

## 2022 NCAA Convention Legislative Proposal Chart

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| 2022-1          | LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- EMERGENCY LEGISLATION   | NCAA Division III Presidents Council.  | Immediate   | To permit the Division III Presidents Council to sponsor and adopt emergency legislation under defined circumstances.  | Providing the Presidents Council with the authority to adopt "emergency legislation" will help ensure the division is able to address critical events and circumstances in a timely manner that will mitigate any undue hardship to the membership or Association. This proposal has an immediate effective date to allow Presidents Council to use this authority if necessary and not rely on noncontroversial legislation in the interim.   |
| 2022-2          | AMATEURISM -- AMATEUR STATUS -- REQUIRING ELIGIBILITY CENTER CERTIFY AMATEUR STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES                           | Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; and Little East Conference. | For student-athletes enrolling on or after 08\01\2023 | To utilize the NCAA Eligibility Center in certifying the amateur status of international student-athletes to provide more consistency and efficiency to the certification process. | Recently, the Division III membership experienced a positive two-year pilot of the eligibility center reviewing pre-enrollment sports participation and the amateur status of international student-athletes in the sport of ice hockey. This legislative proposal would require the Eligibility Center to certify the amateurism, including pre-enrollment sports participation of all international student-athletes. This would benefit both the international prospective student-athletes and the campuses by streamlining the eligibility process. Determining the amateur status of international prospective student-athletes can be difficult. Those responsible for compliance on member campuses may not be familiar with the various sport organizations and educational institutions in other countries. Requiring all international prospective student-athletes to register in the Eligibility Center will utilize the expertise of the Eligibility Center staff to assist the international prospective student-athletes and the campuses in navigating an efficient and consistent process to determine amateur status and will provide consistency for the Association membership as a whole.  |
| 2022-3          | ELIGIBILITY -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION -- ONLY COMPETITION TRIGGERING USE OF A SEASON | Atlantic East Conference, Empire 8 and Liberty League.   | 08/01/2022  | To specify that a student-athlete would be charged with a season of eligibility if the student-athlete competes at any point during the traditional season.                        | This proposal grants student-athletes more control of their collegiate athletic experience by providing flexibility to maximize seasons of participation at their discretion. Transitioning to college can be very difficult, particularly for the recent high school graduates who endured a challenging academic experience and mental health struggles due to COVID-19. This would allow those who are struggling to acclimatize to college without the pressure of using a season of eligibility. Additionally, the existing legislation is outdated and not reflective of the modern college student. Many students now require five or more years to complete their degree. Graduate programs and degrees have also become far more prevalent, and many student-athletes pursue a post-graduate degree. The evolution of the membership's view of eligibility is reflected in the decision to allow graduate students to compete. Student-athletes should have the right to determine the most beneficial timeline to maximize their experience. Finally, this would address inconsistencies within the current legislation. Division I and II "red-shirts" can transfer into Division III and that year does not count against their eligibility. This proposal would treat DIII SA's equitably with their peers that transfer into the division. |
| 2022-4          | DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- SPORT CLASSIFIED IN DIVISION I -- APPLYING DIVISION I FINANCIAL AID  | Empire 8, Liberty League Conference and State University of New York Athletic Conference                             | Immediate   | To permit Division III member institutions with Division I sports to apply all Division I  | In 2020, NCAA legislation was updated permitting Division III institutions sponsoring Division I sports to apply all DI rules to those programs except for principles of financial aid (unless a waiver was granted in 2004). Those DIII multi-classified institutions were permitted to continue offering athletics aid with National Letters of Intent. Currently, ten DIII  |

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|                 | LEGISLATION  |  |                | legislation, including Bylaw 15 (financial aid), to the Division I sports.  | institutions sponsor a DI sport and five may offer athletics grant in aid. Only two schools in DI ice hockey (Union, RIT) are prohibited from offering athletics aid to DI student-athletes. Since 2004, much has changed around collegiate athletics including the ruling in NCAA v Alston and recent legislation expanding the one-time transfer exception. This will not impact institutions without DI programs, and will provide a consistent framework for the 2% of DIII institutions sponsoring a DI sport. It will also align with a core principle of the NCAA: 2.10 The Principle of Competitive Equity. This legislation would be effective immediately, allowing multi-classified institutions to address the changing landscape of DI athletics and current NCAA legislation, which includes the NCAA Core Principles of Competitive Equity, the unanimous Supreme Court decision affirming the NCAA's inability to restrict educational related benefits, transfer deregulation, and NIL financial opportunities.   |
| 2022-5          | EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- REDUCE THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION MINIMUM TO SIX INSTITUTIONS | Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Atlantic East Conference, Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference, Empire 8, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, United East Conference and USA South Athletic Conference | 08/01/2022     | To reduce the minimum number of conference members required for automatic qualification for Division III championships from seven to six. | Division III has experienced substantial membership movement across conferences on an annual basis. Virtually all changes were an effort to earn or retain automatic qualification (AQ) in various sports. In many regions of the country, there is also the reality of declining enrollments due to population shifts. Additionally, COVID-19 has presented many challenges and revealed weaknesses in all facets of higher education and life. Specifically, all institutions have been impacted financially with some being forced to close and others that could be forced to follow suit in the coming years. Rather than compelling conferences and institutions to expand to meet the AQ minimum, this proposal would adjust the minimum to provide more stability. Lowering the AQ to six also allows conferences and institutions to provide meaningful experiences at the national championship level for student-athletes who participate in less broadly sponsored sports. Finally, this change would make the minimum number of teams required for an automatic bid consistent across all three Divisions, as Divisions I and II only require six conference members. This proposal does not modify the minimum number of institutions needed to form a conference, and instead focuses on established conferences' ability to maintain their AQ. |
| 2022-6          | NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- SINGLE-SPORT CONFERENCE -- REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS  | Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; Atlantic East Conference, Empire 8 and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.   | 08/01/2022     | To reduce the minimum number of member institutions required to form a single-sport conference from seven to six.                         | Proposal 2022-5, if adopted, would allow a conference to be eligible for an automatic qualification into any Division III championship by having at least six active member institutions. Seven institutions, however, are required to establish a single sport conference in Division III regardless of the sport. Thus, the threshold to establish a Division III single sport conference is higher than what would be needed for an automatic qualification for a Division III championship. By reducing the number of institutions needed to form a single sport conference it ensures that a single sport conferences do not have to satisfy a higher standard to form a signal sport conference than it does to earn an automatic qualification. Finally, by reducing the number of institutions needed to form a single sport conference it provides stability to conferences and institutions ensuring a meaningful experience for student-athletes.   |
| 2022-7          | PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS   | NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).  | Immediate      | To specify permissible contact opportunities and equipment use for the football preseason,  | At the 2021 Football Concussion Task Force meeting in February, participants received an update that data trends were showing a disproportionate number of head impact exposures during the football preseason as compared to the regular season. Additionally, most head impact exposures were occurring during practice and not games. Division III created a  |

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|                 |  |   |                | regular season and spring period.  | working group to address the data and propose recommendations. The working group previously addressed an immediate need by recommending a prohibition on straight line contact drills. This current recommendation represents a holistic approach to addressing these concerns by focusing on reducing contact overall while increasing opportunities to teach appropriate blocking and tackling techniques. Increasing the teaching opportunities during the non-competitive spring period provides for a more focused approach to teaching these important skills to all the student-athletes without the expectations and demands of preparing for the next contest. By having an immediate effective date, it allows institutions to implement the new spring period teaching opportunities in the spring of 2022. The proposal addresses concerns brought by the football community regarding head impacts exposures.  |
| 2022-8          | DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING EQUESTRIAN AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN                      | Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference and Southern Athletic Association.                     | 08/01/2022     | To add equestrian as an emerging sport for women and to establish legislation related to playing and practicing seasons and membership | Being on the Division III emerging sport list will empower the continued evolution of equestrian for students and will create additional opportunities for equestrian student-athletes to access the high-quality experience inherent to NCAA championship sports, just like their varsity student-athlete peers in other sports. While these equestrian student-athletes work to meet the responsibilities and expectations of being a varsity student-athlete at their college or university, they do not receive the same opportunities for conference, regional and national awards, recognition, and NCAA professional development and programming opportunities. Adoption of this proposal provides members with the choice to opt into the NCAA system (following NCAA eligibility, playing season, and other rules), and does not require any changes for those programs that wish to continue operating as clubs. DIII members are permitted to sponsor equestrian at both the varsity and club levels to accommodate varying levels of skill and interest, with individual students participating in one program or the other. Equestrian lines up with other spring sports that have extensive competitions in the fall, which is why the season of competition is segmented. During the emerging sport period, NCAA equestrian programs are not required to follow a specific competition format. |
| 2022-9          | PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- CONFIRMATION OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT STATUS -- ELIMINATION OF WAIVER. | NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports). | 08/01/2022     | To eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.                              | Relevant considerations related to the administration of sickle cell solubility tests, privacy burdens and institutional management of the care of trait positive individuals have evolved since the adoption of the original legislation which permits an individual to sign a written release or waiver to "opt out" of test participation. The legislation was intended to provide institutions with the flexibility to evaluate individual program risks and practices and determine test participation requirements at the campus level. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports noted that, since there is now an opportunity for schools to efficiently and effectively manage the administrative and privacy burdens historically tied to testing, the benefits related to the appropriate monitoring of sickle cell trait positive student-athletes support the idea of consistent mandatory testing across institutions. It should be noted that the committee did not, as part of its recommendation, intend that a positive sickle cell solubility test become the basis for any automatic grounds for disqualification from athletics participation. Instead it recommended that test information be used by institutional and other applicable medical staff to provide  |

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|                 |       |        |                |        | more individualized medical monitoring and care. |