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Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, under NCAA Constitution 2-D-1-(c), institutions are required to submit annually to the division, and the NCAA, financial data determined by the division detailing operating revenues, expenses and capital relating to the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

Question No. 2: How will active Division II institutions submit the annual financial data?

Answer: All data must be submitted via the NCAA Member Financial Reporting System (MFRS) to satisfy the annual requirement.

Question No. 3: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: If adopted, this proposal will establish a penalty for those active Division II institutions that fail to submit its financial data by January 15.

Question No. 4: If adopted, what will be the penalty for active Division II institutions that fail to submit its financial data?

Answer: Active Division II institutions that fail to submit its financial data via the MFRS shall forfeit Division II Institutional Equal Distribution Funds for the following academic year.

Question No. 5: If adopted, will the data collected still be made available to Division II institutions and conferences?

Answer: Yes. The financial data will be made available within the Institutional Performance Program (IPP).
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-2 (No. 2-3) – NCAA Division II Membership and Institutional Control – Active Membership – Institutions – Conditions and Obligations of Active Membership – Elimination of Self-Study and Evaluation.

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation?

**Answer:** Currently, active Division II institutions are required to conduct a comprehensive self-study and evaluation of their intercollegiate athletics program at least once every five years, using the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) to facilitate the process.

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** If adopted, active Division II institutions will no longer be required to complete the ISSG.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, is the submission of the ISSG still required as part of the Division II provisional membership process?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, will the NCAA Division II Membership Committee consider the development of a new evaluation tool/process that aligns more closely with the division’s revamped bylaws and policies?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation?

**Answer:** Currently, the Division II legislative process is as follows:

- Submission of membership-sponsored proposals by July 15;
- Release of the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation (IPOPL) by August 15;
- Submission of NCAA Division II Presidents Council proposals by September 1;
- End of the sponsor modification period for membership-sponsored proposals on September 15;
- Release of the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation (SPOPL) by September 23;
- Amendment-to-amendment period from September 23 to November 1;
- Committees provide feedback on membership-sponsored proposals by October 7; and
- Release of the Official Notice by November 15.

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** If adopted, this proposal will eliminate the IPOPL and SPOPL and amend the release date of the Official Notice to be not later than December 10.

The Division II legislative process would become as follows:

- Submission of membership-sponsored proposals by July 15;
- Submission of Presidents Council proposals by September 1;
- End of the sponsor modification period for membership-sponsored proposals on September 15;
- Amendment-to-amendment period from September 23 to November 1;
- Committees provide feedback on membership-sponsored proposals by October 7; and
- Release of the Official Notice not later than December 10.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, will educational resources related to the proposals continue to be released annually?

**Answer:** Yes. NCAA staff will provide the proposals and other educational resources (e.g., Question and Answer Guide, voiceover recording) to the Division II membership in the late fall time period.
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-4 (No. 2-10) – Eligibility – Freshman Academic Requirements – Elimination of Standardized Test-Score Requirements (SAT or ACT).

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation for NCAA initial eligibility certification?

Answer: Currently, standardized test scores are required for initial-eligibility certification; however, this requirement was waived as part of the COVID-19 alternative initial-eligibility standards for students who initially enroll full-time in the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 or 2023-24 academic years.

Question No. 2: If adopted, what would be the new legislated Division II initial-eligibility standards?

Answer: If adopted, the new requirements would be as follows:

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Question No. 3: If adopted, what is the effective date of this proposal?

Answer: If adopted, this proposal would apply to students who initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2023.

Question No. 4: Does this proposal include other Division II policies related to pass/fail grades, unofficial documents, and nontraditional courses?

Answer: No.

Question No. 5: If adopted, can institutions still submit initial-eligibility waivers for students who do not meet the new legislated initial-eligibility standards?

Answer: Yes.
Question No. 6: If adopted, will this proposal impact the admissions requirements set by individual institutions?

Answer: No. This proposal is specific to Division II initial-eligibility requirements, which are separate and distinct from admissions requirements that are determined and maintained by individual member institutions.
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-5 (No. 2-12) – Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Availability of Alcoholic Beverages at Division II Championships.

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation?

**Answer:** Currently, at Division II championships, alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or otherwise made available for public consumption at any championship event sponsored by or administered by the Association, nor shall any such beverages be brought to the site during the championship (i.e., during the period from the time access to the site is available to spectators until all patrons have left the facility or area used for competition).

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** If adopted, this proposal will eliminate the restrictions on the availability to sell alcohol at Division II championships.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, will hosts be required to sell alcohol at the Division II championship?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, will hosts be permitted to sell alcohol at all rounds of the Division II championship or is this change applicable to final sites only?

**Answer:** Hosts will be permitted to sell alcohol at all rounds of the Division II championship.

**Question No. 5:** If adopted, will there be any restrictions in place on what type of alcohol will be available at a championship venue?

**Answer:** Yes. Hard liquor would only be permitted in designated suites and hospitality areas.
Question No. 1: What is an emerging sport?

Answer: An emerging sport is a women's sport recognized by the NCAA that is intended to help schools provide more athletics opportunities for women and see if the sport grows to championship level. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics is charged with identifying and managing progress of emerging sports for women. Additional information about the NCAA emerging sport for women program, including the policies and procedures, is located through:

http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/inclusion/emerging-sports-women.

When the NCAA adopted the recommendations of the Gender-Equity Task Force in 1994, one of the recommendations was the creation of the list of emerging sports for women. Nine sports were on that first list. Since then, some have become championship sports (rowing, ice hockey, water polo, beach volleyball and bowling), while others have been added to the list. Any sport, with proper documented support, can self-identify as an emerging sport and begin the process to be part of the emerging sport for women program.

Question No. 2: How long may a sport be identified as an emerging sport?

Answer: NCAA bylaws require that emerging sports must gain championship status within 10 years or show steady progress toward that goal to remain on the list.

Question No. 3: How many institutions must sponsor an emerging sport for it to gain championship status?

Answer: A National Collegiate Championship or division championship may be established if 40 institutions sponsor the sport at the varsity level.

Question No. 4: May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements?

Answer: A Division II institution may use emerging sports to meet the NCAA membership minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, provided minimum contests and participants requirements are met.

Question No. 5: What are the minimum number of participants and contests required for an institution to use stunt for sport sponsorship?

Answer: An institution must complete at least eight contests against varsity programs from four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions. In addition, the
institutions must have at least a minimum of 16 participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirements. The minimum participant requirement for a team sport is added for the safety of the student-athlete because of the impact of training and meeting skill requirements of events.

**Question No. 6:** What is the proposed championship segment for stunt?

**Answer:** Spring.

**Question No. 7:** Are all three divisions considering proposals to add stunt to the emerging sports list for women?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 8:** Have the playing rules for stunt been developed?

**Answer:** The USA Federation for Sport Cheering is reviewing and considering the playing rules that are appropriate for collegiate stunt. The NCAA does not create or administer playing rules for emerging sports until there is an established National Collegiate Championship or division championship for that sport.

**Question No. 9:** If a Division II institution has a varsity stunt team, will the team be required to apply NCAA Division II legislation?

**Answer:** Yes. Any NCAA sponsored sport or emerging sport for women recognized by the institution as a varsity team must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association.

**Question No. 10:** Will stunt prospective student-athletes be required to receive amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center consistent with all other sports?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 11:** What would be the length of the playing and practice season for stunt?

**Answer:** The length of the playing and practice season would be 144 days, which may consist of two segments.

**Question No. 12:** What is the maximum number of dates of competition for the team and the student-athlete?

**Answer:** An institution’s stunt team and student-athletes may only participate in 16 dates of competition.

**Question No. 13:** Will stunt be considered a team or individual sport?
**Answer:** Stunt will be considered a team sport; however, there are aspects of stunt that are similar to individual sports. A stunt coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with stunt student-athletes during an institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request is initiated by the student-athlete. Further, a stunt coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts and provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct individual workouts under the safety exception legislation.

**Question No. 14:** Are acrobatics and tumbling, cheer and stunt considered the same sport?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 15:** For purposes of the outside competition legislation, are acrobatics and tumbling, gymnastics and stunt considered the same sport?

**Answer:** No. For the purpose of outside competition legislation acrobatics and tumbling, gymnastics and stunt are considered different sports. A student-athlete in the sport of stunt may compete on an outside acrobatics and tumbling or gymnastics team.

**Question No. 16:** If adopted, will Division II institutions be required to sponsor the sport of stunt?

**Answer:** No. Institutions maintain autonomy regarding the sports it sponsors at the varsity level.

**Question No. 17:** May a stunt student-athlete participate as a cheerleader?

**Answer:** Yes, for purposes of NCAA legislation. Cheerleading is not considered to be an NCAA sport.

**Question No. 18:** What is the financial aid equivalency limit in the sport of stunt?

**Answer:** Nine.
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-7 (No. 2-4) – Division II Organizational Structure – Presidents Council – Management Council – Administrative Committee – Planning and Finance Committee.

Division II Presidents Council/Executive Board

**Question No. 1:** If adopted, will the Division II Presidents Council be renamed?

**Answer:** Yes. The Presidents Council will be known as the Division II Executive Board.

**Question No. 2:** What is the current composition of the Division II Presidents Council?

**Answer:** Currently, the Division II Presidents Council consists of the following members:

- One president/chancellor per region for every 22 institutions in that region;
- Two “at-large” positions to enhance diversity; and
- Two members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (one representing male sports and one representing female sports).

The geographical regions utilized for selections of one president/chancellor for every 22 institutions in the region are as follows:

- Region 1 -- Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia;
- Region 2 -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee;
- Region 3 -- Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin; and

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, what will be the composition of the Division II Executive Board?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Executive Board will consist of the following members:

- Eight presidents/chancellors based on Division II championships regions;
- One “at-large” president/chancellor to enhance diversity on the board;
• Two independent members who are not salaried by an NCAA member institution, conference or affiliated member and shall be approved, appointed, and verified as independent by the board;
• Two student-athletes serving on and chosen by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (one representing male sports and one representing female sports); and
• Management Council chair as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

**Question No. 4:** What is the current legislation related to the length of a member’s term on the Division II Presidents Council?

**Answer:** Currently, Division II Presidents Council members serve a six-year term, which concludes following the annual NCAA Convention.

**Question No. 5:** If adopted, what shall be the length of a member’s term on the Division II Executive Board?

**Answer:** If adopted, presidents, chancellors and independent members of the Executive Board shall serve two-year terms, that are renewable for an additional two-year term, while the two student-athletes shall serve one-year terms that are renewable for an additional one-year term.

**Question No. 6:** Under the current legislation, what is the length of the terms of the chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council?

**Answer:** Currently, the chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve terms not to exceed three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election to that position.

**Question No. 7:** If adopted, what shall be the length of the terms of the chair and vice chair of the Division II Executive Board?

**Answer:** If adopted, the chair and vice chair of the Division II Executive Board shall serve terms not to exceed two years and are not eligible for immediate re-election to that position.

**Question No. 8:** If adopted, what duties and responsibilities will be removed from the Division II Executive Board?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Executive Board will no longer be responsible for the following duties and responsibilities:

• Identify the Division II proposals that require a roll-call vote at the NCAA Convention;
• Establish the final sequence of the Division II proposals in the agenda of the Division II Business Session at the NCAA Convention;
• Develop the Division II budget; and
- Appoint committees or subcommittees for executing the provisions of the NCAA Constitution or Division II bylaws.

**Question No. 9:** If adopted, will the Division II Executive Board still have the authority to approve the budget and the use of funds allotted to Division II?

**Answer:** Yes. If adopted, the board’s duties and responsibilities related to the division’s budget would consist of issuing approval of the budget established by the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and recommended by the Division II Management Council.

**Question No. 10:** If adopted, will the vice chair of the Division II Executive Board continue to serve as the chair of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee?

**Answer:** No. The vice chair of the Division II Executive Board would not be required to serve as the chair of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee; however, they may do so if elected.

**Division II Management Council**

**Question No. 11:** What is the current composition of the Division II Management Council?

**Answer:** Currently, the Division II Management Council consists of the following members:

- One member from all voting, multisport conferences;
- One member from a Division II independent institution, provided there are at least eight Division II independent institutions;
- Two at-large positions to enhance diversity; and
- Two student-athletes serving on and chosen by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (one representing male sports and one representing female sports).

Further, the members of the council must include the following:

- At least four directors of athletics;
- At least four senior woman administrators;
- At least four faculty athletics representatives; and
- At least one conference administrator.

**Question No. 12:** If adopted, what will be the composition of the Division II Management Council?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Management Council will consist of the following members:

- One member from all voting, multisport Division II conferences;
• Four at-large members to enhance diversity; and
• Two student-athletes serving on and chosen by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (one representing male sports and one representing female sports).

Further, if adopted, the members of the council shall include:

• At least five directors of athletics;
• At least five senior woman administrators;
• At least five faculty athletics representatives; and
• At least two conference office staff members.

Once these minimums are met, the council may include individuals working in athletics administration and individuals that supervise athletics, including but not limited to: a vice president, athletic trainer, assistant/associate/deputy director of athletics, and/or other individuals involved in the administration of athletics.

**Question No. 13:** If adopted, what are the additional duties and responsibilities of the Division II Management Council?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Management Council's additional duties and responsibilities are as follows:

• Sponsor legislative proposals for vote at the NCAA Convention;
• Identify the Division II proposals that require a roll-call vote at the NCAA Convention;
• Establish the final sequence of the Division II proposals in the agenda of the Division II Business Session at the NCAA Convention;
• Appoint committees or subcommittees for executing the provisions of the NCAA Constitution or Division II bylaws; and
• Recommend the creation of committees or other bodies (e.g., project teams) to study and recommend courses of action on specific issues or to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Division II, subject to the approval by the Executive Board.

**Question No. 14:** If adopted, will the vice chair of the Division II Management Council serve on the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Division II Administrative Committee**

**Question No. 15:** What is the current composition of the Division II Administrative Committee?

**Answer:** Currently, the Division II Administrative Committee consists of five members, including:
Chair and vice chair of the Presidents Council;
Chair and vice chair of the Management Council; and
One additional member from the Presidents Council.

**Question No. 16:** If adopted, what will be the composition of the Division II Administrative Committee?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Administrative Committee will consist of five members, including:

- Chair and vice chair of the Executive Board;
- Chair and vice chair of the Management Council; and
- Chair of Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

**Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee**

**Question No. 17:** If adopted, will the Division II Planning and Finance Committee be renamed?

**Answer:** Yes. The committee will be known as the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

**Question No. 18:** What is the current composition of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee?

**Answer:** Currently, the Division II Planning and Finance Committee consists of seven members, including:

- Vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council;
- Vice chair of the Division II Management Council;
- Three additional members of the Division II Presidents Council;
- Two additional members of the Division II Management Council; and
- Chairs of the Presidents Council and Management Council serving as ex officio, nonvoting members.

**Question No. 19:** If adopted, what will be the composition of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee?

**Answer:** If adopted, the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will consist of 11 members, including:

- Vice chair of the Division II Executive Board;
- Two members of the Division II Management Council, one of which must be the vice chair;
- One conference commissioner;
- One member from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; and
• Six additional members, from Division II institutions.

Of the 11 members on the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, at least one member shall be from a minority-serving institution.

**Question No. 20:** If adopted, how will the members of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee be selected?

**Answer:** If adopted, the members serving on the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee from the Executive Board and Management Council will be selected by the Executive Board and Management Council, respectively. Additionally, the one member from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be selected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Finally, the one conference commissioner and the remaining members of the Division II Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will be recommended by the Division II Nominating Committee and approved by the Division II Management Council.
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-8 (No. 2-6) – Amateurism – Various Bylaws – Definition of Agent and Use of Agents.

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation related to agents?

**Answer:**
Currently, an individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if they ever have agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation in that sport.

Additionally, an agent is defined as any individual who, directly or indirectly: (a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or (b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, how will the legislation related to agents change?

**Answer:**
If adopted, an individual shall be ineligible if they (or their relatives or friends) accept transportation or other material benefits from an agent or any person who represents any individual in the marketing of their athletics ability.

Additionally, an agent would be defined as any individual who, directly or indirectly, recruits or solicits a student-athlete to enter into an agency contract for current or future representation where a student-athlete authorizes the individual to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract.

**Question No. 3:** What is the current legislation related to an agency contract?

**Answer:**
An agency contract is applicable to all NCAA sports, and an individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport if they have signed an agency contract.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, how will the application of the agency contract legislation change?

**Answer:**
If adopted, a student-athlete may enter into an agency contract, provided the student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, do not receive transportation or material benefits from an agent.

Further, an agency contract would be any agreement in which a student-athlete authorizes a person to negotiate or solicit on behalf of the student-athlete a professional-sports-services contract or endorsement contract.
Question No. 5: If adopted, may a student-athlete utilize legal counsel for negotiations?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 6: If adopted, may a student-athlete utilize talent evaluation services?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 7: If adopted, may an individual utilize an agent for enrollment-based decisions at a particular institution?
Answer: No. An individual shall be ineligible if they enter into an agreement (orally or in writing) with an agent for securing initial or continuing enrollment at a particular institution.

Question No. 8: If adopted, may a Division II student-athlete utilize a professional service provider for advice or activities related to the student-athlete's name, image or likeness?
Answer: Yes. [See NC-2023-30 (amateurism and financial aid -- various bylaws -- student-athlete name, image and likeness activities)]

Question No. 9: May a student-athlete use an institutional athletics department staff member as a professional service provider (e.g., agent, tax advisor)?
Answer: No.

Question No. 10: May a non-athletics staff member (e.g., admissions officer, professor) serve as a professional service provider for a current student-athlete?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 11: If adopted, may a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, accept transportation or material benefits from an agent?
Answer: No.

Question No. 12: Is it permissible for a prospective student-athlete to receive transportation or other material benefits from an agent prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment at a Division II institution?
Answer: Yes, however, upon their enrollment at a Division II institution, the individual would be required to cease any and all activities that do not align with NCAA legislation. Please note, the individual would still be required to receive a certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center. [See NC-2023-30 (amateurism and financial aid -- various bylaws -- student-athlete name, image, and likeness activities)]
**Question No. 13:** If adopted, may a Division II student-athlete enter into an agreement with an agent for representation in a professional league's draft without jeopardizing their eligibility?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the student-athlete (or their relatives or friends) does not accept transportation or other material benefits from an agent or any person who represents any individual in marketing their athletics ability or reputation, sign a professional team contract or otherwise jeopardize their eligibility status.

**Question No. 14:** If adopted, may a student-athlete enter into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 15:** Will an agent be required to be registered with and receive certification from the NCAA prior to representing a Division II student-athlete?

**Answer:** No, however, all agents should adhere to all state/national registration and certification requirements.

**Question No. 16:** Will a professional service provider be required to be registered with and receive certification from the NCAA prior to representing a Division II student-athlete?

**Answer:** No.

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?
Answer: Currently, a team sport student-athlete may not participate in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year).

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?
Answer: If adopted, this proposal will permit a signed prospective student-athlete and a student-athlete in team sports to participate in up to two hours per week of individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff beginning July 5 through the start of the institution's fall term, for a period up to three weeks, provided the request for assistance is made by the signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete.

Question No. 3: If adopted, will this proposal amend the current exception which allows fall sport student-athletes to participate in workouts designed and conducted by the institution's strength and conditioning personnel [see NCAA Division II Bylaw 17.1.6.3.5.1 (exception – fall championships sports)]?
Answer: No.

Question No. 4: If adopted, what is required to confirm a prospective student-athlete has signed with the institution?
Answer: The individual must have either signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid agreement.

Question No. 5: May multiple signed prospective student-athletes or student-athletes in team sports participate in an individual workout-session with a coaching staff member at the same time?
Answer: Yes, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by each signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete.

Question No. 6: May multiple coaches conduct an individual workout-session with a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete in team sports?
Answer: Yes, provided the signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete requests the presence of each involved coaching staff member.

Question No. 7: May sport-specific equipment (e.g., basketball, sled, soccer ball) be used during an individual workout-session?
Question No. 8: Are there any restrictions on the location of individual workout-sessions?
Answer: No.

Question No. 9: What is the definition of a week as it relates to this proposal?
Answer: A week shall consist of seven consecutive calendar days, to be determined at the institution’s discretion.

Question No. 10: Must the three-week period occur over consecutive weeks?
Answer: No, however, all individual workout-sessions must conclude prior to the start of the institution’s fall term. Institutions are responsible for monitoring that individual signed prospective student-athletes or student-athletes do not participate in more than three weeks between July 5 and the start of the institution’s fall term.

Question No. 11: Must the three-week period be the same for all signed prospective student-athletes or student-athletes?
Answer: No.

Question No. 12: May a transfer prospective student-athlete in team sports (e.g., NCAA, two-year college, NAIA) request individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff beginning July 5 through the start of the institution’s fall term?
Answer: Yes, provided the prospective student-athlete satisfies the applicable transfer requirements prior to requesting the assistance of the coaching staff member.

Question No. 13: Does a transfer prospective student-athlete’s participation in individual workout-sessions with an institutional coaching staff member trigger transfer status to the institution?
Answer: No. [see Division II Bylaw 14.5.2 (conditions affecting transfer status)]

Question No. 14: Is it permissible for a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete to post/share their workout-sessions on their personal social media account?
Answer: Yes. A signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may post to their own social media account a voluntary athletically related activity, not at the direction of an institutional staff member. However, a coaching staff member may repost or share the post.
Question No. 15: Is it permissible for a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete to post/share their workout-sessions on an institutional social media account?

Answer: No. A signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete may not report voluntary athletically related activities to institutional coaches or staff members.

Question No. 16: Must a full-time coaching staff member who is conducting the individual workout-session have a current certification in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED) use?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 17: Must a coaching staff member complete the coaches certification examination prior to conducting the individual workout session?

Answer: No because the individual-workout sessions are considered voluntary activities. The required completion of the coaches certification examination must occur prior to the coaching staff member's ability to direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities. [see Bylaw 11.6.1.1.1 (certification administration)]

Question No. 18: Must a member of the institution’s athletic training staff be present during the individual workout-session?

Answer: An institution's athletic training staff's attendance at summer voluntary workout-sessions is determined by institutional policy. Please note, NCAA bylaws in Division II require that the sports medicine staff members to have unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons.

Question No. 19: Prior to being able to request participation in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff, must a signed prospective student-athlete or student-athlete complete all mandatory medical examinations [see Division II Bylaw 17.1.5 (mandatory medical examinations)]?

Answer: Yes.
Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, in the sport of football during the spring practice period, an institution may participate in no more than three 11-on-11 scrimmages. However, it is currently impermissible for an institution to participate in a scrimmage against an outside team.

Question No. 2: If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: If adopted, in the sport of football during the spring practice period, an institution may participate in one scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution as one of the three 11-on-11 scrimmages on or after the 10th day of spring practice.

Additionally, participation in the scrimmage would not count as a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

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Question No. 3: Does the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution need to occur during the 36-consecutive calendar days of the football spring practice period?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If adopted, when is it permissible for a scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution to occur?

Answer: If adopted, the scrimmage may occur on or after the 10th day of the spring practice period.

Question No. 5: Will participation in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution count towards the 15 total practices during the football spring practice period?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 6: Will participation in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution count towards the 12 total contact practices during the football spring practice period?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 7: Is it permissible for a football student-athlete to miss class to participate in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during the spring practice period?

Answer: No.

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Question No. 8: May a football student-athlete who is academically ineligible during the NCAA championship segment and regains eligibility for the spring term participate in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution?

Answer: Yes, however, the student-athlete would be charged with a season of competition.

Question No. 9: If adopted, is it permissible for a football midyear transfer student-athlete to participate in the scrimmage against a four-year collegiate institution during the spring practice period and not use a season?

Answer: Yes, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the preceding fall term and is certified as eligible for the spring term.

Question No. 10: Is a student-athlete required to satisfy Bylaw 14.1.7.1 (requirement for practice or competition) to be eligible to participate in practice during the spring practice period?

Answer: Yes.
**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation?

**Answer:** Currently, a football student-athlete utilizes a season of competition when they participate in a contest during the academic year.

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** If adopted, a football student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to three contests without using a season of competition.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, will a football student-athlete in their initial year of collegiate enrollment use a season of competition if they participate in more than three contests?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, may the exception be applied retroactively?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** If adopted, will any football student-athlete, including transfers, have access to the exception?

**Answer:** No. A football student-athlete must be enrolled at a Division II institution in their initial year of collegiate enrollment in order to have access to the exception.

**Question No. 6:** If adopted, will a student-athlete who initially enrolls midyear at a Division II institution and remains at the institution for the subsequent fall term have access to the exception?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 7:** If adopted, will a student-athlete who initially enrolls midyear at a collegiate institution and transfers to a Division II institution for the subsequent fall term have access to the exception?

**Answer:** Yes.

For example, if a student-athlete initially enrolls full-time at a collegiate institution for the 2023 spring term but then transfers and enrolls full-time at a Division II institution for the 2023 fall term, they would have access to the exception at the Division II institution, provided they do not participate...
in more than three contests during the 2023 fall term. The institution is responsible for ensuring that the transfer student-athlete is still in their initial year of collegiate enrollment.

**Question No. 8:** If adopted, will a non-Division II transfer student-athlete who previously utilized an exception to the use of a season of competition have access to the Division II exception upon transfer to a Division II institution?

**Answer:** No, however, the decisions made by other divisions or associations related to the use of a season would follow the student-athlete upon transfer to a Division II institution. [see Division II Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1 (transfer from a non-Division II institution)]

**Question No. 9:** May the participation in the three contests occur at any time?

**Answer:** Yes. There is not a restriction in place related to when the contests must occur and the contests may take place during regular or postseason competition. A Division II football student-athlete will have access to the exception provided they do not participate in more than three contests during their initial year of collegiate enrollment.

**Question No. 10:** Does a football student-athlete retain access to the exception if they compete on both the varsity and junior varsity teams and the student-athlete's total participation does not exceed three contests?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the football student-athlete does not compete in more than three contests, they would qualify for the exception.

**Question No. 11:** Does a football student-athlete retain access to the exception if they compete on both the varsity and junior varsity teams and the student-athlete's total participation does exceed three contests?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 12:** If adopted, does this proposal impact an institution's ability to file a medical hardship waiver for a student-athlete?

**Answer:** No.
NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2023-12 (No. 2-11) – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Regulations and Basketball – Basketball First Permissible Practice Date.

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation surrounding the first permissible on-court practice date?

**Answer:** Currently, in the sport of basketball, an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before October 15.

**Question No. 2:** What is the current legislation surrounding the first permissible contest date?

**Answer:** An institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in basketball before the second Friday in November, unless an exception under Bylaw 17.4.3.1 (exceptions) is satisfied.

**Question No. 3:** What is the current legislation surrounding when basketball student-athletes may begin participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities outside of the playing season?

**Answer:** In basketball, while outside of the playing season, student-athletes may participate in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities from September 7 or the institution’s fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the day before October 15.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, how will this proposal change the current legislation surrounding the first permissible on-court practice date?

**Answer:** If adopted, in the sport of basketball, an institution may begin on-court preseason basketball practice sessions 35 days before the institution’s first regular-season contest.

Please note, contests that may permissibly occur prior to the second Friday in November (i.e., Division II Conference Commissioners Association’s Tip-Off Classic, discretionary exemptions) shall not be used to determine the start of the 35-day practice period.

**Question No. 5:** What is considered the date of the institution’s first regular season contest?

**Answer:** The institution’s first regular season contest is any contest on or after the second Friday in November.

**Question No. 6:** If adopted, how many days of countable athletically related activities may an institution participate in during the 35-day practice period?

**Answer:** If adopted, an institution shall not engage in more than 25 days of countable athletically related activities during the 35-day practice period.
Question No. 7: If adopted, will this proposal change the daily and weekly hour limitations or required day off during the 35-day practice period?

Answer: No.

Question No. 8: If adopted, will this proposal change the first permissible regular-season contest date for basketball?

Answer: No.

Question No. 9: If adopted, will this proposal amend the outside of the playing season legislation for basketball?

Answer: Yes. The out-of-season segment for basketball would conclude 36 days prior to the institution’s first regular-season contest.