



## 119th Annual Convention

This educational resource presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division II legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the July 15 deadline (for membership-sponsored proposals) and September 1 deadline (for governance-sponsored proposals) in the NCAA legislative calendar. No attempt has been made to place the proposals in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the NCAA Convention agenda. Each proposal is accompanied not only by the traditional statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2025 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the NCAA Division II Executive Board, have until 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, November 1 to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have eight sponsors from active member institutions in Division II. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by at least one member conference (on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions) in Division II. It should be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations (see below) of the proposed legislation in this educational resource.

### Request for Interpretation.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this educational resource. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this educational resource may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contacts at [chooks@ncaa.org](mailto:chooks@ncaa.org) or [rdenton@ncaa.org](mailto:rdenton@ncaa.org), not later than December 12, 2024. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's or conference's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be made available to the delegates prior to the divisional business session held in conjunction with the Annual Convention.

Pursuant to NCAA Division II Bylaw 9.3.6.2.1, the first official publication will be the Official Notice for the 2025 Convention and will be released no later than December 10, 2024. This publication will contain all Division II legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions submitted by the November 1 deadline.

## 2024-25 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Bylaw 9, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

July 15: Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division II membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person.

July 22-23: Management Council Consideration. The NCAA Division II Management Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. The Division II Management Council also reviews the amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline. See "July 15" above. The Division II Management Council reviews these proposals to determine committee review assignments.

August 15 through September 15: Sponsor-Modification Period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Additionally, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should inform the primary contact person.

August 28: Administrative Committee Videoconference. On behalf of the Division II Management Council, the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee reviews all amendments to be included on the 2025 NCAA Convention agenda for placement in the 2025 NCAA Convention Division II Official Notice.

September 1: Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the governance structure.

September 15: Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original proposal.

September 23: Posting of educational resources. This includes the educational resource that includes all Division II membership-sponsored proposals (as modified), all proposals sponsored by the governance structure and the Division II 2025 Convention Voiceover video.

September 23 through November 1: Amendment-to-Amendment Period. The NCAA Division II Executive Board as well as the membership (see Bylaw 9.3.4.2) may submit amendments to the Division II proposals in the educational resource. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the circularized amendment and the current provisions.

October 7: Deadline for Committee review. Any Association-wide and/or Division II committee charged by the Division II Management Council to evaluate a membership-sponsored amendment must complete its evaluation not later than October 7. The committee must then report the results of its review to the Division II Management Council. The Division II Management Council will review each committee's evaluation at its October videoconference. If the committee issued a position statement, the position must be publicized in the Official Notice.

November 1: Deadline for all resolutions and amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Division II Executive Board and the NCAA Board of Governors are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments and resolutions at the Convention if it deems such action necessary.

By December 10: Posting of the Official Notice for the Convention. This publication includes all Division II proposed legislation, resolutions and properly submitted amendments-to-amendments.

January 14-17, 2025: NCAA Convention. All delegates have the opportunity to download the NCAA Events app prior to the Convention. The NCAA Events app contains the most up-to-date schedule and other helpful Convention information.

Division II Legislation Committee  
Chair – Audra Kedy, Great American Conference  
Kara Amos, Missouri Southern State University  
Cullen Dore, Francis Marion University  
Matt Green, Flagler College  
Ashley Grimm, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania  
Dawn Makofski, University of Montevallo  
Kristina Ortiz, Georgian Court University  
Christopher Ratcliff, Rogers State University  
Deborah Rodgers, Tuskegee University  
Suzanne Sanregret, Michigan Technological University  
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University  
Melissa Thacker, Cameron University  
Vaughn Williams, Bentley University



## 2025 NCAA Division II Convention Proposals

PROPOSAL, EFFECTIVE DATE, TITLE AND AFFECTED BYLAWS	INTENT STATEMENT RATIONALE STATEMENT <i>[in italics]</i>	SPONSORS
<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-1</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025, for certifications of progress-toward-degree requirements for fall 2025 and thereafter.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- CREDIT HOURS EARNED DURING THE REGULAR ACADEMIC YEAR -- ELIMINATION OF THE 18-SEMESTER/27-QUARTER HOURS REQUIREMENT</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 14.2.9, 14.2.9.1.1, 14.2.9.3, 14.2.9.3.3, 14.2.9.3.3.1, 14.2.9.3.3.2, 14.2.9.3.3.2.1, 14.2.9.3.3.3, 14.2.9.3.3.4, 14.2.9.3.7, 14.2.9.3.7.2, 14.2.9.3.7.3, 14.2.9.3.7.4, 14.2.9.3.7.5, 14.2.9.3.7.6, 14.2.9.3.7.7, 14.2.9.3.7.8, 14.2.9.3.8.1, 14.2.9.3.9.1 and 14.2.9.3.9.2</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must complete 18-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit during the regular academic year to be eligible for competition.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>Currently, to meet progress-toward-degree requirements, a student-athlete must earn at least nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit during each full-time term of attendance, at least 18-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit during the regular academic year and at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of academic credit annually. Based on a review of the 2022 Academic Performance Census (APC) data, 96% of student-athletes from semester schools who satisfied the nine-semester hours requirement in their spring semester also satisfied the 18-semester hours requirement for the academic year. Further, 98% of student-athletes from quarter schools who satisfied the eight-quarter hours requirement in their spring quarter also satisfied the 27-quarter hours requirement. Therefore, eliminating the legislation will simplify the certification process without jeopardizing the overall academic success of student-athletes, because they will still be required to meet the term-by-term requirement, annual credit hour requirement and grade-point average (GPA) requirement. Finally, this change will ease the burden on compliance administrators and student-athletes.</i></p>	<p>NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].</p>
<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-2</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025, for student-athletes transferring to a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS - - TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE AND ATHLETICS AID -- ALL OTHER QUALIFIERS AND PARTIAL QUALIFIERS -- ELIMINATION OF</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>To eliminate the requirement that a qualifier, who is a two-year college transfer, must earn transferable credit hours in English, math and science.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>Currently, two-year college transfers that do not graduate from the two-year college or who are not a final qualifier with one term of attendance at the two-year college, are required to satisfactorily complete and transfer in at least six-semester or eight-quarter hours of English, three-semester or four-quarter hours of math and three-semester or four-quarter hours of natural or physical science as part of the two-year college transfer requirements. The NCAA Division II</i></p>	<p>NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].</p>

PROPOSAL, EFFECTIVE DATE, TITLE AND AFFECTED BYLAWS	INTENT STATEMENT RATIONALE STATEMENT [in italics]	SPONSORS
<p>ENGLISH, MATH AND SCIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIERS</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 14.3.4.3, 14.3.4.3.1, 14.3.4.3.2 and 14.3.4.3.3</p>	<p><i>Academic Requirements Committee believes that a two-year college transfer student who is a qualifier, has already displayed their academic readiness through completion of core courses while enrolled in high school, therefore, eliminating the requirement would simplify transfer certification for qualifiers. Qualifiers would still need to satisfy the remaining two-year college transfer requirements (e.g., an average of at least 12-semester or 12-quarter hours of transferable credit each full-time term, 2.200 transferable GPA) outlined in the two-year college transfer legislation.</i></p>	
<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-3</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> Immediate.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 7.02.2, 7.3.2.1, 18.3, 18.3.1 and 21.4</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>In women's wrestling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women's wrestling committee.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year. Adding women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Sport also aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The women's wrestling committee would begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.</i></p>	<p>NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).</p>

PROPOSAL, EFFECTIVE DATE, TITLE AND AFFECTED BYLAWS	INTENT STATEMENT RATIONALE STATEMENT [in italics]	SPONSORS
<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-4</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION -- ADMINISTRATION OF DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- FOOTBALL</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 18.4, 18.4.3.2, 18.4.3.2.1, 18.4.3.3, 18.4.3.3.1 and 18.4.3.3.2</p>	<p><i><b>Intent:</b> In football, to specify that automatic qualification privileges shall be granted to all conferences that sponsor the sport; further, to eliminate the earned access legislation.</i></p> <p><i><b>Rationale:</b> Currently, football is the only team sport in Division II that does not require that all football-sponsoring conferences be represented in the championship bracket. Further, Division II football is the only team sport across all three divisions that does not utilize automatic qualification, including Division I FCS football and Division III football. Division II football student-athletes should expect that winning a regular season or conference championship is an accomplishment worthy of postseason selection. Enhancing the student-athlete experience and championship access are both hallmarks of Division II and football student-athletes, as with every other team sport, deserve to have one team represented from each football-sponsoring conference. The selection of automatic qualification shall remain the purview of each conference. Division II football should be able to guarantee access to all football-sponsoring conferences as that promotes fairness. There are now automatic qualifications in sports with brackets smaller than football. How a league has been historically or its size, should not be a reason to preclude access.</i></p>	<p>Northeast-10 Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Great Lakes Valley Conference; and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.</p>

<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-5</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> RECRUITING AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRYOUTS AND GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS -- TIMING OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 13.8.2.1, 17.02.15 and 17.1.5</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>To specify that a medical examination or evaluation must be administered within one year prior to a prospective student-athlete's and/or enrolled student's participation in a tryout and, for a student-athlete beginning their initial season of eligibility, within one year prior to their participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities; further, to specify that in following years an updated medical history must be administered within one year prior to a student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>This proposed change would extend the time period in which the medical examination and updated medical history must be conducted prior to participation in such activities from a six-month period to a one-year period. The change would align with the current insurance protocol of receiving one no-cost physical under the Affordable Care Act. This means that any prospective student-athlete that intends to participate on or after August 1 must have had a physical in the months of February to July. From a volume standpoint, this is not achievable for most physicians' offices to accommodate. Any physical exam occurring between September and January requires the student-athlete to pay out-of-pocket to seek another physical exam. Further, this is often provided by urgent cares and minute clinics that do not have a history with the patient and may not include pertinent health history as part of the clearance process. These second exams may only be feasible to those with a socioeconomic status to afford them. Finally, it is less likely for Division II institutions to provide physician examinations by a team physician as the institution is required to absorb the cost should it provide this service.</i></p>	<p>Northeast- 10 Conference; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Peach Belt Conference; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; and South Atlantic Conference.</p>
--	---	--



<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-6</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT -- EXCEPTION AND POLICY REQUIREMENT</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 17.1.6.8</p>	<p><b><i>Intent:</i></b> To permit a team participating in practice or competition during the segment of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship to engage in countable athletically related activities on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, provided student-athletes are given a day off from countable athletically related activities to participate in civic engagement activities and programming within 15 days before or after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; further, to specify that an institution must develop civic engagement policies, which must address opportunities available to student-athletes for civic engagement, through a collaborative process involving student-athletes, coaches, and senior athletics department staff members to ensure student-athletes are provided adequate opportunities, resources, and programming to participate in civic engagement activities.</p> <p><b><i>Rationale:</i></b> Currently, all countable athletically related activities are prohibited on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. The opportunity to participate in civic engagement activities is essential to the student-athlete experience. A required day off for student-athletes remains necessary to ensure they are provided time to participate in civic engagement opportunities, including time to vote in local, state, and national elections. However, this proposal recognizes that a uniform, national day off may not be feasible, especially for sports that are participating in their championship segments. The flexibility in this proposal would allow those sports to participate in countable athletically related activities during the most crucial portion of the playing season without interruption, while ensuring a day off is provided for civic engagement. Finally, this proposal promotes collaboration between student-athletes, coaches and administrators to develop policies, which must include, at a minimum, civic engagement opportunities available to student-athletes, to allow student-athletes to have dedicated time off from athletics to vote and meaningfully engage in their communities.</p>	<p>South Atlantic Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; Peach Belt Conference; and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.</p>
---	---	---

<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-7</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> ELIGIBILITY -- ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15- QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- UP TO FOUR DATES OF COMPETITION -- MEN'S WRESTLING</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 14.4.3.4.1</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>In men's wrestling, to specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to four dates of competition without using a season of competition.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>Under current legislation, any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. In college wrestling, most Division II programs are enrollment driven with limited scholarships and many student-athletes walk-on, leaving limited wrestling rosters and depth on gameday. Amending the legislation will provide men's wrestling student-athletes with the opportunity to compete in a limited number of dates of competition in their first year of enrollment, which will increase engagement of first year student-athletes, assist with their integration to campus, academic engagement and retention. Finally, this proposal will enhance the opportunity for institutions to maintain healthy rosters from year to year.</i></p>	<p>Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference; Great Lakes Valley Conference; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association; and South Atlantic Conference.</p>
<p><b>Proposal Number:</b> 2025-8</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> August 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Title:</b> ELIGIBILITY -- ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15- QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- PARTICIPATION DURING INITIAL YEAR OF COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT</p> <p><b>Affected Bylaws:</b> 14.4.3.4.1 and 14.4.3.4.1.7</p>	<p><b>Intent:</b> <i>To specify that a student-athlete representing a Division II institution, in their initial year of collegiate enrollment, may participate in up to 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) without using a season of competition.</i></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> <i>Under current legislation, any competition (including a scrimmage with outside competition), regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport. Allowing a Division II student-athlete in any sport to participate in minimal competition during their initial year of collegiate enrollment will provide consistency in applying the season of competition legislation. Further, the opportunity for all sports to participate in minimal competition will ease the decision for coaches and help with student-athlete development and transition to the college game. Additional flexibility with substitutes may allow starters and more experienced student-athletes additional rest and/or to feel less pressure to play through injuries. Finally, amending the season of competition legislation to allow minimal competition in all sports will assist with roster management and student-athlete retention.</i></p>	<p>NCAA Division II Management Council (Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee).</p>