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# **DIVISION III ISSUES FORUM**

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

# 2023 Convention Legislation Review



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# Resources

[2023 NCAA Convention Official Notice.](#)

[Legislation Proposals Questions and Answers.](#)

[Council Composition Proposals \(Nos. 7 and 8\) Comparison Chart.](#)

[Playing Seasons Proposals \(Nos. 10 and 11\) Comparison Chart.](#)

Parliamentary Procedures Document.

# Friday Special Rules of Order Business Session



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# Friday Business Session

Two Resolutions – Establishing An Alternative Voting Process

- No. 1: Presidents and Management Council Composition Proposals.
  - Proposals Nos. 7 and 8.
- No. 2. Playing and Practice Seasons Proposals.
  - Proposals Nos. 10 and 11.



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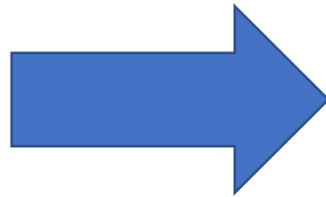
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# Friday Business Session

Resolutions: Special Rule of Order for Pairs of Competing Proposals.

Division III's current parliamentary procedures require one of the proposals to be discussed and voted upon **without consideration** of the competing proposal.



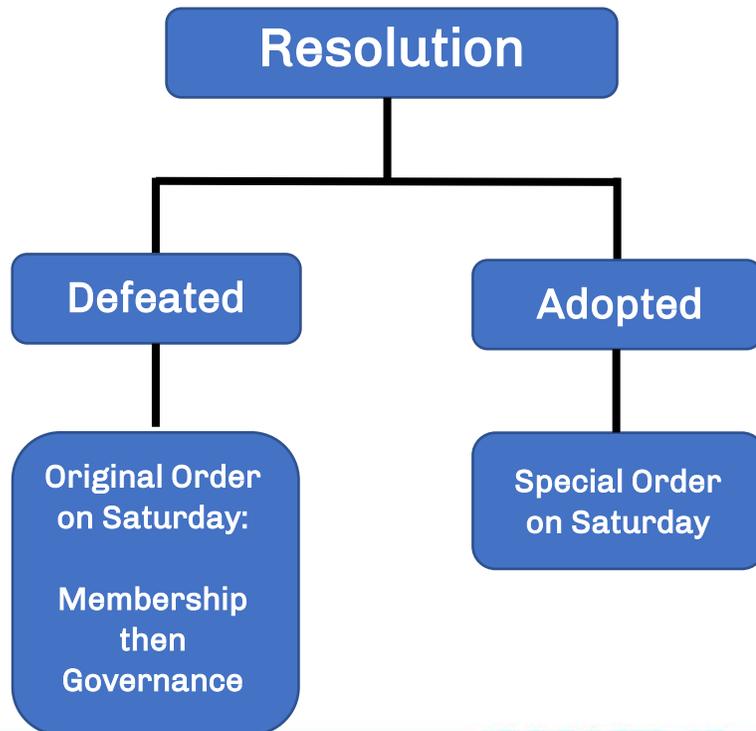
There is a resolution for each pair of competing proposals that suggests a special rule of order for voting.

The rule would permit the merits of each to be considered before a vote to determine which proposal is **preferred** and, as a result, **voted on first**.

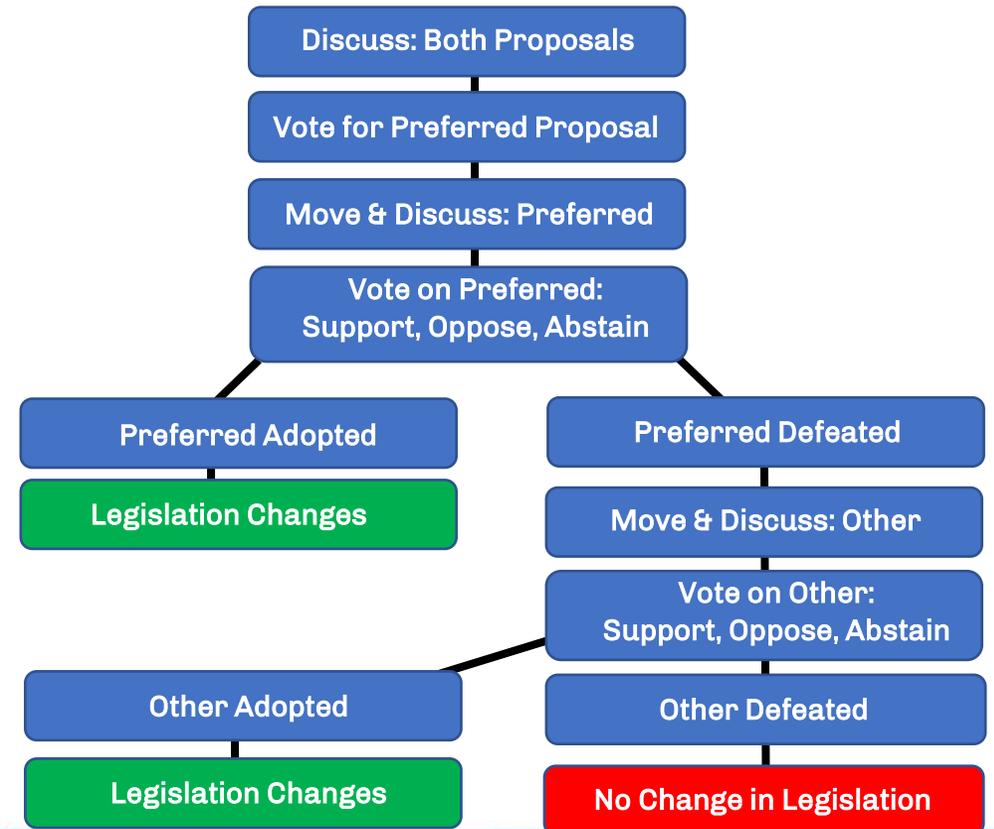
# Friday Business Session

Resolutions: Special Rule of Order for Pairs of Competing Proposals.

## Friday: Business Session After the Issues Forum



## Saturday: Business Session



# Saturday Business Session



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# Order of Legislative Business

- Initial motion to accept notice.
- Confirm or change order of proposals.
- Ratify blue page proposals through acceptance of Official Notice. By motion of a delegate, individual proposals within appendices (blue pages) may be removed for separate consideration.



# Order of Legislative Business During Business Session

- Final approval of notice.
- Vote on proposals in "white pages".



# Presidential Grouping



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# Proposal No. 3 - Resolution

## Mental Health Hardship Waiver

**Intent:** To direct the governance structure to collaborate and establish a hardship waiver process for mental health to be distinguished from a physical injury including its own waiver criteria that recognizes the unique circumstances related to mental health conditions.

**Source:** Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Empire 8 and Heartland Conference

# Proposal No. 4

## Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

### Voting Privileges

**Intent:** To provide Student-Athlete Advisory Committee one vote at the Division III Business Session of the NCAA Convention.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee)].

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Voting Privileges.

Currently

SAAC offers positions on legislation but does not vote.

Proposal.

SAAC permitted to have one vote per proposal, beginning in 2024.



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# Proposal No. 5

## Six Division III Committees

### Amend Composition & Representation

**Intent:** To adjust the composition of six designated governance committees to provide the following: (1) Consistency in size and regional representation on designated committees; and (2) A student-athlete voice on governance committees where such representation is not currently present.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Subgroup Composition and Representation)].

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Proposal No. 5: Division III Committees

	Current	Proposal No. 5	
Championships	9	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least two but no more than three members from each geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13).</li> <li>• At least one representation from Area 4 from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA.</li> <li>• One Management Council representative.</li> <li>• One student-athlete.</li> <li>• Minimum of three who identify as female.</li> <li>• Minimum of three who identify as male.</li> <li>• Minimum of two who identify as BIPOC.</li> <li>• Minimum of one conference office staff.</li> <li>• Minimum of one FAR.</li> <li>• Minimum of one public institution/multi-sport conference representative.</li> <li>• No more than one representative from a multi-sport conference.</li> </ul>
Financial Aid	12	10	
Interpretations & Legislation	8	10	
Membership	10	10	
Nominating	8	10	
Strategic Planning & Finance	13	12	



# Proposal No. 6

## Nominating Committee - Amend Composition

**Intent:** To amend the composition of the Nominating Committee to include at least one member from each of the 10 regions (based on the sport committee regions model) to cultivate more committee nominations and appointments representative of the membership.

**Source:** Empire 8 and Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.



# Proposal No. 6: Nominating Committee

	Current	Proposal No. 6
<b>Members</b>	Eight members	10 members
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one former NCAA officer or former member of a Council.</li> <li>• One current member of Management Council.</li> <li>• Maximum of five members may be at large.</li> <li>• At least three men.</li> <li>• At least three women.</li> <li>• At least one ethnic minority.</li> <li>• At least one member from each of the four geographical regions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one former NCAA officer or former member of a Council.</li> <li>• One current member of Management Council.</li> <li>• At least four men.</li> <li>• At least four women.</li> <li>• At least one ethnic minority.</li> <li>• At least one member from each of the 10 conference-based geographic regions.</li> </ul>
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Advisory capacity for selections to SAAC.	Advisory capacity for selections to SAAC.

# Proposal No. 7

## Presidents and Management Council Four-year Alternating Conference - Based Representation

**Intent:** To ensure the following: (1) Each Division III multi-sport conference will have one representative on either Council and the conference's slot on either will alternate accordingly; (2) Nominating Committee will coordinate nominations for both Councils; and (3) A conference slot may go unfilled unless the council is smaller than 18 members.

**Source:** Empire 8, North Coast Athletic Conference, Presidents' Athletic Conference, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf., and USA South Athletic Conference.

**Effective:** August 1, 2024.

# Proposal No. 8

## Presidents and Management Council Required Geographic & Conference Representation

**Intent:** To adjust the composition of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council to provide representation from each active multi-sport conference on either Presidents or Management Council.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Subgroup Composition and Representation)].

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# Presidents Council

	Current	Proposal No. 7 (Alternating 4-year)	Proposal No. 8 (Geographic/Conference)
<b>Members</b>	20 members.	Half the number of active multisport conferences and two student-athletes (currently, 24 members). No less than 18.	20 members.
<b>Nomination</b>	Nominated by chancellors or presidents.	Nominated through Nominating Committee.	Nominated by chancellors or presidents.
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	Two members from each geographical region (see Bylaw 21.13).	Each active multi-sport conference will have a slot on one of the Councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three members from each geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13).</li> <li>At least one representative from Area 4 from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA.</li> </ul>
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Two student-athletes.	Two student-athletes. Would not count as conference representation.	Two student-athletes. Would count as conference representation.*
<b>Term Length</b>	Four years.	Four years.	Four years.

# Management Council

	Current	Proposal No. 7 (Alternating 4-year)	Proposal No. 8 (Geographic/Conference)
<b>Members</b>	21 members.	Half the number of active multisport conferences and two student-athletes (currently, 24 members). No less than 18.	The number of members to ensure every multi-sport conference has a representative on either Council (currently, 24 members *).
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	Two members from each geographical region (see Bylaw 21.13).	Each active multi-sport conference will have a slot on one of the Councils.	Each active multi-sport conference will have a representative on one of the Councils – additional geographic requirements.
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Two student-athletes.	Two student-athletes. Would not count as conference representation.	Two student-athletes. Would count as conference representation.*
<b>Term Length</b>	Four years.	Four years.	Four years.
<b>Council Conference Representation</b>	Conference may have more than one representative on the Councils.	Conference should not have more than one representative on the Councils. May occur if numbers drop below 18 on either Council.	Conference may not have more than one representative on the Councils.



# **\*Proposal No. 8-1**

## **Amendment to Amendment**

### **Student-Athletes Do Not Satisfy Conference Representation Requirement**

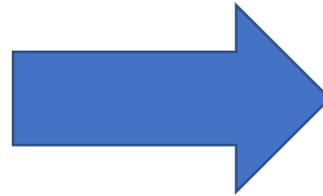
**Intent:** To amend Proposal No. 8 to establish that student-athletes on the councils do not satisfy the conference representation requirements.

**Source:** Presidents Council [Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)].

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# \*Amendment-to-Amendment for Proposal No. 8

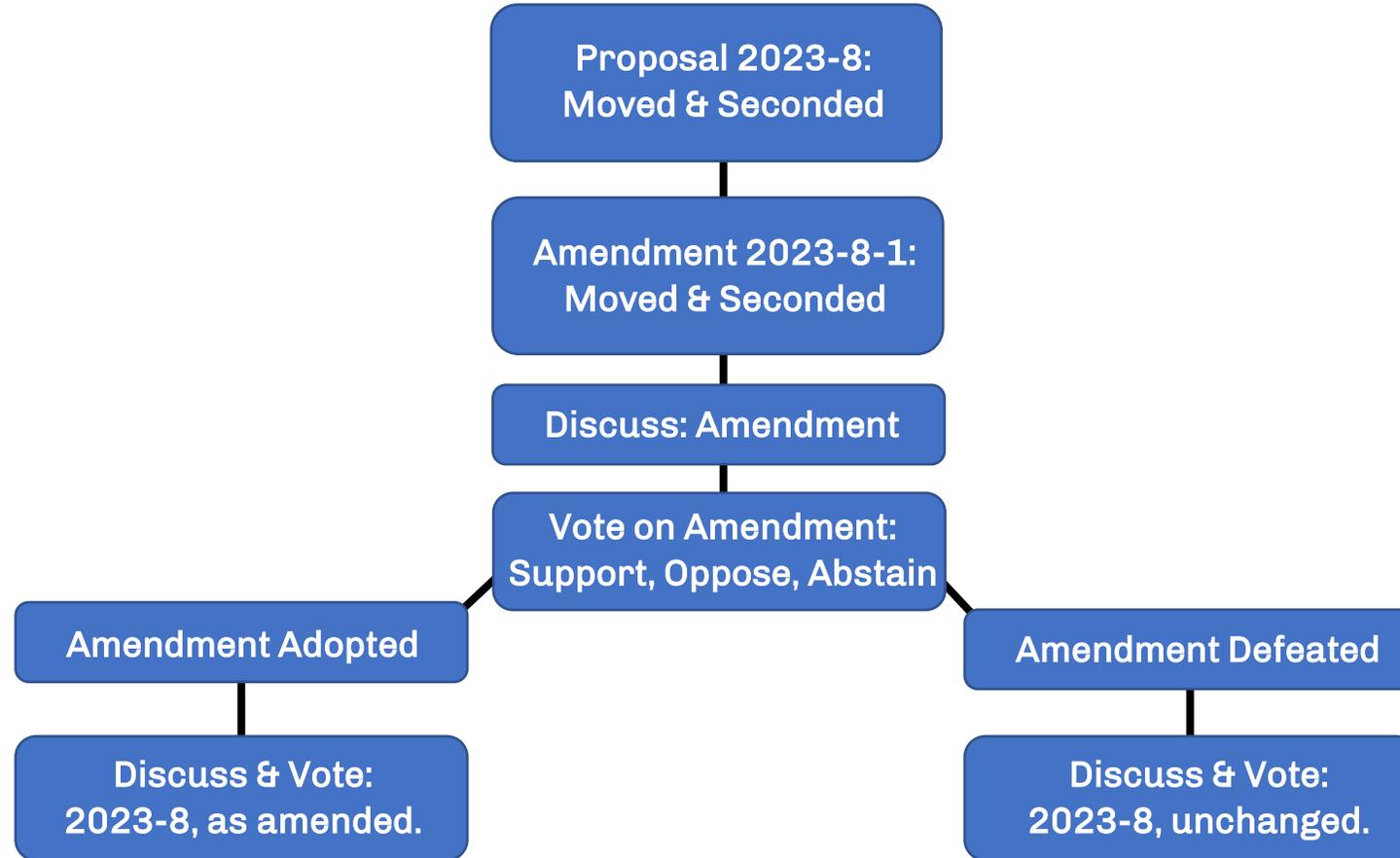
The governance-sponsored proposal that would amend the composition of Presidents and Management Council was originally drafted to **count National SAAC reps as the overall conference rep.**



The proposed amendment (2023-8-1) would modify the proposal to specify that **National SAAC reps would not count** as the overall conference representative.



# \*Amendment-to-Amendment for Proposal No. 8



# Proposal No. 9

## Application for Membership Require Conference Membership

**Intent:** To require an institution to have a bona fide invitation from an active Division III conference before applying for Division III membership and maintain a conference affiliation during the Division III membership process.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee)].

**Effective:** For institutions whose provisional or reclassifying membership process will begin during or after the 2024-25 academic year.

# Application for Membership. Require Conference Membership

Currently.

Institutions that apply for Division III membership are not required to secure conference membership.

Proposal.

Require an institution to have a bona fide invitation from an active Division III conference before applying for Division III membership and maintain a conference affiliation during the Division III membership process.



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# General Grouping



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# Proposal No. 10

## Defining Playing and Practice Season Non-Consecutive Days

**Intent:** The intent of this proposal is to be more permissible and flexible to enhance the overall student experience by allowing for a total of 114/144 days of athletically related contact with their coaching staff. These would be days that do not have to be consecutive in nature but must include at least one day off from activity/contact each week.

**Source:** Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Southern Athletic Association.

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Proposal No. 11

## Eliminating Weeks and Establishing a New Playing Seasons Structure

**Intent:** To restructure the playing and practice seasons for all sports (except football) as follows: (1) Eliminate "weeks" as a measure for defining the seasons; (2) Establish the fall and spring traditional segments by a start and end date; (3) Increase the nontraditional segment for fall and spring sports from 16 to 24 days; (4) Measure the winter sports season by 114 days, with flexibility to use eight of those days before or after the season; and (5) Measure period sports (golf, rowing and tennis) seasons by 114 days.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.



# Fall Sports

	Current	Proposal No. 10 (114-day model)	Proposal No. 11 (Start/end date model)
<b>Length of Season</b>	18 weeks, including nontraditional segment	114 days	Start & End Dates, plus 24 nontraditional segment days
<b>Start Date</b>	16-unit practice formula from the first scheduled contest	Same as current rule	16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Nontraditional Segment</b>	<p><u>Timeframe:</u> February 1 through five weekdays before finals</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u> 16 days including one date of competition (no more than 4 days per week)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must occur during consecutive weeks (not more 5 weeks)</li> </ul>	<p>Conclusion of the NCAA Championship through five weekdays before finals</p> <p>Remaining days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One date of competition</li> </ul>	<p><u>Timeline:</u> First class date after January 1 through five weekdays before Spring finals</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u> 24 days, including one date of competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>
<b>Football</b>			
<b>Length of Season</b>	18 weeks	114 total days	Same as current rule.
<b>Start Date</b>	23 days from the first scheduled contest	Same as current rule	Same as current rule.
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	Same as current rule.
<b>Spring Period</b>	<p>16 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must occur in consecutive weeks (no more than 5 weeks)</li> <li>• No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>	<p>16 days (same as current rule)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any remaining unused dates may be used only for strength and conditioning.</li> </ul>	Same as current rule.



# Winter Sports

	Current	Proposal No. 10 (114-day model)	Proposal No. 11 (Start/end date model)
<b>Length of Season</b>	19 consecutive weeks 24 Weeks for Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field	114 days (144 days if Indoor & Outdoor)	114 days (144 if Indoor & Outdoor)
<b>Start Date</b>	September 7 or first day of classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball: 10/15</li> <li>• Hockey: off-ice first Monday in October, on-ice the second Monday</li> <li>• Wrestling: 10/10</li> </ul>	Seventh day after the first day of classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hockey: limited to off-ice training until second Monday in October</li> <li>• Wrestling: limited to strength &amp; conditioning until October 10</li> </ul>	Same as current rule
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Out-of-Season</b>	May use any remaining weeks beyond NCAA Championship (except for basketball and ice hockey), and through five weekdays before Spring finals	May use remaining days until five weekdays before finals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May also compete (if contests remaining) in all sports except basketball and ice hockey</li> </ul>	May use up to 8 of the 114 days before or after the season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not compete outside the season</li> </ul>



# Spring Sports

	Current	Proposal No. 10 (114-day model)	Proposal No. 11 (Start/end date model)
<b>Defined By</b>	19 consecutive weeks, including nontraditional segment	114 days	Start & End Dates, plus 24 nontraditional segment days
<b>Start Date</b>	September 7 or first day of classes	January 15	15 weeks before the NCAA championship election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May use 12 of the 24 nontraditional days to start 17 weeks before selection</li> </ul>
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Nontraditional Segment</b>	<p><u>Timeline:</u> September 7 or first day of classes through five weekdays before finals</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u> 16 days including one date of competition (no more than 4 days per week)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must occur during consecutive weeks (not more than 5 weeks)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Timeline:</u> Seventh day after first day of classes through January 14; End of traditional season through five weekdays before Spring finals</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u> May use remaining days including one date of competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not use days during vacation or exam periods</li> </ul>	<p><u>Timeline:</u> September 7 or the first day of classes through five weekdays before Fall finals</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u> 24 days including one date of competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>

# Period Sports (Golf, Rowing, Tennis)

	Current	Proposal No. 10 (114-day model)	Proposal No. 11 (Start/end date model)
<b>Defined By</b>	19 consecutive weeks	114 days	114 days
<b>Start Date</b>	<u>Fall</u> : 16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest  <u>Spring</u> : January 15	Same as current rule	Same as current rule
<b>End Date</b>	<u>Fall</u> : five weekdays before finals  <u>Spring</u> : Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	<u>Fall</u> : Same as current rule  <u>Spring</u> : NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Out-of-Season</b>	No athletically related activity outside the fall and spring period	May use remaining days from conclusion of the NCAA Championship through five weekdays before Spring finals.	Same as current rule

# Proposal No. 12

## Fall Preseason Practice Acclimatization Period for Fall Sports

**Intent:** To amend the preseason legislation for all fall sports, except football and men's water polo, as follows (1) To calculate the first permissible start date by counting back 18 days; (2) Require an acclimatization period during the first seven days during preseason practice; (3) Require one day off of physical activity per defined week of the preseason, including the acclimatization period; and (4) Require all student-athletes, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice to undergo the seven-day acclimatization period.

**Source:** New Jersey Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf.

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Acclimatization Period for Fall Sports

	Current	Proposal No.12
<b>Start Date</b>	16-unit practice formula from the first scheduled contest.	18 days before the first scheduled contest.  Water Polo only: 21-units before the first scheduled contest using the existing formula.
<b>Acclimatization Period</b>  <b>All Fall Sports Except Football</b>  <b>* Applies to the Fall Season in Period Sports (Golf, Rowing &amp; Tennis)</b>	Transition periods must be consistent with the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes.	<p><u>Day 1:</u> One practice (3 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>One testing session (1 hour), one practice (2 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.</p> <p><u>Days 2-4:</u> One practice (3 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.</p> <p><u>Days 5-7:</u> Weight training is permitted but a team is prohibited from engaging in outside competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A team is permitted to conduct up to two practices and one walk-through per day. A team may use up to a maximum of 5 hours per day for these activities, with a single practice not exceeding 3 hours. A team must provide a 3-hour recovery period. During this period, no meetings nor athletically related activities may occur.</li> <li>• For <b>golf</b>, a team is permitted 5 hours of practice per day. The team must still adhere to the 3-hour recovery requirement.</li> </ul>

# Proposal No. 13

## Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport for Women

**Intent:** To add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport for Women

Currently.

Stunt is not currently recognized in Division III.

Proposal.

Add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.



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# Proposal No. 14

## Allowing Public Communication After January 1 of Senior Year

**Intent:** To change the date when institutions may have public communications via social media with PSAs that have deposited, from May 1 to January 1 of their senior year in high school; and clarify that the content of the public communication with the PSA is not subject to the publicity limitations (e.g., the public communications may include discussions about campus visits, commitment to attend the institution or acceptance to an institution).

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

**Effective:** August 1, 2023.

# Allowing Public Communication After January 1 of Senior Year

Currently.

Public communication only after May 1 & financial deposit.

Proposal.

Public communication only after January 1 & financial deposit.



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# Proposal No. 15

## Elimination of Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guide Submission Requirements

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement for active member institutions and active multisport conferences to submit a comprehensive self-study guide at least once every five years.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).

**Effective:** Immediate.



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# Elimination of Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guide Submission Requirements

Currently.

Active DIII institutions and conferences must complete an ISSG or CSSG once every five years.

Proposal.

Eliminate this requirement.



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# Proposal Questions?



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