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The Council-Governance POPL presents all proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly sponsored for the 2022-23 legislative cycle.

The publication is updated from the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) once a day. As modifications or corrections are made to proposals during the sponsor modification period, updates will be made to LSDBi and those changes will be reflected in the POPL.

Because changes to the POPL will occur on a regular basis, there is no table of contents or index; however, users may use the "Bookmark" feature of the Adobe Reader to quickly scan the proposal numbers and titles and go directly to those proposals within the document. Users may also use the "Search" feature to find particular proposals. The proposals are presented by topical area by bylaw numbers and by proposal number within topical areas.

Division I Council-Governance Legislative Process for the 2022-23 Legislative Cycle

The following provides key deadlines and information regarding the 2022-23 NCAA Division I Council-governance legislative process. For more information regarding the legislative process, see NCAA Division I Constitution 9.3.2.

December 15:

- Deadline for amendments to proposals identified for January vote.
 - Only proposals introduced by the Council may be identified for a January vote. Additionally, such proposals must impact student-athlete well-being and must be time sensitive.
 - Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

NCAA Convention/January Council Meeting:

- Council votes on proposals identified for January vote. 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 amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.
- Division I Issues Forum includes opportunity for discussion of proposals in legislative cycle.

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

- Deadline for sponsors to refine/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 version of proposals for Council's April vote.

April Council Meeting:

- Council votes on all remaining proposals.

Council-Governance Proposals in the 2022-23 Legislative Cycle

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted; those letters and words that appear in **bold** and are underlined are to be added; and those words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division I legislation.]

Athletics Personnel

No. 2022-28 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AND RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS

Intent: To eliminate the volunteer coach designation, increase the number of countable coaches permitted in applicable sports and eliminate the recruiting coordination functions legislation. Further, to remove "makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition" as an element of the definition of a countable coach. In bowl subdivision football, to amend the graduate assistant coach designation, as specified. In championship subdivision football, women's rowing, and swimming and diving, to eliminate the graduate assistant coach designation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.01, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

[11.01 unchanged.]

11.01.2 Countable Coach. A countable coach is an institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements who engages in off-campus recruiting activities or provides technical or tactical instruction related to a sport to a student-athlete at any time.

11.01.2.1 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. In football, an employee of a professional sports organization or team who conducts a postseason practice session per Bylaw 17.11.7.4 is not considered a countable coach.

11.01.2.2 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its countable coaches if the coach is unable to perform any or all duties because of extenuating circumstances. The replacement coach may perform only those coaching, administrative or recruiting duties that the replaced coach is unable to perform.

11.01.2.3 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution.

11.01.34 Graduate Assistant **Student** Coach – **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, a graduate assistant **student** coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received the individual's first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility in football (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years (time spent under contract as a professional football player is excepted from this requirement) and ~~qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of~~ is enrolled in graduate level coursework at the institution. For an individual who did not participate in football, exhaustion of eligibility occurs at the expiration of the individual's five-year period of eligibility. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:

- ~~(a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which the individual is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;~~
- ~~(b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;~~
- ~~(c) The individual may receive training table meals as provided to the institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;~~

- ~~(d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;~~
- ~~(e a) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant **student** coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24 semester or 36 quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant **student** coach for a third year; **and**~~
- ~~(f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;~~
- ~~(g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;~~
- ~~(h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events or postseason bowl contests in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;~~
- ~~(i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA championship; and~~
- ~~(j b) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1.~~

~~11.01.3.1 Exception -- Professional Football Player. Time spent under contract as a professional football player is excepted from the application of the requirement that a graduate assistant coach must either have received the individual's first baccalaureate degree or have exhausted athletics eligibility within the previous seven years.~~

~~11.01.3.2 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.3(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year.~~

~~11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. In women's rowing and swimming and diving (see Bylaw 11.7.6.2.8), a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:~~

- ~~(a) The individual shall be enrolled in at least 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. If the individual fails to complete all degree requirements during the term in which the individual is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular program, the result shall be an institutional violation per Bylaw 8.01.3. An institution may appoint a midyear replacement graduate assistant coach who is enrolled in less than 50 percent of the institution's minimum regular graduate program of studies (or is not yet enrolled), provided the graduate assistant coach has been accepted for enrollment in a graduate program beginning with the next regular academic term;~~
- ~~(b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events;~~
- ~~(c) The individual may receive meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pregame or postgame meals, occasional meals) without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;~~

- ~~(d) Graduate and postgraduate financial assistance administered outside the institution (e.g., NCAA postgraduate scholarship) shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided such assistance is awarded through an established and continuing program to aid graduate students and the donor of the assistance does not restrict the recipient's choice of institutions;~~
- ~~(e) The individual may not serve as a graduate assistant coach for a period of more than two years except that if the individual successfully completes 24-semester or 36-quarter hours during the initial two-year period, the individual may serve as a graduate assistant coach for a third year;~~
- ~~(f) Compensation for employment from a source outside the institution during the academic year shall be excluded from the individual's limit on remuneration, provided the institution does not arrange such employment and the compensation is for work actually performed. The member institution may not arrange on- or off-campus employment opportunities except for summer employment, which is permissible regardless of whether the student remains enrolled in the graduate program during the summer;~~
- ~~(g) A graduate student coach may accept employment benefits available to all institutional employees (e.g., life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance), as well as expenses to attend the convention of the national coaches association in the coach's sport, without the value of those benefits being included;~~
- ~~(h) The individual may receive cash to cover unitemized incidental expenses during travel and practice for NCAA championship events in accordance with the parameters by which student-athletes may receive such expenses pursuant to Bylaw 16.8.1.1;~~
- ~~(i) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's significant other and children to attend the season-ending tournament(s) specified in Bylaw 17.16.5.3(b); and~~
- ~~(j) The individual may not evaluate or contact prospective student-athletes off campus, regardless of whether compensation is received for such activities. The individual may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2); however, it is permissible for a graduate assistant coach to make telephone calls to prospective student-athletes, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1.~~

~~11.01.4.1 Replacement of Graduate Assistant Coach. The compensation or remuneration set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4 shall be charged against an academic year. Once the amount set forth in Bylaw 11.01.4(b) is paid to a graduate assistant coach for that academic year, additional funds may not be spent on a replacement until the start of the next academic year, even though the graduate assistant coach leaves the institution's athletics program during the academic year.~~

11.01.5 Student Assistant Coach. A student assistant coach is any coach who is a student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility in the sport or has become injured to the point that the individual is unable to practice or compete ever again, and who meets the following additional criteria:

- (a) Is enrolled at the institution where the individual most recently participated in intercollegiate athletics;
- (b) Is enrolled as a full-time graduate student within the individual's five-year period of eligibility (see Bylaw 12.8) or is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in the individual's first baccalaureate degree program, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of the degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than a full-time degree program of studies, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements; **and**
- ~~(c) Is receiving no compensation or remuneration for coaching duties from the institution other than the financial aid that could be received as a student-athlete and expenses incurred on road trips that are received by individual team members; and~~
- ~~(d) Is not involved in contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and does not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).~~

~~11.01.6 Coach, Volunteer. In sports other than bowl subdivision football and basketball, a volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution's athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution's athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply:~~

- ~~(a) The individual is prohibited from contacting and evaluating prospective student-athletes off campus and may not perform recruiting coordination functions (see Bylaw 11.7.2).~~
- ~~(b) The individual may receive a maximum of two complimentary tickets to home athletics contests in the coach's sport.~~

- ~~(c) The individual may receive complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit.~~
- ~~(d) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or postgame meals, occasional meals, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.~~
- ~~(e) The individual may receive reasonable entertainment (but may not receive cash for such entertainment) in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes per Bylaw 16.7.~~

11.01.7**6** Manager. A manager is an individual who performs traditional managerial duties (e.g., equipment, laundry, hydration) and meets the following additional criteria:

(a) The individual shall be appointed as a manager within seven years of the individual's initial full-time collegiate enrollment (Circumstances which are exempt from the application of a student-athlete's five-year clock per Bylaw 12.8.1 (e.g., military service, religious mission) are exempted from the application of the seven-year period);

~~(a)~~ **(b)** The individual shall be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (see Bylaws 14.2.2 and 14.2.2.1.5) at the institution for which the individual serves as a manager, except that during the individual's final semester or quarter of a degree program, the individual may be enrolled in less than a full-time program of studies, provided the individual is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements;

~~(b)~~ **(c)** The individual may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities during practice (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) or competition (e.g., assist with warm-up activities) involving student-athletes on a regular basis;

~~(e)~~ **(d)** The individual shall not provide instruction to student-athletes;

~~(d)~~ **(e)** The individual shall not participate in countable athletically related activities (e.g., practice player) except as permitted in Bylaw 11.01.7-~~(bc)~~; and

~~(e)~~ **(f)** ~~In baseball, the~~ **The** individual shall forfeit any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution where the individual serves as a manager.

~~11.01.8 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancé or fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse.~~

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS, FCS and Division I, divided vote]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category. An individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach, ~~volunteer coach~~, graduate ~~assistant student~~ coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution.

~~11.7.1.1 Countable Coach. An institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements must count against coaching limits in the applicable sport as soon as the individual participates (in any manner) in any of the following:~~

- ~~(a) Provides technical or tactical instruction related to the sport to a student-athlete at any time;~~
- ~~(b) Makes or assists in making tactical decisions related to the sport during on-court or on-field practice or competition; or~~
- ~~(c) Engages in any off-campus recruiting activities.~~

~~11.7.1.1.1 Exception — Postseason Practice Session — Football. In football, an employee of a professional sports organization or team who conducts a postseason practice session per Bylaw 17.11.7.4 is not considered a countable coach.~~

~~11.7.1.1.2 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its countable coaches if the coach is unable to perform any or all duties because of extenuating circumstances (e.g., suspension, prolonged serious illness, pregnancy). The replacement coach~~

~~may perform only those coaching, administrative or recruiting duties, including the telephoning of prospective student-athletes, that the replaced coach is unable to perform.~~

~~11.7.1.1.3 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. An institution may replace a coach temporarily or on a limited basis when that coach takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the coach who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution.~~

[11.7.1.2 renumbered as 11.7.1.1, unchanged.]

~~11.7.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6:~~

- ~~(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes other than on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes; and~~
- ~~(b) Making telephone calls to prospective student-athletes (or prospective student-athletes' family members or coaches).~~

~~11.7.2.1 Exception -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Football. In football, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2(b) if the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.3-(j).]~~

~~11.7.2.2 Exception -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. In women's rowing and swimming and diving, a graduate assistant coach may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2(a) (on campus only) and 11.7.2(b) if the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. [See Bylaw 11.01.4-(j).]~~

~~11.7.2.3 Exceptions -- Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches.~~

- ~~(a) After National Letter of Intent Signing or Other Written Commitment. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2(b) after the prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid.~~
- ~~(b) After Receipt of Financial Deposit. A noncoaching institutional staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may perform the functions set forth in Bylaw 11.7.2(b) after the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.~~
- ~~(c) Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.~~
- ~~(d) Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.~~
- ~~(e) Telephone Calls Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. A noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete's family member or coach) that relate solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information), provided no recruiting conversation or solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs during such calls.~~

[11.7.3 renumbered as 11.7.2, unchanged.]

11.7.43 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of one head coach, 10 assistant coaches and four graduate **assistant student** coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

[11.7.4.1 through 11.7.4.2 renumbered as 11.7.3.1 through 11.7.3.2, unchanged.]

11.7.54 Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of ~~11~~ **13** head or assistant coaches ~~and two coaches who may serve as either graduate assistant coaches or volunteer coaches.~~

[11.7.5.1 through 11.7.5.2 renumbered as 11.7.4.1 through 11.7.4.2, unchanged.]

11.7.65 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate ~~assistant~~ **student** coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and ~~11.01.4~~, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 ~~and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6~~) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	3 5	Men's Skiing	2 3
Baseball	3 4	Women's Skiing	2 3
Men's Basketball	4	Men's Soccer	3 4
Women's Basketball	4	Women's Soccer	3 4
Women's Beach Volleyball	2 3	Softball	3 4
Women's Bowling	2 3	Men's Swimming	2 3
Women's Equestrian	3 4	Men's Swimming and Diving	3 4
Men's Fencing	2 3	Women's Swimming	2 3
Women's Fencing	2 3	Women's Swimming and Diving	3 4
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.4)	11	Men's Tennis	2 3
Football, Championship Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.5)	11 13	Women's Tennis	2 3
Field Hockey	3 4	Men's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	2
Men's Golf	2 3	Men's Track and Field	3 4
Women's Golf	2 3	Men's Cross Country/Track and Field	3 6
Men's Gymnastics	3 4	Women's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	2
Women's Gymnastics	3 4	Women's Track and Field	3 4
Men's Ice Hockey	3 4	Women's Cross Country/Track and Field	3 6
Women's Ice Hockey	3 4	Women's Triathlon	2 3
Men's Lacrosse	3 4	Men's Volleyball	3 4
Women's Lacrosse	3 4	Women's Volleyball	3 4
Men's Rifle	2 3	Men's Water Polo	3 4
Women's Rifle	2 3	Women's Water Polo	3 4
Women's Rowing	4 7	Men's Wrestling	3 4
Women's Rugby	3 4	Women's Wrestling	3 4

[11.7.6.1 renumbered as 11.7.5.1, unchanged.]

11.7.65.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

[11.7.6.2.1 through 11.7.6.2.2 renumbered as 11.7.5.2.1 through 11.7.5.2.2, unchanged.]

~~11.7.6.2.3 Volunteer Coach. In sports other than football, basketball, women's equestrian, women's rowing, swimming and diving and women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach (per Bylaw 11.01.6). Indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and cross country are separate sports for purposes of this provision. In sports in which the NCAA conducts separate men's and women's championships, a combined men's and women's program may use two volunteer coaches.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.1 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Rowing. In women's rowing, an institution may use the services of four volunteer coaches.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.2 Volunteer Coach -- Swimming and Diving. An institution that conducts separate men's and women's swimming programs with a combined men's and women's diving program may employ three volunteer coaches, one for men's swimming, one for women's swimming and one for diving. An institution that only sponsors either men's swimming and diving or women's swimming and diving may use the services of two volunteer coaches, one for swimming and one for diving.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.3 Volunteer Coach -- Cross Country/Track and Field. An institution that sponsors cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field as separate sports may use the services of one volunteer coach for each of the sports that it sponsors. Each volunteer coach may coach student-athletes in any of the three sports throughout the academic year.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.4 Volunteer Coach -- Track and Field -- Pole Vault. An institution that competes in pole vault may use the services of one additional volunteer coach (to coach both genders), limited to coaching pole vault.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.5 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Equestrian. In women's equestrian, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the hunt seat riding discipline and one volunteer coach for the western riding discipline.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.6 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Triathlon. In women's triathlon, an institution may use the services of one volunteer coach for the swimming element, one volunteer coach for the cycling element and one volunteer coach for the running element.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.7 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, an institution may use the services of two volunteer coaches.~~

~~11.7.6.2.3.8 Volunteer Coach -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution may use the services of up to two volunteer coaches, dependent on the number of graduate assistant coaches employed by the institution (see Bylaw 11.7.5).~~

[11.7.6.2.4 through 11.7.6.2.6 renumbered as 11.7.5.2.3 through 11.7.5.2.5, unchanged.]

~~11.7.6.2.7 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing. In women's rowing, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4).~~

~~11.7.6.2.8 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Swimming and Diving. In swimming and diving, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4) for diving (regardless of whether its diving programs are separate or combined).~~

11.7.6.2.6 Exception -- Women's Equestrian. In women's equestrian, an institution that uses both the hunt seat riding discipline and the western riding discipline may employ one additional countable coach.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 through 13.1.2 unchanged.]

13.1.2.7 Student-Athletes and Other Enrolled Students. The following conditions apply to recruiting activities involving enrolled student-athletes and other enrolled students: [D]

[13.1.2.7-(a) through 13.1.2.7-(b) unchanged.]

(c) ~~Written~~ Correspondence. It is permissible for an enrolled student-athlete (or enrolled student) to engage in ~~written~~ correspondence (**written or electronic**), provided ~~it is not done at the direction or expense of the member institution~~ **a student-athlete is not required to engage in such correspondence on a student-athlete's day off.**

(d) **Telephone Calls. An enrolled student-athlete may participate in telephone calls with a prospective student-athlete initiated by an institutional staff members provided the call does not occur on a student-athlete's day off. An enrolled student-athlete may receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete prior to the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff.**

[13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 through 13.1.3.3 unchanged.]

~~13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.~~

~~13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In football, women's rowing and swimming and diving, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1. [D]~~

~~13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) as specified:~~

- ~~(a) President or Chancellor/Faculty Athletics Representative/Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator. It is permissible for an institution's chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, director of athletics and senior woman administrator to return (as opposed to initiate) telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members). Under such circumstances, there are no restrictions on the content of the conversation that may occur during the call; however, any return call is subject to any applicable limitations on the number of telephone calls that an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.~~
- ~~(b) Academic Advisors. It is permissible for academic advisors (including academic advisors within the athletics department) to make calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) related to admissions or academic issues, subject to any applicable limitation on the number of telephone calls an institution may place to a prospective student-athlete.~~
- ~~(c) Compliance Administrators. It is permissible for a compliance administrator to make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) with no limit on the timing or number of such telephone calls, provided the calls relate only to compliance issues.~~
- ~~(d) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the official visit and during the official visit.~~
- ~~(e) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.~~

13.1.3.54 Nonpermissible Callers.

[13.1.3.5.1 renumbered as 13.1.3.4.1, unchanged.]

~~13.1.3.5.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. Enrolled student-athletes or other enrolled students shall not make or participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes at the direction of a coaching staff member or financed by the institution or a representative of its athletics interests; however, they may receive telephone calls at the expense of the prospective student-athlete on or after the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete. An enrolled student-athlete may receive telephone calls made at the expense of a prospective student-athlete prior to the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete, provided there is no direct or indirect involvement by athletics department staff. [D]~~

~~13.1.3.5.2.1 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, enrolled student-athletes may participate in telephone calls to prospective student-athletes initiated by a coaching staff member, subject to countable athletically related activities limitations. Such calls may not occur on a student-athlete's day off. [D]~~

~~13.1.3.5.2.2 Admissions Program Exception. Telephone calls made by enrolled students (excluding student-athletes) pursuant to an institution's regular admissions program directed at all prospective students shall be permissible.~~

[13.1.3.6 renumbered as 13.1.3.5, unchanged.]

[13.1.4 through 13.1.7 unchanged.]

13.1.7.9 Evaluation Days – Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach's employment activities in an institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution's camp or clinic) or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution do not count toward the evaluation days limitation. A coach's ~~(including a volunteer coach)~~ involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. A coach's ~~(including a volunteer coach)~~ employment activities in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic outside a 50-mile radius of the institution shall count toward the limit. [D]

[13.1.7.10 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Transportation.

[13.5.1 through 13.5.2 unchanged.]

13.5.2.2.1 Football Championship Subdivision Exception. In championship subdivision football, any member of an institution's athletics department ~~(except a volunteer coach per Bylaw 11.01.6)~~ who has been certified pursuant to a conference certification program may provide such transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the prospective student-athlete's home or educational institution and the member institution.

[13.5.2.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.5.2.3 through 13.5.2.6 unchanged.]

[13.5.3 through 13.5.4 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1 through 13.12.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.3 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.4 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate ~~assistant~~ **student** coach who has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1) may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by the institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by the institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

13.12.2.3.5 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach ~~(including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the rules education requirement per Bylaw 11.5.1)~~ or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or

volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by the institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only in June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level. If regulation is necessary, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete. Current legislation permits most sports to maintain a specified number of volunteer coaches or graduate assistant coaches in addition to the number of countable coaches who may be employed. Elimination of the volunteer coach designation and significant revisions to the graduate assistant coach position will help provide better support to student-athletes and simplify the personnel legislation. This proposal offsets the proposed elimination of the volunteer coach designation and the graduate assistant coach designation in women's rowing and swimming and diving, by increasing the number of individuals who may serve as countable coaches. Removing the element of making or assisting in making tactical decisions related to a sport during practice or competition significantly simplifies the legislation and relieves monitoring burdens. Maintaining the other elements of the countable coach definition preserves an integral component of coaching—providing technical or tactical instruction—and ensures that the individuals who engage in off-campus recruiting activities are the same individuals who will provide on-campus coaching, which helps facilitate integrity and informed decision-making in the recruiting process. Finally, in bowl subdivision football, the proposed amendments to the graduate assistant coach designation maintains an opportunity to provide developmental positions to the coaching profession that are directly tied to the pursuit of graduate-level education.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal would increase the number of countable coaches in multiple sports.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal eliminates unmonitorable and unenforceable aspects of the definition of a countable coach and simplifies personnel designations.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides additional countable coaches in multiple sports to better support student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

No. 2022-29 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- BASEBALL, ICE HOCKEY AND SOFTBALL

Intent: In baseball, ice hockey and softball. to increase, from three to five, the number of countable coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.

Bylaws: Amend 11.7.6, as follows:

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit
Baseball	3 5
Men's Ice Hockey	3 5
Women's Ice Hockey	3 5
Softball	3 5

[All other sports unchanged.]

[11.7.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level. If regulation is necessary, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete. During its review of existing athletics personnel limits, the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee sought input from Division I coaches associations on the proper number of coaches required to support the needs of their programs. This proposal reflects coaching association input to further increase the number of countable coaches permitted beyond the number that are currently occupied in baseball, softball and ice hockey by a volunteer coach. The recommended additional coaches are motivated by a desire to enhance the support of student-athlete health, safety and well-being based on the student-athlete to coach ratio that currently exists in those sports. These increases would provide opportunities for additional coaching and overall support to student-athletes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal would increase the limit of countable coaches in baseball, ice hockey and softball.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. By increasing the number of countable coaches the necessity for noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities may decrease.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides additional countable coaches to better support student-athletes in baseball, ice hockey and softball.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

No. 2022-30 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to increase, from four to six, the limit on the number of coaches who may be employed by an institution and specify that the two additional coaches shall not contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus and are subject to the restrictions related to individuals associated with prospective student-athletes (men's basketball) and recruited prospective student-athletes (women's basketball).

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows:

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.02.3 and 11.02.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.02.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.02.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit
Men's Basketball	<u>4 6 (only 4 may recruit off campus)</u>
Women's Basketball	<u>4 6 (only 4 may recruit off campus)</u>

[All other sports unchanged.]

[11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.4, as follows:

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[11.4.1 unchanged.]

11.4.2 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department ~~noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position~~ **other than a countable coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.**

[11.4.2.1 unchanged.]

11.4.2.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable ~~coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning~~ **coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus to another athletics department** staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the institution's last regular-season contest.

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department ~~noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning~~ staff position **other than a countable coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.**

[11.4.3.1 unchanged.]

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable ~~coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning~~ **coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus to another athletics department** staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest.

[11.4.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.8, as follows:

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[13.8.1 through 13.8.2 unchanged.]

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 through 13.8.3.2 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete – Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department ~~noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position~~ **other than a countable coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.**

[13.8.3.3.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3.2 Exception – Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable ~~coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning~~ **coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus to another athletics department** staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of the institution's last regular-season contest.

13.8.3.4 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department ~~noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position~~ **other than a countable coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.**

[13.8.3.4.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.4.2 Exception – Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable ~~coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning~~ **coach who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus to another athletics department** staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least one full season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution's last regular-season contest.

[13.8.3.5 through 13.8.3.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level. If regulation is necessary, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete. During its review of existing athletics personnel limits, the Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee sought feedback from coaches associations and sport oversight committees on the proper number of coaching staff required to support the needs of their programs. This proposal incorporates feedback provided to the subcommittee and would allow institutions to permit the same number of individuals who are currently permitted to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes via a blanket waiver to continue to do so. Blanket waivers were approved for the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 playing seasons to permit two noncoaching staff members to engage in instructional duties. The individuals hired into these two positions would be subject to legislation related to hiring an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (IAWP in men's basketball) or a recruited prospective student-athlete (IAWRP in women's basketball). This proposal provides additional support to basketball student-athletes and ensures staff members are available to assist and develop current student-athletes when all other countable coaches are recruiting off campus. Further, this proposal assists in the development of coaches by allowing the staff members to provide instruction to student-athletes without the pressure of engaging in off-campus recruiting activities.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal will increase the number of individuals who may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes in basketball.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. An institution will be required to designate the four countable coaches who may recruit off campus and increasing the number of countable coaches may decrease the necessity for noncoaching staff members with sport-specific responsibilities .

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides student-athletes additional staff members who may provide technical and tactical instructions, which is especially important when other countable coaches are off campus.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

No. 2022-31 AMATEURISM AND ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- STANDARD END OF GRACE PERIOD

Intent: In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to specify that a student-athlete must enroll full time in a regular academic term by October 1 or March 1 immediately after the student-athlete's grace period expires in order to avoid the application of delayed enrollment penalties.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8, as follows:

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.6 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[12.8.1 through 12.8.2 unchanged.]

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

[12.8.3.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year period (**by October 1 or March 1 immediately after one year has elapsed**) after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year period (~~the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed~~) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the one-year period, if the student-athlete has engaged in competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

[12.8.3.2.1.1 through 12.8.3.2.1.5 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (~~or the first opportunity to enroll~~ **by October 1 or March 1 immediately** after six months have elapsed) after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the

graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the six-month period has elapsed (~~or the next opportunity to enroll~~) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the six-month period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

[12.8.3.2.2.1 through 12.8.3.2.2.4 unchanged.]

[12.8.3.3 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.]

[12.8.4 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: A standard date is currently used by the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the end of the one-year time period after a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's high school class for purposes of delayed enrollment. Using a standard date promotes flexibility and consistency in the certification of all prospective student-athletes. While this standard date is currently applied through Council-Approved Review Process Guidelines, codification of the standard date simplifies educational messaging, promotes consistency and permits proactive guidance regarding when prospective student-athletes should stop competing to avoid a delayed-enrollment condition.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Fair Competition.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The application of delayed enrollment legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal standardizes and simplifies the determination of how the delayed enrollment legislation applies.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal treats all student-athletes who delay initial full-time collegiate enrollment in a fair and equitable manner.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2022-32 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Intent: To amend the official and unofficial visit legislation, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.18, as follows:

13.02.18 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.02.18.1 Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

13.02.18.2 Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses ~~or entertainment valued at more than \$100~~, **except as otherwise permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7**, by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, ~~except as permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7~~.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Transportation.

[13.5.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. An institution may pay a prospective student-athlete's actual transportation costs for an official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure or travels to the prospective student-athlete's home, educational institution or site of competition. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. [R]

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (~~except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2~~) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. [R]

13.5.2.2.1 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. [R]

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Family Members. Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4, a coaching staff member shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the ~~48-hour period of the~~ official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit**, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately. [R]

[13.5.2.2.2.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2.2.3 ~~On-Campus~~ **Local** Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) ~~around campus~~ during the official visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus, institutional vehicles normally used to transport the institution's athletics teams, or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member or student host. [R]

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. An institution providing air transportation to a prospective student-athlete **and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete** to and from an official campus visit must use commercial transportation at coach-class airfare. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4. [R]

13.5.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts. An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospective student-athlete (or ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends~~ **those accompanying the prospective student-athlete**) to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket. [R]

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members~~ **those accompanying the prospective student-athlete** between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. If a prospective student-athlete is transported by a member of the institution's athletics department from an airport or bus or train station other than the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution, the ~~48-hour~~ official visit ~~period~~ begins with the initiation of the ground transportation by the member of the institution's athletics department staff.

13.5.2.5 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the ~~48-hour~~ **two night** visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

13.5.2.6 Transportation of ~~Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members or Friends~~ **Individuals Accompanying a Prospective Student-Athlete**. An institution ~~shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by family members or friends of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may:~~ **may provide the actual round-trip cost for up to four individuals to accompany a prospective student-athlete on an official visit.** [R]

- ~~(a) Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, even if family members or friends accompany the prospective student-athlete;~~
- ~~(b) Permit the family members of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official visit; and~~
- ~~(c) Provide transportation between its campus and any bus or train station or airport for the family members of a prospective student-athlete making an official visit.~~

~~13.5.2.6.1 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

~~13.5.2.6.2 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. The institution may use an institutional vehicle normally used to transport prospective students visiting campus, an institutional vehicle normally used to transport the institution's athletics team or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such transportation. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. [R]

[13.5.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

[13.6.2.1.1 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

~~13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation.~~

~~13.6.2.2.1 Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following completion of high school and five beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.2.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, five additional visits from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and five visits beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply~~

~~regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.2.3 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of four expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and three expense-paid visits to Division I institutions beginning October 15 following the completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit.~~

~~13.6.2.21.46 Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt in First Year. A prospective student-athlete who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled in the prospective student-athlete's first year of full-time enrollment (first two semester or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution. Such a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit once the individual has completed an academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at a two-year college.~~

~~13.6.2.32 Number of Official Visits – Institutional Limitations. An institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete before October 15 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.32.1 Exception – Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, an institution may finance one additional visit for a prospective student-athlete who previously received an official visit to the institution. Visits provided pursuant to this exception shall also be excluded from the limitations on the number of official visits set forth in Bylaws 13.6.2.2, 13.6.2.3.2, 13.6.2.3.3, 13.6.2.3.4, 13.6.2.3.5 and 13.6.2.3.7. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.2 Baseball. In baseball, an institution may provide 25 official visits an annual basis (August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide 31 official visits, 25 of which may be provided prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, one visit from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. An institution may provide up to 28 official visits in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide up to 34 official visits in a rolling two-year period; however, the institution shall not exceed 28 official visits prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institution may provide official visits to up to 24 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period. A national service academy may provide official visits to up to 30 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31); however, the institution shall not exceed 24 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.5 Football. In football, an institution may provide 56 official visits on an annual basis (April 1 through March 31). The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.5.1 Unused Visits – Football. In football, an institution may retain a maximum of six unused visits from the previous year. Such visits may be used only during the following year. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.5.2 National Service Academies and Institutions That Do Not Subscribe to the National Letter of Intent. A national service academy or an institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent. An official visit provided to a senior prospective student-athlete April 1 through July 31 may count toward the previous year's limit.~~

~~13.6.2.3.6 Multiple-Sport Prospective Student-Athletes. A prospective student-athlete in football and one or more other sports (including basketball or baseball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in football. A prospective student-athlete in basketball and one or more other sports (other than football) shall be counted~~

~~against the visit limitation in basketball. A prospective student-athlete in baseball and one or more other sports (other than football or basketball) shall be counted against the visit limitation in baseball. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.3.7 Head Coaching Change. In baseball, basketball and football, an institution may provide additional official visits (up to 25 percent of the limitation for the particular sport) after a new head coach is hired, provided the previous head coach used 75 percent or more of the official visits permitted for that academic year. [D]~~

[13.6.2.4 renumbered as 13.6.2.3, unchanged.]

13.6.2.5~~4~~ Visit While Competing in Open Event. A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospective student-athlete to participate in an established "open" event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospective student-athlete are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution's campus with the prospective student-athlete remaining not more than ~~48 hours~~ **two nights**.

[13.6.2.6 renumbered as 13.6.2.5, unchanged.]

[13.6.3 unchanged.]

13.6.4 Length of Official Visit. ~~An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours.~~ **An institution shall not provide more than two consecutive nights of lodging to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with an official visit.** A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the ~~permissible 48-hour period~~ **visit** for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the ~~48-hour~~ visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. [D]

13.6.4.1 ~~48-Hour Period Defined~~ **Transportation.** ~~The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaws 13.5.2.4, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2).~~ The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the ~~48-hour~~ visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home.

13.6.4.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete. If a coach accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit by automobile per Bylaw 13.5.2.2.2, the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit** shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit**, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately.

13.6.4.1.2 Lodging in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit. A prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale of the institution without beginning the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit** if the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day.

~~13.6.74.1.13~~ Meals and Lodging While in Transit. ~~It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging)~~ **An institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete** incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. ~~In basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for up to two family members that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit.~~

13.6.4.2 Exception to ~~48-Hour Period~~ for Extenuating Circumstances. An **institution may provide a prospective student-athlete with additional expenses in conjunction with an** official visit ~~may extend beyond 48 hours~~ for

reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution (e.g., inclement weather conditions, natural disaster, flight delays or cancellations, airport security activity).

13.6.5 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.6 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit **and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete** shall be provided lodging and meals as lodging and meals are normally provided to regular students. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, luxury suite) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospective student-athletes on official visits.) [R]

13.6.6.1 Lodging for Additional Persons. An institution may provide lodging for up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Additional persons (~~e.g., additional family members, friends~~) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or other ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution. [R]

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit.

13.6.7.1 General Restrictions. An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.5, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. ~~It is not permissible to entertain friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site.~~ [R]

~~13.6.7.1.1 Meals and Lodging in Transit for Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete's family members (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of five* complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and may be issued through digital ticketing or a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box or bench area is specifically prohibited. [~~*A nonautonomy conference or institution that has not opted in to the more restrictive autonomy provision may provide six complimentary admissions.~~] [R]

[13.6.7.2.1 through 13.6.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[13.6.7.3 through 13.6.7.4 unchanged.]

13.6.7.5 Entertainment Expenses. An institution may cover the actual costs (up to \$60 per person) of entertaining a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an official visits, which excludes the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. Additional individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit may pay the actual cost of entertainment arranged by the institution. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos.

13.6.7.56 Student Host. A student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. ~~The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete:~~ [R]

~~(a) A maximum of \$75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of \$150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, the staff member's entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as~~

~~T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;~~

~~(b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and~~

~~(c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.~~

~~13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$75-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used. [D]~~

13.6.7.56.21 Nonqualifier and Academic Redshirt Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.3) or an academic redshirt (see Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may not serve as a student host during the student-athlete's first academic year of residence. [D]

[13.6.7.5.3 renumbered as 13.6.7.6.2, unchanged.]

13.6.7.67 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution.

13.6.7.78 Meals on Official Visit. The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the ~~\$75-per-day~~ entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. An institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger) to the prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete** in addition to the three meals. [R]

~~13.6.7.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. [R]~~

13.6.7.89 Normal Retail Cost. If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members~~ **individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete**, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the ~~\$75-per-day~~ **\$60 per person** entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the ~~\$75-per-day~~ **\$60 per person** entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R]

[13.6.7.9 through 13.6.7.10 renumbered as 13.6.7.10 through 13.6.7.11, unchanged.]

[13.6.8 through 13.6.9 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

[13.7.1 through 13.7.2 unchanged.]

13.7.3 ~~Entertainment/Tickets~~ **General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, an institution may not pay expenses or provide entertainment except for complimentary admissions to a home athletics event, one meal (on an occasional basis if the prospective student-athlete is provided more than one unofficial visit) and parking expenses for a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete. The prospective student-athlete may pay the actual cost of additional meals and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes.**

13.7.3.1 ~~General-Restrictions~~ **Complimentary Admissions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary** **Complimentary** admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) **may be provided** to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or

competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.3.5. [R]

~~13.7.3.1.1 Exception – Nontraditional Family. If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event.~~

~~13.7.3.1.2 Meals. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes. [R]~~

~~13.7.3.1.2.1 Exception – Championship Subdivision Football. A championship subdivision football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to a football prospective student-athlete in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the prospective student-athlete's family members in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students' family members visiting the campus. A prospective student-athlete who is given such a meal may not also be provided by the institution with an official visit in any sport. [R]~~

~~13.7.3.1.2.2 Exception – Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospective student-athletes (including nonathletes) attending the admissions event. [R]~~

13.7.3.21.1 Home Games at Site Other Than Regular Home Facility. If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of ~~three~~ **five** complimentary admissions to any such game for the exclusive use of a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.7.3.4. [R]

13.7.3.31.2 Conference Tournaments. A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R]

13.7.3.41.3 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R]

13.7.3.1.54 Reserving Game Tickets. An institution may reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete during an unofficial visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. [R]

13.7.3.1.5 Meal on Unofficial Visit. The one meal that may be provided by the institution to a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete shall be similar to meals normally provided to regular students. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a within one mile of campus boundaries.

~~13.7.3.1.6 Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for a prospective student-athlete to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit. [R]~~

13.7.3.12.4 Transportation During Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.7.3.13.3 Housing – Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. [R]

13.7.3.14.8 Student Host. A student host must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general.

13.7.34.1.7 Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

13.7.35.5 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than the institution providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. Such admissions may be provided during a dead period. [R]

13.7.36.6 Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. [R]

13.7.37.7 Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.10.) [R]

[13.7.4 through 13.7.5 renumbered as 13.7.8 through 13.7.9, unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.8, as follows:

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. [D]

[13.8.1.1 unchanged.]

13.8.1.2 Exception -- Official or Unofficial Visits. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved may receive the benefits outlined in Bylaws 13.5, 13.6 and 13.7 as one of four individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official or unofficial visit.

[13.8.1.2 through 13.8.1.5 renumbered as 13.8.1.3 through 13.8.1.6, unchanged.]

[13.8.2 through 13.8.3 unchanged.]

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Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level. If regulation is necessary, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete. Visits to campus are an integral part of the decision-making process for prospective student-athletes and those who assist

them in their decisions. An institution should have the autonomy to determine whether to provide expenses to the individuals who may accompany the prospective student-athlete to assist in the college decision-making process. Maintaining necessary guardrails, including one official visit per prospective student-athlete per institution, a limit on the number of individuals who may receive expenses, a cap on entertainment expenses and a two-night limit on the length of an official visit helps ensure that visits to campus focus on the college decision making process rather than serve as a recruiting inducement or celebrityization of the prospective student-athlete's presence on campus. Finally, the opportunity to provide a meal and parking expenses during unofficial visits is reasonable and reduces monitoring burdens.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal enhances the official and unofficial visit experience for prospective student-athletes and provides increased support to those accompanying prospective student-athletes to assist prospective student-athletes and institutions in making informed decisions during the recruiting process.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal simplifies the length of official visit legislation and provides additional benefits to prospective student-athletes on unofficial visits which will decrease the monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports informed decision making during the recruiting process.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential costs associated with opportunities to provide expenses to individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official visit and to provide minimal expenses during unofficial visits.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

No. 2022-33 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS, PRIVATE LESSONS AND ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS AT CAMPS AND CLINICS -- MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Intent: In men's gymnastics, to: (a) Eliminate the requirement that all prospective student-athletes participating on a local sports club an institution's coach is involved with live within a 50-mile radius of the institution; (b) Permit an institution's athletics department or an institution's athletics booster group to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes; (c) Permit an institution's coach to provide private lessons to prospective student-athletes; (d) Eliminate camp and clinic attendance restrictions; and (e) Permit a student-athlete or former student-athlete who is participating in practice pursuant to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body exception to engage in coaching activities.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

[13.11.2.1 through 13.11.2.3 unchanged.]

13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball ~~and~~ football **and men's gymnastics**, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). **In men's gymnastics, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) for a sports club or organization regardless of the location of the club or the residence of participating prospective student-athletes.** In all sports, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in a sport other than the coach's sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal

residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in clubs or organizations involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of a prospective student-athlete age, regardless of where such individuals reside. (In women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball, see Bylaws 13.1.7.9 and 13.1.7.10, respectively, for regulations relating to a coach's involvement with a local sports club and the permissible number of evaluation days.) [D]

[13.11.2.4.1 through 13.11.2.4.2 unchanged.]

13.11.2.4.3 Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club. Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. [D]

[13.11.2.4.3.1 unchanged.]

13.11.2.4.3.2 Exception -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, an institution's athletics department or an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes and an athletics department staff member may be involved with a club team that is sponsored by a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department.

[13.11.2.4.4 through 13.11.2.4.5 unchanged.]

[13.11.2.5 through 13.11.2.6 unchanged.]

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. *Participation* **In sports other than men's gymnastics, participation** by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. **In men's gymnastics, an institution and athletics department staff members may be involved in any capacity (e.g., host, coach, consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body.** [D]

[13.11.3.3.1 through 13.11.3.3.3 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.4 through 13.11.3.6 unchanged.]

13.11.3.7 Private Lessons -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, a coach may teach private lessons to a prospective student-athlete, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals;**
- (b) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members; and**
- (c) A student-athlete may be employed by the institution's coach during the private lessons, provided compensation is provided pursuant to the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.1.**

[13.11.3.7 through 13.11.3.10 renumbered as 13.11.3.8 through 13.11.3.11, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.2 unchanged.]

13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction. A **In sports other than men's gymnastics**, a member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).

[13.12.1.4 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 through 13.12.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.5 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.6 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to men's gymnastics institutional camps (e.g., no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic).

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.7 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.7 through 13.12.2.3.8, unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Men's Gymnastics**, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **men's gymnastics**, softball and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). [D]

[13.12.2.3.9 through 13.12.2.3.10 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.10 through 13.12.2.3.11, unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 12.8.2.5.) [D]

[14.2.1.1 through 14.2.1.7 unchanged.]

14.2.1.8 Exception -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.1.8-(a) through 14.2.1.8-(d) unchanged.]

(e) ~~The~~ **In sports other than men's gymnastics, the** individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;

[14.2.1.8-(f) through 14.2.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

[14.2.2 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee College Sports Sustainability Think Tank was charged with recommending actionable priorities in Olympic sports to support and sustain the ongoing development of elite student-athletes at NCAA institutions and encourage the continued growth of Olympic sports. In men's gymnastics, the think tank identified several areas of NCAA recruiting rules, that when broadly applied across all sports, stifle the growth of the sport. Deregulation of recruiting legislation in men's gymnastics will boost engagement, promotion and cooperation across community/youth programs, college varsity teams and the national team. Creative partnerships across campus structures, youth programming and national programming can provide efficiencies, generate new revenue and grow men's gymnastics, which is currently sponsored at only 13 NCAA member institutions.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal aims to deregulate recruiting restrictions in men's gymnastics that will enable continued growth in the sport.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal decreases the recruiting monitoring burden in men's gymnastics.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will allow institutional staff to have increased engagement with prospective student-athletes in order to encourage continued participation and development in men's gymnastics.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Academic Eligibility

No. 2022-34 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- ELIMINATION OF TEST-SCORE REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To eliminate the standardized test score requirement from the initial-eligibility requirements and establish minimum grade-point average requirements, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.15, as follows:

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

[13.15.1 unchanged.]

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 Expenses Related to Academic Evaluations and Test Scores. An institution may pay fees or provide expenses in the following situations related to a prospective student-athlete's academic evaluation or test scores:

- (a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores;
- (b) Expenses (e.g., document fees, express delivery charges) to obtain information or receive documents that are necessary to certify or evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete (e.g., transcripts, translation of transcripts); or
- (c) Expenses (e.g., transcript fee, express delivery charges) for a prospective student-athlete's institution to send an academic transcript to the Eligibility Center *or for an ACT or SAT score to be sent from the testing agency to the Eligibility Center*, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[13.15.2.2 through 13.15.2.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.3, as follows:

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition – Qualifiers and Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier or an academic redshirt.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications:

- (a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average ~~as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3~~ **of 2.300** (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics (Three years of mathematics courses at the level of Algebra I or higher). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of mathematics also may be accepted.)	3 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of natural or physical science also may be accepted.)	2 years
Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science	1 year
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or foreign language, philosophy or non-doctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; **and**

- ~~(b) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.1.3. The required SAT or ACT score must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing]; and~~
- (e **b**) Completion of 10 of the required 16 core courses before the start of the seventh semester (or the equivalent) of high school. Seven of the 10 core courses must include English, mathematics and natural or physical science. The 10 core courses used to fulfill this requirement and the grades achieved in such courses shall be used in determining the student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence and shall not be replaced by courses or grades achieved in subsequently completed core courses, including courses completed after the core-curriculum time limitation pursuant to Bylaws 14.3.1.3.1.1 or 14.3.1.3.1.2. (See Bylaw 14.3.1.3.6.)

[14.3.1.1.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.1.2 Exception – Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete **presenting a core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses upon completion of six semesters (or the equivalent)** shall be certified as a qualifier, ~~provided the student-athlete has achieved the following academic criteria:~~ **The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.**

- ~~(a) A minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections of 900 (for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016) or a minimum sum score on the ACT of 75, per the requirements of Bylaw 14.3.1.4. A~~

~~concordant SAT score for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016 will be determined by the College Board; and~~

~~(b) A core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses on completion of six semesters (or the equivalent). The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course, if offered), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.~~

[14.3.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

~~14.3.1.1.3 Initial-Eligibility Index for Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a qualifier. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:~~

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550 & above	400	37	2.900	660	54
3.525	410	38	2.875	670	55
3.500	420	39	2.850	680	56
3.475	430	40	2.825	690	56
3.450	440	41	2.800	700	57
3.425	450	41	2.775	710	58
3.400	460	42	2.750	720	59
3.375	470	42	2.725	730	60
3.350	480	43	2.700	740	61
3.325	490	44	2.675	750	61
3.300	500	44	2.650	760	62
3.275	510	45	2.625	770	63
3.250	520	46	2.600	780	64
3.225	530	46	2.575	790	65
3.200	540	47	2.550	800	66
3.175	550	47	2.525	810	67
3.150	560	48	2.500	820	68
3.125	570	49	2.475	830	69
3.100	580	49	2.450	840	70
3.075	590	50	2.425	850	70
3.050	600	50	2.400	860	71
3.025	610	51	2.375	870	72
3.000	620	52	2.350	880	73
2.975	630	52	2.325	890	74
2.950	640	53	2.300	900	75
2.925	650	53			

14.3.1.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may receive institutional athletically related financial aid but may not compete during the first academic year of residence. An academic redshirt may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility during the first regular academic term of residence. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit in each applicable regular academic term in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the initial academic year of residence. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who

presented ~~the same academic qualifications applicable to qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) except for the following: a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the required courses set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(a).~~

~~(a) The required minimum cumulative grade-point average and minimum combined score on the SAT critical reading and math sections or a minimum sum score on the ACT as specified in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1;~~

~~(b) Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(c) shall not apply.~~

14.3.1.2.1 Initial-Eligibility Index for Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as an academic redshirt. The SAT scores in the table below apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board:

Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT	Core GPA	SAT	Sum ACT
3.550	400	37	2.750	720	59
3.525	410	38	2.725	730	60
3.500	420	39	2.700	740	61
3.475	430	40	2.675	750	61
3.450	440	41	2.650	760	62
3.425	450	41	2.625	770	63
3.400	460	42	2.600	780	64
3.375	470	42	2.575	790	65
3.350	480	43	2.550	800	66
3.325	490	44	2.525	810	67
3.300	500	44	2.500	820	68
3.275	510	45	2.475	830	69
3.250	520	46	2.450	840	70
3.225	530	46	2.425	850	70
3.200	540	47	2.400	860	71
3.175	550	47	2.375	870	72
3.150	560	48	2.350	880	73
3.125	570	49	2.325	890	74
3.100	580	49	2.300	900	75
3.075	590	50	2.275	910	76
3.050	600	50	2.250	920	77
3.025	610	51	2.225	930	78
3.000	620	52	2.200	940	79
2.975	630	52	2.175	950	80
2.950	640	53	2.150	960	81
2.925	650	53	2.125	970	82
2.900	660	54	2.100	980	83
2.875	670	55	2.075	990	84
2.850	680	56	2.050	1000	85
2.825	690	56	2.025	1010	86
2.800	700	57	2.000	1020	86
2.775	710	58			

[14.3.1.2.2 renumbered as 14.3.1.2.1, unchanged.]

[14.3.1.3 through 14.3.1.6 unchanged.]

14.3.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition – Nonqualifiers.

14.3.2.1 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), did not present the core-curriculum grade-point average *and/or* SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier or an academic redshirt.

[14.3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.3.2.2 through 14.3.2.3 unchanged.]

[14.3.3 through 14.3.5 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.3.1.4, as follows:

[Common provision, Divisions I and II only, divided vote]

~~14.3.1.4 Test Score Requirements. The minimum required SAT or ACT score (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) must be achieved under national testing conditions on a national, state or district testing date [no residual (campus) testing].~~

~~14.3.1.4.1 Test Score Time Limitation. The minimum required SAT or ACT score shall be achieved prior to registering for a minimum full-time program of studies (as determined by the institution) and attending classes in a regular term (e.g., semester or quarter) of an academic year at a collegiate institution.~~

~~14.3.1.4.2 Combined Test Scores. For students using the SAT examination, the highest scores achieved on the critical reading and mathematics sections of the SAT from two different national testing dates may be combined in determining whether the student has met the minimum test score requirements. SAT scores for tests taken prior to March 1, 2016, will not be combined with SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016. For students using the ACT examination, the highest scores achieved on the individual subtests of the ACT from more than one national testing date or state-administered examination may be combined in determining whether the student's sum score has met the minimum test score requirement.~~

~~14.3.1.4.3 Nonstandard Test Administration. Students with education impacting disabilities may use scores achieved during a nonstandard administration of the SAT or ACT. A student who takes a nonstandard SAT or ACT still must achieve the minimum required test score.~~

~~14.3.1.4.4 Test Score Report. The minimum SAT or ACT score(s) used for initial-eligibility purposes must be provided to the Eligibility Center by the appropriate testing agency through an official test score report.~~

[14.3.1.5 through 14.3.1.6 renumbered as 14.3.1.4 through 14.3.1.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: 8/1/23, for student-athletes initially enrolling full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/23.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: The NCAA Standardized Test Score Task Force, which was formed as part of the NCAA's eight-point plan to advance racial equity, developed recommendations based on a review of historical perspectives, the current landscape, and insights from researchers, third-party organizations, thought leaders and the NCAA membership. Eliminating the standardized test score requirement from initial-eligibility requirements aligns with the trend among institutions of moving away from requiring standardized test scores for admissions purposes. Voting on this proposal in January 2023 aligns with Division II and will provide sufficient notice to the membership, the secondary education community, and prospective student-athletes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Freshman academic requirements are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. Removal of the standardized test requirement eliminates a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by simplifying freshman academic requirements legislation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Eligibility

No. 2022-35 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – TRANSFER REGULATIONS – MIDYEAR ENROLLEES – SOFTBALL

Intent: In softball, to specify that a midyear transfer student-athlete shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the ensuing academic year.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5, as follows:

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

[14.5.1 through 14.5.3 unchanged.]

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements.

14.5.4.1 Qualifier. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) is eligible for competition in the first academic year of residence if the student meets the requirements for a nonqualifier to be eligible for competition (per Bylaw 14.5.4.2.1) or:

[14.5.4.1-(a) through 14.5.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

14.5.4.1.1 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a qualifier who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.1, but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

14.5.4.2 Nonqualifier.

[14.5.4.2.1 through 14.5.4.2.4 unchanged.]

14.5.4.2.5 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a student who was not a qualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.1.1) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.2, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

14.5.4.3 Academic Redshirt. A transfer student from a two-year college who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) is eligible for competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student:

[14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(d) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.3.1 through 14.5.4.3.2 unchanged.]

14.5.4.3.3 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** – Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a student who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.4.3 but initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

[14.5.4.4 through 14.5.4.9 unchanged.]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process.

[14.5.5.1 through 14.5.5.4 unchanged.]

14.5.5.5 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. (See Bylaw 14.6.1.1 for the application to graduate transfer student-athletes.)

14.5.5.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball **and Softball**. In baseball **and softball**, a midyear four-year college transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

[14.5.5.5.2 unchanged.]

[14.5.6 unchanged.]

14.5.6.5 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a student who satisfies the provisions of Bylaw 14.5.6, but initially enrolls at a certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the institution's first term of the academic year, shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

14.5.6.5.1 Return to Original Institution -- Baseball **and Softball**. In baseball **and softball**, a midyear 4-2-4 transfer student who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception [see Bylaw 14.5.6.1-(a)] to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year.

[14.5.6.5.2 unchanged.]

[14.5.6.6 through 14.5.6.10 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which the student-athlete previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).

14.6.1 Postgraduate Transfer Exceptions. A student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which the student-athlete previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student-athlete fulfills the conditions of an exception for transfers from four-year colleges set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.

14.6.1.1 Baseball, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Softball** -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball, ~~and~~ basketball **and softball**, a graduate transfer student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception for transfers from four-year colleges may be immediately eligible for competition, provided the student-athlete satisfies all other applicable eligibility requirements.

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, a midyear transfer student-athlete in softball may be immediately eligible to compete during the championship season at another institution provided the student-athlete qualifies for an exception to the transfer year of residence requirement and is otherwise academically eligible. Therefore, a softball student-athlete is permitted to represent two institutions in competition during the same academic year. This proposal decreases disruption to team cohesion and promotes stability in the championship season, by prohibiting midyear transfers to compete immediately at another institution during the spring. This proposal will help provide clarity to

championship season rosters and decrease the negative impact midyear transfers may have on the experience of those student-athletes who remain at the transferring student-athlete's previous institution.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Fair Competition.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation surrounding the eligibility of transfer student-athletes is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. Clear guidance surrounding the athletics eligibility of midyear transfers is easily monitorable and enforceable.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will promote stability of softball teams and increase consistency for the student-athlete experience.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2022-36 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL – NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT COMPETITION – ELIMINATE INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION

Intent: In women's beach volleyball, to eliminate the limit of four institutional dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted.

Bylaws: Amend 17.5, as follows:

17.5 Women's Beach Volleyball. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.4 unchanged.]

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted ~~and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted~~, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.5.5.3 and 17.5.5.4.

[17.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

~~17.5.5.1.2 Pairs Tournament – Institutional – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single institutional date of competition, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.~~

~~17.5.5.1.3 Participation in Multiple Tournaments on the Same Day or Days – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, an institution that participates in multiple pairs tournaments on the same day or days may select any day on which all the tournaments are conducted as one institutional date of competition.~~

17.5.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete 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.

17.5.5.2.1 Pairs Tournament – Student-Athlete – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single date of competition for participating individuals, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.

[17.5.5.3 through 17.5.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.5.6 through 17.5.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2023

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal permits women's beach volleyball student-athletes to participate in four individual pairs tournaments during the nonchampionship segment, which provides a competitive experience that is similar in length and format to similarly aligned sports with nonchampionship segments that include multiple day tournaments. The women's beach volleyball nonchampionship segment does not operate as a team sport compared to the championship segment. This proposal allows for nonchampionship segment competition to be based on individual dates of competition, rather than institutional dates of competition.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal provides women's beach volleyball student-athletes additional competition opportunities during the nonchampionship segment.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be easily monitored and enforced by tracking student-athlete participation.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides women's beach volleyball student-athletes meaningful opportunities to develop in a competition environment during the nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Costs associated with potential increases in nonchampionship segment competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Championships and Postseason Football

No. 2022-37 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- SPORT SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY -- CROSS COUNTRY

Intent: In cross country, to specify that an institution shall have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in order to be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4.2.2, as follows:

18.4.2.2 Championships -- Eligibility. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution also shall:

[18.4.2.2-(a) through 18.4.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

(e) In **cross country and** indoor and outdoor track and field, have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

[18.4.2.2.1 through 18.4.2.2.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2023 (applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2023).

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: This proposal would provide consistency across championships by preventing an institution that sponsors indoor and/or outdoor track, but not cross country, from being able to have distance runners compete at the cross country championships. Currently, an institution that sponsors cross country but doesn't sponsor indoor and/or outdoor track cannot compete at track championships. The delayed effective date provides notice to prospective student-athletes regarding eligibility for the 2023 cross-country championships. This legislative change would not impact student-athletes who enrolled before August 1, 2023.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The promotion of consistency across championships involving many of the same participants and coaches is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The consistency of application outweighs minimal monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: It supports student-athlete well-being by requiring consistent standards for any institution to compete in the cross country national championships.

Estimated Budget Impact: Institutions that have not achieved the minimum requirements will be required to add contests and participants if they intend to compete for championships eligibility.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Institutions that have not achieved the minimum requirements may add contests.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

Division Membership

No. 2022-38 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PERSONNEL, FINANCIAL AID, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S STUNT

Intent: To add women's stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows:

20 Division Membership

[20.01 unchanged.]

20.02 Definitions and Applications.

[20.02.1 through 20.02.6 unchanged.]

20.02.7 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

(a) Team Sports: acrobatics and tumbling, ~~and~~ rugby **and stunt**; and

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian, triathlon and wrestling.

[20.02.7.1 through 20.02.7.2 unchanged.]

[20.02.8 through 20.02.10 unchanged.]

[20.1 through 20.9 unchanged.]

20.10 Division I Membership.

[20.10.1 through 20.10.5 unchanged.]

20.10.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of:

[20.10.6-(a) through 20.10.6-(b) unchanged.]

[20.10.6.1 through 20.10.6.2 unchanged.]

20.10.6.3 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 women's rowing, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Women's Stunt	8	16

[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.6.3.1 through 20.10.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)

[20.10.6.3.1 through 20.10.6.3.11 unchanged.]

[20.10.7 through 20.10.10 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

[11.01 through 11.6 unchanged.]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit
Women's Stunt	4

[All other sports unchanged.]

[11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.3, as follows:

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.5.3.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports:

[All other sports unchanged.]

Stunt	9
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[15.5.3.1.3 through 15.5.3.1.4 unchanged.]

[15.5.3.2 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

[17.02.18-(a) through 17.02.18-(c) unchanged.]

17.02.18.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	Football	Soccer
Baseball	Ice Hockey	Softball
Basketball	Lacrosse	<u>Women's Stunt</u>
Women's Beach Volleyball	Women's Rowing	Volleyball
Field Hockey	Women's Rugby	Water Polo

[17.02.18.2 unchanged.]

[17.02.19 through 17.02.20 unchanged.]

[17.1 through 17.21 unchanged.]

17.22 Women's Stunt. Regulation for computing the women's stunt playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's stunt shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.22.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's stunt prior to the institution's first day of classes for the fall term.

17.22.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in women's stunt prior to February 1.

17.22.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition in women's stunt by the conclusion of the College Stunt Association National Championship.

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.22.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's stunt during the playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.22.5.3 and 17.22.5.4.

17.22.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's stunt in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.22.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity team of the institution).

17.22.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's stunt shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship;

- (b) Season-Ending Event. Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
- (c) Alumni Contest. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution.
- (d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;
- (e) Fundraising Activity. Any stunt activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefits of the institution's athletics or other programs; provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);
- (f) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's stunt team who participate in local celebrity stunt activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
 - (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation.
 - (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
 - (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.
- (g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for stunt as a U.S. national team; and
- (h) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.22.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in women's stunt during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2

17.22.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.22.6.2 Vacation-Period and Summer Workout Exception. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.22.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when a student-athlete is engaged in individual skill work. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.22.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's stunt who may be employed (e.g., as camp counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.22.9 Other Restrictions.

17.22.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.22.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's stunt who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside stunt team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's stunt competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate stunt competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.32.3 for exceptions).

17.22.9.1.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in women's stunt may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur stunt team.

17.22.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's stunt who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur stunt team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.22.9.1.1.1).

17.22.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's stunt team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.30 and 17.32.3.

17.22.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

- (a) The national governing body conducts and administers the development program;**
- (b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the development program; and**
- (c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.**

17.22.9.2 Equipment Issues, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.22 through 17.33 renumbered as 17.23 through 17.34, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: The continued growth in high school stunt sponsorship and participation, steady increase in the number of member institutions sponsoring stunt, and support from the sport's national governing body form the basis of a compelling rationale to include stunt as an emerging sport for women. The opportunity for the sport to enrich enrollment management strategies of sponsoring institutions, as well as participation opportunities for female student-athletes, female sport administrators, coaches and officials also support adoption of this proposal.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Establishing an emerging sport for women is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. Any monitoring burdens are outweighed by the opportunities provided.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would expand opportunities for women to participate as student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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