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# Division III Monthly Compliance Webinar

Talking About, Making and Waiving the Rules!

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# Game Plan.

- Explain what we're doing here.
- Talk about the rules.
  - But which rules?
  - How they're changed or made in the first place.
  - How they're waived.
- Save time for questions.



Explain What We're Doing Here.



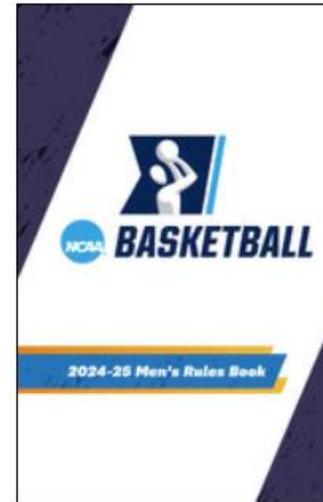
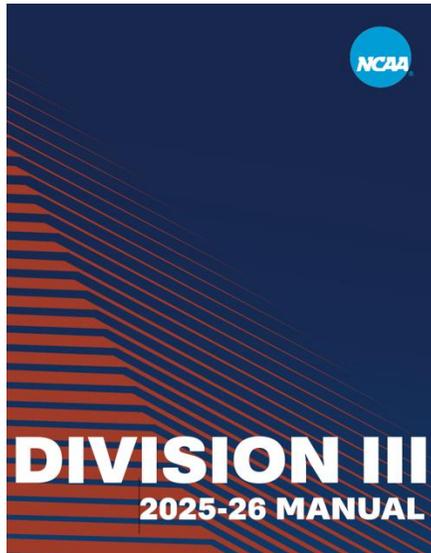
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Talk About The Rules.



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# But Which Rules?



Bylaws = Legislation = Rules

Playing Rules



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# How They're Changed/Made.

- **Emergency Legislation**

- Adopted by Presidents Council
- Immediately effective
- Ratified (or not) by full membership at next Convention

- **Noncontroversial Legislation**

- Adopted by a council using a two-step process
- Immediately effective
- Ratified (or not) by full membership at next Convention

- **Convention Proposals**

- Move through the legislative process
- Voted on by full membership at Convention



# How They're Changed/Made.

## From the Membership

School or conference  
has an idea



Submits idea to NCAA



Finds some friends  
(20 schools or 2 conferences)



Proposal goes for a vote

## From the Governance Structure

DIII or A-wide committee has an  
idea



Management Council or  
Presidents Council likes the idea

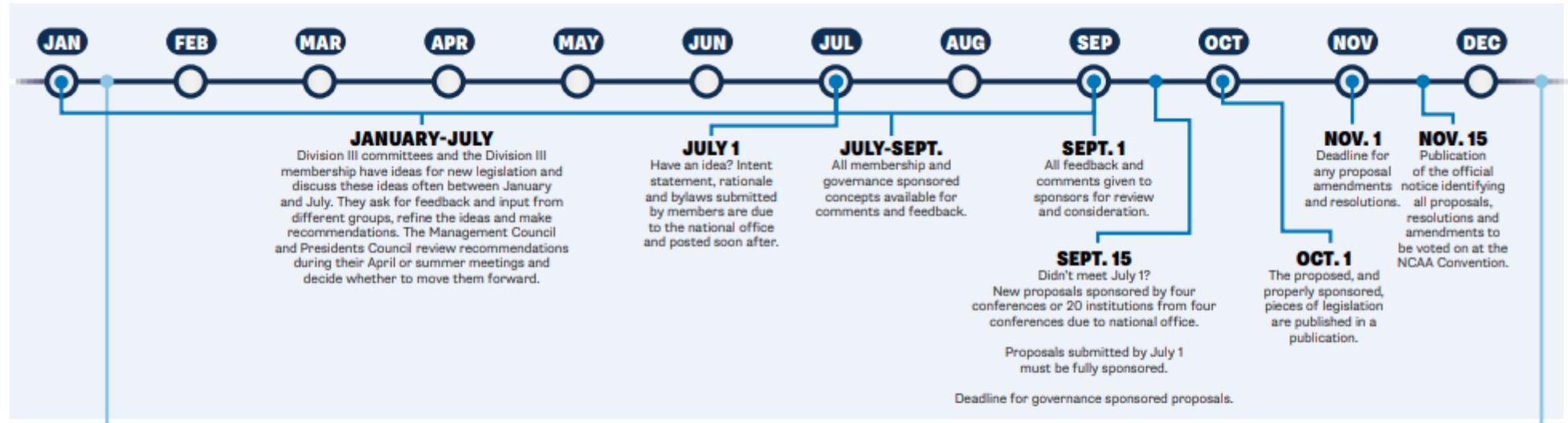


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# How They're Changed/Made.

## Legislative Calendar



## Convention

The NCAA Convention, held each year in January, is the finish line for all sponsored proposals in Division III. Delegates from every school and conference gather during a Convention Business Session to cast their votes on each proposal.

Since the division was established in 1973, it has operated under a "one institution, one vote" model. The Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also has one vote at the Business Session.



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# How The Rules Are Waived.



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# Wiggle Room.

## Legislated Exceptions

- In the manual.
- Self-applied on campus.
- Approved/modified by the membership, through normal legislative processes.



## Legislative Relief Waivers

- Filed in RSRO.
- Decided by staff and/or subcommittee.
- Guidelines/directives document is reviewed twice annually.



# Who Decides Waivers?

**COMMITTEE ON  
STUDENT-ATHLETE  
REINSTATEMENT**

**SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
LEGISLATIVE RELIEF**

**PRESIDENTS  
COUNCIL**

**MANAGEMENT  
COUNCIL**

**MEMBERSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS  
COMMITTEE**

\* Staff (sometimes with help from subject matter expert).



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# Waivers!

**Directives:** Express, required waiver criteria that, when satisfied and appropriately documented, will result in relief.

**Guidelines:** Recommended, general guidance on the type of mitigation and documentation that should be considered when providing relief.

**Information standards:** Specific, required documentation for a particular type of waiver.

- Given to staff by the (sub)committee to guide case decisions.
- Reviewed twice annually.



# Waivers!

**Checks and balances:** Even in the specific (and limited!) instances where staff issues approvals based on something *other* than an established directive or guideline, the (sub)committee has the opportunity to review those decisions.

- Student-Athlete Well-Being.
- Totality of the Circumstances.



Save Time For Questions.



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