



# **Division III December Webinar Review of 2023 Convention Legislation**

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# **Agenda.**

## **Friday Business Session.**

- R-2023-1: Special Rule of Order for 2023-7 & 2023-8
- R-2023-2: Special Rule of Order for 2023-10 & 2023-11.

## **Saturday Business Session.**

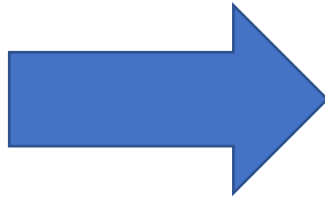
- R-2023-3 and all other proposals.
- Amendment-to-Amendment – 2023-8-1.

## **Questions.**

# Friday Business Session.

Resolutions: Special Rule of Order for Pairs of Competing Proposals.

Division III's current parliamentary procedures require one of the proposals to be discussed and voted upon **without consideration** of the competing proposal.



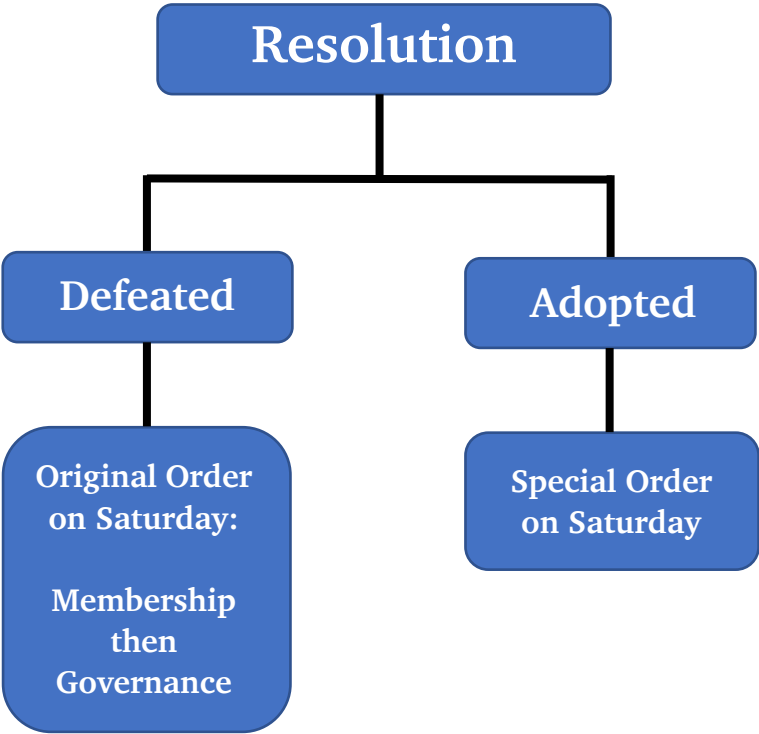
There is a resolution for each pair of competing proposals that suggests a special rule of order for voting.

The rule would permit the merits of each to be considered before a vote to determine which proposal is **preferred** and, as a result, **voted on first**.

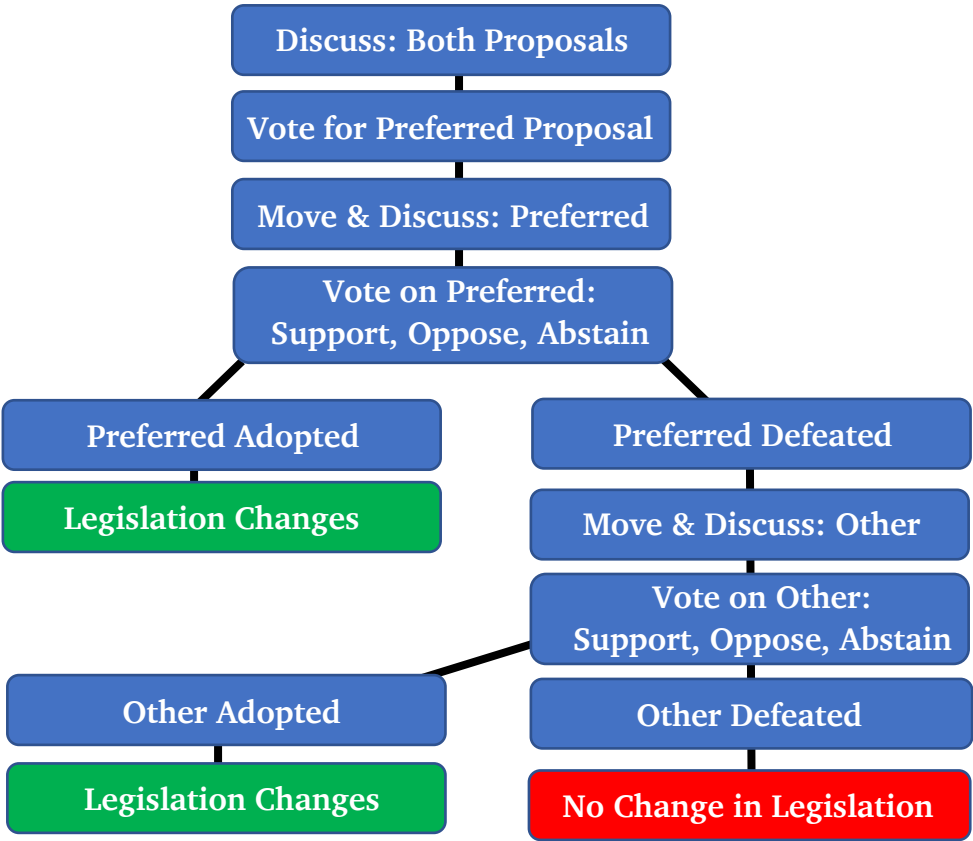
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## Friday: Business Session After the Issues Forum



## Saturday: Business Session



# **Saturday Business Session.**

# **R-2023-3 – Mental Health Hardship Waiver.**

**INTENT:** To urge the governance structure to collaborate and establish a hardship waiver process for Mental Health to be distinguished from a physical injury including its own waiver criteria that recognizes the unique circumstances related to mental health conditions.

# 2023-4 – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Voting Privileges.

Currently.

SAAC offers positions on legislation, but does not vote.

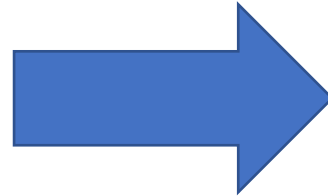
Proposal.

SAAC permitted to have one vote per proposal, beginning in 2024.

# New in the Official Notice:

## Governance Committee/Council Proposal Split.

The governance-sponsored item that would amend the composition of the Presidents and Management Councils and six committees was originally drafted as **a single proposal**.



The original proposal has been **split into two proposals** – one focusing on the six committees (2023-5) and the other on the Presidents and Management Councils (2023-8).



# 2023-5 – Standing DIII Committees.

## Current

<b>Championships</b>	9	- Members include the chair of the Management Council and two other Management Council members; at least three men; at least three women; at least one student-athlete; and at least one member of an ethnic minority.
<b>Financial Aid</b>	12	- Four members shall be financial aid administrators, one of whom shall be from a public institution; one member of the Management Council; at least one president or chancellor; and at least one member of an ethnic minority.
<b>Interpretations &amp; Legislation</b>	8	- One member of the Management Council; one student-athlete representative; one faculty athletics representative; one conference administrator; and at least one member of an ethnic minority.
<b>Membership</b>	10	- One Management Council member; at least one faculty athletics representative, one senior woman administrator; one conference administrator; one president or chancellor; and at least one member of an ethnic minority.
<b>Nominating</b>	8	- One former council member; one Management Council member; one president; at least three men, at least three women, and at least one member of an ethnic minority.
<b>Strategic Planning &amp; Finance</b>	13	- The vice chair and three additional members of the Presidents Council; the vice chair and four additional members of the Management Council; the chair of the Championships Committee; two "at-large" members who do not serve on the Presidents Council, Management Council or Championships Committee; one student-athlete; and at least two members shall be conference administrators

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<b>Championships</b>	9	12	- At least two but no more than three members from each geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13)
<b>Financial Aid</b>	12	10	- At least one representation from Area 4 from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA
<b>Interpretations &amp; Legislation</b>	8	10	- One Management Council representative
<b>Membership</b>	10	10	- One student-athlete
<b>Nominating</b>	8	10	- Minimum of three who identify as female
<b>Strategic Planning &amp; Finance</b>	13	12	- Minimum of three who identify as male
			- Minimum of two who identify as BIPOC
			- Minimum of one conference office staff
			- Minimum of one FAR
			- Minimum of one public institution/multi-sport conference representative
			- No more than one representative from a multi-sport conference

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# 2023-6 – Nominating Committee.

## Current

	Current
Members	Eight members
Representation Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- At least one former NCAA officer or former member of a Council</li><li>- One current member of Management Council</li><li>- Maximum of five members may be at large</li><li>- At least three men, three women</li><li>- At least one ethnic minority</li><li>- At least one member from each of the four geographical regions</li></ul>
Student-Athlete Representation	Advisory capacity for selections to SAAC

# 2023-6 – Nominating Committee.

	Current	2023-5	2023-6
<b>Members</b>	Eight members	10 members	10 members
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least one former NCAA officer or former member of a Council</li> <li>- One current member of Management Council</li> <li>- Maximum of five members may be at large</li> <li>- At least three men</li> <li>- At least three women</li> <li>- At least one ethnic minority</li> <li>- At least one member from each of the four geographical regions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least two but no more than three members from each geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13)</li> <li>- At least one representation from Area 4: CA, CO, OR, TX or WA</li> <li>- One Management Council rep</li> <li>- One student-athlete</li> <li>- Minimum of three who identify as female, three who identify as male</li> <li>- Minimum of two who identify as BIPOC</li> <li>- Minimum of one conference office staff</li> <li>- Minimum of one FAR</li> <li>- Minimum of one public institution/multi-sport conference representative</li> <li>- No more than one representative from a multi-sport conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least one former NCAA officer or former member of a Council</li> <li>- One current member of Management Council</li> <li>- At least four men</li> <li>- At least four women</li> <li>- At least one ethnic minority</li> <li>- At least one member from each of the 10 conference based geographic regions</li> </ul>
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Advisory capacity for selections to SAAC	One SAAC member	Advisory capacity for selections to SAAC

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# 2023-7 & 2023-8 – Presidents Council.

	Current	2023-7	2023-8
<b>Members</b>	20 members	Half the number of active multisport conferences and two student-athletes (currently, 24 members). No less than 18	20 members
<b>Nomination</b>	Nominated by chancellors or presidents	Nominated through Nominating Committee	Nominated by chancellors or presidents
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	Two members from each geographical region (see Bylaw 21.13)	Each active multi-sport conference will have a slot on one of the Councils	- At least three members from each geographical area (see Bylaw 21.13) - At least one representative from Area 4 from CA, CO, OR, TX or WA
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Two student-athletes	Two student-athletes. Would not count as conference representation	Two student-athletes. Would count as conference representation*
<b>Term Length</b>	Four years	Four years	Four years

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# 2023-7 & 2023-8 – Management Council.

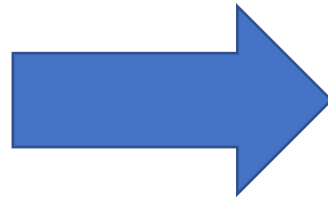
	Current	2023-7	2023-8
<b>Members</b>	21 members	Half the number of active multisport conferences and two student-athletes (currently, 24 members). No less than 18	The number of members to ensure every multi-sport conference has a representative on either Council (currently, 24 members *)
<b>Representation Requirement</b>	Two members from each geographical region (see Bylaw 21.13)	Each active multi-sport conference will have a slot on one of the Councils	Each active multi-sport conference will have a representative on one of the Councils – additional geographic requirements
<b>Student-Athlete Representation</b>	Two student-athletes	Two student-athletes. Would not count as conference representation	Two student-athletes. Would count as conference representation*
<b>Term Length</b>	Four years	Four years	Four years
<b>Council Conference Representation</b>	Conference may have more than one representative on the Councils	Conference should not have more than one representative on the Councils. May occur if numbers drop below 18 on either Council	Conference may not have more than one representative on the Councils

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Amendment-to-Amendment for Proposal 2023-8.

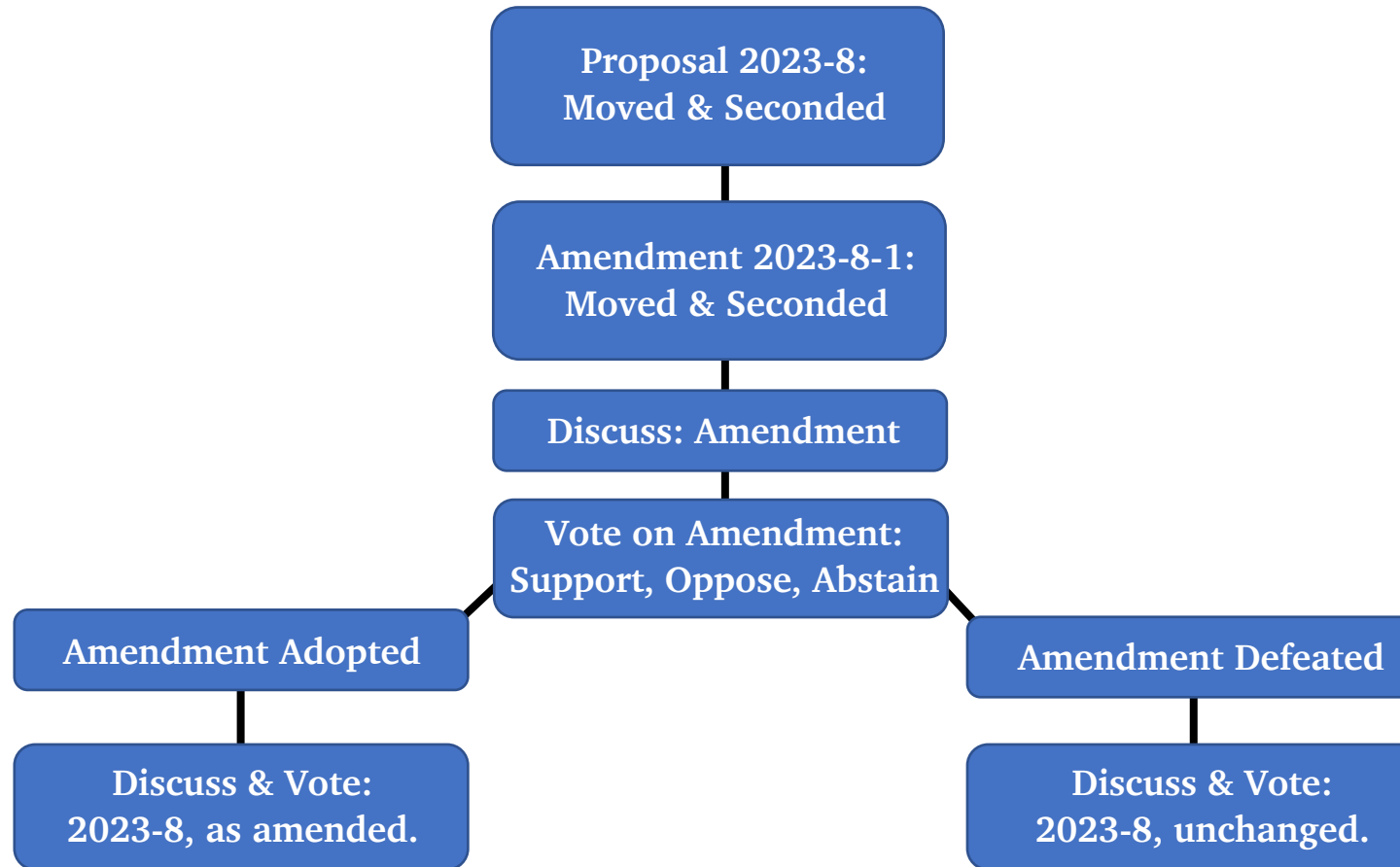
The governance-sponsored proposal that would amend the composition of Presidents and Management Council was originally drafted to **count National SAAC reps as the overall conference rep.**



The proposed amendment (2023-8-1) would modify the proposal to specify that **National SAAC reps would not count** as the overall conference representative.

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## Amendment-to-Amendment for 2023-8.





# 2023-9 – Require Conference Invitation During Membership Process.

Currently.

Institutions that apply for Division III membership are not required to secure conference membership.

Proposal.


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.

# 2023-10 & 2023-11 – Fall Sports

	Current	2023-10	2023-11
<b>Length of Season</b>	18 weeks, including nontraditional segment	114 days	Start & End Dates, plus 24 nontraditional segment days
<b>Start Date</b>	16-unit practice formula from the first scheduled contest	Same as current rule	16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Nontraditional Segment</b>	<p><u>Timeframe:</u> February 1 through five weekdays before 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"> <li>Must occur during consecutive weeks (not more 5 weeks)</li> </ul>	<p>Conclusion of the NCAA Championship through five weekdays before finals</p> <p>Remaining days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One date of competition</li> </ul>	<p><u>Timeline:</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"> <li>No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>
<b>Football</b>			
<b>Length of Season</b>	18 weeks	114 total days	Same as current rule.
<b>Start Date</b>	23 days from the first scheduled contest	Same as current rule	Same as current rule.
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	Same as current rule.
<b>Spring Period</b>	<p>16 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must occur in consecutive weeks (no more than 5 weeks)</li> <li>No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>	<p>16 days (same as current rule)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any remaining unused dates may be used only for strength and conditioning.</li> </ul>	Same as current rule.

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# 2023-10 & 2023-11 – Winter Sports

	Current	2023-10	2023-11
<b>Length of Season</b>	19 consecutive weeks 24 Weeks for Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field	114 days (144 days if Indoor & Outdoor)	114 days (144 if Indoor & Outdoor)
<b>Start Date</b>	September 7 or first day of classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball: 10/15</li> <li>Hockey: off-ice first Monday in October, on-ice the second Monday</li> <li>Wrestling: 10/10</li> </ul>	Seventh day after the first day of classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hockey: limited to off-ice training until second Monday in October</li> <li>Wrestling: limited to strength &amp; conditioning until October 10</li> </ul>	Same as current rule
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Out-of-Season</b>	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"> <li>May also compete (if contests remaining) in all sports except basketball and ice hockey</li> </ul>	May use up to 8 of the 114 days before or after the season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May not compete outside the season</li> </ul>
			

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# 2023-10 & 2023-11 – Spring Sports

	Current	2023-10	2023-11
<b>Defined By</b>	19 consecutive weeks, including nontraditional segment	114 days	Start & End Dates, plus 24 nontraditional segment days
<b>Start Date</b>	September 7 or first day of classes	January 15	15 weeks before the NCAA championship election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May use 12 of the 24 nontraditional days to start 17 weeks before selection</li> </ul>
<b>End Date</b>	Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Nontraditional Segment</b>	<u>Timeline:</u> September 7 or first day of classes through five weekdays before finals  <u>Opportunities:</u> 16 days including one date of competition (no more than 4 days per week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must occur during consecutive weeks (not more than 5 weeks)</li> </ul>	<u>Timeline:</u> Seventh day after first day of classes through January 14; End of traditional season through five weekdays before Spring finals  <u>Opportunities:</u> May use remaining days including one date of competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May not use days during vacation or exam periods</li> </ul>	<u>Timeline:</u> September 7 or the first day of classes through five weekdays before Fall finals  <u>Opportunities:</u> 24 days including one date of competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No more than 4 days per week</li> </ul>
<b>Period Sports (Golf, Rowing, Tennis)</b>			
<b>Defined By</b>	19 consecutive weeks	114 days	114 days
<b>Start Date</b>	<u>Fall:</u> 16-unit practice formula from the first permissible contest  <u>Spring:</u> January 15	Same as current rule	Same as current rule
<b>End Date</b>	<u>Fall:</u> five weekdays before finals  <u>Spring:</u> Conclusion of the NCAA Championship	Same as current rule	<u>Fall:</u> Same as current rule  <u>Spring:</u> NCAA Championship Selection
<b>Out-of-Season</b>	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 rule

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# 2023-12 – Acclimatization Period for Fall Sports.

	Current	2023-12
<b>Start Date</b>	16-unit practice formula from the first scheduled contest.	18 days before the first scheduled contest.  Water Polo, only: 21-units before the first scheduled contest using the existing formula.
<b>Acclimatization Period</b>  <b>All Fall Sports Except Football</b>  <b>* Applies to the Fall Season in Period Sports (Golf, Rowing &amp; Tennis)</b>	Transition periods must be consistent with the  Interassociation Recommendations:  Preventing Catastrophic Injury and Death in Collegiate Athletes.	<p><u>Day 1:</u> One practice (3 hours) and one walk-through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Days 2-4:</u> One practice (3 hours) and one walk- through (1 hour). The team must have a 3-hour recovery time. Equipment use is not permitted.</p> <p><u>Days 5-7:</u> Weight training is permitted but a team is prohibited from engaging in outside competition.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For <b>golf</b>, a team is permitted 5 hours of practice per day. The team must still adhere to the 3-hour recovery requirement.</p>

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# 2023-13 – Division Membership – Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport for Women.

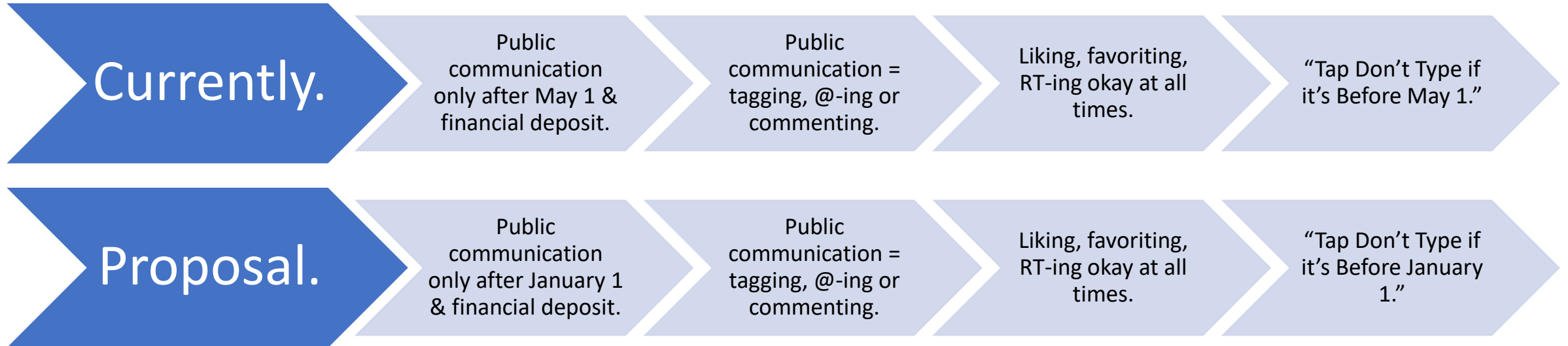
Currently.

Stunt is not currently recognized in Division III.

Proposal.

Add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

# 2023-14 – Social Media – Allowing Public Communication After January 1st of Senior Year in High School.



# **2023-15 – Division Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Elimination of Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guide Submission Requirements.**

**Currently.**

Active DIII institutions and conferences must complete an ISSG or CSSG once every five years.

**Proposal.**

Eliminate this requirement.



# Questions?

2023 NCAA Convention Resources can be found [here](#) and include:

- Proposal Q+A.
- Proposal comparison charts.
- Issues Forum and Business Session agendas.