

# **DIVISION III ISSUES FORUM**

**Friday, January 24, 2020**

# 2020 Convention Legislation Review

# Information Available

- The 2020 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 Proposals.
  - How the proposal changes the current rule.
  - Interpretive questions.
- Open Forum.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-1

NCAA MEMBERSHIP – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND  
MEMBER CONFERENCE – CONDITIONS AND  
OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP – ATHLETICS DIVERSITY  
AND INCLUSION DESIGNEE

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council  
[Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests  
Committee)].



# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-1 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**

- Require active member institutions and conferences to identify an athletics diversity and inclusion designee.
- The designee will be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.
- The individual designated as the ADID will be submitted annually through the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-2

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – APPLICATION PROCESS –  
PROVISIONAL INSTITUTION – REDUCE WAITING PERIOD  
FROM FOUR YEARS TO THREE YEARS PLUS AN  
EXPLORATORY YEAR

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: American Collegiate Athletic Association; American Southwest Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-2 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - The current timeline for a non-NCAA member to become a NCAA member is five years consisting of one exploratory year followed by a four-year provisional process.
  - Permits waivers of the exploratory year and Year 3 of the provisional process.
  - The Division III Membership Committee may extend the provisional process one year for an institution not progressing.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-2 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Reduce the provisional process to a three-year process. The exploratory year would remain unchanged.
  - Eliminate the provisional Year 3 waiver and maintain the waiver of the exploratory year.
  - Continue to permit a one-time opportunity to repeat a year.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-3

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – APPLICATION PROCESS –  
RECLASSIFYING INSTITUTION – REDUCE WAITING  
PERIOD FROM FOUR YEARS TO THREE YEARS

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: American Collegiate Athletic Association; American Southwest Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-3 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**

- The current timeline for a NCAA Division I or II member to become a NCAA III member is five years consisting of one exploratory year followed by a four-year reclassifying process.
- Permits waivers of the exploratory year and Year 3 of the reclassifying process.
- The Division III Membership Committee may extend the reclassifying process one year for an institution not progressing.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-3 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Reduce the reclassifying process to a three-year process.
  - Eliminate the exploratory year.
  - Eliminate the reclassifying Year 3 waiver.
  - Continue to permit a one-time opportunity to repeat a year.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-4

## AWARDS AND BENEFITS – HOUSING AND MEALS – EXCEPTIONS – SNACKS AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS INCIDENTAL TO PARTICIPATION

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- **Source:** Alvernia University; Berry College; East Texas Baptist University; Emory University; Farmingdale State College; Howard Payne University; Hardin-Simmons University; Knox College; LeTourneau University; Loras College; Maine Maritime Academy; McMurry University; Moravian College; Salve Regina University; Swarthmore College; Sweet Briar College; University of Dubuque; University of Lynchburg; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; University of Texas at Dallas; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and Wilmington College (Ohio).



# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-4 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - Institutions may provide meals under certain conditions (e.g., day of a home contest, in conjunction with an away-from-home contest, during vacation periods when student-athletes are required to be on campus; when a meal is missed due to practice).
  - Institutions may provide nutritional supplements in conjunction with a permissible meal.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-4 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Permits an institution to provide snacks and nutritional supplements as benefits incidental to a student-athlete's participation in athletics.
  - Institutions may still provide the meals allowed under current rule.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-5

AWARDS AND BENEFITS – EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE  
INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION –  
PERMISSIBLE PRACTICE EXPENSES – EXCEPTIONS FOR  
GOLF AND SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Effective Date: Immediate.
- Source: American Rivers Conference and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-5 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - An institution may provide expenses for practice that occurs within the state of the institution, within 100 miles of the institution's campus if outside the state or associated with an away-from-home contest.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-5 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - An institution may pay expenses for practice for the sports of golf and swimming and diving, beyond the current geographic limits without having the team engage in an away-from-home contest.
  - The exception is limited to practice that occurs during an official vacation period, for student-athletes who are eligible for competition and do not miss class.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-5-1

AWARDS AND BENEFITS – EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE  
INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION –  
PERMISSIBLE PRACTICE EXPENSES – EXCEPTION FOR  
GOLF

- Effective Date: Immediate.
- Source: American Rivers Conference and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-5-1 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Amend Proposal No. 2020-5 to apply only to the sport of golf.
- **Process Reminder:**
  - There will be two votes.
  - The first, to determine if 2020-5 should be amended by 2020-5-1.
  - The second, depending on the outcome of the first vote, vote on 2020-5 as amended or as originally submitted.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-6

ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES – LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAMMING OUT-OF-SEASON INVOLVING ATHLETICS  
RELATED INFORMATION AND CONTENT (GENERAL IN  
NATURE)

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: North Coast Athletic Conference and Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.



# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-6 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - Student-athletes and coaches may participate in leadership and other programming involving sports-related information outside the playing and practice season provided:
    - (a) Similar programming is available to students generally;
    - (b) The programming is not limited to members of a specific team; and,
    - (c) Participation is voluntary.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-6 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Permit coaches to engage in leadership programming involving sports-related information with their student-athlete leaders outside the declared playing and practice season.
  - This programming may occur provided it does not include any practice activities, occurs during the academic year, is limited to ten 90 minutes sessions that occur no more than once per week.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-6 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Participation must be voluntary, and the programming plan must be on file with the athletics director and compliance officer.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-7

## DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – WOMEN’S EQUESTRIAN

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- **Source:** Adrian College; Albion College; Alfred State College; Alvernia University; Berry College; Bethany College (West Virginia); Bridgewater State University; East Texas Baptist University; Emory University; Morrisville State College; Nazareth College; Roger Williams University; Randolph-Macon College; Salve Regina University; State University of New York at Geneseo; State University of New York at New Paltz; Sweet Briar College; University of Lynchburg; Wentworth Institute of Technology; Wesleyan College; and Wilson College.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-7 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - Current emerging sports for women for Division III include:  
Rugby and Triathlon.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-7 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Add Women's Equestrian as an emerging individual sport for women.
  - Equestrian would be a spring sport with eight (8) dates of competition.
  - Minimum sport sponsorship requirements would be three (3) contests with at least six (6) participants.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-8

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – PLAYING AND PRACTICE  
SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN –  
ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-8 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - Current emerging sports for women for Division III include:  
Rugby and Triathlon.



# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-8 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Add Acrobatics and Tumbling as an emerging team sport for women.
  - Acrobatics and Tumbling would be a spring sport with 12 dates of competition. No contests are permitted in the nontraditional portion of the playing and practice season.
  - Minimum sport sponsorship requirements would be six (6) contests with at least 18 participants.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-9

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – WOMEN’S WRESTLING

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women’s Athletics).

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-9 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - Current emerging sports for women for Division III include:  
Rugby and Triathlon.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-9 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**

- Add Women's Wrestling as an emerging individual sport for women.
- Women's Wrestling would be a winter sport. The playing and practice season may not begin before October 10.
- The team and student-athletes are limited to 16 dates of competition with not more than two two-day meets that shall count as a single date of competition.
- Minimum sport sponsorship requirements would be seven (7) contests with at least six (6) participants.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-10

NCAA MEMBERSHIP – MEMBER CONFERENCE –  
ELIGIBILITY – COMPOSITION OF CONFERENCE –  
PROVISIONAL AND RECLASSIFYING MEMBERS AS CORE  
MEMBERS

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics)].

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-10 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - A conference must be comprised of at least seven core members.
  - A core member is an active NCAA Division III member institution that is a member of a NCAA Division III conference and participates in that conference in more than one conference-sponsored sport.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-10 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**
  - Institutions in years three and four of the provisional and/or reclassifying membership process may be considered core members for comprising a conference, provided there are at least four active member institutions.
  - This would also apply to single sport conferences.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-11

DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – SPORT CLASSIFIED IN  
DIVISION I – APPLYING DIVISION I LEGISLATION

- Effective Date: August 1, 2020.
- Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).



# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-11 (cont.)

- **Current Rule:**
  - A Division III institution with one or more sports classified as Division I must apply the rules of both divisions or the more stringent if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue.
  - Institutions may apply the Division I playing and practice season regulations in the Division I sport.

# NCAA Proposal No. 2020-11 (cont.)

- **Proposed Rule:**

- The Division III institution would apply Division I legislation to sports classified as Division I.
- The institution would be required to follow Division III financial aid legislation unless the institution satisfies the current exception.

# NCAA Proposal No. R-2020-12

## RESOLUTION – SOFTBALL/BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT TIMING

Source: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Commonwealth Coast Conference, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and North Eastern Athletic Conference.

# NCAA Proposal No. R-2020-12 (cont.)

- **Resolution Request:**

- Division III Softball, Baseball and Championships committees to review timing of the championship tournament in softball and baseball.
- Consider the feasibility of aligning the two tournaments.
- Moving the tournaments to create flexibility to conduct regular season contests later in the spring.
- Any resulting changes should be implemented no later than the 2023 championships.

# Proposal Questions?