

Division III Convention Proposals
Comparison of Proposals 2023-10 and 2023-11 addressing Playing and Practice Seasons

Fall Sports (Except football)	Current Legislation	Proposal No. 10 Playing and Practice Season -- General Playing Season-Defining Playing and Practice Season Non-Consecutive Days (Sponsored by two member conferences)	Proposal No. 11 Playing Seasons -- Eliminating Weeks as the Measurement for a Season and Establishing a New Playing Seasons Structure (Sponsored by Presidents Council)
Length of Season	18 weeks, which includes the non-traditional segment.	114 total days.	Start/End Dates plus 24 non-traditional segment days.
Traditional segment Start	16-unit practice formula from the first scheduled contest.	Same as current legislation.	16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest date.
Traditional End	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship.	Same as current legislation.	NCAA Championship Selection.
Non-traditional Segment	<p><u>Timeframe:</u> February 1 through five weekdays before Spring 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"> • Must occur during consecutive weeks. (No more than five weeks). 	<p><u>Timeframe:</u> End of traditional segment 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"> • May not use days during vacation or exam periods. 	<p><u>Timeframe:</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"> • No more than four days per week.
Football	Current Legislation	Proposal No. 10	Proposal No. 11
Length of Season	18 weeks.	114 total days.	Same as current legislation.
- Start Date	23 days from the first scheduled contest.	Same as current legislation.	Same as current legislation.
- End Date	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship.	Same as current legislation.	Same as current legislation.
Spring Period	<p>16 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must occur in consecutive weeks (no more than five weeks). • No more than 4 days per week. 	<p>16 days spring period (Same as current rule).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any remaining unused days may be used only for strength and conditioning. 	Same as current legislation.

Winter Sports	Current Legislation	Proposal No. 10	Proposal No. 11
Length of Season	19 weeks.	114 days (144 Indoor/Outdoor).	114 days (144 Indoor/Outdoor).
Start Date	September 7 or first day of classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball: 10/15. • Hockey: off-ice starts first Monday in October; on-ice, second Monday. • Wrestling: 10/10. 	Seventh day after the first day of classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey: limited to off-ice training until the second Monday in October. • Wrestling: limited to strength and conditioning until 10/10. 	Same as current legislation.
End Date	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship.	Same as current legislation.	NCAA Championship Selection.
Out-of-Season	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"> • May also compete (if contests remain) in all sports except basketball and hockey. 	May use up to 8 of the 114 days before or after the season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not compete outside the season.
Spring Sports	Current Legislation	Proposal No. 10	Proposal No. 11
Length of Season	19 weeks, which includes the nontraditional segment.	114 days.	Start/End Dates plus 24 nontraditional segment days.
Traditional Segment Start	September 7 or first day of classes.	January 15.	15 weeks before the NCAA championship selection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May use 12 of the 24 non-traditional days to start 17 weeks before selection.
Traditional End	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship.	Same as current legislation.	NCAA Championship Selection.
Non-traditional Segment	<u>Timeframe</u> : September 7 or first day of classes through five weekdays before finals.	<u>Timeframe</u> : Seventh day after first day of classes through January 14; End of traditional season through five weekdays before Spring finals.	<u>Timeframe</u> : September 7th or the first day of classes through five weekdays before Fall finals.

	<u>Opportunities:</u> 16 days including one date of competition (no more than 4 days per week). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must occur during consecutive weeks. (Not more than five weeks). 	<u>Opportunities:</u> May use remaining days including one date of competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not use days during vacation or exam periods. 	<u>Opportunities:</u> 24 days including one date of competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than four days per week.
Period Sports (Golf, Rowing, Tennis)	Current Legislation	Proposal No. 10	Proposal No. 11
Length of Season	19 weeks.	114 days.	114 days.
Start Dates	<u>Fall:</u> 16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest date. <u>Spring:</u> January 15.	Same as current legislation.	Same as current legislation.
End Dates	<u>Fall:</u> Five weekdays before finals. <u>Spring:</u> Conclusion of the NCAA Championship.	Same as current legislation.	<u>Fall:</u> Same as current legislation. <u>Spring:</u> NCAA Championship Selection.
Out-of-Season	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 legislation.