously, a student-athlete who transferred from a four-year school to a two-year and then to your school could have been immediately eligible if:

They attended the two-year for at least two FT semesters/three FT quarters *and* they completed at least 24 semester/36 quarter credits

Issues?

- What if the SA graduates from the two-year after one semester?
- What if there are other circumstances that take the SA away from the two-year?



4-2-4 Transfer Exception Expansion

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete who successfully completes the required two full-time semesters and 24-semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit by enrolling at a two-year institution and at the certifying Division III institution shall be eligible for competition.



NEW 4-2-4 Transfer Exception

Currently, a student-athlete who transfers from a four-year school to a two-year and then to your school can be immediately eligible if one of the following is true:

They would have been academically and athletically eligible upon transferring from the original four-year

They attended the two-year for at least two FT semesters/three FT quarters *and* they completed at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours

They attend at least two-semester or three quarters between the two-year college and your institution *and* they earn at least 24 semester/36-quarter hours



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4-2-4 Transfer Exception Expansion

The screenshot shows the NCAA website's search results page. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Search, Legislative Process, Reports, and Resources. The search bar contains the text 'nc 2021-1' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, the results are displayed for 'nc 2021-1', showing 586 items found. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Legislation' and 'Proposals' (573 items). The main content area shows a list of proposals, with the first one, 'Proposal NC-2021-1', highlighted by a red oval. The text of this proposal is 'ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS -- SATISFYING EXCEPTION'. The sidebar also lists other proposals: NC-2021-1, ADM-2021-1, I-2021-1, and NC-1008-1. The top right of the results area shows 'Sort by: Relevancy' and a 'Save' button. The bottom right of the results area shows three tabs: DI, DII, and DIII, with DIII selected.

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nc 2021-1 Search

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Legislation

Proposals 573

- NC-2021-1
- ADM-2021-1
- I-2021-1
- NC-1008-1

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Proposal NC-2021-1


ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS -- SATISFYING EXCEPTION

Recap of April 24, 2020 Staff Interpretation



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April 24 Staff Interpretation

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Staff Interpretation

Video Conferences with Multiple Prospective Student-Athletes. (III)

Division: III

Date Issued: April 24, 2020

Date Published: April 24, 2020

Item Ref: 1

Interpretation:

The NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs staff confirmed that video conferences (e.g. Hangouts, Facetime, Zoom, Skype) are subject to the same privacy limitations as electronic transmissions. Therefore, if the video conference contains multiple prospective student-athletes, then it is only permissible if it occurs after May 1 and all of the prospective student-athletes are seniors and have submitted their financial deposit to the institution.



April 24 Staff Interpretation



Questions?



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