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## 115th Annual Convention

On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association's 115th Annual Convention scheduled January 12 through 15, 2021.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2021 NCAA Convention. This publication is provided to the chancellor or president, director of athletics, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative and senior woman administrator at each active NCAA Division III member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division III business session of the Convention, including amendments-to-amendments. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before attending the Convention. **It is particularly important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Division III Convention legislation.**

In addition to the consideration of legislation, Division III delegates also may participate in educational and discussion sessions about topics of concern within the division and the Association.

We hope you will join delegates from all divisions at the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) Tuesday evening.

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2021 Convention. We look forward to seeing you virtually.

*John DeGioia  
President, Georgetown University  
Chair, NCAA Board of Governors*

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President, Texas State University  
Chair, Division I Board of Directors*

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President, Spalding University  
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## Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the chancellor or president of each member institution or organization. **In November 2020, a link to the appointment of delegate website was emailed to the chancellor or president of all member institutions and organizations. The link was also made available on the NCAA website at [www.ncaaconvention.com](http://www.ncaaconvention.com) under the Appointment of Delegate section.**

It is important that the voting delegate be properly accredited, and this is to urge appointing officers to submit the required information to the NCAA national office at their earliest convenience.

Please note that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions to include women in their NCAA Convention delegations.

An institution's or organization's chancellor or president shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional discretion.

If an institution's or organization's chancellor or president fails to submit the online delegate appointment form, that institution's representatives will be registered as visitors until the chancellor or president certifies in writing the voting and alternate delegates. No other institutional representatives are permitted to complete a delegate appointment form.

Once the online delegate appointment form has been verified by the chancellor or president, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without written instructions from that chancellor or president. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the chancellor or president.

Visiting delegates, except in certain situations, do not have speaking privileges at the Convention.

The 2021 Convention is free for NCAA members.

## Schedule of Events

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website ([www.ncaa.org/convention](http://www.ncaa.org/convention)).

The Convention officially begins when the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly opening business session) convenes at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 12. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Friday, January 15. Educational sessions will begin at noon Wednesday, January 13 and continue for the remainder of the month.

## Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 115th Annual Convention begin on Page No. 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

**It is important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice to the Convention, inasmuch as the Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Convention legislation for the 2021 Convention.**

In accordance with the provisions of NCAA Constitution 5.3, an amendment to the Association's legislation may be proposed by the Division III Presidents Council, the Division III Management Council, 20 or more active Division III member institutions eligible to vote on the matter or two member conferences. The source is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council or Management Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

Please note that the Presidents Council is authorized to provide during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative proposals.

## Amendments-to-Amendments

There were no amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline. The Division III Presidents Council and Management Council had until September 1 to submit its legislative proposals. The properly sponsored proposal was provided to the membership September 23 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Division III Presidents Council and Management Council, any 20 active Division III member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue or two member conferences had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2021 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Presidents or Management Council and distributed before or during the business session.

## Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

## **Review of Interpretations**

The Interpretations and Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division III. These rulings are subject to review by the Division III membership upon the request of any member in accordance with Constitution 5.4.1.4. Any Division III member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the academic and membership affairs staff via electronic mail to Jeff Myers, [jmyers@ncaa.org](mailto:jmyers@ncaa.org) and/or Bill Regan, [bfregan@ncaa.org](mailto:bfregan@ncaa.org) before 1 p.m. on the day before the Division III business session of the Convention.

## **Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division III Manual**

The Interpretations and Legislation Committee is authorized to recommend interpretations to be incorporated in the next printing of the Division III Manual. Such incorporations are approved by the Division III Management Council and are printed in Appendix A in the Official Notice of the Convention.

## **Noncontroversial Amendments Adopted by the Presidents and Management Councils**

The Management Council or Presidents Council are authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation, per Constitution 4.8.3-(d) and 5.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the council. The council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under its authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management or Presidents Council in 2020 appear in Appendix B. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these amendments.

## **Modifications of Wording Adopted by the Presidents and Management Councils**

The Presidents Council and Management Council are authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, proposals that are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation when sufficient documentation and testimony exist to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent, per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1. That authorization requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Management Council. The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under this authorization. The modifications adopted by the Management Council in 2020 appear in Appendix C. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these actions.



## **Order of Business**

The NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly opening business session) of the 115th Annual Convention will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 12. The "State of the Association" address by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

At the Division III business session, the proposal is designated for a roll-call vote. The provisions of Constitution 5.1.4.3.3 specify that federated legislation pertaining to a single division or more than a single division of the Association may be acted upon by the appropriate divisions during the separate division business sessions.

Amendments for the annual Convention will be presented as indicated on page xi.

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed. The membership will consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification. In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping become moot.

## **Voting Procedures**

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Constitution 5.1.4.4. Due to the nature of the virtual Convention, the exact voting procedures are still being determined at the time of publication. Once finalized, this information will be shared with the membership in a separate communication.

## **Memorial Resolutions**

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who passed away during the year. It is requested that the names of persons to be honored in this manner be submitted to the NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222.

## **Administrative Structure**

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors and Division III Presidents Council and Management Council are listed in Appendix E.

## **Request for Interpretations**

Division III member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention.

All such requests must be received in the national office not later than Friday, November 27, 2020. Requests will be considered by the Interpretations and Legislation Committee and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division III Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021. The resulting interpretations will be distributed to the conferences before the beginning of the business session Friday, January 15, 2021.

**TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS 115th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

<i>Proposal Number</i>	<i>General Topic</i>
1	Presidents Council Grouping

# 115th Annual Convention

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics-and-strikethrough* are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface and underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.

## DIVISION III LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Division III Presidents Council has determined that it will deal primarily with those national issues in Division III athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division III chancellors or presidents.

Such legislative proposals developed by the Division III Management Council or by Division III committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division III Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. Legislative proposals of an operational nature may be sponsored by the Management Council and placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention.

The Division III Presidents Council included the only proposal being considered in the Presidents Council grouping. The Presidents Council identified this proposal for roll call vote.

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## Presidents Council Grouping

### No. 2021-1 (2-1) STUDENT ATHLETE USE OF NAME IMAGE AND LIKENESS FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES

**Intent:** To permit Division III student-athletes to use their name, image and likeness, to promote their own work product or services and to promote third party products and services consistent with the Board of Governors guiding principles and subject to the conditions set forth in the proposal.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.02, as follows:

[Roll Call]

#### 12.02 Definitions and Applications.

##### 12.02.1 Agent. An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly:

- (a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation ~~for financial gain; or~~ **to secure professional sports opportunities.**

[12.02.1-(b) unchanged.]

[12.02.1.1 unchanged.]

[12.02.2 through 12.02.7 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

12.1.3 Amateurism Status -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's amateur status shall be determined using the following:

12.1.3.1 Permissible Activities -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may engage in the following without jeopardizing their amateur status:

[12.1.3.1-(a) through 12.1.3.1-(r) unchanged.]

**(s) Name, Image and Likeness. An individual may use their name, image and likeness to promote their own work product or service, or a third-party product or service in the same manner as student-athletes (see Bylaw 12.5.2).**

[12.1.3.2 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 12.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

#### 12.3 Use of Agents.

12.3.1 General Rule. An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if they have ever agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent ~~for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation in that sport~~ **to secure professional sports opportunities.** Further, an agency contract not specifically

limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Representation for Future Negotiations. An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if they enter into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed their eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.2 Benefits from Prospective Agents. An individual shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1 if they (or their relatives or friends) accept transportation or other benefits from:

- (a) Any person who represents any individual ~~in the marketing of their athletics ability~~ **with the intent of securing professional sports opportunities**. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or
- (b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that they have no interest in representing the student-athlete ~~in the marketing of their athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport~~ **with the intent of securing professional sports opportunities**.

[12.3.2 through 12.3.3 unchanged.]

**12.3.4 General Rule -- Professional Service Providers. A student-athlete may use the services of a professional service provider in the following name, image and likeness activities:**

**(a) Advice regarding name, image and likeness activities;**

**(b) Representation in contract negotiations related to name, image and likeness activities; and**

**(c) Marketing of the student-athlete's name, image and likeness activities.**

**12.3.4.1 Limitation on Marketing Athletics Ability or Reputation. A professional service provider that represents a student-athlete in name, image and likeness activities may not also represent a student-athlete for the purpose of marketing their athletics ability or reputation in order to secure a professional sports contract.**

**12.3.4.2 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities and may assist a student-athlete with evaluating professional service providers related to such activities. However, an institution may not identify or select a professional service provider or arrange for or provide payment for services rendered to the student-athlete.**

**12.3.4.3 Institutional Employees. An institutional employee may not be employed as a professional service provider for a prospective student-athlete's name, image and likeness activities.**

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 12.5, as follows:

[Roll Call]

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible. Student-athletes may participate in promotional activities as provided in this bylaw. Any promotional activity not listed is specifically prohibited.

[12.5.1.1 unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.1.5 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Picture without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete's name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain their eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required when a student-athlete's photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use.~~

12.5.1.1.65 Prospective Student-Athlete's Participation in Institutional Fundraisers or Promotions. Prospective student-athletes may not be involved in institutional fundraisers or promotional activities. (see Bylaw 13.02.7). [D]

12.5.1.1.65.1 Exception. A prospective student-athlete who has graduated from high school and has forwarded the paid acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid may be involved in institutional fundraisers.

12.5.1.1.76 Effect of Violations. The following violations of Bylaw 12.5.1.1 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, the student-athlete's eligibility shall not be affected:

[12.5.1.1.7-(a) through 12.5.1.1.7-(d) renumbered as 12.5.1.1.6-(a) through 12.5.1.1.6-(d) unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.2 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or National Governing Body Advertisement Before Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may receive payment for the display of athletics skill in a commercial advertisement, provided:~~

- ~~(a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the applicable national governing body;~~
- ~~(b) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body approves of the content and the production of the advertisement;~~
- ~~(c) The individual forwards the payment to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body for the general use of the organization(s); and~~
- ~~(d) The funds are not earmarked for the individual.~~

~~12.5.1.3 Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities. It is permissible for an individual to accept remuneration for or permit the use of their name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service without jeopardizing their eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply:~~

- ~~(a) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;~~
- ~~(b) No reference is made in these activities to the individual's involvement in intercollegiate athletics; and~~

- (e) ~~The individual's remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual's skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way upon the individual's athletics ability or reputation.~~

[12.5.1.4 renumbered as 12.5.1.2, unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.4.2 Commercial Advertisements Not Permitted. If, before enrollment at a member institution, the student-athlete received remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the student-athlete's use of such product or service and the student-athlete does not meet the requirements of Bylaw 12.5.1.3 or 12.5.1.4, the student-athlete must take appropriate steps once becoming a student-athlete at a member institution to retract permission for the use of their name or picture and must cease receipt of any remuneration for such an arrangement in order to retain their eligibility.~~

~~12.5.1.4.3 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name or Picture without Knowledge or Permission. If a student-athlete's name or picture appears on commercial items (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, serving trays, playing cards, posters) or is used to promote a commercial product sold by an individual or agency without the student-athlete's knowledge or permission, the student-athlete (or the institution acting on behalf of the student-athlete) is required to take steps to stop such an activity in order to retain their eligibility for intercollegiate athletics. Such steps are not required when a student-athlete's photograph is sold by an individual or agency (e.g., private photographer, news agency) for private use.~~

[12.5.1.5 renumbered as 12.5.1.3, unchanged.]

~~12.5.1.6 Educational Products Related to Sport Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videos, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided:~~

- (a) ~~Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;~~
- (b) ~~There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;~~
- (c) ~~The student-athlete receives only actual and necessary expenses related to such participation;~~
- (d) ~~The student-athlete does not miss class; and~~
- (e) ~~The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section and has filed a copy of the statement with the student-athlete's member institution.~~

~~12.5.1.7 Camps and Clinics. A member institution may use the name or picture of any student-athlete to publicize or promote its camps or clinics, including the use of the student-athlete's name or picture in camp brochures or other advertising. However, a privately-owned camp or clinic may only use the name or picture of any student-athlete employed as a counselor to publicize or promote the camp or clinic. [D]~~

[12.5.1.8 through 12.5.1.11 renumbered as 12.5.1.5 through 12.5.1.8, unchanged.]



12.5.2 Media Activities-Student-athlete Promotional Activities. A student-athlete may participate in media activities (e.g., appearance on radio, television, in films or stage productions, or participate in writing projects) and may receive legitimate and normal expenses when the student-athlete's appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige. The student-athlete may engage in such activities at any time and may receive compensation at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locale for similar services. Further, the student-athlete's name may be used to advertise their participation in such activity, provided the student-athlete's status as a student-athlete is not used for promotional purposes.

12.5.2.1 Student-Athlete Work Product and Services. A student-athlete may use their name, image and likeness to promote their athletically and nonathletically related work product and services.

12.5.2.1.1 Restrictions. A student-athlete shall not receive compensation for athletics performance or participation. In addition, potential promotional opportunities shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2).

12.5.2.1.2 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities and may assist a student-athlete with evaluating professional service providers related to such activities (see Bylaw 12.3.5). Neither the institution nor an institutional staff member shall be involved in the development, operation or promotion of a student-athlete's business activity except to the extent such is provided to students generally at the institution.

12.5.2.1.3 Use of Institutional Marks. A student-athlete's promotion of their work product or service may include a reference to the student-athlete's involvement in intercollegiate athletics and a reference to their institution consistent with institutional policies applicable to any student. A student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for use of institutional marks in a manner consistent for the general student-body.

12.5.2.1.4 Use of Professional Service Providers. See Bylaw 12.3.

12.5.2.2 Advertisements and Promotions. A student-athlete may permit the use of their name, image or likeness and receive remuneration to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service.

12.5.2.2.1 Restrictions. A student-athlete shall not receive compensation for athletics performance or participation. Additionally, potential promotional opportunities shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2).

12.5.2.2.2 Specifically Prohibited Promotional Activities. A student-athlete shall not engage in promotional activities for a product or service that, per NCAA policy, is specifically prohibited from being promoted during an NCAA championship.

12.5.2.2.3 Conflicts With Institutional Agreements and Other Considerations. An institution or conference, at its discretion, may prohibit a student-athlete from engaging in promotional activities that may conflict with institutional or conference values, to the same extent students generally are prohibited from engaging in those promotional activities.

**12.5.2.2.4 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities. Neither the institution nor an institutional staff member shall be involved in the arrangement, development or promotion of the relationship between the student-athlete and an involved individual or commercial entity.**

**12.5.2.2.5 Use of Institutional Marks. A student-athlete may include a reference to the student-athlete's involvement in intercollegiate athletics and a reference to their institution, consistent with institutional policies applicable to any student. A student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for use of institutional marks in a manner consistent for the general student-body.**

**12.5.2.2.6 Use of Professional Service Providers. See Bylaw 12.3.**

[12.5.3 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021

**Rationale:** This proposal would permit Division III student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors' guiding principles and with the Board's direction to consider appropriate rules changes based on recommendations from the Federal and State Legislation Working Group. These recommendations fall into two categories: (1) activities related to a student-athlete's work product or service; and (2) promotion/endorsement of third-party products and services. Student-athletes should have full use of their name, image and likeness for commercial promotional purposes. Importantly, these opportunities can occur in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA's core values, mission and principles, while prioritizing student-athlete well-being. Further, the recommended administrative framework for these legislative changes ensures that the legislation will be transparent and enforceable, in line with the Board's principles.

**Budget Impact:**

## Appendix A

### Interpretations to be Included in the 2021-22 NCAA Division III Manual

In accordance with its authority to recommend incorporation of interpretations in the next printing of the NCAA Division III Manual, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee has recommended, and the NCAA Division III Management Council has approved inclusion of the following in the 2021-22 Division III Manual. This will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2021 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute the incorporation of these interpretations. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular interpretation, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretation.

It should be noted that these interpretations already have been accepted by the membership, and the only issue concerning these interpretations that is before the membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2021-22 Division III Manual and subsequent Division III Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation will still be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the 2021-22 Division III Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Management Council, the provisions of Constitution 5.4.1.4 also would apply (i.e., any Division III member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the Division III business session by making such a request in writing to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff or the Association's Convention office prior to 1 p.m. on the day preceding the Division III business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Constitution 5.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2021-22 Division III Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2021-22 Division III Manual as noted.

NO. I-2021-1 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- LENGTH OF PLAYING SEASON -- INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.1, as follows:

17.23.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to the following:

[17.23.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to a maximum playing season of 24 weeks, **which may not be divided into segments (i.e., traditional and nontraditional). The weeks of the playing season shall be conducted consecutively and in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.2.**

[17.23.1.1 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

Institutions that sponsor indoor and outdoor track and field have a playing and practice season that is limited to 24 weeks. The incorporation of this official interpretation [Reference May 14, 2019, Item No. a] clarifies that when an institution sponsors indoor and outdoor track and field, the playing season is not divided into segments. Rather, it is conducted in consecutive weeks. This incorporation will ensure the membership understands the legislated requirements for the declaration of the playing and practice season for institutions that sponsor both indoor and outdoor track and field.

**NO. I-2021-2 RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINIC AND OTHER ATHLETICS EVENTS – LIMITATIONS ON PARTICIPATION.**

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

**13.11.3 Permissible Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.**

[13.11.3.1 unchanged.]

13.11.3.2 Sports Camps and Clinics and Other Athletics Events. An institution or an athletics department staff member may host, conduct or be employed by an event involving prospective student-athletes, provided:

- (a) The event is open to the general public (limited only by number, ~~and~~ age, **gender and grade level**);

[13.11.3.2-(b) through 13.11.3.2-(d) unchanged.]

[13.11.3.2.1 through 13.11.3.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.3 through 13.11.3.5 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

An institution or an athletics department staff member may host, conduct or be employed by an event involving prospective student-athletes, provided the event is open to the general public, as well as satisfies other listed criteria. Currently, the legislation indicates that if the event is limited by number and/or age it is still considered open. Incorporating the official interpretation [Reference: March 21, 2019, Item No. 2a] clarifies that a camp, clinic or other athletics event is still considered open to the general public if attendance is also limited by gender and/or grade level.

## Appendix B

### Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division III Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.8.3-(d) and 5.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Management Council and Presidents Council are permitted to adopt such legislation if it is necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2021 NCAA Division III business session. Approval of the Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2021-22 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The NCAA Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

#### NO. NC-2021-1 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS -- SATISFYING EXCEPTION

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete who successfully completes the required two full-time semesters and 24-semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit by enrolling at a two-year institution and at the certifying Division III institution shall be eligible for competition.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.1, as follows:

14.5.4.1 Exceptions. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if:

[14.5.4.1-(a) through 14.5.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The student transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college, and then to the certifying institution; ~~provided the student either would have been athletically and academically eligible, at the time of transfer from the previous four-year institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had he or she remained at the previous four-year institution or he or she successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spent at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the two-year college. and;~~

**(1) The student would have been athletically and academically eligible, at the time of transfer from the previous four-year institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had he or she remained at the previous four-year institution; or**

**(2) The student-athlete successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spent at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the two-year college.**

[14.5.4.1.1 unchanged.]

**14.5.4.1.2 Term(s) in Residence. A 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete becomes eligible after a term(s) in residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution provided:**

**(a) The student-athlete has been enrolled full-time for at least two-semester or three quarters between the two-year college and the certifying institution; and**

**(b) The student-athlete has earned a total of 24-semester or 36-quarter hours while enrolled at the two-year college and certifying institution. Hours from the two-year college must be transferable-degree credits.**

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Subcommittee for Legislative Relief).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation requires a transfer from a two-year college to serve an academic year in residence unless they qualify for an exception. For a transfer who attends a four-year institution prior to attending the two-year college (4-2-4 transfer), one of those exceptions requires the student-athlete to complete 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spend at least two full-time semesters of three quarters at the two-year college. By allowing one of the required semesters or up to two of the required quarters to take place at the certifying institution, student-athletes will serve the equivalent of a year-in-residence before competing. Further, this will also permit student-athletes to begin acclimating to the four-year institution sooner and demonstrate their ability to succeed academically at the Division III institution.

**NO. NC-2021-2 VARIOUS BYLAWS -- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPICS COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE**

**Intent:** To specify that legislation applicable to Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletics; further, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

12.1.3 Amateurism Status -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's amateur status shall be determined using the following:

12.1.3.1 Permissible Activities -- Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may engage in the following without jeopardizing his or her amateur status:

(a) Prize Money Based on Place Finish. May accept prize money based on the individual's or his or her team's place finish or performance, or payment given on an incentive basis (e.g., bonus) from a team, from the sponsor of an open athletics event, the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or the appropriate national governing body. If payment is based on a team's performance then the combination of such payments and expenses shall not exceed his or her actual and necessary expenses;

[12.1.3.1-(b) through 12.1.3.1-(r) unchanged.]

[12.1.3.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.6, as follows:

12.1.6 Elite-Level Participation. An individual (prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete) may receive the following benefits at any time without jeopardizing his or her amateur status:

- (a) Educational Expenses – U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee and National Governing Body. Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, or a U.S. national governing body or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.3.6;
- (b) Expenses from U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, National Governing Body or Governmental Entity. Actual and necessary expenses to cover developmental training, coaching, facility use, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity;
- (c) Operation Gold Grant. Funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program;
- (d) Incentive Program for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.
- (e) Commemorative Items for Elite Events. Commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, **Paralympic Games**, World University Games, World University Championships, Pan American Games, **Parapan American Games**, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body (or, for foreign student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation). These benefits may include but are not limited to, apparel, leisure wear, foot wear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event;
- (f) Expenses for U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, National Governing Body or Governmental Entity Developmental Training Programs. Actual and necessary expenses for developmental training programs conducted and supervised at any time of the year by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or the appropriate national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation), or governmental entity, even if the programs include no competition, provided the individual misses no class time and the program does not conflict with dates of institutional competition;
- (g) Exception for Family Travel to Olympic **and Paralympic** Games. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for an individual's spouse, parents, legal guardians or other relatives to attend the Olympic **and Paralympic** Games in which the individual will participate;

- (h) Exception for U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program. Comprehensive benefits of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program; and
- (i) Expenses for Participation in Olympic and Paralympic Exhibitions. Actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or the nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual is a student-athlete, he or she misses no class time, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 12.2.3.2, as follows:

12.2.3.2 Competition with Professionals. An individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if following initial full-time collegiate enrollment the individual competed on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.5) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team(s) with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment of any kind for such participation.

[12.2.3.2.1 unchanged.]

12.2.3.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic or/National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses).

[12.2.3.2.3 through 12.2.3.2.4 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 12.4.2, as follows:

12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.

12.4.2.1 Broken-Time Payments. An individual may not receive "broken-time" payments except as authorized and administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee during the period immediately before and including actual Olympic competition. A permitted broken-time payment may cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment to prepare for or participate in the Olympic Games. Such compensation during any other period and payments administered independently of the USOC U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee by other sports governing bodies (e.g., the U.S. Ski Association) are prohibited. [R]

12.4.2.1.1 Exception When Individual Not Enrolled in Regular Term. An individual may receive broken-time payments administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the national governing body in the sport during a period when the individual is not enrolled (full or part time) in a regular term to cover financial loss as a result of absence from employment as a direct result of practicing and competing on a national team (defined in Bylaw 14.02.7), provided the amounts are consistent with the principles set forth in Bylaw 12.4.1 and do not exceed \$300 per week, and the payment period covers not more than the period from the date the individual begins practice with the national team after selection to that team to one week after the conclusion of the competition.



**E. Bylaws:** Amend 12.5.1, as follows:

12.5.1 Permissible. Student-athletes may participate in promotional activities as provided in this bylaw. Any promotional activity not listed is specifically prohibited.

[12.5.1.1 unchanged.]

12.5.1.1.3 Player/Trading Cards. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture.

12.5.1.1.3.1 Exception -- Olympic, **Paralympic/or** National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, **Paralympic/or** national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, **Paralympic/or** national team.

[12.5.1.1.4 through 12.5.1.1.7 unchanged.]

12.5.1.2 U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee/**or** National Governing Body Advertisement Before Collegiate Enrollment. Before initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may receive payment for the display of athletics skill in a commercial advertisement, provided:

- (a) The individual receives prior approval to appear in the advertisement from the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or the applicable national governing body;
- (b) The U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body approves of the content and the production of the advertisement;
- (c) The individual forwards the payment to the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body for the general use of the organization(s); and

[12.5.1.2-(d) unchanged.]

[12.5.1.3 unchanged.]

12.5.1.4 Commercial Advertisement. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture, or the group picture of an institution's athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided:

[12.5.1.4-(a) through 12.5.1.4-(g) unchanged.]

[12.5.1.4.1 through 12.5.1.4.3 unchanged.]

[12.5.1.5 through 12.5.1.10 unchanged.]

12.5.1.11 Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games or World University Championships as specified in this section.

[12.5.1.11.1 unchanged.]

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 14.02.7, as follows:

14.02.7 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic **or Paralympic** sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.8.1.7, as follows:

14.1.8.1.7 Waivers of the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement for Practice or Competition. Waivers may be granted for the following:

[14.1.8.1.7.1 through 14.1.8.1.7.2 unchanged.]

14.1.8.1.7.3 Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships -- Practice or Competition. The Management Council, or a committee designated by the Management Council to act for it, may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

14.1.8.1.7.4 U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee/ **or** National Governing Body -- Practice Only. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.8.1.7.4-(a) through 14.1.8.1.7.4-(b) unchanged.]

- (c) The U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation; and
- (d) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic **and Paralympic** Games.

[14.1.8.1.7.4.1 unchanged.]

[14.1.8.1.7.5 unchanged.]

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.4, as follows:

14.2.4.4 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic year term that begins immediately after a one-year period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar year period has elapsed) following his/her high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall use a season

of intercollegiate participation for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before the initial collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.4.2.

[14.2.4.4.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.4.2 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of participation per Bylaw 14.2.4.4 if the individual engages in activities that meet any of the following criteria:

[14.2.4.4.2-(a) through 14.2.4.4.2-(d) unchanged.]

14.2.4.4.2.1 Competition Exceptions. A maximum one-time, one-year exception for participation in the following activities:

[14.2.4.4.2.1-(a) through 14.2.4.4.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

- (1) Official Pan American, ~~Parapan American~~, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, ~~and~~ Olympic ~~and~~ Paralympic training, tryouts and competition;
- (2) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic ~~and~~ Paralympic tryouts; or
- (3) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic ~~and~~ Paralympic Committee (or for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic ~~or~~ Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[14.2.4.4.3 through 14.2.4.4.4 unchanged.]

**I. Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.1, as follows:

14.4.1 Satisfactory-Progress Requirements. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete shall maintain satisfactory progress toward a baccalaureate or equivalent degree at that institution as determined by the regulations of that institution. As a general requirement, "satisfactory progress" is to be interpreted at each member institution by the academic authorities who determine the meaning of such phrases for all students, subject to controlling legislation of the conference(s) or similar association of which the institution is a member. (See Constitution 3.2.4.11 regarding the obligations of members to publish their satisfactory-progress requirements for student-athletes and Bylaw 14.01.2 for the requirements for student-athletes enrolled in two-year degree programs.)

[14.4.1.1 through 14.4.1.4 unchanged.]

14.4.1.5 Waiver – Olympic ~~and~~ Paralympic Games. The Management Council may waive this general satisfactory-progress requirement for any participant in the Olympic ~~and~~ Paralympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.3, as follows:

14.7.3 Exceptions – All Sports.

[14.7.3-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Olympic and Paralympic Games. A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic and Paralympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic and Paralympic Games tryouts.
- (c) Official Pan American and Parapan American Games Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American and Parapan American Games tryouts and competition, including junior-level tryouts and competition.
- (d) National Teams. A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[14.7.3-(e) through 14.7.3-(g) unchanged.]

14.7.3.1 National-Team Criteria. A national team shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or other organizations recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

[14.7.3.1-(b) through 14.7.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.2, as follows:

15.02.2 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below.

[15.02.2.1 unchanged.]

15.02.2.2 Other Permissible Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are also permitted:

[15.02.2.2-(a) through 15.02.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

- (e) Educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country).

**L. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.3, as follows:

15.2.3.6 Educational Expenses -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations:

[15.2.3.6-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee or national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); and

[15.2.3.6-(c) unchanged.]

**M. Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.4, as follows:

15.2.4 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded to student-athletes in accordance with institutional policies applicable to the general student body.

15.2.4.1 Olympic **or Paralympic Games** Waivers. Waivers of the restriction that financial aid may be used only to attend the awarding institution's summer term or summer school may be approved by the Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, for member institutions that have summer terms or summer schools curtailed because of the use of their facilities for the Olympic **and Paralympic Games**.

**N. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.1, as follows:

16.1.1.2 Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution. Awards received by a student-athlete for participation in competition while not representing the institution shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition and may not include cash (or cash equivalents). Such awards may include gift certificates or gift cards that are not redeemable for cash and items that are not personalized, provided the awards are permitted by the rules of the amateur sports organization. [R]

[16.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

16.1.1.2.2 Olympic **and Paralympic Games**. It is permissible for a student-athlete to receive a nonmonetary award associated with participation in the Olympic **and Paralympic Games** at any time regardless of when the games are held or whether the student-athlete is enrolled during the academic year.

**O. Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.7, as follows:

16.1.7 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee, a national governing body (or the international equivalents) or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. Actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians), spouse, or other relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. [R]

[16.1.7.1 unchanged.]

**P. Bylaws:** Amend 16.6.1, as follows:

16.6.1.3 Relative or Individual of a Comparable Relationship Travel to Olympic **or Paralympic Games**. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete's relatives to attend the Olympic **or Paralympic Games** in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of all Olympic

team members in conjunction with participation in the Olympic **or Paralympic** Games. [R]

**Q. Bylaws:** Amend 16.8.1, as follows:

16.8.1.3 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

[16.8.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for the Olympic, **Paralympic**, Pan American, **Parapan American**, World Championships, World Cup, World Youth Championships, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships; and

(c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, **Paralympic Games**, Pan American Games, **Parapan American Games**, World Cup, World Youth Championships, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships.

[16.8.1.3.1 unchanged.]

**R. Bylaws:** Amend 16.11.1, as follows:

16.11.1.15 Coaching and Athletics Administration Career Educational Program. An institution or conference may provide a student-athlete actual and necessary expenses to attend coaching and athletics administration career educational programs (e.g., Women's Basketball Coaches Association – So You Want to Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation – Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic **and Paralympic** Committee – Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership, Division III Coaching Symposiums). [R]

**S. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.5, as follows:

17.1.5 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.02.1.1, except as otherwise noted in this bylaw.

[17.1.5.1 unchanged.]

17.1.5.2 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. (See Bylaw 14.7 for restrictions on outside competition.)

[17.1.5.2.1 unchanged.]

17.1.5.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided the program is conducted and administered by the national governing body. The national governing body shall be responsible for selecting the coaches who will be involved in coaching activities for the program. The national governing body or the selected coaches shall select the participants of the program.

[17.1.5.3 through 17.1.5.4 unchanged.]

**T. Bylaws:** Amend 18.2, as follows:

18.2.10 Failure to Meet Minimum Sponsorship Requirements. A championship shall be discontinued automatically at the conclusion of the academic year in which it falls below the applicable minimum sponsorship number set forth in Bylaw 18.2.3 or 18.2.4.

18.2.10.1 Exception -- Olympic or Paralympic Sports. A National Collegiate Championship or a division championship in any Olympic or Paralympic sport shall be exempt from the minimum-sponsorship-percentage requirements of Bylaws 18.2.3 and 18.2.4. The membership may adopt specific legislation to discontinue the championship in an Olympic or Paralympic sport.

**U. Bylaws:** Amend 21.2.5, as follows:

21.2.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

[21.2.5.1 unchanged.]

21.2.5.2 Duties. The committee shall:

- (a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing bodies; and

[21.2.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

**V. Administrative:** Amend 31.1, as follows:

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except when those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.2-(a) through 31.1.6.2-(c) unchanged.]

- (d) Gymnastics -- USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic and Paralympic Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules);

[31.1.6.2-(e) through 31.1.6.2-(h) unchanged.]

**W. Administrative:** Amend 31.7.2.3, as follows:

31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics and Paralympics. Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic and Paralympic fund.

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee to further support and include Paralympic athletes. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommends legislative changes to support and include Paralympics athletes in a

similar manner. Currently, there is no reference to the Paralympics or Paralympic athletes in NCAA legislation. The changes would make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes.

NO. NC-2021-3 ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES --  
SUSPENSION BY A NON-NCAA SPORTS GOVERNING BODY

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

**Bylaws:** Amend 10.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

[10.3-(a) through 10.3-(d) unchanged.]

[10.3.1 unchanged.]

**10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body. A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.**

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

An individual who is under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA sports governing body should not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. This provision is similar to current legislation that precludes a student-athlete from participation in intercollegiate competition if he or she is under a drug related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body.

NO. NC-2021-4 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND  
OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- CONCUSSION REPORTING

**Intent:** To specify that an active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.17 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.18 Concussion Reporting. An active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures**



**maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [D]**

[3.2.4.18 through 3.2.4.22 renumbered as 3.2.4.19 through 3.2.4.23, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

**Effective Date:** Immediate for the NCAA's establishment of a reporting process and system, and policies and procedures; institutions are required to report sport-related concussions diagnosed May 18, 2020 and thereafter, and their resolutions. Timing of reporting to be determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

A medical monitoring settlement in *In re: National Collegiate Athletic Association Student-Athlete Concussion Injury Litigation* (Arrington Matter) was approved August 13, 2019, with an effective date of November 18, 2019. The settlement obligates the NCAA to create a reporting process through which member institutions will report to the NCAA instances of diagnosed concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions. This proposal will establish the legislation to require institutions to regularly report all diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions in a manner consistent with the terms of the settlement in the Arrington Matter via a reporting process and system recommended by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports will establish and maintain policies and procedures for the reporting of concussions and their resolution, including an annual deadline for submission. This reporting requirement will ensure that the NCAA and member institutions fulfill an obligation of the medical monitoring settlement and will provide further insight into the incidence and resolution of concussions involving student-athletes. The effective date (May 18, 2020) to begin reporting diagnosed sport-related concussions and their resolutions corresponds to the date by which an institution must certify compliance with applicable settlement provisions if it wishes to receive the benefit of the settlement release. The establishment of a reporting process and policies and procedures will begin immediately after adoption of this proposal. The timing of membership reporting will be determined pursuant to the policies and procedures established and maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

NO. NC-2021-5

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**Intent:** To amend Figure 21-1 as incorporated by Bylaw 21.9.6.2 to adjust sport committee rosters to coincide with the new regional alignment model based on sports sponsorship.

**Bylaws:** Amend Figure 21-1, as follows:

Figure 21-1 Committee Membership

**FIGURE 21-1**  
**Committee Membership**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>
Baseball Committee <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Basketball Committee, Men's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Basketball Committee, Women's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Field Hockey Committee	6, including one member from each region.
Football Committee <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>6</b> , consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division III football regions.
Golf Committee, Men's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>6</del> <b>7</b> , including one member from each region.
Golf Committee, Women's	5, including one member from each region.
Ice Hockey Committee, Men's	4, including two members from both the East and West Regions (one administrator and one coach).
Ice Hockey Committee, Women's <i>(Revised: 1/17/18 effective 8/1/19)</i>	5, including three members from the East Region and two members from the West Region/Independents (one coach from each region).
Lacrosse Committee, Men's <i>(Revised: 4/16/19 effective 8/1/19)</i>	5, including one member from each region.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's <i>(Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)</i>	7, including one member from each region.
Rowing Committee, Women's	6, including one member from each region.
Soccer Committee, Men's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Soccer Committee, Women's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Softball Committee, Women's <u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.

**FIGURE 21-1**  
**Committee Membership**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's, and Women's ( <i>Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12</i> )	8, three members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and four members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with two positions allocated for a man and three allocated for a woman and two unallocated with one additional member representing diving interests.
Tennis Committee, Men's	4, including one member from each region.
Tennis Committee, Women's	4, including one member from each region.
Track and Field and Cross Country Committee, Men's and Women's ( <i>Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12</i> )	8, four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with four positions allocated for men and four allocated for women. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division III track and field regions.*
Volleyball Committee, Men's	4, including two members from each region.
Volleyball Committee, Women's <b><u>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</u></b>	<del>8</del> <b>10</b> , including one member from each region.
Wrestling Committee <i>(Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)</i>	6, including one member from each region.

\* The Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee shall be responsible for the Division III cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

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

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2021

**Budget Impact:** Up to \$75,600. (Note: the budget allocation for the increase in committee composition was approved by the Division III Management Council during its April 2019 in-person meeting.)

**Additional Information:**

The Championships Committee supported the revised regional alignment model noting the continued support of the model by the Division III Commissioners Association as well as input from sport committees. Consistent with that model, this proposal creates a scale for regional alignment based on sports sponsorship (e.g., sports with sponsorship from 40-149 would have two regions; 150-374, 5-8 regions; 375+, 9-10 regions) and other key principles, including: (1) maintaining conference members in the same regions; (2) importance of geographic proximity in regional placement; (3) balancing the number of institutions across all regions (optimally, close to 40 per region); and (4) competitive balance across the regions.

NO. NC-2021-6 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE/COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- FINAL SEMESTER/QUARTER -- DESIGNATED MINOR OR UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a minor or undergraduate certificate program (designated before the beginning of the applicable term) and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the minor or undergraduate certificate requirements.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.8, as follows:

**14.1.8 Full-Time Enrollment.**

14.1.8.1 Requirement for Practice or Competition. To be eligible for practice or competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in at least a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the institution. For purposes of this bylaw and its subsections, to be eligible for competition, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in not less than 12-semester or quarter hours, regardless of the institution's definition of minimum full-time program of studies. For practice only, a violation of this bylaw shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, it shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. **[D]**

[14.1.8.1.1 through 14.1.8.1.5 unchanged.]

**14.1.8.1.6 Exceptions.**

14.1.8.1.6.1 Final Semester/Quarter -- Practice or Competition. A student-athlete may practice or compete while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate or graduate program **or a minor or undergraduate certificate program** and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete degree, **minor or certificate** requirements. **To qualify for this exception, a minor or undergraduate certificate program must be officially designated (pursuant to institutional**

policy) by the student-athlete before the conclusion of the institution's first day of classes for the applicable term. For a student-athlete who competes while eligible pursuant to this exception, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student completes all degree, minor or certificate requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate or graduate diploma on the institution's next degree-granting date.

[14.1.8.1.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.1.8.1.6.2 through 14.1.8.1.6.7 unchanged.]

[14.1.8.1.7 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Budget Impact:** Potential reduction in tuition costs for student-athletes

**Additional Information:**

Currently, a student-athlete who has completed all degree requirements but has not graduated must remain enrolled full-time to practice and compete. At this phase, some student-athletes are working toward the completion of a minor or certificate program that requires less than a full-time course load to complete (i.e., fewer than 12 credit hours). Expanding the current final term exception to include a minor or undergraduate certificate designated prior to the beginning of the final term will provide greater flexibility for a student-athlete who has achieved the goal of completing the requirements of a baccalaureate degree and is continuing to better prepare for their future.

**NO. NC-2021-7 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- EXPENSES FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- OTHER COMPETITION**

**Intent:** To permit an institution to provide, during an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the following summer), actual and necessary expenses related to a student-athlete's participation in established national championship events, or the junior-level equivalent of such events (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games); and established regional championship events (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships).

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.8, as follows:

**16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition.**

**16.8.1 Permissible.** The permissible expenses for practice and competition that an institution may provide a student-athlete are defined in the following subsections (see Bylaw 16.10 for expenses that may be provided by individuals or organizations other than the institution).

[16.8.1.1 through 16.8.1.2 unchanged.]

**16.8.1.3 Other Competition.** During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

- (a) Established regional (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) and national championship events (including junior national championships);
- (b) Specific competition (e.g., Olympic Trials) from which participants may directly qualify for the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World Youth Championships, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior-level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games); and
- (c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Cup, World Youth Championships, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior-level equivalent competition.

[16.8.1.3.1 unchanged.]

[16.8.1.4 through 16.8.1.5 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Budget Impact:** Varies depending on institution

**Additional Information:**

Consistent with efforts to enhance student-athlete success and well-being, this proposal would permit institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for student-athletes to participate in additional elite national and international competition by including junior level international events, as well as select elite regional events to the list of permissible events. Allowing institutions the discretion to provide such expenses would ease the financial burden placed on student-athletes who wish to participate in such elite events, particularly in the Olympic sports, and help alleviate situations in which student-athletes may have to choose between future NCAA eligibility and raising funds for a potential once-in-a lifetime event.

NO. NC-2021-8 COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- AMEND COMPOSITION OF MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

**Intent:** To amend the composition of the men's volleyball committee to accommodate the change in regional alignment from two to three regions.

**Bylaws:** Amend Figure 21-1, as follows:

Figure 21-1 Committee Membership

**FIGURE 21-1**  
**Committee Membership**

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Baseball Committee (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Basketball Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Basketball Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Field Hockey Committee	6, including one member from each region.
Football Committee (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	6 consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division III football regions.
Golf Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	7, including one member from each region.
Golf Committee, Women's	5, including one member from each region.
Ice Hockey Committee, Men's	4, including two members from both the East and West Regions (one administrator and one coach).
Ice Hockey Committee, Women's (Revised: 1/17/18 effective 8/1/19)	5, including three members from the East Region and two members from the West Region/Independents (one coach from each region).
Lacrosse Committee, Men's (Revised: 4/16/19 effective 8/1/19)	5, including one member from each region.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's (Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)	7, including one member from each region.
Rowing Committee, Women's	6, including one member from each region.
Soccer Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Soccer Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Softball Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10 including one member from each region.
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's (Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)	8, three members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and four members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with two positions allocated for a man and three allocated for a woman and two unallocated with one additional member representing diving interests.
Tennis Committee, Men's	4, including one member from each region.
Tennis Committee, Women's	4, including one member from each region.
Track and Field and Cross-Country Committee, Men's and Women's (Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)	8, four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with four positions allocated for men and four allocated for women. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division III track and field regions.*
Volleyball Committee, Men's (Revised: 10/20/20 effective 9/1/21)	4, including <del>two members</del> <u>one member</u> from each region, <u>plus an at-large member from any of the three regions.</u>
Volleyball Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each region.
Wrestling Committee (Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)	6, including one member from each region.

\* The Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee shall be responsible for the Division III cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

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

**Effective Date:** September 1, 2021

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

The Division III Championships Committee expanded the number of regions in the sport of men's volleyball from two to three in order to better balance the number of sponsoring institutions within each region. Adjusting the representation of the Men's Volleyball Committee retains the overall number of members at four but modifies the composition so that each region would be represented by one member, instead of the two that currently represent each region. As well as providing for the additional member to come from any of the three regions.

NO. NC-2021-9 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- AWARDS -- TYPES OF AWARDS, AWARDING AGENCIES, MAXIMUM VALUE AND NUMBER OF AWARDS -- LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION

**Intent:** To specify that a local civic organization may provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.4, as follows:

16.1.4 Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards. Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by an institution, its conference or an approved agency as specified in the following subsections and shall be limited to normal retail value and number as specified in this section. Each of the following subsections is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections. The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its purchase in order to meet those limits. [R]

[16.1.4.1 through 16.1.4.3 unchanged.]

16.1.4.4 Local Civic Organization. A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to an individual student-athlete or member institution's team(s). The following regulations shall apply to such an event: [R]

- (a) All awards must be approved by the institution and must be counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards; and
- (b) The organization may not recognize or provide awards to prospective student-athletes at the banquet.

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation permits a local civic organization to provide an award to a team but not an individual student-athlete. Provided that the award is approved by the institution and counted in the institution's limit for institutional awards, a local civic



organization should be permitted to provide an award to an individual student-athlete. Additionally, by extending this opportunity to individual student-athletes it expands the opportunity for the institution's engagement in the community.

NO. NC-2021-10 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- AWARDS -- INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS BANQUETS -- BOOSTER CLUB RECOGNITION BANQUET -- ELIMINATION OF 100-MILE RADIUS RESTRICTION

**Intent:** To eliminate the current 100-mile restriction for an institution's athletics booster club recognition banquet.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.6, as follows:

16.1.6 Institutional Awards Banquets. An institution may conduct awards banquets to commemorate the athletics and/or academic accomplishments of its student-athletes.

16.1.6.1 Booster Club Recognition Banquet. One time per year, an institution's athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team's transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution's athletics department, ~~the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus~~, and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. [R]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation specifies that for a booster club to provide a team transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, the event must occur within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus. The elimination of the mileage radius restriction will ease the burden on compliance administrators and provide institutions with additional venues for a booster club recognition banquet.

NO. NC-2021-11 AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES FOR ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- PERMISSIBLE -- LUNCHEON MEETING EXPENSES -- ELIMINATION OF 30-MILE RADIUS RESTRICTION

**Intent:** To eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction for a student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.10.1, as follows:

16.10.1 Permissible.

[16.10.1.1 through 16.10.1.3 unchanged.]

16.10.1.4 Luncheon Meeting Expenses. A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a luncheon meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided ~~the meeting occurs~~

~~within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, and~~ no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. [R]

[16.10.1.5 through 16.10.1.6 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation allows a student-athlete to receive transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. The legislation is unduly restrictive and should be amended to specify that a student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses for booster club or civic organization meetings regardless of location. Further, eliminating the current mileage restriction will provide additional opportunities for student-athletes to connect with alumni and organizations associated with the institution.

NO. NC-2021-12 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- RETENTION OF ATHLETICS APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT -- RETENTION OF USED EQUIPMENT AT THE END OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S COLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION

**Intent:** To permit a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual's collegiate participation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.11.1, as follows:

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.7 unchanged.]

16.11.1.8 Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment. A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items ~~(not equipment)~~ **and used equipment** at the end of the individual's collegiate participation. ~~Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as by any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment.~~ [R]

[16.11.1.9 through 16.11.1.15 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to retain athletics apparel items at the end of the individual's collegiate participation, but used equipment must be purchased by student-athletes on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. The legislation is unnecessarily restrictive and allowing student-athletes to retain used equipment at the end of their collegiate

careers will ease a compliance burden associated with valuation and sale of used equipment.

NO. NC-2021-13 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES -- PERMISSIBLE -- EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF A FORMER TEAMMATE, STUDENT-ATHLETE FROM A DIFFERENT TEAM OR INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER

**Intent:** To specify that an institution may pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate; further, to specify that an institution may provide expenses for a student-athlete to be present in a situation when a student-athlete from another team at the institution suffers an injury, illness or death.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 16.6.1, as follows:

16.6.1 Permissible.

16.6.1.1 Injury or Illness. The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for the relatives or individuals of a comparable relationship of a student-athlete and for ~~the student-athlete's teammates~~ **any student-athlete at the institution** to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

16.6.1.1.1 Relative of Student-Athlete. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates to be present in situations in which a relative or individual of a comparable relationship of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a relative's or individual of a comparable relationship's death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete's teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

**16.6.1.1.2 Institutional Staff Member or Former Teammate. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate at the institution. [R]**

[16.6.1.2 through 16.6.1.6 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 16.11, as follows:

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.13 unchanged.]

16.11.1.14 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

[16.11.1.14-(a) through 16.11.1.14-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Reasonable tokens of support ~~and transportation~~ in the event of serious injury, serious illness or death of a relative ~~and transportation to attend the funeral of any relative~~ **(See Bylaw 16.6.1.1.1 for transportation expenses).**

[16.11.1.15 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** Will vary among institutions.

**Additional Information:**

Currently, an institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete's current teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. For the institution to pay expenses for student-athletes to attend an institutional staff member or former teammate's funeral, an institution must file a legislative relief waiver. Amending the legislation to allow student-athletes to receive expenses to attend the funeral of a former student-athlete, a student-athlete from a different team at the institution or institutional staff member or to receive expenses to be present in situations when a student-athlete from another team suffers an injury or illness, will decrease confusion on whether such expenses are permissible, and eliminate the need to file an urgent legislative relief waiver, which such waivers are routinely approved.

**NO. NC-2021-14 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- DONATIONS TO NONATHLETIC BONA FIDE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

**Intent:** To permit member institutions to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations and to remove the mileage restriction for any permissible donation to a high school, bona fide youth organization and nonathletic bona fide youth organization.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.14, as follows:

**13.14 Precollege Expenses.**

**13.14.1 Prohibited Expenses.** An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period before his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete may obtain a postgraduate education. [R]

[13.14.1.1 through 13.14.1.4 unchanged.]

**13.14.1.5 Donation of ~~Equipment~~ and Monetary.**

**13.14.1.5.1 Athletics Equipment and Monetary Donations.** A member institution may provide used athletics equipment to high schools or bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's regular policy regarding discarding equipment. ~~Further, an institution may only provide those high schools or organizations within a 30-mile radius of the campus with such equipment.~~ **Further, a member institution may provide monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs).** [D]

[13.14.1.5.1.1 through 13.14.1.5.1.2 unchanged.]

[13.14.1.5.2 unchanged.]

[13.14.1.6 unchanged.]

[13.14.2 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** Varies by institution.

**Additional Information:**

Currently, member institutions are permitted to donate equipment to bona fide youth organizations and nonprofit organizations that consist of prospective student-athletes. However, the legislation does not permit an institution to make a monetary donation to a nonprofit organization that may benefit prospective student-athletes but does not primarily involve athletics participation as part of its mission or programming. By permitting institutions to make monetary donations to nonathletic bona fide youth organizations, Member institutions and its student-athletes will be able to raise and donate funds to support the work of organizations with a mission to help youth that are unrelated to athletics. Finally, eliminating the current mileage restriction for any monetary donation or the donation of used athletics equipment, will provide institutions with greater flexibility to donate their resources to organizations that align with their philanthropic interests.

NO. NC-2021-15 ELIGIBILITY – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT – SERVICE EXCEPTION

**Intent:** To establish a service exception to the organized competition legislation that permits a prospective student-athlete to participate in organized competition while serving on active duty in the U.S. armed services (or comparable armed service of another country), on official religious missions or on missions with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 through 14.2.4.4 unchanged.]

14.2.4.4.2 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of participation per Bylaw 14.2.4.4 if the individual engages in activities that meet any of the following criteria:

[14.2.4.4.2-(a) through 14.2.4.4.2-(d) unchanged.]

[14.2.4.4.2.1 unchanged.]

**14.2.4.4.2.2 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.4.**

[14.2.4.4.3 through 14.2.4.4.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.5 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Subcommittee for Legislative Relief)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Division III legislation specifies that a prospective student-athlete uses a season of participation for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year period following high school graduation (i.e., "grace period") in which they participate in organized competition; however, Division III only charges use of a season for a limited set of activities that occur after the grace period. While this legislation may allow for more participation opportunities prior to initial collegiate enrollment it doesn't provide flexibility for prospective student-athletes who do not enroll in college immediately after their grace period due to service activities. Noting the inequitable impact on prospective student-athletes who would want to enroll at Division III institutions after their service, the Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief recommended the same service exception as Divisions I and II that permits a prospective student-athlete to participate in organized competition while serving on active duty in the military, official religious missions or missions with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government without being charged with a season of participation. The exception would recognize the significance of these activities and promote equitable participation opportunities across all divisions.

NO. NC-2021-16 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- COVID-19 LIABILITY WAIVERS

**Intent:** To prohibit an institution from requiring student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.24 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.25 COVID-19 Liability Waivers. An institution shall not require student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation.**

**Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Administrative Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate (August 20, 2020).

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

During its August 4 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors issued several directives related to the conduct of fall 2020 sports in the areas of health and safety, student-athlete well-being and the status of fall championships that must be addressed by the governance structure in each division. The Board of Governors directives specified that, while statements of personal commitment to health and safety are acceptable, member school may not require student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation. The intent of this directive is to avoid the type of broad, advance waivers requiring release from COVID-19 liability as a requirement to participate in athletics. The Board of Governors noted a distinction

between a broad release and a pledge document requiring student-athletes to abide by virus mitigation measures.

NO. NC-2021-17 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH COSTS

**Intent:** To specify that prior to a student-athlete participating in intercollegiate competition in fall 2020 term, the institution shall: (1) Review the existing health care cost coverage with student-athletes who plan to compete in the fall 2020 term; (2) Inform student-athletes of the risk classification of their sports according to the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition; and (3) Provide information about how the institution is complying with the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.24 unchanged.]

**3.2.4.26 COVID-19 Health Costs. Prior to a student-athlete participating in any intercollegiate outside competition in the fall 2020 term, the institution shall:**

- (a) Review the institution's and student-athlete's existing health care cost coverage (e.g., health insurance) with the student-athlete.**
- (b) Inform the student-athlete of the risk classification of their sport(s) according to the NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition; and**
- (c) Provide information about how the school is complying with the NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.**

**Source:** Administrative Committee

**Effective Date:** Immediate (August 20, 2020).

**Budget Impact:**

**Additional Information:**

During its August 4 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors issued several directives related to the conduct of fall 2020 sports in the areas of health and safety, student-athlete well-being and the status of fall championships that must be addressed by the governance structure in each division. The Board of Governors directives specified that the divisions must develop rules pertaining to COVID-19 related health costs. This proposal ensures that each student-athlete is able to make an informed decision regarding participation in competition in the fall 2020 term.

## Appendix C

### **Modifications of Wording Adopted by the NCAA Division III Management Council**

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, has determined that the following proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and that sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2021 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2021-22 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

There are no modifications of wording submitted for approval at the 2021 NCAA Convention.



## Appendix D

### **Convention Voting Procedures**

Due to the nature of the virtual Convention, the exact voting procedures are still being determined at the time of publication. Once finalized, this information will be shared with the membership in a separate communication.

NCAA Governance Structure

Board of Governors			
Chair - John DeGioia			
Div.	Name, Institution	Conference	Term Exp.
FBS	Rebecca Bank, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Big Ten Conference	August 2024
FBS	Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder	Pac-12	August 2021
FBS	Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University	Big 12	August 2021
FBS	Renu Khator, University of Houston	American Athletic Conference	August 2023
FBS	Jere Morehead, University of Georgia	Southeastern Conference	August 2024
FBS	Denise Trauth, Texas State University	Sun Belt	August 2021
FBS	Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York	Mid-American Conference	August 2021
FBS	Randy Woodson, North Carolina State University	Atlantic Coast	August 2023
FCS	Rita Hartung Cheng, Northern Arizona University	Big Sky Conference	August 2023
FCS	David Wilson, Morgan State University	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	August 2023
DI	John DeGioia, Georgetown University	Big East	August 2022
DI	James Harris, University of San Diego	West Coast Conference	August 2023
DII	Allison Garrett J.D., Emporia State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association	January 2021
DII	Sandra Jordan, University of South Carolina Aiken	Peach Belt	January 2021
DIII	Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University	St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic	January 2021
DIII	Fayneese Miller, Hamline University	Minnesota Intercollegiate	January 2021

		Athletic Conference	
Ex Officio	Heather Benning, Midwest Conference	Midwest Conference	January 2021
Ex Officio	M. Grace Calhoun, University of Pennsylvania	The Ivy League	June 2021
Ex Officio	Christopher Graham, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference	January 2021
Independent	Ken Chenault, General Catalyst		August 2021
Independent	Mary Sue Coleman, Association of American Universities		August 2021
Independent	Robert Gates, Former Secretary of Defense		August 2023
Independent	Grant Hill, CBS/Warner Media and Atlanta Hawks		August 2022
Independent	Vivek Murthy, 19th Surgeon General of the United States		August 2021

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### **Division III Presidents Council**

Chair - Tori Murden McClure

<b>Name, Institution</b>	<b>Term Exp.</b>
Teresa L. Amott, Knox College	January 2022
F. Javier Cevallos, Framingham State University	January 2021
Katherine Conway-Turner, Buffalo State, State University of New York	January 2021
Mary Beth Cooper, Springfield College	January 2023
Richard Dunsworth, University of the Ozarks (Arkansas)	January 2023
Tiffany Franks, Averett University	January 2022
Davie Jane Gilmour, Pennsylvania College of Technology	January 2023
Troy D. Hammond, North Central College	January 2023
Robert R. Lindgren, Randolph-Macon College	January 2023
Richanne C. Mankey, Defiance College	January 2024
Fayneese Miller, Hamline University	January 2022
Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University	January 2021
Kathleen Murray, Whitman College	January 2023
Troy D. Paino, University of Mary Washington	January 2022
Frank Sanchez, Rhode Island College	January 2024

James Schmidt, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire	January 2024
Kent Trachte, Lycoming College	January 2022
Jim Troha, Juniata College	January 2022

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### **Division III Management Council**

Chair - Heather Benning

<b>Name, Institution</b>	<b>Term Exp.</b>
Cheryl Aaron, Wentworth Institute of Technology	January 2024
Heather Benning, Midwest Conference	January 2021
Stephen Briggs, Berry College	January 2023
Charles A. Brown, Pennsylvania State Univ. Erie, the Behrend College	January 2023
Gerard W. Bryant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice	January 2022
Jason Fein, Bates College	January 2022
Sarah Feyerherm, Washington College (Maryland)	January 2023
Matt Hill, University of Northwestern-St. Paul	January 2024
#Catherine Lanigan, Juniata College	January 2021
Lori Mazza, Western Connecticut State University	January 2022
Scott McGuinness, Washington and Jefferson College	January 2023
Timothy P. Millerick, Austin College	January 2022
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	January 2021
Michelle Morgan, John Carroll University	January 2023
#Colby Pepper, Covenant College	January 2021
Kandis Schram, Maryville College (Tennessee)	January 2021
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University	January 2025
Dennis J. Shields, University of Wisconsin-Platteville	January 2022
Denise A. Udelhofen, Loras College	January 2021
Joseph T. Walsh, Great Northeast Athletic Conference	January 2021
Michelle Walsh, Vassar College	January 2024

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## Appendix F

### **Notice of Suspension of Member Conference Membership**

Pursuant to Constitution 3.3.5.1, the Division III Presidents Council has approved the notification of the intention to suspend the NCAA membership of the American Collegiate Athletic Conference for the 2020-21 academic year, through August 31, 2021. The conference suspension is based on the conference's failure to meet several obligations of Division III conference membership as outlined in Constitution 3.3.4. Specifically, for the 2020-21 academic year the conference will not satisfy the Constitution 3.3.4.2 requirement to conduct conference competition during the 2020-21 academic year. Additionally, the conference will not satisfy the conference composition requirement and will not have a conference governance structure, including president or chancellor involvement and a conference student-athlete advisory committee.

Per Constitution 3.3.5.1.1 all rights and privileges of the conference will cease for the length of the suspension (i.e., the 2020-21 academic year).