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2019 Convention Legislation Review

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Information Available

- The 2019 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice.
- Question and Answer Document.
- Parliamentary Procedures Document.

How to Read the Proposals

- The letters and words in *italics* and ~~strikethrough~~ are those that would be deleted from the current rule with the adoption of the proposal;
- The letters and words in **bold face and underlined** are those that would be added with the adoption of the proposal; and
- The letters and words in normal text are those that would remain unchanged with the adoption of the proposal.

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.”

Agenda for Legislative Review

- Review Proposal Nos. 2, 2-1, 4, 5 and 7.
 - How the proposal changes the current rule.
 - Interpretive questions.
- Review And Discuss Proposal Nos. 3 and 6.
 - How the proposal changes the current rule.
 - Interpretive questions.
 - NADIII AA comments.
 - Open forum.

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NCAA Proposal No. 2019-2

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL –
ESTABLISHING PRESEASON START DATE 23 DAYS
BEFORE THE INSTITUTION'S FIRST CONTEST.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019.
- Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council
[Management Council (Playing and Practice Seasons
Subcommittee)].

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Current Rule

- Start of preseason is determined by a formula based on institution's first day of classes and first contest.
- The formula contemplates the opportunity for traditional two-a-day practices when classes are not in session.
[Traditional two-a-day practices were recently eliminated.]
- A day off of physical athletically related activity is not mandated prior to the start of classes.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Start of preseason would be 23 days before the first actual contest.
- Prohibits physical athletically related activity one day per each week of the preseason after the acclimatization period.

NCAA Proposal No. 2019-2-1

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL –
ESTABLISHING PRESEASON START DATE 23 DAYS
BEFOR THE FIRST CONTEST – EXCEPTION THURSDAY
CONTEST.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019.
- Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council
(Management Council).

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Amends Proposal No. 2019-2 to mirror current legislation for Thursday contests during the opening weekend.
- For an institution that conducts its first contest on Thursday of the opening weekend, the start of preseason would be 23 days before the Friday following the first contest.

Process

- Proposal 2019-2 will be moved and seconded.
- Next Proposal 2019-2-1 will be moved and seconded.
- Discussion will occur on 2019-2-1.
- There will be two votes.
- The first vote is to determine if Proposal 2019-2 should be amended by 2019-2-1.
- If yes, then the second vote is on Proposal 2019-2 as amended.
- If 2019-2-1 is not approved, then the second vote is on Proposal 2019-2 as originally proposed.

NCAA Proposal No. 2019-4

MEMBERSHIP – CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS – STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION RATE REPORTING.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019. [First reporting date is June 1, 2020].
- Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Diversity and Inclusion Working Group)].

Current Rule

- Annual submission of student-body enrollment and graduation rate data is required.
- Annual submission of student-athlete graduation rate data is voluntary.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Requires institutions to annually submit student-athlete graduation rate data in addition to submitting student-body enrollment and graduation rate data.
- Failure to submit the data render an institution's teams and individuals ineligible to participate in NCAA championships for that year.

NCAA Proposal No. 2019-5

AMATEURISM – PRE-ENROLLMENT EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Current Rule

- A prospective student-athlete (PSA) may not receive expenses for secondary school education based on athletics ability from an outside organization or an individual.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Permits outside organizations or individuals to provide grants, scholarships, etc. based on athletics to pay for secondary school educational expenses.
- The awards must be disbursed through the secondary institution.

NCAA Proposal No. 2019-7

RECRUITING – SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLICITY –
EXCEPTIONS – CONNECT WITH PROSPECTIVE
STUDENT-ATHLETES.

- Effective Date: Immediate.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council
(Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

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Current Rule

- Coaches may not communicate publicly (including friend or follow) with a PSA via social media until May 1 of the PSA's senior year in high school and then only if the PSA has submitted a financial deposit.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Athletics department staff members would be permitted at any time to:
 - Connect with PSAs on social media platforms (e.g., friend, follow).
 - Take actions on social media platforms that indicate approval (e.g., like, favorite, republish) of content generated by the PSA or in which PSAs are publicly linked.
- Substantive comments with a PSA on social media remain subject to the current legislation.

Review and Discuss Proposals Nos. 3 and 6

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NCAA Proposal No. 2019-3

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FIELD HOCKEY AND SOCCER PRESEASON – ESTABLISHING A THREE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019.
- Source: City University of New York Athletic Conference and New Jersey Athletic Conference.

Current Rule

- No restrictions on amount of practice time during the preseason for field hockey and soccer.
- The length of preseason is determined by counting back 16 units from the first scheduled competition.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Allows institutions to start preseason practice three days earlier than what is currently allowed.
- Requires an acclimatization period during the first three days of preseason practice. During this period, a team would be limited to one practice session (no longer than three hours) and a one hour walk-through session with a minimum of three hours rest between the activities.
- After the acclimatization period, institutions would be limited to two on-field practices (no more than six hours) with at least three hours of rest between the two sessions.

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Proposal Feedback

- NADIIIAA comments.
- Open forum.

NCAA Proposal No. 2019-6

ELIGIBILITY – FINAL TERM BEFORE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.

- Effective Date: August 1, 2019.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).

Current Rule

- Permits a student-athlete to participate while enrolled less than full time in the final semester/quarter of their academic program.
- The student-athlete must be carrying for credit all courses needed to complete the degree.
- If the student-athlete has an outstanding experiential learning requirement that is not taken in this term, the student-athlete does not qualify for the existing exception and must be enrolled full time to participate.

What It Does – Proposed Rule

- Permits a student-athlete to participate while enrolled less than full time provided they are carrying for credit the courses necessary to complete the degree, except for an outstanding experiential learning requirement.

Proposal Feedback

- NADIII AA comments.
- Open forum.