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)].
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.
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.
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.
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.
How proposal changes current rule:

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2022.

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

Current Rule:

• Conference status granted to single-sport conferences with seven active NCAA 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.
2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

Effective Date: Immediate.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee).
## 2022-7: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRACTICE MODIFICATIONS

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

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<td>Use of Helmets</td>
<td>Helmets are not allowed during the spring period</td>
<td>May use helmets during all 16 days of the spring period</td>
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<td>Use of shoulder pads</td>
<td>Shoulder pads are not allowed during the spring period</td>
<td>Shoulder pads are permitted during four of the 16 days (but not before the fifth practice)</td>
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<td>Use of practice equipment (e.g., tackling dummies, sleds, etc.)</td>
<td>May only use hand shields</td>
<td>On the four days of shoulder pads may use any equipment to teach blocking and tackling. Remaining 12 days – no change.</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>No contact on any day (except with the hand shield)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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.
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.)
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.
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).
Current Rule:

• An institution is required to confirm a student-athlete’s sickle cell trait status in one of three manners:
  o Documentation of results.
  o Pending documentation.
  o 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.
Questions?

• All questions must be submitted via your computer, using the following instructions:
  
  o Click on the chat icon.

  o Type in message and click send.