



2026 NCAA Convention – Division I Business Session Procedural Question and Answer Document

Question No. 1: What is a division dominant provision?

Answer: A division dominant provision is a regulation that applies to all members of a division and is of sufficient importance to the division that it requires a two-thirds majority vote of all Division I delegates present and voting at an annual or special Convention to be amended.

Question No. 2: How are division dominant provisions identified in the Division I legislation?

Answer: Division dominant provisions are identified by the diamond symbol (◆) in brackets after the provisions' titles.

Question No. 3: Is the NCAA Division I Board of Directors the only body that has the authority to sponsor an amendment to a division dominant provision?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: Does an active member institution or conference have the authority to sponsor an amendment-to-amendment of a proposal to amend a division dominant provision?

Answer: No. The Board of Directors is the only body that may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment of a proposal amending a division dominant provision.

Question No. 5: Does an active member institution or conference have the authority to sponsor an amendment during the Division I Business Session at the NCAA Convention?

Answer: No.

Question No. 6: How does an institution or conference appoint a delegate to vote at the Division I Business Session?

Answer: Presidents, chancellors, directors of athletics and commissioners received an initial email on November 12 and follow-up reminders will be sent, which provide instructions to gain entry to the school or conference-specific Appointment of Delegate Form. Members are encouraged to complete the appointment of delegates process by Friday, December 19 to avoid last minute issues with voting access.

Question No. 7: What is the date and time for the Division I Business Session?

Answer: The Division I Business Session will begin at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, January 14 in the Potomac Ballroom B (Ballroom Level) at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Question No. 8: Will delegates be permitted to discuss the proposal during the session before the votes?

Answer: Yes. Delegates with speaking rights will be permitted to discuss the proposal on the floor before the vote.

Question No. 9: What parliamentary rules will be used during the Division I Business Session and will any special rules of order be adopted during the session?

Answer: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be the parliamentary authority for conduct of the Division I Business Session. No special rules of order will be adopted prior to the session.

Question No. 10: Is the NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee permitted to vote during the Division I Business Session?

Answer: Yes. The chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is eligible to vote.

Question No. 11: Is a quorum required to conduct business?

Answer: Yes. Forty active member institutions and conferences constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Question No. 12: May an active member institution or conference vote virtually or by proxy?

Answer: No.

Question No. 13: How will the voting delegate from an active member institution or conference place their votes?

Answer: Voting delegates will vote using a Lumi keypad. Each delegate will receive a smartcard at the Convention registration desk and a voting device outside the Business Session ballroom. Votes will be placed during the Business Session using the smartcard and the voting device.

Question No. 14: What are the voting requirements necessary for approval of the proposal?

Answer: A two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting. Abstentions are not counted toward the total number of votes.

Question No. 15: What is the process to approve an immediate effective date for a proposal that amends a division dominant provision?

Answer: Approval of an immediate effective date requires a separate two-thirds majority vote of all delegates present and voting. The vote on the immediate effective date will occur before the vote on the proposal.

Question No. 16: What will the effective date of the proposal be if an immediate effective date is not approved?

Answer: August 1, 2026.

Question No. 17: Are delegates restricted to making comments about the proposal being considered?

Answer: Debate must be limited to the merits of the specific motion that is being debated. When the motion for an immediate effective date is under consideration, debate is limited to that issue. When the proposal is under consideration, debate is limited to the merits of the proposal.

Question No. 18: Is there a time limit on speakers? Is there a limit on the number of times a delegate may speak?

Answer: Per Robert's Rules of Order, a delegate is limited to 10 minutes per speech. To ensure that all delegates who wish to speak have an opportunity, speakers are encouraged to limit their comments to two minutes. A delegate is limited to speaking not more than two times on any one motion. In addition, a delegate who has spoken on a motion is not permitted to speak a second time until everyone who wishes to speak on the motion has spoken for a first time.

Question No. 19: Will reconsideration of the original votes be permitted?

Answer: Yes. After an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a division dominant provision, any delegate who voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration may move for reconsideration. Only one motion for reconsideration is permitted and the motion must occur prior to adjournment of the business session. A window of reconsideration will be announced and time provided for delegates to organize a motion to reconsider.