When people think about college sports, they most often think about Division I. Its teams are usually the ones broadcast on television, they have the highest profiles, and they are frequently subjected to public scrutiny.

The Division I governance structure provides autonomy for the 65 schools in the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC, including three student-athletes from each conference. Members of the Division I Council vote on proposals and amendments to the rules.

Coaches and others knowledgeable about a particular sport make up committees that recommend to the Competitions Oversight Committee and the National College Faculty Chair. The Council then discusses the committee’s recommendations and votes on proposals and amendments.

The Council votes to narrow the scope of the proposals. Once again, the proposed legislation could be introduced through a committee structure or conference.