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Division III December Webinar

AMA Review of 2022 Convention Legislation

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2022-1: Legislative Authority and Process – Amendment Process – Emergency

Effective Date: Immediate.

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



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2022-1: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS – AMENDMENT PROCESS – EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

Current Rule:

- An emergency legislative process does not exist in Division III.
- To enact legislation necessary between annual Conventions, the Councils need to approve noncontroversial legislation.



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2022-1: LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS – AMENDMENT PROCESS – EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

How proposal changes current rule:

- Establishes a legislative process to address critical events and circumstances (e.g., court orders or liability issues) in a timely manner.
- Requires 3/4 vote of Division III Presidents Council.
- Ratified by the membership at Convention.



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2022-2: AMATEURISM – AMATEUR STATUS – REQUIRING ELIGIBILITY CENTER CERTIFY AMATEUR STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Effective Date: For student-athletes enrolling on or after August 1, 2023.

Source: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Little East Conference.



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2022-2: AMATEURISM – AMATEUR STATUS – REQUIRING ELIGIBILITY CENTER CERTIFY AMATEUR STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Current Rule:

- The eligibility process for international student-athletes is conducted by campus personnel.
- Member institutions currently use an International Student-Athlete Form to assist in the certification process.



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2022-2: AMATEURISM – AMATEUR STATUS – REQUIRING ELIGIBILITY CENTER CERTIFY AMATEUR STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES

How proposal changes current rule:

- Requires all international prospective student-athletes to have their amateurism certified through the NCAA Eligibility Center.



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2022-3: ELIGIBILITY – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION – ONLY COMPETITION TRIGGERING USE OF A SEASON

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

Source: Atlantic East Conference, Empire 8 and Liberty League.



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2022-3: ELIGIBILITY – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION – ONLY COMPETITION TRIGGERING USE OF A SEASON

Current Rule:

- A season of intercollegiate participation is counted when a student-athlete participates (practices or competes) during or after the first contest in the traditional segment.



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2022-3: ELIGIBILITY – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – MINIMUM AMOUNT OF PARTICIPATION – ONLY COMPETITION TRIGGERING USE OF A SEASON

How proposal changes current rule:

- A student-athlete would only be charged with a season of eligibility if the student-athlete competes at any point during the traditional season.
- The proposal does not change the 10-semester/15-quarter rule.



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2022-4: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – SPORT CLASSIFIED IN DIVISION I – APPLYING DIVISION I FINANCIAL AID LEGISLATION

Effective Date: Immediate.

Source: Empire 8, Liberty League Conference and State University of New York Athletic Conference.



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2022-4: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – SPORT CLASSIFIED IN DIVISION I – APPLYING DIVISION I FINANCIAL AID LEGISLATION

Current Rule:

- Division III institutions that have sports classified in Division I may apply Division I rules in that sport except for Division I financial aid.
- The institution must apply Division III financial aid regulations of Bylaw 15 in the Division I sport.*

*There are a few schools that were 'grandfathered' in and are allowed to provide athletics aid to their Division I student-athletes.



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2022-4: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – SPORT CLASSIFIED IN DIVISION I – APPLYING DIVISION I FINANCIAL AID LEGISLATION

How proposal changes current rule:

- Allows Division III member institutions with Division I sports to provide athletics aid to their Division I student-athletes consistent with Division I legislation.



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2022-5: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS – SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION – REDUCE THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION MINIMUM TO SIX INSTITUTIONS

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

Source: 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.



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2022-5: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- REDUCE THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION MINIMUM TO SIX INSTITUTIONS

Current Rule:

- The minimum number of conference members required for automatic qualification for Division III championships is seven.



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2022-5: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- REDUCE THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION MINIMUM TO SIX INSTITUTIONS

How proposal changes current rule:

- Reduces the number of conference members required for automatic qualification for a Division III championships from seven to six.



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2022-6: NCAA MEMBERSHIP – MEMBER CONFERENCE – SINGLE-SPORT CONFERENCE – REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

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



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2022-6: NCAA MEMBERSHIP – MEMBER CONFERENCE – SINGLE-SPORT CONFERENCE – REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

Current Rule:

- Conference status granted to single-sport conferences with seven active NCAA member institutions.



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2022-6: NCAA MEMBERSHIP – MEMBER CONFERENCE – SINGLE-SPORT CONFERENCE – REDUCE NUMBER OF MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

How proposal changes current rule:

- Establish a reduction of the minimum number of member institutions required to form a single-sport conference from seven to six.



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2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

Effective Date: Immediate.

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



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2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

Area of Regulation (Preseason)	Current Rule	Proposed Rule
Acclimatization Period	5 days	6 days
Number of full equipment practices during preseason	Equipment use is not regulated except during the acclimatization period	Limit to 8 days of full equipment practices in the preseason (including during the acclimatization period)
Full contact practices	No limitation	Only on days with full-equipment; no more than two consecutive days.
Time of contact	No limitation	No more than 75 minutes for any practice.



2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS

FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

Area of Regulation (Regular Season)	Current Rule	Proposed Rule
Number of practices with full equipment	No limitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No more than two full equipment practices per week of the regular season.• No more than three full equipment practices during a bye week of the regular season



2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

Area of Regulation (Spring Period)	Current Rule	Proposed Rule
Use of Helmets	Helmets are not allowed during the spring period	May use helmets during all 16 days of the spring period
Use of shoulder pads	Shoulder pads are not allowed during the spring period	Shoulder pads are permitted during four of the 16 days (but not before the fifth practice)
Use of practice equipment (e.g., tackling dummies, sleds, etc.)	May only use hand shields	On the four days of shoulder pads may use any equipment to teach blocking and tackling. Remaining 12 days – no change.
Contact	No contact on any day (except with the hand shield)	During the four days of shoulder pads may have 1 v. 1 and other contact necessary to teach blocking and tackling. No tackling another player to the ground. No contact on other 12 days.



2022-8: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – ESTABLISHING EQUESTRIAN AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

Source: Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference and Southern Athletic Association.



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2022-8: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – ESTABLISHING EQUESTRIAN AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN

Current Rule:

- Equestrian is currently not classified as an NCAA sport for Division III (It is an emerging sport for women in Division I and II.)



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2022-8: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – ESTABLISHING EQUESTRIAN AS AN EMERGING SPORT FOR WOMEN

How proposal changes current rule:

- Establishes equestrian as an emerging sport for women in Division III.
- Establishes legislation related to playing and practicing seasons and membership.



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2022-9: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – CONFIRMATION OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT STATUS – ELIMINATION OF WAIVER

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

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



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2022-9: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – CONFIRMATION OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT STATUS – ELIMINATION OF WAIVER

Current Rule:

- An institution is required to confirm a student-athlete's sickle cell trait status in one of three manners:
 - Documentation of results.
 - Pending documentation.
 - A waiver declining confirmation of results. The waiver is accompanied with required education.



2022-9: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – CONFIRMATION OF SICKLE CELL TRAIT STATUS – ELIMINATION OF WAIVER

How proposal changes current rule:

- Eliminates the option for a student-athlete to sign a waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.



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Questions?

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