



## **2020-21 NCAA DIVISION I COUNCIL-GOVERNANCE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

The following provides key deadlines and information regarding the 2020-21 NCAA Division I Council-governance legislative process. For more information regarding the legislative process, see NCAA Division I Constitution 5.3.2.

*\*During its June 17, 2020, videoconference, the NCAA Division I Council approved a waiver of the deadline for conferences to submit legislative concepts from July 15 to September 1 for the 2020-21 legislative cycle. Depending on future legislative action, the Council may consider further delay of the conference deadline.*

### **September 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time)\*:**

- Deadline for the 32 multisport conferences to submit legislative concepts for the 2020-21 legislative cycle. Concept submission deadline is expected to return to July 15 for the 2021-22 legislative cycle.
  - For the 2020-21 legislative cycle, Council-governance, conference-sponsored legislative concepts are limited to transfer eligibility; the use of a student-athlete's name, image and likeness; or concepts intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, conferences may submit legislative concepts that are essential to the operation of the division, related to significant membership priorities or advance the NCAA Division I Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, including its modernization agenda.
    - Decisions on whether a concept meets the limited moratorium on Council-governance, conference-sponsored legislative concepts are initially determined by NCAA staff, in consultations with the sponsoring conference. If agreement is not reached, the conference may appeal to the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.
  - Concepts must include: intent, rationale, effective date, potentially impacted bylaws, budget impact, impact on student-athlete's time, Division I commitment addressed and how required legislative lenses apply.
  - Decisions on whether a concept belongs in the autonomy legislative process or Council-governance legislative process are initially determined by NCAA staff, in consultation with the sponsoring conference. If agreement is not reached, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors has authority to determine the appropriate process.

### **September 15 (on or before):**

- Initial concepts published for membership review and comment.

- Concepts are forwarded to appropriate NCAA committees (Council standing committees and other committees that report to the Council), coaches associations and other constituencies (e.g., CCACA, NAAC, FARA, N4A) for review and feedback.

**October Council Meetings:**

- Final opportunity for Legislative Committee and Council review of concepts before the proposal submission deadline.
- Final opportunity for Council to introduce proposals.
  - The scope of Council-introduced legislative proposals must be essential to the operation of the division, related to significant membership priorities or advance the Division I Board of Directors' strategic areas of emphasis, including its modernization agenda.
  - October 29 Council videoconference. Opportunity for introduction of legislation by the **November 1 deadline**.

**November 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):**

- Deadline for conferences to sponsor proposals based on the concepts previously submitted.

**November 15 (on or before):**

- NCAA Division I Publication of Proposed Legislation (POPL) available.
  - Proposals are forwarded to appropriate NCAA committees (Council standing committees and other committees that report to the Council) to take positions and provide comments. Other constituencies may also provide comments.

**November 15 - March 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):**

- Membership comment period.

**November Legislative Committee Teleconference:**

- Legislative Committee recommends proposals to be considered by the Council in January as noncontroversial legislation (75% majority required for adoption).
- Legislative Committee recommends proposals to be considered by the Council in January as standard legislation (simple majority required for adoption).

- Requirements to be considered: must be introduced by the Council; must impact student-athlete well-being; and must be time sensitive.

**Early December:**

- Notice provided to membership regarding proposals identified by the Legislative Committee and approved by the NCAA Division I Council Coordination Committee for a January vote (noncontroversial and standard legislation).

**December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time):**

- Deadline for conference-sponsored amendments to proposals identified for January vote as standard legislation.
  - Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

**NCAA Convention/January 2021 Council Meeting:**

- Council votes on proposals identified for January vote (noncontroversial and standard legislation).
- Council may introduce amendments to any proposal (Council-introduced or conference-sponsored) scheduled for April vote.
  - All modifications of Council-introduced proposals are permissible, provided they are germane to the original proposal. Amendments to conference-sponsored proposals may not expand the scope of the original proposal.
- NCAA Division I Issues Forum to include discussion of key proposals in legislative cycle.

**February 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):**

- Deadline for sponsors to refine and/or adjust their own proposals (sponsor-modification period).
  - All modifications permissible, provided they are germane to the concept of the original proposal.
- Deadline for conferences to submit amendments to proposals (amendment-to-amendment period).
  - Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

**February 8:**

- NCAA Division I Official Notice available, which includes final versions of proposals for April Council vote.

**February Legislative Committee Meeting:**

- Legislative Committee to review proposals, discuss feedback and develop positions.
  - Positions are presented in a chart to be provided to conferences to assist in preparation for the April Council vote.

**April Council Meeting:**

- Council votes on remaining proposals.