Guide to Grid Completion

NCAA Division II SAAC
2017 Legislative Grids
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Division II Legislative Cycle (Standard)

Legislative Concept Developed.

Sponsored by NCAA Membership
July 15 Deadline.

Sponsored by NCAA Presidents Council
September Deadline.

Legislative Grids developed and sent to every campus.

SAAC voice is heard on Convention floor in January.

Campus Grids returned to national SAAC representative for national SAAC position.

Campus SAAC discussion and vote. Grids completed with comments.
Best-Practices for Campus Grid Completion:

- Each of the institution’s NCAA-sponsored teams should be represented by at least one student-athlete during the vote.
- Use a ONE VOTE PER TEAM voting method.
- Designate a student-athlete to take notes during the discussion. These are ultimately the “Comments” section of the grids.
- Have a SAAC advisor or staff member present to clarify an unforeseen question immediately as it arises.
- Abstentions on proposals not affecting your institution are appropriate (ex: abstentions on football proposals by institutions not sponsoring football).
Understanding the Grids

What:

Legislative Grids are a summary of all the proposed new rules or changes to the current rules for Division II.

Why:

The comments and votes of each campus SAAC are compiled from these grids and shape the voice of the national SAAC before legislation is voted on and becomes effective.
## COMPLETING THE GRIDS

**Sample Legislative Grid**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Proposal Title and Number; Affected Bylaw</th>
<th>Intent Statement</th>
<th>S</th>
<th>O</th>
<th>A</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>SPOPL Number:</strong> 16</td>
<td><strong>Intent:</strong> To specify that a student-athlete who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence is not eligible to participate in any NCAA championship during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence. <strong>Rationale:</strong> The intent of the transfer residence requirement is for a student-athlete to be withheld from all competition for one full academic year. It is not appropriate for a student-athlete to be eligible for NCAA championships that occur during the vacation period immediately following the conclusion of the transfer residence requirement, since that championship was tied to a season during which the individual was not eligible for other competition.</td>
<td></td>
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<td>This is a sample of what the grids look like when they arrive on each campus</td>
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<td><strong>Effective Date:</strong> August 1, 2007</td>
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<td><strong>Title:</strong> ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT -- CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY</td>
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<td><strong>Affected Bylaw:</strong> 14.5.1.4</td>
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Grid Components

- **Proposal Title and Number; Affected Bylaw:** This component is used to categorize the legislation if and when it would be added to the Division II Manual. Current bylaws affected are also included when applicable.

- **Intent Statement:** This component details what changes or additions would be made to the current rules. These get to the heart of the proposal.

- **Rationale:** This component explains why the sponsor of the proposal thinks the change is necessary and beneficial. The rationale should spark discussion; it will always be in *italics* on the grids.
# VOTING – SAMPLE GRID

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<tr>
<td>Support</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
<td>Abstain</td>
<td><strong>Oppose</strong>- Red-shirting gives an unfair “opportunity to compete” to red-shirted S-A</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>3</td>
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- **Support**- These games do not count towards championships so they are more like practice than competition.

- The comments section (In a simple list like the example) is the most crucial portion of grid completion, because national SAAC discusses its position from these comments. In a close vote, always write comments for both positions.

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It’s important to write the tally for each position, not just check one box.
Submission and Deadlines

- Each campus sends completed grids via email or hard copy to their respective conference or independent representative on the national SAAC - **Deadline: September 27, 2016.**

- National SAAC representatives send the completed grids to the national SAAC vice-chair - **Deadline: October 31, 2016.**
Resources for Grid Success

- People in your neighborhood: Senior Woman Administrator, Compliance Coordinator, Athletics Director, Faculty Athletic Representative, Conference Office or SAAC liaison. (these people are available to clarify any proposals you may not understand).

- NCAA Website: 

- Jake Long, Division II SAAC Vice Chair, Legislation Subcommittee Chair (jlong003@regis.edu).

- Legislative Subcommittee Members.
SAAC Legislative Timeline

- **July**
  - National SAAC members see proposals for the first time.

- **September/October**
  - Grids are put together and sent to each campus.
  - Grids are due to national SAAC representative by October 30, 2016.

- **November**
  - National SAAC determines positions and write speeches based on the comments submitted.

- **January 2017 Convention**
  - National SAAC representatives speak on the Convention floor and cast their vote on behalf of Division II student-athletes!!
FINISH LINE

- Division II national SAAC represents over 110,000 student-athletes.
- For an accurate reflection of all student-athlete votes, every campus must submit a completed grid.
- Grids are the voice of the student-athlete in Division II.
SAAC VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!