



**2023 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals
Question and Answer Guide
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Understanding How to Read the 2023 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice.

1. How to read the NCAA Division III legislative proposals. When reviewing legislative proposals, it is important to note that:

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

2. What appears in the white pages of the NCAA Division III Official Notice?

The white pages of the NCAA Division III Official Notice contain the legislative proposals that will be voted on individually at the NCAA Division III business session. Anticipated questions and answers related to the proposals appearing in the white pages are contained in this question-and-answer guide.

3. What is the difference between the Presidents Council grouping and the General grouping of proposals?

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

The Presidents Council has identified six proposals, three resolutions and one amendment-to-amendment that it believes are of particular interest to Division III chancellors or presidents and has included those proposals in the Presidents Council grouping. There are six proposals included in the general grouping for the 2023 convention. All proposals have been identified by the Presidents Council for a roll-call vote.

4. What appears in the blue pages of the Official Notice?

The blue pages of the Official Notice contain four types of legislative proposals. The proposals appearing in the blue pages have already been adopted by the authority of the

NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council. These proposals have an immediate effective date from the time of adoption. These groups of proposals will be ratified by the NCAA Division III membership during the Division III business session. If a delegate objects to the incorporation of any one of these legislative proposals, that objection should be raised prior to the ratification of the package of proposals. (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 would then vote on the proposal in question via separate action.

The questions and answers document does not address proposals that are included in the blue pages. The blue pages, however, include an "additional information" section with each proposal that provides additional clarification regarding the proposal.

The four types of legislation contained within the blue pages are listed below:

- Emergency legislation adopted by Division III Presidents Council. The Presidents Council by at least three-fourths majority of its members present and voting may adopt emergency legislation that shall be effective immediately in the following situations: (a) When the NCAA must respond to or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order; (b) When the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings; or (c) When significant values or harm are at stake and the use of the regular legislative cycle is likely to cause undue hardship to the Association or the Division III membership because of the delay in its effective date. There is no emergency legislation to be approved this year.
- Interpretations to be incorporated in the Division III Manual. These interpretations have already been accepted by the membership and the only issue that is before the membership is whether they should be set forth in the Division III Manual. There are no interpretations to be incorporated to be approved this year.
- Noncontroversial legislation adopted by the Division III Management Council. These proposals constitute all noncontroversial legislative changes the Management Council or Presidents Council have adopted during the past year. The Councils are permitted to adopt such legislation, if it is necessary, to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation.

- Modifications of wording. These proposals are modifications to current legislation that have been shown to be consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the current legislation. To approve such a change, the Management Council has determined that sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation requires modification to better reflect the original intent. There are no modifications of wording to be approved this year.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-1

Title: RESOLUTION -- SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER -- PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL COMPOSITION PROPOSALS -- ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCESS.

Effective Date: Immediate.

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

Intent: To approve a one-time special rule of order allowing for Proposal Nos. 7 and 8 to be discussed collectively and presented as alternative choices, so that the membership shall have the opportunity to consider both proposals prior to any vote.

General Application.

Question No. 1: If this resolution is adopted, what will change?

Answer: Current parliamentary procedures allow the delegates to reorder the proposals but does not allow discussion of the merits of the proposals as part of that motion to reorder. Additionally, current parliamentary procedures do not allow discussion of the merits of two or more proposals but rather only the one being considered at that time. The resolution would allow discussion of the merits of both Proposal Nos. 7 and 8, and then the delegates would vote to establish the order of the proposals for consideration.

Question No. 2: What would be the voting process for Proposal Nos. 7 and 8 if the resolution passes?

Answer: When the proposals are presented to the delegates for consideration during the Division III business session on Saturday January 14, 2023, the delegates may discuss the merits of both proposals. When discussion is completed, the delegates will vote on which proposal they prefer to be considered first. That vote will determine the order of the proposals, and then business will proceed as usual. Meaning:

- The preferred proposal will be moved, seconded and then further discussion and a vote.
- If the preferred proposal is adopted, then the other is rendered moot.
- If the preferred proposal is defeated, then the other will be moved, seconded, discussed and receive a vote.
- If the second one is adopted, then it becomes the new rule. If defeated, then the status quo remains.

Question No. 3: What is the voting process if the resolution fails?

Answer: If the resolution is not adopted, then the proposals are taken in the order presented in the Official Notice.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-2

Title: RESOLUTION -- SPECIAL RULE OF ORDER -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS PROPOSALS -- ALTERNATIVE VOTING PROCESS.

Effective Date: Immediate.

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

Intent: To approve a one-time special rule of order allowing for Proposal Nos. 10 and 11 to be discussed collectively and presented as alternative choices, so that the membership shall have the opportunity to consider both playing seasons proposals prior to any vote.

General Application.

Question No. 1: If this resolution is adopted, what will change?

Answer: This resolution applies the same as R-2023-1 except it addresses the amendments to the Playing Seasons as set forth in Proposal Nos. 10 and 11.

Please see questions and answers reflected in the section for R-2023-1 for information regarding how this resolution applies.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-3

Title: RESOLUTION -- MENTAL HEALTH HARDSHIP WAIVER.

Effective Date: Immediate.

Source: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Empire 8 and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Intent: To request the governance structure collaborate and establish a hardship waiver process for Mental Health to include its own waiver criteria separate from a physical injury.

General Application.

Question No. 1: What is the current hardship waiver process if a student-athlete asserts mental health?

Answer: The process for asserting mental health is the same as an injury or illness assertion. The institution must provide contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation from a physician, who administered care at the time of the injury or illness (Bylaw 14.2.5.2.2).

Question No. 2: If adopted, what will the resolution change?

Answer: If adopted, this resolution would require the governance structure to work with the membership and the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to develop a hardship waiver process specific to mental health as distinguished from the current hardship waiver process for a physical injury/illness.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-4 (2-2)

Title: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS -- STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTING PRIVILEGES.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee)].

Intent: To provide the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee one vote at the Division III Business Session of the NCAA Convention.

General application.

Question No. 1: Who currently has a vote at Convention?

Answer: Each active member and each member conference with voting privileges is entitled to one vote per proposal and per related motions. There is no student-athlete vote.

Question No. 2: What privileges does the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee currently have at the Division III Business Session?

Answer: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives are permitted to speak on the Business Session floor as nonvoting delegates.

Question No. 3: If this proposal is adopted, what will change?

Answer: This proposal will give one vote to the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, in the same manner as an active member institution and conference.

Question No. 4: How will the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee determine its vote on each proposal and related motions?

Answer: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will develop policies and procedures to dictate how it will determine its vote on each proposal and related motions.

Question No. 5: How will the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative vote if there is disagreement on an issue(s)?

Answer: Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee policies and procedures will address how the committee will vote in case of disagreement.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-5

Title: COMMITTEES -- DIVISION III COMMITTEES – SIX STANDING COMMITTEES -- AMEND COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Subgroup Composition and Representation)].

Intent: To adjust the composition of six designated governance committees to provide the following: (1) consistency in size and regional representation on designated committees; and (2) a student-athlete voice on governance committees where such representation is not currently present.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current rule?

Answer: This proposal would amend the composition of the following six standing committees: (1) Strategic Planning and Finance; (2) Championships; (3) Financial Aid; (4) Interpretations and Legislation; (5) Membership; and (6) Nominating.

Question No. 2: How would the size of the standing committees change?

Answer:

| Committee | Current | Proposed |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| SPFC | 13 | 12 |
| Championships | 9 | 12 |
| Financial Aid | 12 | 10 |
| ILC | 8 | 10 |
| Membership | 10 | 10 |
| Nominating | 8 | 10 |

Question No. 3: What are the specific compositional requirements that apply to all six of the committees?

Answers: The compositional requirements that apply to all six of the committees are as follows:

- Minimum of two, but no more than three members, from each Division III geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13 for geographical areas). For Area 4, one member must be from a multi-sport conference or institution located in California, Colorado, Oregon, Texas or Washington.
- One Management Council representative (the council member does not fulfill the area requirement);
- One Student-Athlete Advisory Council member (the SAAC member does not fulfill the area requirement);
- Minimum of three members who identify as female;
- Minimum of three members who identify as male;
- Minimum of two members who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC);
- Minimum of one conference office staff;
- Minimum of one Faculty Athletics Representative;
- Minimum of one public institution/multi-sport conference representative; and

- No multi-sport conference shall be represented by more than one individual on each committee.

Question No. 4: Will adoption of the proposal result in current committee members having their terms shortened or terminated?

Answer: No. Current committee members will be permitted to serve the remainder of their term. (Presidents and Management Council members that serve on committees due to their role on council may have their committee terms, not council terms, impacted.) As a committee member normally concludes their designated term, their replacement will need to fulfill all the composition requirements noted in the legislation.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-6

Title: COMMITTEE -- NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION – AMEND COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: Empire 8 and Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Intent: To amend the composition of the Nominating Committee to include at least one member from each of the 10 regions (based on the sport committee regions model) to cultivate more committee nominations and appointments representative of the membership.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How does the proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: The proposal would change the current legislation in the following manner:

- (a) Increases the size of the committee from eight to 10 members;
- (b) Eliminates the requirement that each of the four established geographic regions are represented on the committee;

(c) Establishes that each of the 10 conference-based geographic regions must be represented on the committee;

(d) Establishes a process for creating the 10 conference-based geographic regions (See response to Question No. 3); and

(e) Increases the mandatory representation for females from three to four and for males, from three to four.

Other criteria would remain unchanged.

Question No. 2: Can two or more members represent one conference-based geographic region?

Answer: No. There cannot be more than one representative from each conference-based geographic region.

Question No. 3: How are the conference-based geographic regions determined?

Answer: The Nominating Committee, subject to approval of Management Council, will create 10 regions based on conference affiliation with consideration of geography. The 10 regions will be modeled after the 10-region sport championship alignments, which also considers geography. (Attachment A is the 10-region sport alignment for the sport of women's basketball as a potential example.)

Question No. 4: Will the 10 conference-based geographic regions change if the sport alignment regions are updated?

Answer: No. The Nominating Committee will use the sport alignment regions concept to create a defined 10 conference-based geographic regions. However, the Nominating Committee can propose adjustments or modifications of the regions as it deems appropriate (e.g., addition of new conferences or institutions). The establishment of the regions as well as any adjustments or modifications will require approval from Management Council.

Question No. 5: Will there be student-athlete representation on the Nominating Committee?

Answer: No. There will be no change to the student-athlete representation. A current member of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will serve in an advisory capacity for selections to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Question No. 6: Will adoption of the proposal result in current committee members having their terms shortened or terminated?

Answer: No. Current committee members will be permitted to serve the remainder of their term. As a committee member normally concludes their designated term, their replacement will need to fulfill all the composition requirements noted in the legislation.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-7

Title: DIVISION III PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS -- COMPOSITION – FOUR-YEAR ALTERNATING CONFERENCE BASED REPRESENTATION.

Effective Date: August 1, 2024.

Source: Empire 8, North Coast Athletic Conference, Presidents' Athletic Conference, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf., and USA South Athletic Conference.

Intent: To ensure the following: that each Division III multi-sport conference will have one representative on either Presidents or Management Council and that the conference's slot on either will alternate accordingly; the Nominating Committee will coordinate nominations for Management Council and Presidents Council; and, if a conference is unable to secure nominees for either council its slot will go unfilled unless the council is smaller than 18 members in which case an at-large selection will be made from the group of nominees from conferences not currently represented on the respective council, including nominees from independent institutions.

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current rule?

Answer: Several areas of change are reflected in the questions below. A summary of the differences between the current rule, this proposal, and Proposal No. 8 is included as Attachment B.

Question No. 2: How would this proposal change the composition of the Presidents Council and Management Council?

Answer: This proposal would require that each multi-sport conference be represented on either council on an annual basis with alternating four-year terms. Conference representation is currently not a required component of the Presidents Council and Management Council. It would eliminate the required representation from the four geographic regions.

The combined size of the councils would increase from 41 to 48 members. The size is based on the current status of 44 active conferences plus four SAAC representatives that would not satisfy the conference representational requirements.

This proposal would create councils of equal size (subject to change if there becomes an odd number of conferences). Presidents Council would increase from 20 to 24 members (22 conference slots plus two SAAC representatives). Management Council would increase from 21 to 24 members (22 conference slots plus two SAAC representatives).

Question No. 3: How would the “alternating four-year terms” operate under the proposal?

Answer: The conference is scheduled for alternating representation on a four-year cycle. The proposal identifies the scheduled term as a “slot” which is a fixed four-year term for the conference to have representation on a particular council. For example, Conference A’s Presidents Council slot could be from the close of the 2025 convention through the 2029 Convention and then the Management Council slot from the close of the 2029 convention through the 2033 Convention. The slots are predefined and would not change. Any vacancy for a slot will not be filled if there are less than two-years remaining for the term.

Question No. 4: Would this proposal change how members would be nominated to the councils?

Answer: It changes the nomination process for Presidents Council but not for Management Council. Currently, the nominations process for each council is different. The Presidents Council uses a subcommittee of the Presidents Council to nominate members while the Management Council uses the Nominating Committee to nominate members. Under both processes, the nominations have to be approved by the full council before sending to a vote of the membership. This proposal would have the Nominating Committee manage the nominations for both councils. Each council would maintain the responsibility to approve the nominations before submitting to the membership for a vote.

Question No. 5: Would this proposal change how members are selected to the councils?

Answer: No. Members for Presidents Council will continue to be selected by a vote of the Division III chancellors and presidents, and Management Councils members will continue to be selected by a vote of athletic directors and conference commissioners.

Question No. 6: Would this proposal change Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on each Council?

Answer: No. There will still be two Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on each council. Their voting privileges will not change.

Question No. 7: Does a vacancy change the scheduled “slot” for a conference?

Answer: No. If there is a vacancy, the councils can fill the vacancy from the same conference provided there are at least two years left in the slot. If not, then the slot will remain unfulfilled until the slot rotates to the other council.

Question No. 8: What happens if vacancies result in one of the councils having fewer than 18 members?

Answer: The first option is to fill the vacancy from the same conference. If that is not viable, then a conference’s slot may be filled by a member of another conference. The slot could not be filled by an individual from the same conference that is already represented on that council.

Question No. 9: Will adoption of the proposal result in current council members having their terms shortened or terminated?

Answer: No, current council members' designated term will not be shortened or terminated. This will likely result in a period of time when a limited number of conferences have representatives on both the Presidents and Management Councils. However, all other requirements of the proposal, including multi-sport conference representation, will be implemented consistent with the proposal's effective date.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-8

Title: DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL -- COMPOSITION -- REQUIRED GEOGRAPHIC AND CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Subgroup Composition and Representation)].

Intent: To adjust the composition of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council to provide representation from each active multi-sport conference on either Presidents or Management Council.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current rule?

Answer: Several areas of change are reflected in the questions below. A summary of the differences between the current rule, this proposal, and proposal No. 7 is included as Attachment B.

Question No. 2: How would this proposal change the composition of Presidents Council and Management Council?

Answer: This proposal would require that each multi-sport conference be represented on either council on an annual basis. Conference representation

is currently not a required component of the Presidents Council and Management Council.

It would increase geographic representation from two members from each of the four regions to at least three members from each region. In addition, one of the region four representatives must be from California, Colorado, Oregon, Texas or Washington.

The required conference representation would result in the combined size of the councils increasing from 41 to 44 members (or if the proposal is amended by Proposal No. 2023-8-1, then from 41 to 48 members)

Under this proposal, Presidents Council and Management Council would be different sizes.

Presidents Council would remain at 20 members (18 presidents/chancellors and two student-athletes). Management Council's size would increase from 21 members to the size necessary to ensure all conferences are represented (Currently that number would increase to 24 members, or if the proposal is amended by Proposal No. 2023-8-1, then to 28 members, as student-athletes would not satisfy conference representational requirement.)

Question No. 3: If adopted, does this proposal change the term length a member will serve on each council?

Answer: No. Members of the council will still serve four-year terms. Current rules regarding vacancies and extension of terms apply.

Question No. 4: Would this proposal change how members would be nominated to the councils?

Answer: No. Currently, the nominations process for each council is different. The Presidents Council uses a subcommittee of the Presidents Council to nominate members while the Management Council uses the Nominating Committee to nominate members. Under both processes, the nominations have to be approved by the full council before sending to a vote of the membership. This process would remain the same under this proposal.

Question No. 5: Would this proposal change how members are selected to the councils?

Answer: No. Members for Presidents Council will continue to be selected by a vote of the Division III presidents and chancellors; and Management Council members will continue to be selected by a vote of Athletic Directors and conference commissioners.

Question No. 6: Would this proposal change Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on each Council?

Answer: No. There will still be two Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on each council. Their voting privileges will not change.

Question No. 7: Will the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative satisfy the conference representation requirement?

Answer: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives will satisfy the conference representation requirement. If the Proposal is amended by No. 2023-8-1, the SAAC representatives would not satisfy the conference representation requirement.

Question No. 8: Will adoption of the proposal result in current council members having their terms shortened or terminated?

Answer: No, current council members' designated term will be not shortened or terminated. This will likely result in a period of time when a limited number of conferences have representatives on both the Presidents and Management Councils. However, all other requirements of the proposal, including multi-sport conference representation, will be implemented consistent with the proposal's effective date.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-8-1

Title: PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL -- AMEND COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION -- STUDENT-ATHLETES DO NOT SATISFY CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

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

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 8 to establish that student-athletes on the councils do not satisfy the conference representation requirements.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How would this amendment-to-amendment change Proposal No. 8?

Answer: The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representatives on the Presidents and Management Councils would not satisfy the conference representational requirements. This would result in increasing the total council composition to 48 members.

Question No. 2: What is the voting process for an amendment-to-amendment?

Answer: Proposal No. 8 will be moved and seconded, and then Proposal No. 8-1, the amendment to amendment, will be moved and seconded. The first vote determines if the delegates want to change Proposal No. 8 to state that student-athletes would not satisfy the conference representational requirement set forth in the proposal.

If that first votes passes, then there will be a vote on Proposal No. 8 (as amended by Proposal No. 8-1).

If that first vote fails, then there will be a vote on Proposal No. 8 as originally submitted.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-9

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- APPLICATION PROCESS -- APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP -- REQUIRE CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.

Effective Date: For institutions, whose provisional or reclassifying membership process will begin during or after the 2024-25 academic year.

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Membership Committee)].

Intent: To require an institution to have a bona fide invitation from an active Division III conference before applying for Division III membership and maintain a conference affiliation during the Division III membership process.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current rule?

Answer: This is a new requirement. It would require an institution to have a bona fide invitation from an active Division III multi-sport conference before applying for Division III membership. The institution must maintain a conference affiliation during the Division III membership process.

Question No. 2: Can an institution without a Division III conference invitation apply for Division III membership?

Answer: No. The bona fide invitation from a conference is part of the application process.

Question No. 3: What is considered a bona fide invitation from a conference?

Answer: To satisfy this requirement, the institution may use a memorandum, signed by the chair of the chancellors and presidents' group or appropriate designee of the conference, as evidence of the active member conference's offer to become a full member upon the institution becoming an active Division III members.

Question No. 4: Does the provisional or reclassifying member have to maintain an affiliation with the same conference during the Division III membership process?

Answer: No. The institution may change their conference affiliation during the membership process.

Question No. 5: If an institution loses their conference affiliation, can the institution move forward through the provisional or reclassifying membership process?

Answer: Yes. However, failure to maintain a conference affiliation throughout the duration of the membership process could result in the institution being required to repeat a year of the three-year membership process per Bylaw 20.10.8.3. If the failure to maintain a conference affiliation is due to circumstances beyond the control of the institution, the committee may consider those circumstances during its review of the institution's annual report. Finally, the institution must receive a new invitation from a conference to be eligible to apply for active membership.

Question No. 6: Do institutions applying for the exploratory year require a bona fide invitation from a conference?

Answer: No. Exploratory institutions will not need a conference invitation. However, it will be a requirement as part of the application to be a provisional member, so any exploratory institutions wanting to transition to provisional membership will need a bona fide invitation.

Question No. 7: Would this proposal allow an institution to become an active Division III member as an independent institution?

Answer: No. An institution without conference affiliation will not be invited into active Division III membership.

Question No. 8: Would this proposal affect current Division III independent institutions?

Answer: No.

Question No. 9: Do institutions currently in the membership process need a bona fide invitation from a conference?

Answer: No. The proposal, if adopted, would become effective for institutions starting the Division III provisional/reclassifying process in the 2024-25 academic year. Institutions that are currently provisional or reclassifying members would not need a conference affiliation to move forward with the membership process.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-10

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON-DEFINING PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Southern Athletic Association.

Intent: The intent of this proposal is to be more permissible and flexible to enhance the overall student experience by allowing for a total of 114/144 days of athletically related contact with their coaching staff. These would be days that do not have to be consecutive in nature but must include at least one day off from activity/contact each week.

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current rule?

Answer: The proposal would define the playing season for all sports by 114 days as opposed to weeks. The details of this proposal as well as comparison of this proposal to the current rule and Proposal No. 11 is found in Attachment C.

Question No. 2: How is the use of a day determined?

Answer: Any day in which athletically related activities occur with any student shall count as a day for that team.

Question No. 3: Is an institution required to provide a day off each week?

Answer: Yes. For purposes of providing a day off, the week is defined as any consecutive seven-day period [Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)].

Question No. 4: If this proposal is adopted, is the exception for track and field and swimming and diving that allows student-athletes to have different days off per week still applicable?

Answer: Yes. This proposal does not change the application of Bylaw 17.1.4.1.1 (exception – track and field, indoor/outdoor and swimming and diving). If

adopted, this provision will be reviewed to determine how best to account for these days under this new model.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-11

Title: PLAYING SEASONS -- ELIMINATING WEEKS AS THE MEASUREMENT FOR A SEASON AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PLAYING SEASONS STRUCTURE.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

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

Intent: To restructure the playing and practice seasons for all sports (except football) as follows: (1) eliminate using "weeks" as a measure for defining the seasons; (2) establish the fall and spring traditional segments by a start and end date; (3) increase the nontraditional segment interaction for fall and spring sports from 16 to 24 days; (4) measure the winter sports season by 114 days, with flexibility to use eight of those days before or after the season; and (5) measure period sports (golf, rowing and tennis) seasons by 114 days.

General Application.

Question No. 1: How does the proposal change the current rule?

Answer: The proposal would eliminate the weeks method of defining the season and establish a start-end date framework to the season for fall and spring sports as well as establish a 114-day season for winter sports and period sports. The details of this proposal as well as a comparison of this proposal to the current rule and Proposal No. 10 is found in Attachment C.

Question No. 2: Is an institution required to provide a day off each week?

Answer: Yes. For purposes of providing a day off, the week is defined as any consecutive seven-day period [Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)].

Question No. 3: How are the 24 days of athletically related activities out-of-season counted for fall and spring sports?

Answer: Any athletically related activity by any member of the team shall constitute the use of a day.

Question No. 4: If this proposal is adopted, is the exception for track and field and swimming and diving that allows student-athletes to have different days off per week still applicable?

Answer: Yes. This proposal does not change the application of Bylaw 17.1.4.1.1 (exception – track and field, indoor/outdoor and swimming and diving). If adopted, this provision will be reviewed to determine how best to account for these days under this new model.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-12

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FALL PRESEASON PRACTICE FORMULA -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON ACCLIMATIZATION FOR FALL SPORTS.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: New Jersey Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conf.

Intent: To amend the preseason legislation for all fall sports, except football and men's water polo, as follows (1) to calculate the first permissible start date by counting back 18 days; (2) to require an acclimatization period during the first seven days during preseason practice; (3) to require one day off per defined week of the preseason, including the acclimatization period; and (4) to require all student-athletes, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice to undergo the seven-day acclimatization period.

Question No. 1: What is the current rule for preseason for fall sports?

Answer: Institutions use a preseason practice formula to determine the start of the preseason practice. Most sports count back 16 units from the first scheduled contest. Institutions are responsible for following a plan for transition periods consistent with the Interassociation Recommendations: Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, what will change?

Answer: This proposal will require a seven-day acclimatization period for all fall sports other than football. To accommodate this change, the first permissible practice date will be counted back 18 days before the first scheduled contest. For men's water polo, the first permissible practice date will be 21 units before the first scheduled contest.

Question No. 3: How does the first permissible practice date change under this proposal?

Answer: The first permissible practice date is calculated by counting back 18 days from first scheduled contest. If the first contest is September 1st, then the first permissible practice day is August 14th. Here is what the comparison would be for this year, between the proposal and the current rule:

| First class date (2023 school year) | Current Rule: First permissible practice (Sept 1 contest) | Proposal: First permissible practice date (Sept 1 contest) |
|--|--|---|
| August 14 | August 14 | August 14 |
| August 15 | August 14 | August 14 |
| August 16 | August 15 | August 14 |
| August 17 | August 15 | August 14 |
| August 18 | August 16 | August 14 |
| August 21 | August 17 | August 14 |
| August 22 | August 17 | August 14 |
| August 23 | August 18 | August 14 |
| August 24 | August 18 | August 14 |
| August 25 | August 19 | August 14 |
| August 28 | August 19 | August 14 |
| August 29 | August 19 | August 14 |
| August 30 | August 19 | August 14 |
| August 31 | August 19 | August 14 |

| First class date (2023 school year) | Current Rule: First permissible practice (Sept 1 contest) | Proposal: First permissible practice date (Sept 1 contest) |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| September 1 | August 19 | August 14 |
| September 5 | August 19 | August 14 |

Question No. 4: What activities can occur during Days 1 through 4?

Answer: Weight training is permitted during Days 1 through 4, but a team is prohibited from engaging in outside competition.

There are two options for day one.

- Option 1: On day one, a team is permitted one practice (3 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.
- Option 2: On day one, a team is permitted one testing session (1 hour), one practice (2 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.

On Days two through four, a team is permitted one practice (3 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.

Question No. 5: What activities can occur during days five through seven?

Answer: Weight training is permitted, but a team is prohibited from engaging in outside competition.

A team is permitted to conduct up to two practices and one walk-through per day. A team may use up to a maximum of 5 hours per day for these activities, with a single practice not exceeding 3 hours.

A team must provide a 3-hour recovery period. During this period, no meetings nor athletically related activities may occur.

For golf, a team is permitted 5 hours of practice per day. The team must still adhere to the 3-hour recovery requirement.

Question No. 6: Is the countback of 18 days from the first permissible contest mandatory?

Answer: No, 18 days is the maximum number of days before the first scheduled contest that a team could begin practice. Consistent with current legislation, institutions can limit the number of days if they so choose. However, the seven-day acclimatization period is mandatory, regardless of the number of days a team counts before the first scheduled contest.

Question No. 7: Does the team completing the acclimatization period satisfy requirements?

Answer: No, the seven-day acclimatization period is student-athlete specific. If a student-athlete starts after the team has begun practices, that specific student-athlete must complete the seven-day acclimatization period.

Question No. 8: Does a student-athlete that joins a team mid-season need to complete the acclimatization period?

Answer: Yes, the seven-day acclimatization period is student-athlete specific. If a student-athlete starts after the team has begun practices, that specific student-athlete must complete the seven-day acclimatization period.

Question No. 9: Is there a required day-off?

Answer: Yes. During the acclimatization period, each team must have a mandatory one day off per week, regardless of whether or not class is in session. The day off is from physical athletically related activities.

Question No. 10: Does the proposal apply to period sports (golf, rowing and tennis)?

Answer: If an institution conducts a fall season for golf, rowing and tennis, yes. The institution will need to conduct the seven-day acclimatization period at the start of the fall period.

Question No. 11: For counting, will the preseason practice formula still be used?

Answer: The unit counting will only be maintained for the fall sport of men's water polo, which is a National Championship sport. The remaining fall sports, as

well as the fall season in the period sports of golf, rowing and tennis, will use days.

Question No. 12: Is football included in the seven-day acclimatization period?

Answer: No, football has its own acclimatization legislation. Institutions will apply Bylaw 17.11.3 for the football preseason.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-13

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- ESTABLISHING STUNT AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN.

Effective Date: August 1, 2023.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

Intent: To add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

General Application.

Question No. 1: What is an emerging sport?

Answer: The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics is charged with identifying and managing progress of emerging sports for women. An emerging sport is a women's sport, recognized by the NCAA, which is intended to help schools provide more athletics opportunities for women and see if the sport grows to championship level. Additional information about the NCAA emerging sport for women program, including the policies and procedures, is located through <http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/inclusion/emerging-sports-women>.

Question No. 2: How long will a sport remain an emerging sport?

Answer: NCAA bylaws require that emerging sports must gain championship status within 10 years or show steady progress toward that goal to remain on the list.

Question No. 3: How many institutions must sponsor an emerging sport for it to gain championship status?

Answer: Women's stunt is a team sport, and as an emerging team sport a National Collegiate Championship may be established if 40 institutions across all three divisions sponsor the sport; or a Division III championship may be established if at least 28 Division III institutions sponsor the team sport. Currently, nine Division III institutions sponsor stunt (eight at the varsity level and one at the club level).

Question No. 4: May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport-sponsor requirements?

Answer: Institutions may use emerging sports to help meet the NCAA membership minimum sports-sponsorship requirements provided minimum contest and participant requirements are met.

Question No. 5: If the proposal is adopted, will Division III institutions be required to sponsor women's stunt?

Answer: No. Institutions maintain autonomy regarding the sports it sponsors at the varsity level.

Question No. 6: If the institution has a varsity women's stunt team, will that team need to apply Division III legislation?

Answer: Yes. If women's stunt becomes an emerging sport and the institution identifies its team as a varsity team, the institution must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association to the institution's varsity women's stunt team.

Question No. 7: If an institution has a women's stunt club team, will that team need to apply Division III legislation?

Answer: No. The club team is not required to adhere to Division III legislation until the institution recognizes the team as a varsity team.

Question No. 8: What is the proposed championship segment for women's stunt?

Answer: Spring.

Question No. 9: Have the playing rules for women's stunt been developed?

Answer: Since the NCAA does not create playing rules for an emerging sport until there is an established National Collegiate Championship or divisional championship, the playing rules established by the USA Federation for Sport Cheering will be used for women's stunt.

Question No. 10: What would be the length of the playing and practice season for women's stunt?

Answer: The length of the playing and practice season would be 19 weeks, in accordance with the segment limitations in Bylaw 17.1.1.3.3.1 (sports with spring NCAA championship). Those 19 weeks would include both the traditional and nontraditional segment of the declared playing and practice season.

Question No. 11: What is the maximum number of dates of competition for the team and individual student-athletes?

Answer: A member institution must limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's stunt to 14 dates of competition.

Question No. 12: What would be the minimum number of participants and contests required for an institution to use women's stunt for sport sponsorship?

Answer: An institution must complete at least six contests against varsity programs from four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions. In addition, the institution must have at least a minimum of 16 participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirements.

Question No. 13: If an institution sponsors both a club team and a varsity team, can a student-athlete transition from the club team to the varsity team?

Answer: Yes, but the student-athlete would have to be certified in the same manner as any other student-athlete.

Question No. 14: For purposes of NCAA amateurism, seasons of participation and outside competition legislation, are acrobatics and tumbling, gymnastics and stunt considered the same sport?

Answer: No. For the purposes of NCAA amateurism, seasons of participation and outside competition legislation, gymnastics and stunt are considered different sports. A student-athlete in the sport of stunt may compete on outside acrobatics and tumbling or gymnastics team.

Question No. 15: May a stunt student-athlete participate as a cheerleader?

Answer: Yes. A stunt student-athlete may participate as a cheerleader, provided it is voluntary and separate from their participation as a stunt student-athlete.

Question No. 16: Are all three divisions considering proposals to add women's stunt to the emerging sport list for women?

Answer: Yes. Division I will vote on the proposal in April and Division II will consider the proposal at the 2023 NCAA Convention.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-14

Title: RECRUITING -- SOCIAL MEDIA -- ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AFTER JANUARY 1ST OF SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.

Effective Date: Immediate.

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

Intent: To change the date when institutions may have public communications via social media with prospective student-athletes that have deposited, from May 1st to January 1st of their senior year in high school; and to clarify that the content of the public communication with the prospective student-athlete is not subject to the publicity limitations in Bylaw 13 (e.g., the public communications may include discussions about campus visits, commitment to attend the institution or acceptance to an institution).

General Application.

Question No. 1: If the proposal is adopted, how would it change the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, an institution may only have public recruiting communications via social media with prospective student-athletes once the institution has received their financial deposit AND after May 1st of their senior year in high school. This proposal would maintain the financial deposit requirement but would change the May 1st date to January 1st of their senior year in high school.

Question No. 2: If the conditions of the proposal are met (i.e., deposit and after January 1st) will the institution still be bound by publicity restrictions in Bylaw 13.10?

Answer: No. Content of any electronically transmitted correspondence after January 1st of the prospective student-athlete's senior year and after receipt of their financial deposit will not be considered publicizing recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. Public communications sent within the parameters may include discussions about campus visits, commitment to attend the institution or acceptance to an institution.

Question No. 3: How does the proposal impact institutions that do not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit for admission or financial aid?

Answer: Provided the institution has received a commitment from the prospective student-athlete that is required of all incoming students (See March 25, 2011, Official Interpretation, "Institution That Does Not Require a Paid Acceptance or Financial Deposit for Admission or Financial Aid (III)") the proposal would permit an institution to engage in public communications with prospective student-athletes after January 1st of their senior year.

NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2023-15

Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF INSTITUTIONAL AND CONFERENCE SELF-STUDY GUIDE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

Effective Date: Immediate.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).

Intent: To eliminate the requirement for active member institutions and active multisport conferences to submit a comprehensive self-study guide at least once every five years.

General Application.

Question No. 1: What is the current institutional and conference self-study guide submission requirement?

Answer: Division III institutions and multisport conferences must complete their respective self-study guide once every five years. The guide must be submitted to the national office by June 1 of the academic year in which it is due.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, what will change?

Answer: Active Division III member institutions and multi-sport conferences will no longer be required to submit the self-study guide as an obligation of membership. This proposal does not replace the self-study guide with a new report requirement.

Question No. 3: If adopted, when does the proposal become effective?

Answer: If adopted, the proposal will become effective immediately.

Question No. 4: Do institutions or conferences with a deadline extension need to complete institutional and conference self-study guide submission requirement?

Answer: No. The immediate effective date means active Division III member institutions and multi-sport conferences would not need to complete the guide.

Question No. 5: Will any institution or conference need to complete the self-study guides?

Answer: Provisional and reclassifying institutions will be required to complete the institutional self-study guide as part of the three-year provisional or reclassifying membership process. Additionally, new multi-sport conferences will still be required to submit a conference self-study guide as part of the application and review process.

Question No. 6: Will the self-study guides still be available to the membership?

Answer: Yes, the self-study guides will be available as resources for institutions and conferences to utilize at their own discretion.

*These are not the proposed regions by the sponsors but is being provided as an example of how the 10-region conference-based model with geographic consideration. Ultimately the Nominating Committee would create the 10 regions and Management Council would need to approve them should this proposal pass at convention.

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| GNAC | 13 | Commonwealth Coast | 10 | Empire 8 | 9 | CUNYAC | 8 |
| North Atlantic | 12 | Little East | 9 | Liberty | 10 | MAC Freedom | 9 |
| NESCAC | 11 | NEWMAC | 11 | Skyline | 11 | NJAC | 10 |
| MASCAC | 7 | NECC | 4 | SUNYAC | 10 | United East | 12 |
| | | Brandeis | 1 | U. of Rochester | 1 | New York U. | 1 |
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| Atlantic East | 7 | Coast-to-Coast | 6 | AMCC | 9 | CCIW | 9 |
| Centennial | 11 | ODAC | 12 | Michigan Intercoll. | 9 | Heartland | 10 |
| Colonial States | 10 | SAA | 8 | North Coast | 9 | NACC | 14 |
| Landmark | 8 | USA South | 19 | Ohio | 10 | SLIAC | 8 |
| MAC Commonwealth | 9 | Emory U. | 1 | Presidents' | 10 | U. of Chicago | 1 |
| Valley Forge | 1 | | | Carnegie Mellon | 1 | Washington U. | 1 |
| Trinity Washington | 1 | | | Case Western | 1 | Maranatha Baptist | |
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| American Rivers | 9 | American Southwest | 11 |
| Minnesota Intercoll. | 11 | Northwest | 9 |
| Midwest | 9 | SCIAC | 9 |
| UMAC | 9 | SCAC | 8 |
| Wisconsin Intercoll. | 8 | UC Santa Cruz | 1 |
| Finlandia | 1 | | |
| Mount Mary | 1 | | |
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Division III Convention Proposals
Comparison of Proposals 2023-7 and 2023-8 addressing Presidents and Management Council Composition

| Presidents Council composition | Current Legislation | Proposal No. 7: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Four-Year Alternating Conference Based Representation (Sponsored by five member conferences) | Proposal No. 8: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Required Geographic and Conference Representation (Sponsored by Presidents Council) |
|---|---|--|---|
| Size and conference representation | 20 members (includes two student-athletes). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No required conference representation | 24 members* as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 conference representative positions (Slots for half of the active multi-sport conferences) Two SAAC representatives (do not satisfy conference representation) <p>Remaining 22 conferences will be represented on Management Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If one council falls below 18 due to lack of conference nominees, may have duplicate conference representation between the councils. | 20 members as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 presidents/chancellors Two SAAC representatives <p>Each multi-sport conference will be represented on either Presidents Council or Management Council annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See below for student-athlete representation. |
| Nomination process | Presidents Council subcommittee with approval by full Presidents Council. | Nominating Committee with approval by full Presidents Council. | Same as current legislation. |
| Selection process | Vote of Division III presidents. | Same as current legislation. | Same as current legislation. |
| Geographic representation | At least two members from each of the four geographic regions/areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 at large. | No geographic requirements. | At least three members from each of the four geographic regions/areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the representatives from region/area 4 must be from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA. |

* Numbers represented are based on the current number of active multi-sport conferences (44 member conferences). Numbers are subject to change with any update to the total number of active member conferences.

| Presidents Council composition | Current Legislation | Proposal No. 7: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Four-Year Alternating Conference Based Representation (Sponsored by five member conferences) | Proposal No. 8: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Required Geographic and Conference Representation (Sponsored by Presidents Council) |
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| Conference representation: Student-athletes | No required conference representation. | SAAC representatives do not satisfy the conference representation requirements. | <u>Amendment 2023-8-1 Adopted:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC representatives do not satisfy conference requirement. <u>Amendment 2023-8-1 Defeated:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC representatives would constitute a conference representative. |
| Student-athletes | Two SAAC representatives. | Same as current legislation. | Same as current legislation. |
| Institutional representation | At least three presidents/chancellors from each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public institutions • Private institutions • Institutions with FT enrollment greater than 2,400 • Institutions with FT enrollment between 1,400 and 2,400 • Institutions with FT enrollment less than 1,400. | Same as current legislation. | Same as current legislation. |
| Other criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least four women. • At least four men. • At least two ethnic minorities. | Same as current legislation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least eight who identify as female. • At least eight who identify as male. • At least three who identify as BIPOC. |

* Numbers represented are based on the current number of active multi-sport conferences (44 member conferences). Numbers are subject to change with any update to the total number of active member conferences.

| Management Council Composition | Current Legislation | Proposal No. 7: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Four-Year Alternating Conference Based Representation (Sponsored by five member conferences) | Proposal No. 8: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Required Geographic and Conference Representation (Sponsored by Presidents Council) | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Size and conference representation | 21 members (includes two student-athletes). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No required conference representation. | 24 members* as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 conference representative positions (Slots for half of the active multi-sport conferences) Two student-athletes (do not satisfy conference representation) Remaining 22 conferences will be represented on Presidents Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If one council falls below 18 due to lack of conference nominees, may have duplicate conference representation between the councils. | Number of members necessary to ensure the multi-sport conferences not represented on PC will be represented. Size is dependent upon whether Amendment 2023-8-1 (whether student-athletes satisfy conference representation requirements) is adopted, as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="1396 803 1990 1057"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1396 803 1694 878">2023-8-1 adopted</th> <th data-bbox="1694 803 1990 878">2023-8-1 defeated</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1396 878 1694 953">28 total members*</td> <td data-bbox="1694 878 1990 953">24 total members*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1396 953 1694 1057">26 non-student members* and two student-athletes</td> <td data-bbox="1694 953 1990 1057">22 non-student members* and two student-athletes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | 2023-8-1 adopted | 2023-8-1 defeated | 28 total members* | 24 total members* | 26 non-student members* and two student-athletes | 22 non-student members* and two student-athletes |
| 2023-8-1 adopted | 2023-8-1 defeated | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 total members* | 24 total members* | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 non-student members* and two student-athletes | 22 non-student members* and two student-athletes | | | | | | | | | |
| Nomination process | Nominating Committee with approval by full Management Council. | Same as current legislation. | Same as current legislation. | | | | | | | |
| Selection process | Vote of Division III athletics administrators and conference commissioners. | Same as current legislation. | Same as current legislation. | | | | | | | |

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| Management Council Composition | Current Legislation | Proposal No. 7: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Four-Year Alternating Conference Based Representation (Sponsored by five member conferences) | Proposal No. 8: Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Composition – Required Geographic and Conference Representation (Sponsored by Presidents Council) |
|--|---|---|---|
| Geographic representation | At least two members from each geographic region/area. | No geographic requirements. | At least three members from each of the four geographic regions/areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the representatives from region/area 4 must be from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA. |
| Conference representation: Student-athletes | No required conference representation. | SAAC representatives do not satisfy the conference representation requirements. | <u>Amendment 2023-8-1 Adopted:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC representatives do not satisfy conference requirement. <u>Amendment 2023-8-1 Defeated:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAC representatives would constitute a conference representative. |
| Student-athletes | Two SAAC representatives. | Same as current legislation | Same as current legislation. |
| Other criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least nine ADs or SWAs. • At least two presidents/chancellors. • At least two ADRs. • At least two FARs. • At least three members of an ethnic minority. • At least eight men. • At least eight women. | Same as current legislation. | Maintained composition requirements as current rule but added inclusive language). Additional criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least three members from public institutions/conferences. • At least two conference commissioners. |

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

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

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

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