

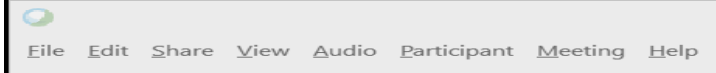


# **Division III December Webinar**

## **AMA Update: 2019 Convention Legislation**

**Jeff Myers and Bill Regan**

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# NCAA Proposal No. 2019-2

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

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-2 (cont.)

## ▶ **Current Rule:**

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

## ▶ **Proposed Rule:**

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-2-1

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

- ▶ **Effective Date:** August 1, 2019.
- ▶ **Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Management Council) .
- ▶ **What it Does:**
  - ▶ Amends Proposal No. 2019-2 to mirror current legislation for Thursday contests during the opening weekend.
  - ▶ For an institution that conducts its first contest on Thursday of the opening weekend, the start of preseason would be 23 days before the Friday following the first contest.

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# Proposal No. 2019-3

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

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-3 (cont.)

## ▶ **Current Rule:**

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

## ▶ **Proposed Rule:**

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-4

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

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-4 (cont.)

## ► Current Rule:

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

## ► Proposed Rule:

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-5

## AMATEURISM – PRE-ENROLLMENT EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-5 (cont.)

## ► Current Rule:

- A PSA may not receive secondary school educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside organization or an individual.

## ► Proposed Rule:

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-6

ELIGIBILITY – FINAL TERM BEFORE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT.

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-6 (cont.)

## ▶ **Current Rule:**

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

## ▶ **Proposed Rule:**

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-7

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

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

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# Proposal No. 2019-7 (cont.)

## ▶ **Current Rule:**

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

## ▶ **Proposed Rule:**

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

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