

2024-25 NCAA Division I Council Recruiting Calendar as Policy Pilot

Background.

At the recommendation of the Division I Legislative Committee, the council approved a pilot program for changes to recruiting calendars to be within the authority of the following council standing committees:

- **Basketball:** NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee (MBOC) and NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee (WBOC).
- **Football:** NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee (FBSOC) and Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee (FCSOC).
- **All Other Sports:** NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee (SAEC).

During the pilot program, changes to recruiting calendars will not require formal legislative action. Committee authority to make changes to recruiting calendars is limited to adjustments to currently legislated periods of recruiting activities (changing what days are designated as a contact/recruiting period, evaluation period, quiet period, dead period and/or recruiting shutdown). Any other change associated with the recruiting cycle, such as changing the number of recruiting person days or defining a new period of recruiting activity, continue to require legislative action through the Division I Council pilot legislative processes.

The following policies and procedures outline the potential processes that will be used by the applicable council standing committee to annually ratify recruiting calendars, as well as for amending recruiting calendars during a recruiting cycle.

Process for annual ratification of recruiting calendars. The dates included below establish an initial framework and will be adjusted, as needed, if the process for ratifying recruiting calendars continues to be managed by the applicable council standing committee.

- **May 1:** Deadline for external organizations to provide information to NCAA staff on recommended changes for recruiting calendars.
- **June meeting materials:** The recommended recruiting calendars (August through August) for the upcoming recruiting cycle are included in standing committee meeting materials.
- **June ratification:** During their respective in-person committee meetings FBSOC, FCSOC, MBOC, SAEC and WBOC ratify the proposed recruiting calendars.
- **July:** NCAA staff publish the recruiting calendars on NCAA.org following the ratification by council standing committees.

Process for changing a recruiting calendar during a recruiting cycle. While the goal is to use the annual ratification process to make any necessary changes to recruiting calendars for the

forthcoming recruiting cycle, the applicable council standing committees will have the authority to consider changes to a recruiting calendar at any meeting. Note: In order to provide adequate notice to the Division I membership, the proposed change must be included in the applicable standing committee materials.

- When reviewing a potential change to a recruiting calendar during a recruiting cycle, the standing committee should consider:
 - Whether it is necessary to make the proposed change during the recruiting cycle as opposed to making the change through the annual ratification process.
 - Whether the proposed change will positively impact the recruiting experience for prospective student-athletes and coaches.
 - Whether there is a significant potential budget impact.
 - Whether the proposed change can be adequately and effectively communicated to the sport community in a manner that provides adequate notice.
 - The appropriate effective date of the change.
- If a committee agrees to make a change to a sport's recruiting calendar during the recruiting cycle, the applicable calendar on the NCAA website will be edited as soon as possible and notice provided to the membership via an announcement on LSDBi.