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On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association’s 114th annual Convention scheduled January 22 through 25, 2020, in Anaheim, California.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2020 Convention. This publication is sent to the president or chancellor, director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator and senior compliance administrator at each active NCAA Division II member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division II business session of the 2020 Convention, including amendments-to-amendments. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before attending the Convention. It is particularly important that each Division II delegate bring a copy of the Official Notice to the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Division II Convention legislation.

In addition to the consideration of legislation, Division II delegates also will participate in educational and discussion sessions about topics of concern within the division and the Association.

We hope you will arrive in time to join delegates from all divisions at the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) Thursday evening. The NCAA Delegates Reception will be held Thursday evening immediately after the plenary session.

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2020 Convention. We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim, California.

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Chair, NCAA Board of Governors

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Chair, Division I Board of Directors

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President, Daemen College
Chair, Division II Presidents Council

Sue Henderson
President, New Jersey City University
Chair, Division III Presidents Council

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Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the president or chancellor of each member institution or organization. In November 2019, a link to the appointment of delegate website was emailed to the president or chancellor of all member institutions and organizations. The link was also made available on the NCAA website (ncaa.org/convention) under the Appointment of Delegate section.

It is important that the voting delegate be properly accredited, and this is to urge appointing officers to submit the required information to the NCAA national office at their earliest convenience.

An institution’s or organization’s president or chancellor shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional or organizational discretion.

Please note also that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions and organizations to include women in their NCAA Convention delegations.

If an institution’s or organization’s president or chancellor fails to submit the online delegate appointment form, that institution’s or organization’s representatives will be registered as visitors until the president or chancellor certifies in writing the voting and alternate delegates. No other institutional or organizational representatives are permitted to complete a delegate appointment form.

Once the online delegate appointment form has been verified by the president or chancellor, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without written instructions from that president or chancellor. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the president or chancellor.

Visiting delegates, except in certain situations, do not have speaking privileges at the Convention.

At the Convention, each individual representing a member institution or conference who registers will receive a sage Convention badge designating the individual as a delegate, except each president and chancellor will receive a badge with a purple color designation signifying their professional title. Speakers and presenters for menu sessions will receive badges with a teal color designation. Convention vendors will receive badges with a denim color designation. Media will receive badges with a yellow color designation. Individuals attending the Convention as a visitor will receive a badge with an orange color designation.

Voting delegates receive sage lanyards and alternate delegates receive blue lanyards. Other delegates with speaking rights receive green lanyards. Delegates without speaking rights and other observers receive white lanyards.

The Convention registration fee for NCAA members was $325 for all delegates who registered on or before Wednesday, October 9, and $450 for all delegates who register by Wednesday, November 27. Member registration fees after November 28
are $600.

The registration fee includes all NCAA Convention programming and one ticket to the Delegates Reception on Thursday, January 23 and Delegates Breakfast on Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25. Tickets to the Honors Celebration and Association Luncheon have sold out. Both will have a standby line available to Convention attendees without tickets, with seating 15 minutes before the event begins. Standby admission to the Honors Celebration is $20 to be paid at time of entry (cash only). Standby admission to the Association Luncheon is free.

Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was distributed to the membership in mid-September. An online registration process was also made available for event registration and hotel reservations. If there is anything further the NCAA can do to facilitate your attendance at the Association’s 2020 Convention, please contact us.

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org/convention). In addition, the Convention Program (available through the Convention app and in print in limited quantities) contains the most up-to-date schedule of meetings held in conjunction with the Convention. Please also note that the Convention officially begins when the NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) convenes at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 23. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for January 25.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 114th annual Convention begin on Page 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

It is important that each Division II delegate bring a copy of the Official Notice to the Convention, inasmuch as the Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Convention legislation for the 2020 Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of Constitution 5.3, an amendment to the Association’s legislation may be proposed by the NCAA Board of Governors, Division II Presidents Council, by any 15 or more active Division II member institutions or by two active conferences on behalf of 15 or more active member institutions eligible to vote on the matter. The source is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

All proposals designated by the Division II Presidents Council for roll-call votes are indicated with an asterisk preceding the proposals in this publication, as well as in the voting designation accompanying each such proposal.

Please note that the Presidents Council is authorized to distribute during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative
proposals.

Amendments-to-Amendments

All amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline were printed in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website August 15. Sponsors of those proposals were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. In the interim, the Board of Governors and the Division II Presidents Council had until September 1 to submit their legislative proposals. All proposals were provided to the membership September 20 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Board of Governors, Division II Presidents Council, any eight or more active Division II member institutions or one active conference on behalf of eight or more active member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments, if any, are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication, if any. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2020 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Board of Governors or Division II Presidents Council and distributed before or during the business session.

Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the academic and membership affairs staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Review of Interpretations

The Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division II. These rulings are subject to review by the Division II membership upon the request of any member in accordance with NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.4. Any Division II member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the academic and membership affairs staff via electronic mail to the primary contact individuals — chooks@ncaa.org or kwolf@ncaa.org — not later than November 21, 2019.

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the Presidents Council

The Presidents Council may adopt "emergency" legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when the NCAA must respond to, or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation,
ADR or governmental proceedings, per Constitution 5.3.1.1.2. Such "emergency" legislation shall be adopted by at least a three-fourths majority of the members of the Presidents Council present and voting. The Presidents Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. Acceptance of the report of the Presidents Council during the Division II business session ratifies the Presidents Council’s actions in this regard.

**Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division II Manual**

The Legislation Committee and the Academics Requirement Committee are authorized to recommend interpretations to be incorporated in the next printing of the NCAA Division II Manual. Such incorporations are approved by the Division II Management Council and then are printed in the Official Notice of the Convention. Any additional interpretations approved by the Management Council are distributed to the delegates at the Division II business session. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session will approve incorporation of the interpretations as distributed. A delegate may object to the incorporation of a particular interpretation at the time of the Management Council report, and the Division II membership will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that specific interpretation.

**Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the Management Council**

The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council), is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association’s legislation, per Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the Presidents Council, or the entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council). The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council in 2019 appear in Appendix A. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session approves the Management Council’s actions in this regard.

**Order of Business**

The NCAA Plenary Session: State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) of the 114th annual Convention will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 23. The "State of the Association" address by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

The various proposals will be taken up in their numerical order, unless that order is changed at the Convention. Amendments for the annual Convention are grouped topically by area and will be presented as indicated on page xii.
In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association’s established procedure will be followed (i.e., consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification). In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping may become moot.

**Voting Procedures**

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Constitution 5.1.4.4. Each voting delegate, when registering, receives a “voting paddle” for use in indicating the institution’s vote when the chair calls for a “paddle” vote (Appendix B). Voting delegates receive orange paddles.

For roll-call votes, the Association utilizes an electronic voting system. Upon registering for the Convention, each voting delegate moves to the general registration area to receive the voting unit identification card that has been coded for that member institution or conference. The voting delegate must turn in the voting unit identification card contained in the registration envelope to obtain the electronic unit.

Amendments to federated provisions are voted on by divisions, with a majority vote required for approval. In such instances (federated provisions), each division is committed to the result of its counted vote. Any member that voted on the prevailing side can request reconsideration of the recorded vote of its division on an issue at any time before the conclusion of voting during that session. Each proposal includes a designation of the division(s) that votes on that item and the type of vote involved (federated or common).

Delegates are urged to register and receive their voting materials before the opening business session begins at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 23. In addition, all voting in the division business sessions shall be by show of paddles (or by electronic roll-call votes), rather than by voice or hand.

**Memorial Resolutions**

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who passed away during the year. It is requested that the names of persons to be honored in this manner be submitted to the NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222.

**Administrative Structure**

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors, and Division II Presidents Council and Management Council, are listed in Appendix C.
Request for Interpretations

Division II member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention.

All such requests must be received to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via email to the primary contact individuals, chooks@ncaa.org or kwolf@ncaa.org, not later than November 21, 2019. Requests will be considered by the appropriate interpretative entities and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division II Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting January 22. The resulting interpretations will be duplicated and distributed to the conferences for their pre-Convention meetings before the beginning of the business session January 25.
TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and **strikethrough** are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface** and **underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The frequently asked questions section following each proposal in the white pages is designed to provide further clarification regarding the application of the proposal and/or the rationale for the legislative change. The information includes frequently asked questions, figures and other information. Further information regarding the application of the proposals is available in the 2020 Convention Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). (Note: The sponsors of the seven membership proposals approved the information included in the additional information section for those proposals.)

DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The NCAA Division II Presidents Council has determined that it will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II presidents or chancellors.

Legislative proposals developed by the Division II Management Council or by Division II committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division II Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. This procedure was established to affirm presidential control of intercollegiate athletics in Division II.

The Division II Presidents Council has identified those proposals that it believes are of particular interest to Division II presidents or chancellors and has included them in the Presidents Council grouping. It should be noted, however, that inclusion of proposals in the Presidents Council grouping does not necessarily constitute a position by the Division II Presidents Council for or against a proposal. Those proposals with an asterisk before the proposal number have been identified by the Presidents Council as roll-call votes. Delegates should refer to each proposal’s source line for information regarding the sponsor of each proposal.
[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption at the NCAA Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]
Emerging Sports Package

No. 2020-1 (2-12) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

Intent: To add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.03, as follows:

20.03 Emerging Sports for Women.

20.03.1 Definition of Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.10.3.2):

(a) Team Sports: acrobatics and tumbling and rugby; and

[20.03.1-(b) unchanged.]

[20.03.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.4.2, as follows:

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.4.2.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.4.2.1.1 unchanged.]

15.4.2.1.2 Women’s Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.2.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women’s sport, as follows:

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C. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.

17.02.16 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution’s president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

17.02.16-(a) through 17.02.16-(c) unchanged.

17.02.16.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

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17.02.16.2 unchanged.

17.02.17 through 17.02.18 unchanged.

17.1 unchanged.

17.2 Acrobatics and Tumbling. Regulations for computing the acrobatics and tumbling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in acrobatics and tumbling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in acrobatics and tumbling prior to September 7 or the institution’s fourth day of classes for the fall term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier.

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling prior to February 1.

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in acrobatics and tumbling by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association.
National Championships (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling to 12 dates of competition, which may include not more than two tri-meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3, 17.2.5.4 and 17.2.5.5.

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 12 dates of competition, which may include not more than two tri-meets. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3, 17.2.5.4 and 17.2.5.5.

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship in acrobatics and tumbling;

(b) Season-Ending Championship. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, by a member institution located outside those locales;

(e) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.16.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in acrobatics and tumbling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:
(1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.2.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling each year. An institution may exempt not more than three from this list annually:

(a) Foreign Team in United States. A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(b) Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution. An exhibition date of competition against non-Division II four-year collegiate institution(s); or

(c) Scrimmages. A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.2.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.2.5.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:

(a) The signing of a scorebook by an official; or

(b) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

17.2.5.5 Once-in-Four Years Exemption -- Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.3.

17.2.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by the Management Council. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

17.2.6.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is
engaged in acrobatics and tumbling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual’s workouts.

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in acrobatics and tumbling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside acrobatics and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur acrobatics and tumbling team.

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.30.

17.2.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing acrobatics and tumbling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.2.2.

17.2.9.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures.

[17.2 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.3 through 17.31, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and acrobatics and tumbling, the institution's team
shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.9 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.10 Acrobatics and Tumbling. In acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and tri-meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Tri-meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two tri-meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests by a member institution.
Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: The sport's potential for growth and support from the sport's national governing body supports this recommendation. In addition, acrobatics and tumbling leadership demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of an NCAA sport student-athlete and how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes are fully integrated into athletics departments. Further, the existing organizational structure and bylaws support efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into current operations. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to providing robust participation opportunities during the regular season and post season, including the national championship.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements?

Answer: A Division II institution may use emerging sports to help meet the NCAA membership minimum sports-sponsorship requirements provided minimum contest and participant requirements are met.

Question No. 2: What is the proposed championship segment for women's acrobatics and tumbling?

Answer: Spring.

Question No. 3: Are all three divisions considering proposals to add women's acrobatics and tumbling to the emerging sports lists for women?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If a Division II institution has a varsity acrobatics and tumbling team, will the team need to apply NCAA Division II legislation?

Answer: Yes. Any team recognized by the institution as a varsity team must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association.

No. 2020-2 (2-13) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, RECRUITING, ELIGIBILITY, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – WOMEN’S WRESTLING

Intent: To add women's wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to recruiting, eligibility, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.03, as follows:

20.03 Emerging Sports for Women.

20.03.1 Definition of Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.10.3.2):

[20.03.1-(a) unchanged.]
(b) Individual Sports: equestrian and triathlon and women's wrestling.

[20.03.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The tryout may include tests to evaluate the prospective student-athlete's strength, speed, agility and sport skills. Except in the sports of football, ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's wrestling and women's wrestling, the tryout may include competition. In the sport of football, the prospective student-athletes shall not wear helmets or pads;

[13.11.2.1-(e) through 13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.7, as follows:

14.7 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaws 14.3.1.2.3, 14.3.1.6.3 and 17.02.10) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

14.7.1 Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in his or her sport (other than basketball) if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions) until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

[14.7.1.1 unchanged.]

14.7.1.2 Additional Restriction -- Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2.

[14.7.1.3 unchanged.]

[14.7.2 through 14.7.3 unchanged.]

14.7.3.4 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, provided the student-athlete:

[14.7.3.4-(a) through 14.7.3.4-(c) unchanged.]

14.7.3.4.1 No Competition Between Beginning of Academic Year and November 1 -- Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's
wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.

[14.7.3.5 unchanged.]

[14.7.4 through 14.7.6 unchanged.]

D. **Bylaws**: Amend 15.4.2, as follows:

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.4.2.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.4.2.1.1 unchanged.]

15.4.2.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.2.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows:

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[15.4.2.1.3 through 15.4.2.1.4 unchanged.]

[15.4.2.2 unchanged.]

E. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.8, as follows:

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition.

16.8.1 Permissible. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for competition. [D]
16.8.1.1 Exception – Practice Partner at the NCAA Division II Men’s Wrestling Championship. In wrestling, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete not selected for the NCAA Division II Men’s Wrestling Championship, to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation.

[16.8.1.2 through 16.8.1.3 unchanged.]

[16.8.2 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.16.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw:

   Bowling, Women’s                Skiing
   Cross Country                   Swimming and Diving
   Equestrian, Women’s             Tennis
   Fencing                        Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
   Golf                            Triathlon, Women’s
   Gymnastics                     Wrestling, Men’s and Women’s
   Rifle

[17.02.17 through 17.02.18 unchanged.]

[17.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete’s participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(1) through 17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) In men’s and women’s wrestling, from September 7 or the institution’s fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the day before October 10.

[17.1.6.3.1-(b) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.2 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

[17.1.6.4 through 17.1.6.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

[17.2 through 17.26 unchanged.]

17.27 Wrestling, Men’s.
Regulations for computing the men's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in men's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.27.2 Weight Training, Conditioning, Team Activities and/or Practice. A member institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3 before September 7 or the institution’s fourth day of classes for the fall term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's wrestling before October 10.

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's wrestling before November 1.

17.27.3.1 Exceptions. The following men's wrestling dates of competition may be conducted at any time during the men's wrestling playing and practice season:

[17.27.3.1-(a) through 17.27.3.1-(d) unchanged.]

[17.27.4 unchanged.]

17.27.5 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in men's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.27.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible men's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.6.3, 17.27.6.4 and 17.27.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.27.6.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.27.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in men's wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.
17.27.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling shall exclude the following:

[17.27.6.3-(a) through 17.27.6.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in men's wrestling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

[17.27.6.3-(g)-(1) through 17.27.6.3-(g)-(2) unchanged.]

[17.27.6.3-(h) through 17.27.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

17.27.6.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling each year. An institution may exempt not more than three from this list annually:

[17.27.6.4-(a) through 17.27.6.4-(c) unchanged.]

[17.27.6.4.1 unchanged.]

[17.27.6.5 unchanged.]

[17.27.7 through 17.27.8 unchanged.]

17.27.9 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in men's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.27.10 Other Restrictions.

17.27.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate men's wrestling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate men's wrestling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside men's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate men's wrestling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.27.10.1.2 Out of Season. A student-athlete is not permitted to practice or compete on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team or as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. At other times, there are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team.

17.27.10.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility
remaining from the institution's men’s wrestling team, except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.29.

[17.27.10.1.2.2 unchanged.]

17.27.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing men’s wrestling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.27.2.

[17.27.10.2.1 unchanged.]

17.28 Wrestling, Women’s.

Regulations for computing the women’s wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2)

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in women’s wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.28.2 Weight Training, Conditioning, Team Activities and/or Practice. A member institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3 before September 7 or the institution’s fourth day of classes for the spring term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women’s wrestling before October 10.

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women’s wrestling before November 1.

17.28.3.1 Exceptions. The following women’s wrestling dates of competition may be conducted at any time during the women’s wrestling playing and practice season:

(a) Alumni game [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(d)];

(b) Fundraising activity [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(f)];

(c) Celebrity sports activity [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(g)]; and

(d) Discretionary exemptions (see Bylaw 17.28.6.4).

17.28.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities and Transportation -- Winter Break. (See Bylaw 17.02.18 for the definition of the winter break.)

17.28.4.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. A student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities during the winter break (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

17.28.4.2 Transportation. An institution shall not provide transportation in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break.

17.28.4.2.1 Exception -- Travel on the First Day of the Winter Break. An institution may travel on the first day of the winter break after an away-from-home competition, provided that is the earliest practical opportunity to return to campus.
17.28.5 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.28.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible women's wrestling season to 16 dates of competition, which may not include more than two two-day meets or no more than two occasions in which dual meets held on two consecutive days that shall count each as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.28.6.3, 17.28.6.4 and 17.28.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.28.6.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada or Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.28.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.28.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's wrestling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament or playoff;

(b) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;

(c) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(d) Alumni Game. One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any dates of competition played in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii,
Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, by a member institution located outside those locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate (or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.16.2, in which team members of that sport participate) with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds to benefit the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's wrestling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport; and


17.28.6.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in women's wrestling each year. An institution may not exempt more than three from this list annually:

(a) Foreign Team in United States. A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(b) Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution. An exhibition date of competition against non-Division II four-year collegiate institution(s); or

(c) Scrimmages. A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.28.6.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.28.6.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:

(a) The signing of a scorebook by an official; or

(b) The score is used for individual or season statistics.

17.28.6.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

17.28.7 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities
outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.28.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.6.3.

17.28.7.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by the Management Council. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

17.28.7.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.28.8 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts.

17.28.9 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.28.10 Other Restrictions.

17.28.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate women's wrestling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate women's wrestling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate women's wrestling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.28.10.1.2 Out of Season. A student-athlete is not permitted to practice or compete on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team or as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. At other times, there are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team.

17.28.10.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's wrestling team, except as provided under Bylaw 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.30.
17.28.10.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

17.28.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing women's wrestling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.28.2.

17.28.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures.

[17.28 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.29 through 17.31, unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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H. Bylaws: Amend 21.3, as follows:

21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

[21.3.1 through 21.3.13 unchanged.]

21.3.14 Men's Wrestling Rules Committee. The Men's Wrestling Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.3.14-(a) through 21.3.14-(b) unchanged.]

I. Administrative: Amend 31.3.4.6, as follows:

31.3.4.6 Sport Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows:

[31.3.4.6-(a) through 31.3.4.6-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Other individual sports -- cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing and men's wrestling.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: The continued growth in high school girls wrestling and the number of collegiate institutions sponsoring the sport support this recommendation. In addition, the sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to increase participation opportunities for a more diverse population of student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socio-economic status and body size and type), as well as to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women's wrestling.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements?

Answer: A Division II institution may use emerging sports to help meet the NCAA membership minimum sports-sponsorship requirements provided minimum contest and participant requirements are met.

Question No. 2: What is the proposed championship segment for women's wrestling?

Answer: Winter.

Question No. 3: Are all three divisions considering proposals to add women's wrestling to the emerging sports lists for women?

Answer: Yes.
**Question No. 4:** If the institution has a women’s wrestling team, will that team need to apply NCAA Division II legislation?

**Answer:** Yes. Any team recognized by the institution as a varsity team must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association.
Organization

No. 2020-3 (2-3) ORGANIZATION -- DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL -- ELECTION/TERM OF OFFICE -- SIX YEAR TERM OF OFFICE AND THREE YEAR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TERM LIMIT

Intent: To specify that a member of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve one six-year term with no immediate re-election; further, to specify that the chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve for a period of not more than three years with no immediate re-election.

Constitution: Amend 4.3.3.2, as follows:

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4.3.3.2 Term of Office. Members of the Presidents Council shall serve four six-year terms, which shall conclude following the annual NCAA Convention. Presidents Council members are not eligible for immediate re-election. A Presidents Council member may be elected to an additional term on the Presidents Council after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on the Presidents Council may not serve further on the Presidents Council.

4.3.3.2.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The chair and the vice chair of the Council shall each serve terms not to exceed two three years. The chair and vice chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Presidents Council before serving as chair or vice chair.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for members serving on the Presidents Council on or after August 1, 2020.

Rationale: Current legislation specifies that Division II Presidents Council members shall serve four-year terms. Allowing Council members to serve a six-year term will bring greater continuity and stability of service to the Presidents Council. In addition to continuity for the Presidents Council, the increased length of service will assist with continuing of service by Presidents Council members on the NCAA Board of Governors and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee. Given the duties of the Presidents Council, including establishing the strategic direction of the division, longevity of service and historical memory will benefit the division overall. Further, with the increase of service terms for Council members, the service term for the chair and vice chair should also be increased. Increased continuity for the leadership of the Council will aid in continuity for the Division II representatives on the NCAA Board of Governors and the leadership of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No 1: What is the current legislation regarding the term limit for Division II Presidents Council members?

Answer: Currently, a member of the Division II Presidents Council may serve a four-year term.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, how will the terms of service for the Presidents Council members change?
**Answer:** A member of the Presidents Council may serve a six-year term.

**Question No. 3:** What is the current legislation regarding the term limit for the chair and vice chair of Presidents Council?

**Answer:** The chair and vice chair of the council may serve terms not to exceed two years.

**Question No. 4:** If adopted, how will the terms of service for the chair and vice chair of Presidents Council change?

**Answer:** The chair and vice chair may serve a three-year term.

**Question No. 5:** How will this proposal impact current Presidents Council members?

**Answer:** Anyone on the Presidents Council on or after August 1, 2020 will be permitted to serve a total of six years.
Membership

Intent: To specify that the president or chancellor of an active member institution, and an active member conference, shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Active Membership.
[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]
3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.
[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.22 unchanged.]

3.3.4.23 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. The president or chancellor of an active member institution shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

B. Constitution: Amend 3.4, as follows:

3.4 Member Conference.
[3.4.1 through 3.4.3 unchanged.]
3.4.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.
[3.4.4.1 through 3.4.4.5 unchanged.]

3.4.4.6 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

[3.4.5 through 3.4.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: The designation of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee represents the Association’s recognition of inclusion as a core value. The designation supports the Presidential Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. It is the responsibility of
each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity as acknowledged in Constitution 2.2.2 (Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity). While the NCAA national office provides valuable resources and programming to support the membership’s efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments, often institutional and conference personnel are not aware of available resources or opportunities. This proposal seeks to create a network of colleagues who will serve as the conduit for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, the athletics departments and the NCAA. The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department. The contact information for the designated staff member will be entered on the institution’s or conference’s NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** What is the definition of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee (ADID)?

**Answer:** An ADID is a staff member that the chancellor/president or commissioner or their proxy appoints in areas related to diversity and inclusion within athletics departments and member campuses. The designee will serve as the department’s/office’s conduit for information related to national, local and campus level issues of diversity and inclusion; and the department’s/office’s promoter of diverse and inclusive practices related to athletics.

**Question No. 2:** Who may be designated as an athletics diversity and inclusion designee?

**Answer:** The ADID can be any staff member of the institution or conference office that is appointed by the chancellor/president or commissioner (or their proxy).

**Question No. 3:** Does this proposal require the athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be a newly hired position?

**Answer:** No, the role can be an added responsibility to an existing staff position; however, the Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee (MOIC) recommends that it not be an institution’s director of athletics.

**Question No. 4:** Will institutions be required to report to the NCAA the name of the individual appointed as the athletics diversity and inclusion designee?

**Answer:** Yes, annually, the contact information for the ADID will be submitted through the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form.

**Intent:** To require that a current active Division II member conference maintain a minimum of eight active member institutions.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.4, as follows:

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3.4 Member Conference.

3.4.1 Eligibility.
3.4.1.1 unchanged.]

3.4.1.2 Composition of Active Conferences. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of this Association. A conference with eight or more active NCAA members may accept an institution in the provisional period of the Division II membership process (see Bylaw 20.2.2) into active conference membership.

[3.4.1.2.1 unchanged.]

[3.4.1.3 through 3.4.1.6 unchanged.]

[3.4.2 through 3.4.6 unchanged.]

Source: East Coast Conference, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Northeast-10 Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Rationale: In 2012, the member conference legislation was amended to require existing conferences to have a minimum of 10 members by 2022. The aim was to ensure long term stability of leagues. While there has been some membership growth, there has also been increased instability within conferences. Schools have changed affiliations, institutions closed, reclassified, merged or dropped athletic programs altogether. These are difficult times for smaller private and public institutions, many of which are in a battle for enrollment and resources. Forecasts show a strong potential for increases in institutions closing or merging and, in turn, athletic programs being negatively affected. While there is a waiver available for active conferences that may fall below the 10-member requirement, without a guarantee of a waiver for as long as needed, the concern about a conference’s ability to operate will always be an issue, causing schools to seek other affiliations. Maintaining the eight institution requirement for active Division II conferences will allow current conferences that may be unable to locate new members due to attrition, location or other factors to continue to provide services to their membership. This proposal does not impact the current requirements for new conferences to have 10 active members.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current minimum number of institutions required to become a Division II conference?

Answer: Current legislation requires an active Division II conference to have a minimum of eight active Division II institutions. By 2022, a conference will be required to have 10 active Division II institutions.

Question No. 2: Does this proposed change apply to active and new conferences alike?

Answer: No. This change applies to the active conferences within Division II. A new conference applying to Division II would be required to have 10 member institutions.

Question No. 3: Will there be a waiver opportunity for a conference that falls below the minimum of eight active institutions?

Answer: Yes. Such waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Division II Membership Committee.
Position Statement(s): Membership Committee: The Membership Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Presidents Council, Management Council: The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors. The Councils also noted the importance of membership and conference stability. Additionally, this proposal takes into account the evolving landscape of higher education and enrollment challenges faced by many institutions.
No. 2020-6 (2-4) RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER

Intent: To replace the “permission to contact” legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a “notification of transfer” model; further, to specify that an institution must place a student-athlete’s written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution’s athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. Authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution’s interest shall comply with the rule of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. (See Bylaw 13.1.5 for legislation regarding contacts and Bylaw 13.1.3.1 for legislation regarding telephone calls.) If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete’s written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Permission to contact is not required for Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete at an NAIA institution; however, the Division II institution’s director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete’s request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete’s written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs; office of the dean of students; or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution’s policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete’s written request for the hearing. The student-athlete
shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days, permission to contact the student-athlete shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.

13.1.1.2.1 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.2 Student-Athlete Withdrawn From Four-Year College. A member institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining permission from the first institution authorization through the notification of transfer process only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal.

13.1.1.2.3 Transfer from Institution on Probation. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain permission in writing authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining seasons of the student-athlete’s eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment.

[13.1.1.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2.5 Discontinued Sport Exception. Permission to contact Authorization through the notification of transfer process is not required for a student-athlete at an institution that indicates through public announcement that the student-athlete’s sport will be discontinued.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.1.3.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.6.1.3.1 Transfer Student. If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the permission authorization required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution’s athletics director first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.5.1 through 14.5.5.4 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 15.1.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]
15.1.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Athletics Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for athletics aid. A student-athlete may be awarded athletics aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance (i.e., was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term). If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be granted athletics aid for a maximum of 10 semesters/15 quarters. Any athletics financial aid provided after 10 semesters/15 quarters is left to the discretion of the institution consistent with institutional policies for awarding financial aid in general. [Note: See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for the financial aid implications in the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution’s athletics director.]

[15.1.1.1 through 15.1.1.4 unchanged.]

Source: Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and East Coast Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for any four-year college student-athlete transferring during the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.

Rationale: This proposal presents a notification-based alternative to replace the existing permission to contact model and improve the recruiting environment associated with four-year college transfer student-athletes. Pursuant to a notification model, a student-athlete would be permitted to explore transfer opportunities at another institution once written notification is provided. Once a notification of transfer has been submitted, the student-athlete would be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal, which will provide more transparency for coaches and student-athletes. Separating access to athletics aid from a permission to contact or notification model enhances student-athlete well-being because a student-athlete’s eligibility for financial aid at a new institution would be based on the general legislative requirements applicable to all student-athletes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: How does the notification of transfer legislation differ from permission to contact?

Answer: The charts below summarize the current and proposed legislation for transfers.
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**Question No. 2:** If this proposal is adopted, will institutions still be able to deny the use of the one-time transfer exception to prevent the student-athlete from being immediately eligible?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 3:** May an institution place restrictions within the NCAA Transfer Portal on which institutions a student-athlete may contact?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 4:** May an institution reduce or cancel a student-athlete’s athletics aid once the student-athlete is placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal?

**Answer:** No. A student-athlete’s written notification to be placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal does not, in and of itself, constitute a voluntary withdrawal from a sport. Therefore, it is not permissible for an institution to reduce or cancel a student-
athlete’s athletics aid during the period of the award based on their written notification of transfer.

**Question No. 5:** If a student-athlete, who has signed an athletics aid agreement prior to July 1 for the following academic year, requests to be placed in the NCAA Transfer Portal, may an institution cancel their athletics aid?

**Answer:** No. An institution may only reduce or cancel the student-athlete’s athletics aid after the period of the award (i.e., by July 1 of the following year).

**Position Statement(s): Legislation Committee:** The Legislation Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

**Management Council:** The Management Council agreed to support this proposal. The Council noted the student-athlete friendly nature of the proposal, by eliminating the ability for institutions to restrict access to athletics aid for a student-athlete who decides to transfer to another institution.

**Presidents Council:** The Presidents Council agreed to oppose this proposal. The Council noted concerns about how a notification of transfer model might impact competitive equity in the division, frequency of transfers, and student-athletes’ progress toward their degrees.

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**No. 2020-7 (2-5)** RECRUITING – LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS – TRANSCRIPT PRIOR TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT OR WRITTEN OFFER OF ATHLETICS AID – ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to issuing a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.9, as follows:

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements.

[13.9.1 unchanged.]

13.9.2 Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletics Aid. An institution shall not provide a high school, college-preparatory school, two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a current high school, college-preparatory school or college transcript (official or unofficial). [D]

13.9.2.1 Exception – High School or College Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete With a Final Academic Certification. An institution may provide a high school or college preparatory school prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid without having received a current high school or college preparatory transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete’s final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

[13.9.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate
Rationale: This proposal helps ease the burden of compliance for prospective student-athletes, high school counselors, collegiate coaches and institutional compliance administrators without a negative impact on the recruiting process. Eliminating the current transcript requirement prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid would avoid additional paperwork for prospective student-athletes, high school counselors, collegiate coaches and institutional compliance administrators. The immediate effective date would eliminate the requirement to receive a current transcript prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid during spring 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Prior to an institution providing a high school, college-preparatory school, two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete must first present a Division II institution with a current high school, college-preparatory school or college official or unofficial transcript.

Question No. 2: Would this proposal eliminate the need for a transcript?

Answer: No, the proposal only eliminates the requirement that the transcript be current. A prospective student-athlete would still be required to provide a transcript prior to the institution offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid.

Position Statement(s): Legislation Committee: The Legislation Committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that institutions should have the discretion to request additional information regarding a prospective student-athlete’s academic record when there are concerns but it should not be a legislated requirement for all students. This proposal also will ease the burden on compliance administrators.

Management Council: The Management Council agreed to take no position on this proposal.

Presidents Council, Academic Requirements Committee: The Presidents Council and the Academic Requirements Committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The council and committee noted the importance of having current academic information for a prospective student-athlete prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement, which ensures that the institution can make informed decisions on how to allocate scholarship dollars and prospective student-athletes can be properly advised on their academic status. The council and committee acknowledged that a current transcript is no longer required for official visits; however, there is a minimal financial impact associated with an official visit (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation) compared to the cost of an athletics scholarship.

No. 2020-8 (2-6) RECRUITING – TRYOUTS – PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES – TRYOUTS – EXCEPTION - LENGTH OF TRYOUT ACTIVITIES FOR GOLF

Intent: In golf, to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a prospective student-athlete to five hours.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-
Currently, RECRUITING No. 18-9 (2-7) RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXTENSION OF SPRING CONTACT PERIOD AND

athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to two hours; and

(1) Exception. In golf, the time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to five hours.

[13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

Source: Peach Belt Conference and Gulf South Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Currently, the length of a tryout for a prospective student-athlete shall not exceed two hours. In golf, however, it takes approximately five hours to complete a round of golf, which exceeds the two hours allowed for a permissible tryout. Due to the unique nature of the sport, it is necessary for a Division II coach to observe a prospective student-athlete for an entire round of golf in order to effectively evaluate a prospect's ability to manage the mental and physical requirements of the sport. This change will align the tryout legislation with other areas of the legislation like the daily and weekly hour limitations where golf has been provided extended time for activities due to the time required to complete a round of golf. An immediate effective date will allow Division II golf prospective student-athletes to participate in an extended tryout during the spring and summer of 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Currently, a prospective student-athlete in all sports may participate in a tryout lasting up to two hours.

Question No. 2: Will a golf prospective student-athlete be required to participate in a tryout for the entire five hours?

Answer: No. It will be left to the institution to determine the length of the tryout, but it may not exceed five hours.

Question No. 3: Will this proposal increase the daily and weekly hour limitations for currently enrolled golf student-athletes participating in the tryout?

Answer: No. A current golf student-athlete would need to adhere to the daily and weekly hour limitations set forth in Bylaws 17.1.6.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations - playing season) and 17.1.6.3 (weekly hour limitations - outside of playing season).

Position Statement(s): Presidents Council, Championships Committee, Management Council, Legislation Committee, Men's and Women's Golf Committees: The Presidents Council, Management Council, Championships Committee, Men's and Women's Golf Committees and Legislation Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.
Intent: In women's basketball, to amend the recruiting calendar as follows: (1) To extend the spring contact period through the third weekend in May; and (2) To eliminate the May 18 through June 14 evaluation period.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.2, as follows:

13.17.2 Women's Basketball. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) through 13.17.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the Division I women's basketball spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Contact Period

[13.17.2-(i) through 13.17.2-(j) unchanged.]

(k) During four nonscholastic women's events occurring between May 18 and June 14 selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics: Evaluation Period

[13.17.2-(l) relettered as 13.17.2-(k), unchanged.]

Source: Bentley University, American International College, Assumption College, East Stroudsburg University, Franklin Pierce University, Le Moyne College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Stonehill College, The College of Saint Rose, Thomas Jefferson University and University of New Haven.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: With Life in the Balance serving as Division II's philosophy, this proposal seeks to provide balance for both prospective student-athletes, their families and current head and assistant women's basketball coaches. Establishing a quiet period following the third weekend in May through June 14 will allow coaches to have these weekends free from recruiting obligations, providing for balance in their personal and professional lives. Eliminating this evaluation period will create consistency with Division II men's basketball and would also effectively align this portion of the spring recruiting calendar with Division I Women's Basketball. This proposal supports responsible use of time, staffing and resources across Division II.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: If this proposal is adopted, how will the current legislation be impacted?

Answer: The chart below outlines the current and proposed legislation.
Current Legislation | Proposed Legislation
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An institution’s coach may have in-person, off-campus recruiting contact and evaluations from **March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the Division I women’s basketball spring signing of the NLI.** | An institution’s coach may have in-person, off-campus recruiting contact and evaluations from **March 1 through the third weekend in May.**

An institution’s coach may be involved in off-campus activities designed to assess the academic qualifications and playing ability of prospective students **during four nonscholastic events occurring between May 18 and June 14.** | An institution’s coach **may not** make in-person, off-campus recruiting contact or evaluations after the conclusion of the third weekend in May through June 14.

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**Question No. 2:** If this proposal is adopted, how will the Division II women’s basketball recruiting calendar compare to the Division II men’s basketball and Division I women’s basketball recruiting calendar?

**Answer:** The chart below outlines how the proposed change will align with the Division II men’s basketball recruiting calendar and Division I women’s basketball recruiting calendar.

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Position Statement(s): Presidents Council, Management Council, Legislation Committee, Women’s Basketball Committee: The Presidents Council, Management Council, Legislation Committee and the Women’s Basketball Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.
Eligibility

No. 2020-10 (2-8)  ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TRANSFER FROM A NON-DIVISION II INSTITUTION

Intent: To specify that a transfer student-athlete from a non-Division II institution is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation; further, to specify that a Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.1.1 Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution. The Division II season of competition legislation does not apply to a transfer student-athlete’s previous participation at a non-Division II institution (e.g., NCAA Division I or III, NAIA, two-year college). A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete’s term(s) of participation.

14.2.4.1.1.1 Exception -- Division III Transfer. A Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.5 renumbered as 14.2.4.1.2 through 14.2.4.1.6, unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: Immediate, for a student-athlete who transferred to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

Rationale: Current Division II legislation requires institutions to re-assess a transfer student-athlete’s participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the Legislation Committee agreed that a transfer student-athlete’s participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules applicable to them at the time when the competition occurred. However, an exception should be established for a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation
for practice only under Division III legislation to allow that individual to transfer and not be charged with use of the season(s) in Division II. This maintains the current application for Division III transfers to Division II.

Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question No. 1:** How does the current legislation apply to a transfer student-athlete?

**Answer:** Currently, a Division II institution must reassess a transfer student-athlete’s participation history under Division II legislation.

**Question No. 2:** What is the current legislation in Division I and Division III regarding the reassessment of the participation history of a transfer student-athlete?

**Answer:** Division I uses the legislation of the division that is most beneficial to the transfer student-athlete. The assessment is based on Division I legislation or the legislation of the NCAA division where participation occurred. Division III does not reassess the student-athlete's participation history. They apply the legislation of the division where participation occurred.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, will a Division II institution need to determine if a non-Division II transfer student-athlete used a season of competition?

**Answer:** No. A Division II institution will apply the legislation where the participation occurred based on the information provided by the previous institution (e.g., transfer tracer).

**Question No. 4:** Does this proposal apply retroactively?

**Answer:** Yes. This proposal has a retroactive effective date and would apply to a transfer student-athlete that transferred during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

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**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that contests played as part of a conference challenge event shall be included in both the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.5, as follows:

14.2.5 HardsHIP Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.5-(a) through 14.2.5-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.1 for
information regarding percent calculation in track and field and Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.2 for information regarding percent calculation in basketball. Competition (excluding alumni games, fundraising activities, celebrity sports activities, scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation. In basketball, contests played as part of a conference challenge shall be countable under this limitation.

[14.2.5.1 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver:

[14.2.5.2.1 through 14.2.5.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.3 First-Half-of-Season Calculation. The first half of the season is measured by the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in the sport. In determining if an injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship in a sport with an odd number of contests or dates of competition, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the beginning of the contest or date of competition that starts the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship (e.g., an injury or illness occurring at any time after the beginning of the scheduled sixth game of an 11-game schedule would be considered to be after the first half of the institution’s season and would not qualify the student-athlete for a hardship waiver).

[14.2.5.2.3.1 through 14.2.5.2.3.2 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.3.3 First Half-of-Season Calculation - Basketball. If an institution participates in a conference challenge event, the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of contests set forth in Bylaw 17 plus the number of contests played in the conference challenge event. For example, if an institution participates in two contests as part of a conference challenge event, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the start of the 15th contest (e.g., 26 contests plus two conference challenge contests).

[14.2.5.2.4 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.5 Percent Calculation. The following requirements apply in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.5.-(c) and 14.2.5.2.3 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.)

14.2.5.2.5.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport.

[14.2.5.2.5.1.1 unchanged.]
14.2.5.2.5.1.2 Denominator in Percent Calculation - Basketball.
If an institution participates in a conference challenge event, the
denominator shall include the number of contests played in the
conference challenge event. For example, if an institution
participates in two contests as part of a conference challenge
event, the denominator in the percent calculation would be
28 (e.g., 26 contests plus two conference challenge contests).

[14.2.5.2.5.2 unchanged.]

[14.2.5.2.6 unchanged.]

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for any incapacitating injury or illness, or other
extenuating circumstance occurring on or after August 1, 2020.

Rationale: Basketball student-athletes are currently at a disadvantage when
determining the percent calculation, as well as the first-half-of-season calculation
for hardship waivers. For the percent calculation, conference challenge event
contests are included in the numerator but not in the denominator. The first-half-
of-season calculation is also based on the maximum permissible number of
contests for basketball, which does not include conference challenge event
contests. These contests should be included in these calculations because they
count toward regional and national rankings. However, the calculations should be
altered to also include the conference challenge event contests in the
denominator for percent calculations, as well as overall for first-half-of-season
calculations, to avoid an unfair disadvantage for basketball student-athletes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding conference challenge
events?

Answer: Current legislation permits an institution to exempt a maximum of two
basketball contests played as part of a conference challenge event from the
maximum number of contest limitations.

Question No. 2: What is the current legislation regarding the inclusion of the
conference challenge events in the denominator in the percent and first-half-of-the
season calculation?

Answer: Currently, when determining the percent calculation, conference challenge
events are included in the numerator, however, they are not included in the
denominator. When determining the first half of the season calculation, conference
challenge contests are not taken into account.

Question No. 3: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the application of the
legislation?

Answer: An institution that participates and exempts a conference challenge event
will be permitted to include the contest(s) in the denominator in the percent and first-
half-of-season calculations. For example, if an institution participates in two contests
as part of a conference challenge event, the first half of the season calculation and
denominator for the percent calculation shall be the maximum number of contests set
forth in Bylaw 17 for the sport of basketball plus two contests played in the
conference challenge event (i.e., 26 contests plus two conference challenge event
contests).
Question No. 4: If this proposal is adopted, when would the new criteria become effective?

Answer: The new criteria would be effective for any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs on or after August 1, 2020. Any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs prior to August 1, 2020, would be evaluated under the current legislation.

Position Statement(s): Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement: The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that allowing basketball to include a conference challenge event is against the intent of the legislation of treating all sports equally by requiring all sports to use the Bylaw 17 maximum contests or dates of competition for hardship waiver calculations, which was implemented to ease the burden of the application of the hardship legislation. Additionally, allowing basketball to include a conference challenge event in the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver may potentially open the door for the request(s) of other annual exemptions to be included in the hardship waiver calculation. Finally, the committee noted there have been a limited number of cases where a student-athlete was over the threshold due to participation in a conference challenge event, and in those instances, there is an appellate process that institutions should utilize.

Presidents Council, Management Council: The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.
Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2020-12 (2-10) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- FOURTH DAY OF CLASSES

Intent: In fall championship sports, to specify that an institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities before the institution’s fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester).

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete’s participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a) through 17.1.6.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) In fall championship sports, from the beginning of the institution’s fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) through the day before the institution’s declared start date of the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete’s participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than four hours per week may be spent on team activities;

[17.1.6.3.1-(d) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.2 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete’s participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) During the institution’s second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester), a student-athlete’s participation may not begin until the fourth day of classes:

[17.1.6.3.2-(b) through 17.1.6.3.2-(c) relettered as 17.1.6.3.2-(c) through 17.1.6.3.2-(d), unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.3 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: Current legislation does not permit spring championship sports to begin countable athletically-related activities until September 7 or the fourth day of classes in the fall semester. The same restriction does not occur during the second term (e.g., spring semester, winter quarter) of the academic year for fall
championship sports. The three days allowed for spring championship sport student-athletes at the beginning of the fall term provides time for those individuals to acclimate themselves to their classes, prior to beginning weightlifting, conditioning, and team activities; which, supports student-athlete well-being and academic success. However, fall championship sport student-athletes do not have the same accommodation. This proposal would more closely align legislation for fall sport student-athletes with spring sport student-athletes. In addition, midyear transfers in fall championship sports would have more time to assimilate to a new institution before beginning out-of-season activities. Administratively, this also provides a three-day period at the beginning of the term to focus on certification issues that arise for sports in the championship season before addressing out-of-season student-athletes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question No. 1:** Currently, when are fall championship sports permitted to participate in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities during the second term of the academic year?

**Answer:** In fall championship sports, a student-athlete may begin participating in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities from the beginning of the institution’s second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) through the day before the institution’s declared start date of the nonchampionship segment.

**Question No. 2:** If adopted, when will fall championship sports be permitted to participate in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities during the second term of the academic year?

**Answer:** Fall championship sports student-athletes will not be permitted to begin weight training, conditioning and/or team activities until the institution’s fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester).

**Question No. 3:** Will this proposal alter the permissible start date of the nonchampionship segment for fall championship sports?

**Answer:** No. Fall championship sports will not be permitted to start practice or participate in intercollegiate competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15.

**Position Statement(s):** *Legislation Committee:* The Legislation Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

*Presidents Council, Management Council:* The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.

**No. 2020-13 (2-11) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOCCER -- FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- EXCEPTION -- DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FALL FESTIVAL**

**Intent:** In soccer, to specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first contest in men’s and women’s soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.3, as follows:
17.19.3 First Contest -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding September 6.

17.19.3.1 Exception -- Division II National Championships Fall Festival. In years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first contest in soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.

[17.19.3.1 renumbered as 17.19.3.2, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: Under current legislation and due to recent changes in the soccer championship date formula, soccer loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the festival. The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches. The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason. This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II’s marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season. A similar proposal was previously adopted for women’s volleyball at the 2018 NCAA Convention.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: How does this proposal change the current legislation?

Answer: This proposal would provide an exception in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, moving up the first permissible date of competition in the championship segment to the Thursday preceding August 30.

Question No. 2: How does this proposal affect the first permissible practice date for soccer?

Answer: In years which the Festival occurs in the fall, institutions would be permitted to begin practice one week earlier than currently legislated.

Question No. 3: Will institutions be required to start the playing season one week earlier in Festival years?

Answer: No.
Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division II Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division II Management Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council), is permitted to adopt such legislation if it is noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association’s legislation. These actions will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council at the 2020 Division II business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of these actions and incorporation in the 2020-21 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

NO. NC-2020-1  ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVERS FOR TRANSFER FROM TWO-YEAR COLLEGES -- NONRECRUITED STUDENT EXCEPTION -- ELIMINATION OF ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must have been eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college in order to use the nonrecruited student exception.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.6.2, as follows:

14.5.4.6.2 Nonrecruited Student Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution and the following conditions are met:

[14.5.4.6.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) No athletically related financial assistance has been received by the student-athlete; and

(c) The student-athlete has not competed for any previous institution and has not participated in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in intercollegiate athletics beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period at any previous institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity; and

(d) The student-athlete was eligible for admission to the certifying institution before initial enrollment in the two-year college.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019, for student-athletes enrolling in an NCAA Division II institution on or after August 1, 2019.

**Additional Information:**
Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, only qualifiers may use a two-year transfer exception. To apply the nonrecruited student exception, one of the existing conditions requires the analysis of whether the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for admission at the certifying institution before initial enrollment at the two-year college. This analysis can be challenging for institutions as it requires analysis of a hypothetical application. However, since these students were qualifiers, the academic concern should be minimal, and it ultimately should be the institution’s decision to determine admissions at the time of application.

**NO. NC-2020-2 COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II GENERAL COMMITTEES -- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- CHANCELLOR OR PRESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**Intent:** To increase the size of the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee from 10 to 11 members; further, to specify that one member of the committee shall be a chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.8.5.1.1, as follows:

21.8.5.1.1 Composition. The Division II Academic Requirements Committee shall consist of 9 members, including two members of the Division II Management Council, one chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the Division II Presidents Council, one member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and at least one member representing the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Due to the subject matter under the purview of the committee, a member of the Division II Presidents Council has historically been assigned as an informal liaison to provide presidential level guidance on academic issues impacting active member institutions. Amending the composition to include a chancellor or president would ensure continued presidential guidance while decreasing the travel burden on a Presidents Council member who also serves in the liaison role.

**NO. NC-2020-3 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- PLAYING RULES -- MODIFICATIONS TO NON-NCAA RULES**

**Intent:** To specify that rules modifications for sports in which the NCAA does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

**Administrative:** Amend 31.1.6, as follows:

31.1.6 Playing Rules.

31.1.6.1 Non-NCAA Rules, Men's Sports. In those men’s sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by
modifications made recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.1-(a) through 31.1.6.1-(f) unchanged.]

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women’s Sports. In those women’s sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications made recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.2-(a) through 31.1.6.2-(g) unchanged.]

31.1.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules - Consistency Among Divisions. Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Championships Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Several NCAA sports follow playing rules maintained by external organizations (e.g., golf, tennis, field hockey, men’s volleyball). The Association does not publish rules in these sports, but the legislation does permit governing sport committees to establish rules modifications that would supersede the external organization’s rules. Recent discussions about the regular-season and championship format in tennis raised the question of whether rules modification in these sports must be consistent among divisions just as they are in sports for which the NCAA maintains and publishes playing rules. NCAA governing bodies, including the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP), have indicated in the past a preference for all playing rules to be consistent among divisions. Accordingly, the bylaw should be amended to reflect that intent. The NCAA staff conducted a legislative history which clearly demonstrated that NCAA governing bodies and PROP intended for all playing rules and modifications to be consistent among divisions.

NO. NC-2020-4 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- MEN’S ICE HOCKEY EXCEPTION -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT THAT COMPETITION BE SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OR INTERNATIONAL EQUIVALENT

Intent: In men’s ice hockey, to eliminate the requirement that the competition must be sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or its international equivalent.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men’s Ice Hockey Exception. In men’s ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted, provided such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or the international equivalent.

[14.2.4.2.4.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).
Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

In April 2018, the NCAA Eligibility Center began certifying the amateur status of NCAA Division II men’s ice hockey prospective student-athletes enrolling for the 2018-19 academic year. Eliminating the requirement that competition be sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or international equivalent, which is not required in Divisions I or III, is in the best interest of Division II men’s ice hockey student-athletes and ensures equity in recruiting among the three divisions.

NO. NC-2020-5 AMATEURISM -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- IMPERMISSIBLE -- FOLLOWING INITIAL FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES -- EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES FROM OUTSIDE SPORTS TEAM OR ORGANIZATION BASED ON ATHLETICS ABILITY

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on the receipt of educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization based in any degree on athletics ability; further, to specify that a student-athlete may receive educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside sports team or organization, provided the recipient’s choice of institution is not restricted by the outside sports team or organization and there is no direct connection between the outside sports team or organization and the student-athlete's institution.

Bylaws: Amend 12.1, as follows:

12.1 General Regulations. An individual's (prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete) amateur status shall be determined using the following provisions. (See Bylaw 14.2.4.2 regarding participation in organized competition prior to initial collegiate enrollment and Bylaw 14.13 regarding the eligibility restoration process.)

[12.1.1 through 12.1.2 unchanged.]

12.1.3 Permissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the amateur status of an individual:

(a) Educational Expenses. Receipt of educational expenses awarded by the following sources:

(1) The U.S. Olympic Committee or the U.S. national governing body (or, for international individuals, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country), in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.4; or

(2) A professional team or league, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.5; or

(3) An outside sports team, in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.3.

[12.1.3-(b) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

12.1.4 Impermissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's participation in the following activities or receipt of the following benefits will jeopardize the individual's amateur status and eligibility for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport:

[12.1.4-(a) through 12.1.4-(h) unchanged.]
(i) Educational Expenses. Receipt of educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).

(1) Receipt of educational expenses not permitted by the governing legislation of this Association (see Bylaw 15 regarding permissible financial aid to enrolled student-athletes).

(2) Receipt of educational expenses provided to an individual by an outside sports team or organization that are based in any degree on the recipient’s athletics ability [except for financial aid that is received from a team or organization that conducts a competitive sports program by an individual who is not a member of that team or organization (see Bylaw 15.2.2.3)], even if the funds are given to the institution to administer to the recipient.

[12.1.4-(j) through 12.1.4-(r) unchanged.]

[12.1.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, a student-athlete may not receive educational expenses from an outside sports team or organization when it is based on the recipient’s athletics ability. However, a student-athlete should be permitted to receive educational expenses based on athletics ability from an outside sports team or organization, provided that the recipient's choice of institution is not restricted by the outside sports team or organization and there is no direct connection between the outside sports team or organization and the student-athlete’s institution. This change would promote student-athlete well-being and ease budgetary and compliance burdens on Division II institutions.

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13.5 Transportation.

13.5.1 General Restrictions. An institution may provide transportation to a prospective student-athlete on an official paid visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.2 or an unofficial visit as specified in Bylaw 13.5.3.

13.5.1.1 Nonpermissible Transportation. If nonpermissible transportation is provided, the institution may not avoid a violation of this rule by receiving reimbursement for mileage from the prospect.

13.5.2 Transportation on Official (Paid) Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. A member institution may pay the prospective student-athlete’s actual round-trip transportation costs for his or her official visit to its campus, provided a direct route between the prospective student-athlete’s home, site of athletics competition or educational institution and the institution’s campus is used. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. [R]
13.5.2.1.1 Camp or Clinic. It is not permissible for an institution to pay any leg of a prospective student-athlete's transportation costs if he or she participates in an institutional camp or clinic in conjunction with an official visit.

13.5.2.1.2 Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends, Relatives and Legal Guardian(s). A prospective student-athlete's friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution's campus only by accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the time the prospective student-athlete travels in an automobile to visit the institution's campus (see Bylaw 13.5.2.2.1).

13.5.2.1.3 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. When a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete's coach as provided in Bylaw 13.8.1.1) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use is arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. [R]

13.5.2.2.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete's Friends, and Relatives or Legal Guardian(s). A prospective student-athlete’s friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) may receive cost-free transportation to visit a member institution’s campus only by accompanying the prospective student-athlete at the time the prospective student-athlete travels in an automobile to visit the campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) in any vehicle to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding the contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.7). Transportation may be provided regardless of whether a visit occurs during or outside a permissible contact period. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s friends, relatives or legal guardian(s) while providing such transportation. [R]

13.5.2.2.2 Use of Automobile During Visit. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. [R]

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. The air fare for commercial transportation for the official visit may not exceed coach (or comparable) class. [R]

13.5.2.3.1 From Airport. During the official visit, any member of an institution’s athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. The 48-hour period begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution’s campus. The transportation must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. [R]
13.5.2.3.13 Noncommercial Airplane. An institution may use its own airplane to transport a prospective student-athlete to the campus for an official visit, provided relatives, other friends or legal guardian(s) do not accompany the prospective student-athlete.

13.5.2.3.23 Noncommercial Airplane. Whenever an aircraft (other than a commercial airplane) is used to transport a prospective student-athlete, payment for its use shall be at the established charter rates at the airport where the craft is based. The institution shall be prepared to demonstrate satisfactorily that such payment has been made. [R]

13.5.2.4 From–Airport. During the official visit, any member of an institution’s athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. The 48-hour period begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution’s campus. The transportation must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. [R]

13.5.2.5 To/From Site of Competition. A prospective student-athlete may be transported to campus for an official visit from the site of his or her athletics competition or the reverse arrangement, provided only actual transportation expenses are paid and the cost of the transportation does not exceed the cost of transportation between the prospective student-athlete’s home or educational institution and the institution’s campus. (See Bylaw 13.5.2.1.1.) [R]

13.5.2.5.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete’s Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) To/From Site of Competition to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians in any vehicle to and from the site of competition to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.6) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete’s home to the institution’s campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians while providing such transportation. [R]

13.5.2.6 From Educational Institution. An institution may pay actual transportation costs for the prospective student-athlete to return to his or her home after an official visit that originated at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution, provided the cost of the transportation to the legal residence does not exceed the cost of transportation to the educational institution. (See Bylaw 13.5.2.1.1.) [R]

13.5.2.6.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete’s Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) From Educational Institution to Campus. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians in any vehicle to and from the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution to campus on an official visit, provided the conditions regarding the contact restrictions at specified sites are satisfied (see Bylaw 13.1.6) and the transportation provided does not exceed the distance between the locale of the prospective student-athlete’s home to the institution’s campus. The 48-hour time limitation of the official visit shall
begin if entertainment (e.g., meal) is provided to the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians while providing such transportation. [R]

13.5.2.7 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the 48-hour visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

13.5.2.8 Transportation of Prospective Student-Athlete's Relatives, Friends or Legal Guardian(s). An institution shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by relatives, friends or legal guardian(s) of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere, except as provided in Bylaw 13.5.2.8.1. [R]

13.5.2.8.1 Coach Transporting Prospective Student-Athlete and Prospective Student-Athlete’s Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) To and From an Official Visit. A coach, who is certified through the annual certification requirement to recruit and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, may transport a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives or legal guardians to and from the prospective student-athlete’s home to campus on an official visit, in any vehicle, regardless of whether a visit occurs during or outside a permissible contact period. [R]

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution’s home athletics contest (on or off campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses is not permissible. However, the institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend home athletics contests if transportation is available to prospective students generally. [R]

13.5.4 Transportation to Enroll. An institution or its representatives shall not furnish a prospective student-athlete, directly or indirectly, with transportation to the campus for enrollment. However, it is permissible for any member of the institution’s staff to provide transportation from a bus or train station or airport to the campus on the occasion of the student-athlete’s initial arrival at the institution to attend classes. [R]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the recruiting transportation legislation.
**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that institutions submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances that extended an official visit beyond the 48-hour period.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.3.2, as follows:

13.6.3.2 Exception to 48-Hour Period for Extemuating Circumstances. An official visit may extend beyond 48 hours for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution. *In such instances, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the details of the circumstances.*

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation requires institutions to submit a report to the conference office when the length of an official visit exceeds 48 hours due to extenuating circumstances. This recommended change will eliminate an unnecessary compliance burden. Institutions are encouraged to retain information on file regarding the extension of the 48-hour period.

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**Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.6.7.1.1, as follows:

13.6.6.7.1.1 Entertainment at Staff Member’s Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution’s president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, and is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. [R]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to receive a meal at an institutional staff member’s home on one occasion during an official visit. Institutions should be permitted to provide a meal at an institutional staff member’s home on more than one occasion during an official visit at the institution’s discretion.

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DUPLICATE REFERENCE TO OFFICIAL VISIT ENTERTAINMENT RESTRICTION

Intent: To eliminate the entertainment on official visit for relatives or legal guardians of prospective student-athlete legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 through 13.6.6 unchanged.]

13.6.7 Entertainment on Official Visit for Relatives or Legal Guardian(s) of Prospective Student-Athlete. A member institution shall limit entertainment, meals and lodging on the prospective student-athlete’s official visit to a prospective student-athlete, and the prospective student-athlete’s relatives [or legal guardian(s)]. [R]

[13.6.8 renumbered as 13.6.7, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. This bylaw is redundant as the limitation on entertainment, meals and lodging on a prospective student-athlete’s official visit to a prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete’s relatives [or legal guardian(s)] is already addressed in Bylaw 13.6.6.1 (general restrictions).

NO. NC-2020-10 RECRUITING -- ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL/TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES -- ENTERTAINMENT RESTRICTIONS -- INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS FROM TWO TO FOUR

Intent: To permit an institution to provide a maximum of four complimentary admissions for a home athletics contest to a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved.

Bylaws: Amend 13.8.1, as follows:

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of four complimentary admissions, which must be issued on an individual-game basis, to home athletics contests at any facility in which the institution’s intercollegiate team regularly practices or competes. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus. An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete’s coach on or off the member institution’s campus. [D]

[13.8.1.1 through 13.8.1.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate
Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits institutions to provide no more than two complimentary admissions for a home athletics contest to high school, college-preparatory or two-year college coaches. The restriction is unduly restrictive, and a coach should not have to choose between his or her spouse or children in determining who to bring to an institution’s contest.

NO. NC-2020-11 RECRUITING – PUBLICITY – REORGANIZATION

Intent: To reorganize the recruiting publicity legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.10, as follows:

13.10 Publicity.

13.10.1 Presence of Media Publicity During Recruiting Contact. A member institution shall not permit a media entity to be present during publicize (or arrange for publicity of) any recruiting contact made between an institution’s coaching staff member and a prospective student-athlete. [D]

13.10.1.1 Prospective Student-Athlete’s Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution’s campus. [D]

13.10.1.2 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution’s sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [D]

13.10.1.3 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution’s intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college players. [D]

13.10.2 Comments Prior to Signing. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. [D]

13.10.2.1 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., “like,” “favorite,” republish) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution’s athletics interests.

13.10.2.2 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services or Publications. Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services or publications before the prospective student-athlete’s signed acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]
13.10.3 Radio/TV Show. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete or a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via film, audiotape or videotape) on: [D]

(a) A radio or television program conducted by the institution’s coach;

(b) A program in which the institution’s coach is participating; or

(c) A program for which a member of the institution’s athletics staff has been instrumental in arranging for the appearance of the prospective student-athlete or coach or related program material.

13.10.3.1 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution’s coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member’s sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. [D]

13.10.3.2 Game Broadcast/Telecast. A prospective student-athlete may not be interviewed during the broadcast or telecast of an institution’s intercollegiate contest. A member institution may not permit a station telecasting a game to show a videotape of competition involving high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college players. [D]

13.10.3.3 Effect of Violation. Violations of Bylaw 13.10.3 shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the prospective student-athlete’s eligibility.

13.10.4 Prospective Student-Athlete’s Visit. A member institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution’s campus. [D]

13.10.5 Introduction of Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution may not introduce a visiting prospective student-athlete at a function (e.g., the institution’s sports award banquet or an intercollegiate athletics contest) that is attended by media representatives or open to the general public. [D]

13.10.2.3 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution’s coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member’s sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic Games. [D]

13.10.63 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution’s permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide) once the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or a written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her
financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An electronic copy of the photograph may be given to the prospective student-athlete at any time. [D]

13.10.74 Media Release Regarding Signing. Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete’s commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or after the prospective student-athlete’s signed acceptance of the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. Such communications, which are not limited in number or content, may be released to media outlets at the institution’s discretion. [D]

13.10.74.1 Press Conferences and Celebratory Events. It is permissible for an institution to hold press conferences, receptions, dinners and similar meetings for the purpose of making such an announcement. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission may attend institutional press conferences and celebratory events provided the event does not occur during a dead period (see Bylaw 13.02.4.4). Any benefits provided to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with press conferences or celebratory events are subject to Bylaw 13 restrictions. [D]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the publicity legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the legislation.

**NO. NC-2020-12 RECRUITING – TRYOUTS – PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES – TRYOUTS – LENGTH OF TRYOUT**

**Intent:** To specify that the length of a prospective student-athlete’s tryout shall be limited to two hours.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to the length of the institution’s normal practice period in the sport but in no event shall it be longer than two hours; and

[13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate
Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that tryout activities shall be limited to the length of the institution’s normal practice period in the sport but in no event longer than two hours. The legislation should be simplified to specify that tryouts are limited to a period of two hours.

NO. NC-2020-13 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- COLLECT AND TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE CALLS -- ELIMINATION OF COLLECT AND TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE CALLS

Intent: To eliminate the collect and toll-free telephone calls legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2, as follows:

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

[13.15.2.1 unchanged.]

13.15.2.2 Collect and Toll-Free Telephone Calls. Institutional staff members may accept collect telephone calls and may use a toll-free (800/888) number to receive telephone calls placed by prospective student-athletes, prospective student-athletes’ relatives or legal guardians at any time.

[13.15.2.3 through 13.15.2.5 renumbered as 13.15.2.2 through 13.15.2.4, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Bylaw 13.1.3.2.1 (telephone calls initiated by prospective student-athlete) allows institutions to accept collect telephone calls and use of a toll-free number to receive calls from prospective student-athletes. A separate reference to collect and toll-free telephone calls, which are mostly obsolete and rarely placed by prospective student-athletes, should be eliminated.

NO. NC-2020-14 ELIGIBILITY -- CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY -- ELIGIBILITY LIST FORM -- ELIGIBILITY LIST -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE SIGNED A DRUG-TESTING CONSENT FORM TO BE INCLUDED ON THE ELIGIBILITY LIST AND SEPARATE REFERENCE TO DRUG-TESTING CONSENT-FORM REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that all student-athletes who sign a drug-testing consent form be included on the eligibility list; further, to eliminate a duplicate reference to the drug-testing consent-form requirement in Bylaw 14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement).

Bylaws: Amend 14.11, as follows:

14.11 Certification of Eligibility.

[14.11.1 through 14.11.2 unchanged.]
14.11.2.1 Eligibility List. The following procedures shall be used for the eligibility list:

[14.11.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution’s eligibility list, and any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form per Bylaw 14.1.4;

[14.11.2.1-(c) through 14.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

14.11.3 Drug-Testing Consent Form Requirement. Any student-athlete who signs a drug-testing consent form must be included on the institution’s eligibility list form, and any student-athlete who is included on the eligibility list must have signed a drug-testing consent form in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.4.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation requires an institution to include all student-athletes who sign a drug-testing consent form on the institution’s eligibility list; however, some student-athletes sign a drug-testing consent form but never show up for practice or a tryout. These student-athletes should not be included on the eligibility list, which should be limited to student-athletes who are members of the team. Finally, a separate reference to the drug-testing consent-form requirement in Bylaw 14.11.3 (drug-testing consent-form requirement) should be eliminated as it is addressed in other legislation.

NO. NC-2020-15
FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- COUNTERS -- ATHLETICS AID NOT RENEWED, SUCCESSFUL APPEAL -- PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTER STATUS

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete, who continues to participate in their sport after a successful appeal restoring their athletics aid, shall be considered a counter.

Bylaws: Amend 15.4.1.2, as follows:

15.4.1.2 Athletics Aid Not Renewed, Successful Appeal. If an institution does not renew athletics aid for a counter in a following year, and a hearing before the institution’s regular financial aid authority results in a successful appeal for restoration of aid, the student-athlete shall continue to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletics aid and participates in intercollegiate competition in their sport. However, the student-athlete shall not be a counter, if he or she receives institutionally arranged or awarded nonathletics aid available to all students, provided such financial aid was granted or arranged without regard in any degree to athletics ability.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:
Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that if an institution does not renew athletics aid for a counter, and an appeal hearing results in the restoration of aid, the student-athlete continues to be a counter if the individual continues to receive athletics aid, even if the individual no longer participates in intercollegiate athletics in the sport. Classifying a nonparticipant as a counter is unwarranted and limits athletics aid that could be provided to other student-athletes.

**NO. NC-2020-16**

**AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- TYPES OF AWARDS, AWARDING AGENCIES, MAXIMUM VALUE AND NUMBERS OF AWARDS -- LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATION -- AWARD TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETE**

**Intent:** To specify that a local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.3.4, as follows:

16.1.3.4 Local Civic Organization. A local civic organization (e.g., Rotary Club, Touchdown Club) may provide awards to an individual student-athlete or member institution’s team(s). The following regulations shall apply to such an event: [R]

[16.1.3.4-(a) through 16.1.3.4-(b) unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits a local civic organization to provide an award to a team but not an individual student-athlete. Provided that the award is approved by the institution and counted in the institution’s limit for institutional awards, a local civic organization should be permitted to provide an award to an individual student-athlete.

**NO. NC-2020-17**

**AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- AWARDS BANQUETS -- Booster Club Recognition Banquet -- Elimination of Mileage Radius Restriction**

**Intent:** To eliminate the 100-mile radius restriction on a booster club recognition banquet.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.5, as follows:

16.1.5 Awards Banquets.

[16.1.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Booster Club Recognition Banquet. One time per year, an institution’s athletics booster club may finance an intercollegiate team’s transportation expenses to a recognition banquet, provided all expenses are paid through the institution’s athletics department, the location of the event is not more than 100 miles from the campus, and no tangible award is provided to members of the team. [R]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate
Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation specifies that a booster club recognition banquet must occur within a 100-mile radius of the institution’s campus. The elimination of the mileage radius restriction will ease the burden on compliance administrators and provide institutions in remote geographic areas with additional venues for a booster club recognition banquet.

NO. NC-2020-18 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES -- CAREER SERVICES -- ELIMINATION OF LIST OF PERMISSIBLE CATEGORIES OF ACADEMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES AND INCORPORATION OF CAREER COUNSELING AND INTERNSHIP/JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

Intent: To amend the academic and other support services legislation by eliminating the list of permissible academic and other support services; further, to include career programs/support services as a permissible academic and other support service.

Bylaws: Amend 16, as follows:

16 Awards, Benefits and Expenses for Enrolled Student-Athletes

[16.01 through 16.2 unchanged.]

16.3 Academic, Career and Other Support Services.

16.3.1 Permissible. A member institution may finance academic, career and other support services that the institution, at its discretion, determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes, including, but not limited to, the following: including internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.

(a) Tutoring expenses;

(b) On-campus student development and career counseling (including the provision of related materials of little or no commercial value to student-athletes) using outside resources;

(c) Future professional sports career counseling from a panel appointed by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department). (See Bylaws 11.1.4.1 and 12.3.4);

(d) Actual and necessary expenses to attend proceedings conducted by the institution, its athletics conference or the NCAA that relate to the student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or legal proceedings that result from the student-athlete’s involvement in athletics practice or competitive events. The cost of legal representation in such proceedings also may be provided by the institution (or a representative of its athletics interests);

(e) Cost of a field trip, provided the field trip is required of all students in the course;

(f) Organized day planners that are nonelectronic; and

(g) Required course-related supplies, as specified in Bylaw 15.3.2.3.
16.3.1.1 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women’s Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]

[16.3.1.1 renumbered as 16.3.1.2, unchanged.]

16.4 through 16.10 unchanged.

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1 through 16.11.7 unchanged.]

16.11.1.8 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women’s Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]

[16.11.1.9 through 16.11.1.10 renumbered as 16.11.1.8 through 16.11.1.9, unchanged.]

16.11.1.11 Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.

[16.11.2 unchanged.]

[16.12 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows an institution to finance academic and other support services that the institution determines to be appropriate and necessary for the academic success of its student-athletes and provides a list of permissible categories of expenses. While the list is not exhaustive, to ease the compliance monitoring burden, the list of permissible categories of academic and other support expenses should be eliminated and should mirror the medical expenses legislation to provide for additional institutional discretion while maintaining the restriction on providing required books as that is an element of a full grant-in-aid. Further, given that an institution may provide career counseling expenses pursuant to the academic and other support services legislation, separate references to career programs, career counseling and internship/job placement services should be eliminated and included in the academic and other support services legislation for ease of reference for the membership.
Intent: To eliminate the restriction on providing expenses to relatives to only one round of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant.

Bylaws: Amend 16.6.1.1, as follows:

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Relatives to Attend Postseason Football Game/NCAA Championship. The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the relatives or legal guardians of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football game or a any round of the NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one any round (conducted at one site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. [R]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows an institution to provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the relatives or legal guardians of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. The legislation is unduly restrictive, and institutions should be allowed to decide whether to provide such expenses for more than one round in all sports.

Intent: To eliminate the 30-mile radius restriction for a student-athlete's receipt of transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization.

Bylaws: Amend 16.10.1.3, as follows:

16.10.1.3 Meeting Expenses. A student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus and no tangible award is provided to the student-athlete. [R]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:
Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to accept transportation and meal expenses in conjunction with participation in a meeting of a booster club or civic organization, provided the meeting occurs within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. The legislation is unduly restrictive and should be amended to specify that a student-athlete may accept transportation and meal expenses for booster club or civic organization meetings regardless of location.

NO. NC-2020-21  AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- RETENTION OF ATHLETICS APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT -- RETENTION OF USED EQUIPMENT AT THE END OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S COLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION

Intent: To allow a student-athlete to retain used equipment at the end of the individual’s collegiate participation.

Bylaws: Amend 16.11.1.4, as follows:

16.11.1.4 Retention of Athletics Apparel and Equipment. A student-athlete may retain athletics apparel items (not equipment) and used equipment at the end of the individual’s collegiate participation. Used equipment may be purchased by the student-athlete on the same cost basis as by any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. [R]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation allows a prospective student-athlete to retain athletics apparel items at the end of the individual’s collegiate participation, but used equipment must be purchased by student-athletes on the same cost basis as any other individual interested in purchasing such equipment. The legislation is unduly restrictive and allowing student-athletes to retain used equipment at the end of their collegiate careers will ease a compliance burden associated with valuation and sale of used equipment.

NO. NC-2020-22  AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES -- PERMISSIBLE -- TELEPHONES AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEFITS -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTION ON TELEPHONE CALLS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND SEPARATE REFERENCE TO TELEPHONES

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on student-athlete telephone calls in emergency situations when provided or arranged by the institution; further, to eliminate a separate reference to telephone calls.

Bylaws: Amend 16.11, as follows:

16.11 Benefits, Gifts and Services.

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1.1 through 16.11.1.8 unchanged.]
16.11.1.9 Telephones. A student-athlete may use a telephone for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced rate, provided such use is also generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives (see Bylaw 16.11.1.1). [R]

16.11.1.10 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

16.11.1.10-(a) through 16.11.1.10-(b) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(a) through 16.11.1.9-(b) unchanged.

(c) Telephone calls in emergency situations;

16.11.1.10-(d) through 16.11.1.10-(g) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(d) through 16.11.1.9-(g) unchanged.

16.11.1.11 renumbered as 16.11.1.10, unchanged.

[16.11.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Current legislation permits a student-athlete to use an institutional telephone for personal reasons without charge or at a reduced rate if such use is generally available to the institution's students and their friends and relatives and allows an institution to provide or arrange for telephone calls for student-athletes in emergency situations. Given that most student-athletes provide for their own mobile phone use, the legislation is outdated and overly complicated. In addition, the miscellaneous benefits legislation should be amended to allow an institution to provide or arrange for telephone calls for student-athletes in non-emergency situations and a separate reference to telephone calls should be eliminated.

NO. NC-2020-23 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- COUNTING MULTITEAM EVENTS IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS -- ELIMINATION OF OPPORTUNITY TO COUNT MULTITEAM EVENTS AS MORE THAN ONE CONTEST IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Intent: To eliminate the opportunity for institutions to count multiteam events as more than one contest toward meeting the minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship in individual sports.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3, as follows:

20.10.3 Sports Sponsorship. A member of Division II shall sponsor in Division II a minimum of:

20.10.3-(a) through 20.10.3-(c) unchanged.

20.10.3.1 through 20.10.3.2 unchanged.
20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution’s team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.3 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.4 Counting Multiteam Events in Individual Sports. In individual sports, not more than two institution versus institution meetings shall be counted as contests in any multiteam competition (e.g., quadrangular track and field meet). If the institution achieves a single score in competition with the other competing institutions (e.g., a conference championship), it shall be counted as one contest.

20.10.3.3.4.4 Meets With No Team Scoring. In individual sports, a meet at which no team scoring is kept counts as a contest for the purpose of meeting the minimum-contest requirement, provided that at least the minimum number of participants per Bylaw 20.10.3.3 participate on the institution’s team.

[20.10.3.3.5 through 20.10.3.12 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Membership Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

Additional Information:

As a condition of NCAA Division II membership, institutions must sponsor a minimum of 10 sports and satisfy additional sports sponsorship requirements. For an individual sport to be used to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements, an institution must participate in a minimum number of contests with a minimum number of participants in that sport each year. Under current legislation, institutions may count a multiteam event in individual sports (e.g., quadrangular track and field meets) as two contests for sports sponsorship if the event is scored as an institution versus institution meeting when it occurs (as opposed to achieving a single team score against all participating institutions). The membership has expressed confusion about the scoring and format requirements for counting multiteam events as two contests. For championship selection, several individual sports (including cross country and track and field) have eliminated the opportunity to count multiteam events as more than one contest for meeting the minimum scheduling requirements to be selected for a championship. This recommendation will reduce confusion and align sports sponsorship requirements more closely with championships selection requirements. Meets with no team scoring will count as one contest for the purpose of meeting the sport sponsorship requirement.
**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that an approved 10-semester/15-quarter waiver for a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during their initial year of collegiate enrollment shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.2.4.1.4, as follows:

14.2.2.4.1.4 Waiver -- Student-Athlete Who Does Not Use Season of Competition During Initial Year of Collegiate Enrollment. For a student-athlete who does not use a season of competition during his or her initial year of full-time collegiate enrollment at any institution, a waiver may be granted if all of the following conditions are met:

[14.2.2.4.1.4-(a) through 14.2.2.4.1.4-(b) unchanged.]

14.2.2.4.1.4.1 Application of Waiver. If the waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity [e.g., next semester(s) or quarter(s)] and shall be applied at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for student-athletes who initially enroll in a collegiate institution during the 2019-20 academic year and thereafter.

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation specifies that student-athletes who do not compete during their initial year of collegiate enrollment, and due to circumstances beyond their control, are not able to complete four seasons of competition prior to the expiration of their intercollegiate eligibility, may receive an extension of eligibility waiver. If the extension of eligibility waiver is granted, it must be used during the next available opportunity and at the institution where the student-athlete exhausted his or her 10th semester or 15th quarter of full-time enrollment. A student-athlete who receives an extension of eligibility waiver should not be treated differently from other student-athletes who receive an extension of eligibility waiver (e.g., for circumstances beyond a student-athlete’s control causing a missed participation opportunity). Although the waiver would still have to be used at the next available opportunity, a student-athlete should be permitted to use an approved extension of eligibility waiver at any institution.

**NO. NC-2020-25**

**ELIGIBILITY -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- CRITERIA FOR HARDSHIP WAIVER CALCULATION -- PERCENT CALCULATION -- ELIMINATION OF ALUMNI GAMES, FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRITY SPORTS ACTIVITIES FROM THE PERCENT CALCULATION**

**Intent:** To eliminate an alumni contest, fundraising activity or celebrity sports activity from the hardship waiver percent calculation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.5, as follows:

14.2.5 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.5-(a) through 14.2.5-(b) unchanged.]
(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.1 for information regarding percent calculation in track and field). Competition (excluding alumni games, fundraising activities, celebrity sports activities, scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation.

[14.2.5.1 through 14.2.5.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for student-athletes who initially enroll during the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.

**Additional Information:**

When determining the percent calculation under the current hardship waiver legislation, institutions must include all contests and dates of competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement noted an alumni contest, a fundraising activity and a celebrity sports activity are often informal and should be treated like scrimmages and exhibition contests (per Bylaw 17) which are currently excluded from the percent calculation. Further, the committee noted these events do not count toward an institution’s overall record for championships selection. The committee agreed that removing these contests from the percent calculation for the hardship waiver supports student-athlete well-being. Finally, the committee agreed that all other annual exemptions, including conference challenge events, shall be counted in the percent calculation in determining whether a student-athlete meets the criteria for a hardship waiver.

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**Intent:** To specify that legislation related to employment and compensation to student-athletes shall be a restitution provision and a violation shall not affect the eligibility of the student-athlete, provided the value of the benefit received is $200 or less and the student-athlete repays the value of the benefit to a charity of their choice.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.4, as follows:

12.4 Employment.

12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. All compensation received by a student-athlete must be consistent with the limitations on financial aid set forth in Bylaw 15. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: [R]

(a) Only for work actually performed;

(b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services; and

(c) An employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer’s product or services.
[12.4.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Current violations of the employment and compensation to student-athletes legislation require an institution to file a student-athlete reinstatement request for the involved student-athlete to be eligible for competition, regardless of dollar amount. However, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement noted the reinstatement staff typically reinstates the eligibility of the involved student-athlete based on repayment when the value of the impermissible compensation received is $200 or less. The committee agreed this proposal reduces bureaucracy and increases efficiencies for Division II institutions. The committee also noted that impermissible compensation to student-athletes must continue to be reported to the NCAA enforcement staff and the proposed change is not retroactive.

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**NO. NC-2020-27**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL – ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS – PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY**

**Intent:** To revise the ineligibility for use of banned drugs legislation, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 18.4.1.4, as follows:

18.4.1.4 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw.

18.4.1.4.1 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than "Illicit Drugs." A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), shall be subject to the following: charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until he or she has been withheld from the equivalent of one season (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if he or she meets all other eligibility requirements;

(b) A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who tests positive during a year in which he or she used a season of competition, shall be charged
with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in the next academic year; and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 365 consecutive days after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the NCAA Drug-Testing Program's policies and procedures.

18.4.1.4.1.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs," he or she shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs" tests positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs," he or she shall be ineligible for competition for 50 percent of a season in all sports (the first 50 percent of regular-season contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.2 Penalty – "Illicit Drugs." A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season of competition in all sports (i.e., 50 percent of all contests or dates of competition in the season following the positive test). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs," he or she shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (365 days) after the collection of his or her second positive drug-test specimen or until the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests has expired, whichever occurs later. If or if a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class "illicit drugs" tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than "illicit drugs," he or she shall be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1, if he or she has participated in intercollegiate competition during the same academic year subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.4.1. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and
until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

18.4.1.4.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than an "illicit drug."

18.4.1.4.3.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample, as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be subject to the following: charged with the loss of a minimum of two seasons of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or a minimum of the equivalent of two full seasons of competition in all sports if the student-athlete involved in tampering with a drug test sample during his or her season of competition (the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following two seasons up to the period of time in the initial season in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending two calendar years (730 days) after the student-athlete was involved in tampering with a drug test sample and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

(a) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for competition in all sports until he or she has been withheld from the equivalent of two seasons (the maximum number of championship segment regular-season contests or dates of competition in the applicable sport per Bylaw 17) of regular-season competition. The student-athlete must be otherwise eligible for competition to fulfill this penalty except a transfer student-athlete may fulfill a transfer residence requirement and a drug-testing penalty concurrently if he or she meets all other eligibility requirements.

(b) A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she did not use a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in tampering during a year in which he or she used a season of competition, shall be charged with the loss of two additional seasons of competition in all sports (in addition to the season used) unless he or she uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years. If the student-athlete uses a season of competition in one of the next two academic years, he or she will only be charged one additional season of competition in all sports (in addition to the seasons used); and

(c) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for 730 consecutive days after the student-athlete was involved in tampering and until he or she tests negative pursuant to the policies and procedures of the NCAA Drug-Testing Program.

18.4.1.4.4 Transfers. If the student-athlete transfers to another NCAA institution while ineligible, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred must notify the student-athlete's new institution that the student-athlete is ineligible. If the student-athlete transfers to a non-NCAA institution while ineligible and
competes in intercollegiate competition during the prescribed period of ineligibility at a non-NCAA institution, the:

(a) The student-athlete will be ineligible for all NCAA regular-season and postseason competition until the student-athlete does not compete in collegiate competition for the entirety of the prescribed penalty: (the total number of prescribed contests or dates of competition) while enrolled and otherwise eligible for competition at an NCAA institution; and

(b) The student-athlete shall be ineligible for intercollegiate competition for the applicable consecutive-day period (365 or 730) after his or her final non-NCAA competition; and

(c) Furthermore, the student-athlete must retest remains ineligible until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) pursuant to the NCAA Drug-Testing Program’s policies and procedures.

[18.4.1.4.5 through 18.4.1.4.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Effective Date: Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining.

Additional Information:

The current rules related to drug-testing penalties can be confusing and have unintended consequences for certain fact scenarios. This proposal will update the legislation to reflect the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports’ recommendation from December 2013. The updated penalties ensure a more consistent and equitable application to all student-athletes. Specifically, the updates address inconsistencies created due to transfer status, timing of positive tests and differences in participation status in the year of the positive test. Due to variations in facts and timing of positive drug tests, some variation is unavoidable. However, this recommendation ensures the drug-testing penalties are applied more consistently and equitably to all student-athletes.

A. Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 unchanged.]

18.4.1.4.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than an "illicit drug."
18.4.1.4.3.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of two seasons of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or a minimum of the equivalent of two full seasons of competition in all sports if the student-athlete involved in tampering with a drug-test sample during his or her season of competition (the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following two seasons up to the period of time in the initial season in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending two calendar years (730 days) after the student-athlete was involved in tampering with a drug-test sample and until he or she tests negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

[18.4.1.4.4 through 18.4.1.4.7 unchanged.]

[18.4.2 unchanged.]

B. Administrative: Amend 31.2, as follows:

31.2 Eligibility for Championships.

[31.2.1 through 31.2.2 unchanged.]

31.2.3 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. See Bylaw 18.4.1.4 for further details regarding ineligibility for use of banned drugs.

[31.2.3.1 unchanged.]

31.2.3.1.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions. The use of the following drugs and/or procedures is subject to certain restrictions and may or may not be permissible, depending on limitations expressed in these guidelines and/or quantities of these substances used:

[31.2.3.1.1-(a) through 31.2.3.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Manipulation of Urine Samples. The Board of Governors bans the use of substances and methods (e.g., diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, epitestosterone) that alter the integrity and/or validity of urine samples provided during NCAA drug testing. Examples of banned methods are catheterization, urine substitution and/or tampering or modification of renal excretion by the use of diuretics, probenecid, bromantan or related compounds, and epitestosterone administration.

[31.2.3.1.1-(e) through 31.2.3.1.1-(f) unchanged.]

[31.2.3.1.2 unchanged.]

[31.2.3.2 through 31.2.3.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Effective Date: Immediate
**Additional Information:**

Due to changes made to drug-testing legislation in 2012, NCAA legislation surrounding tampering and manipulation is unclear. This recommendation would make clear that urine substitution (and related methods) is tampering and carries a more significant penalty. This recommendation is consistent with the original intent of tampering legislation, as recommended by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. In October 2018, the NCAA Division I Council adopted NCAA Division I Proposal M-2018-1 to address this recommendation. The committee requests that the NCAA Division II and III take similar action to clarify this issue.

**NO. NC-2020-29**  
**ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- VALIDITY OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS -- PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT -- CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

**Intent:** To clarify that a prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institution staff member shall not arrange for a false or inaccurate record for a prospective student-athlete or provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete’s academic record.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.2, as follows:

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete’s academic record.

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

(a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; **and/or**

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete’s academic record.

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Additional Information:**

This proposal clarifies the application of Division II Proposal No. 2019-2 (eligibility – general eligibility requirements – validity of academic credentials – pre-enrollment academic misconduct) as a result of an inadvertent drafting error.

**NO. NC-2020-30**  
**MEMBERSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP – ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – ATTESTATION AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS**

**Intent:** To require that (a) An institution’s president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance); and (b) An institution’s director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, that specified conditions for entry of individuals and teams in NCAA championship competition have been satisfied, including an attestation that he
or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8 and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8.

A. **Constitution**: Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Active Membership.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.7 unchanged.]

3.3.4.8 President or Chancellor Attestation of Compliance Obligations. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its president or chancellor attests, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance). [See Bylaw 18.4.2.1-(d)].

3.3.4.89 Compliance-Related Certification. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its president or chancellor certifies through an annual institutional eligibility certification it certifies, [see Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1-18.4.2.1-(e)] attesting that the conditions specified of Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1 have been satisfied.

[3.3.4.9 through 3.3.4.21 renumbered as 3.3.4.10 through 3.3.4.22, unchanged.]

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws**: Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 through 18.4.2 unchanged.]

18.4.2.1 General Institutional Requirements. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition, an institution shall:

(a) **Be The institution shall be** an active member in good standing in the appropriate division, or have its sport so classified, and be eligible under the rules of the member conference of which it is a member;

(b) **Have The institution shall have** paid its membership dues for the current year in accordance with the deadlines set forth in Bylaw 31.2.1.2;

(c) **Designate The institution shall designate** (in accordance with Bylaw 20) its athletics program as Division I, Division II or Division III for competition and possible eligibility for championships in those intercollegiate sports recognized by the NCAA;
(d) The institution’s president or chancellor shall attest, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance):

(d e) Certify, through its president or chancellor, The institution’s director of athletics shall certify, annually by October 15, the institution’s compliance with NCAA legislation (see Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1). The certification of compliance shall be completed not later than September 15 and shall be kept on file at the institution.

(e f) Have The institution shall have confirmed annually its sponsorship of a varsity intercollegiate team in the sport and submitted its race and demographic information by so reporting on the NCAA official information form.

(f g) Have The institution shall have submitted its race and demographic information to the NCAA through the official submission process; and

(g h) Refrain The institution shall refrain from entering a student-athlete as an individual or as a member of a team in an NCAA championship, if it is acknowledged by the institution or established through the Association’s enforcement procedures that the institution or representative(s) of its athletics interests violated NCAA regulations in the recruiting of the student-athlete. The institution may appeal to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for restoration of the student-athlete’s eligibility (see Bylaw 14.13).

18.4.2.1.1 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The institution’s director of athletics shall certify that the following conditions shall have been satisfied. (See Constitution 3.3.4.9.)

18.4.2.1.1.1 NCAA Rules Review. The president or chancellor, director of athletics or a designated representative, has reviewed with all athletics department staff members the rules and regulations of the NCAA as they apply to the administration and conduct of intercollegiate athletics.

18.4.2.1.1.2 Attestation of Compliance Obligations. The president or chancellor and all athletics department staff members (full time, part time, clerical, volunteer) shall attest that the obligations of director of athletics has attested, annually by October 15, that he or she understands the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 (Principle of Institutional Control and Responsibility) and Constitution 2.8 (Principle of Rules Compliance) have been met and that all athletics department staff members (full time, part time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Constitution 2.1 and Constitution 2.8. (See Constitution 3.3.4.8.)

18.4.2.1.1.3 Coaching Staff Disciplinary Actions. At the time of such certification, and as a result of involvement in a violation of the Association’s legislation as determined by the Committee on Infractions or the Management Council, no current member of the institution’s coaching staff:
(a) Shall have been temporarily or permanently suspended from coaching duties by another member institution within the last two years; or

(b) Shall have been prohibited within the last two years, as a result of violations occurring while employed by another member institution, from participating in identified coaching-related activities, unless the prohibition has been equally applied by the certifying institution with respect to the individual’s coaching-related activities on behalf of it; or

(c) Shall have been permitted within the last two years to perform any coaching-related activities for the certifying institution that were prohibited after determination by the Committee on Infractions of an "appropriate disciplinary action" for the individual in accordance with the show-cause provision of Bylaw 19.5.2.2 of the NCAA enforcement procedures.

18.4.2.1.1.3.1 Period of Suspension or Prohibition. The period of suspension or prohibition established by the Committee on Infractions or the Management Council must be in effect for the provisions set forth in Bylaw 18.4.2.1.1.3 to apply.

18.4.2.1.1.3.2 Due-Process Requirement. The affected coaching staff member must be given through the appropriate institution notice of an opportunity to be heard at both the NCAA hearing resulting in the finding of involvement in the violation and the institutional hearing resulting in suspension or prohibition.

18.4.2.1.1.4 Certification of Policies, Procedures and Practices. The policies, procedures and practices of the institution, its staff members and representatives of athletics interests are in compliance at the present time with the Association’s legislation insofar as the president or chancellor director of athletics can determine.

18.4.2.1.1.5 Maintenance of Compliance. It is the intention of the institution to maintain such compliance.

[18.4.2.1.2 through 18.4.2.1.3 unchanged.]

[18.4.2.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

Additional Information:

The Commission on College Basketball recommended a significant expansion in individual accountability for NCAA rules violations for presidents, chancellors and directors of athletics. In response, new legislation was adopted to specify that, in order to enter a team or individual in an NCAA championship or for an individual to serve on an NCAA committee, presidents/chancellors, directors of athletics and all other athletics department staff members must attest annually that the obligations to control and monitor athletics programs have been met. The proposal appropriately shifts some certification requirements related to the athletics program from the president to the athletics director. In addition, this proposal maintains the emphasis on the principle of institutional control and responsibility and the principle of rules compliance without the undue administrative requirement to have each individual staff
member provide an attestation. Institutions will have the discretion to determine the best way to ensure its staff is aware of its obligations. Finally, this proposal recognizes that it is impossible for presidents and directors of athletics to know and; therefore, honestly attest that the institution is in complete compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Association in the conduct of its intercollegiate athletics program.

NO. NC-2020-31  ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING MINIMUM SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- SERVICE EXCEPTIONS -- PERIOD BETWEEN SERVICE COMMITMENT AND ENROLLMENT

Intent: To specify that participation in organized competition during the period between the completion of time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 14.02.10 and 14.2.2). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[14.2.1 through 14.2.4 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in the regular academic term that begins immediately after a one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar-year period has elapsed) following his or her high school graduation date shall use one season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period after the one-year time period and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2.

[14.2.4.2.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual’s high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

14.2.4.2.2.1 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.
[14.2.4.2.2 through 14.2.4.2.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2.3 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.3 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: April 1, 2019, for a student-athlete enrolling during the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.

Additional Information:

Currently, time spent in the armed services, on an official religious mission, or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government is exempted from the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation. However, the service exception to the organized competition legislation does not extend to the time between completion of the service commitment and the student-athlete’s first opportunity to enroll. A student-athlete who delays enrollment due to a service exception but enrolls in a collegiate institution at the next opportunity is adversely impacted because he or she is not permitted to participate in organized competition during the time between completion of the commitment and the next opportunity for enrollment.

NO. NC-2020-32 PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES -- HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACH -- ELIMINATION OF CONTRACT OR BINDING AGREEMENT PERIOD

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach must be under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.5, as follows:

11.5 Employment of High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches.

[11.5.1 through 11.5.2 unchanged.]

11.5.3 High School, College-Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coach. An institution may employ a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach, provided the individual:

(a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties; and

(b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; and

(c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.8.3, as follows:

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 unchanged.]
13.8.3.2 Conditions. A high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college coach who remains associated with the high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college in a coaching capacity shall be permitted to engage in employment as a member of an institution’s coaching staff provided the individual:

(a) Performs actual, on-the-field coaching duties; and

(b) Is involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches; and

(c) Is under contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the member institution is permitted to confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season. (See Bylaw 11.5.)

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, if a volunteer coach from a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college wants to be employed by a Division II institution, the coach must perform actual, on-the-field coaching duties, be involved in recruiting only to the same extent as other institutional on-the-field coaches and be under contract or other binding agreement with the institution for a period of not less than one academic year; however, the institution may confine its compensation to such a coach to a shorter period of time, such as a sport season. Requiring an institution to place a volunteer coach under a contract or other binding agreement for a period of not less than one academic year, hinders those coaches who are looking for a brief experience in intercollegiate athletics for a period shorter than one academic year. Amending the legislation to eliminate the length of the agreement will allow institutions to determine how long a volunteer coach should be employed.

NO. NC-2020-33 RECRUITING -- TRANSPORTATION -- TRANSPORTATION ON UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER ACCOMPANYING PROSPECT ON UNOFFICIAL VISIT AND AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION TO HOME ATHLETICS CONTESTS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an institutional staff member must accompany a prospective student-athlete to view practice or competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution’s home athletics contest (on or off campus); further, to clarify that an institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution’s home athletics contest even if transportation is not available to prospective students.

Bylaws: Amend 13.5.3, as follows:

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport, other institutional facilities and to attend an institution’s home athletics contest (on or off campus). An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-
athlete during such a trip. Payment of any other transportation expenses is not permissible. However, the institution may provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend home athletics contests if transportation is available to prospective students generally. [R]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. NCAA Division II Proposal No. NC-2007-18 (recruiting – unofficial visit – transportation to home athletics contest) allowed an institution to provide transportation to attend the institution’s home athletics contest (on or off campus) during an unofficial visit if transportation was available to prospective students generally; however, it was still impermissible for an institution to provide a prospective student-athlete with transportation expenses to attend one of the institution’s home contests (on or off campus). With the adoption of Proposal No. NC-2008-14 (recruiting – transportation – unofficial), it became permissible for an institution to provide transportation for a prospective student-athlete to attend a home athletics contest (on or off campus). Eliminating the last sentence of Bylaw 13.5.3 (transportation on unofficial visit) will alleviate confusion and make it permissible for an institution to provide transportation expenses to a prospective student-athlete to attend an institution’s home athletics contest even if transportation is not available to prospective students.

NO. NC-2020-34 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT – ELIMINATION OF CURRENT TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to an official visit.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Requirements for Official Visit.

13.6.2.1 High School or Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she: [D]

(a) Presents the institution with (or has on file with the NCAA Eligibility Center) a current high school or college-preparatory school transcript (official or unofficial);

[13.6.2.1-(b) through 13.6.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

[13.6.2.1.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 Two-Year or Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete until he or she has presented an current academic transcript. A prospective student-athlete in his or her first semester or quarter at a two-year or four-year institution would be required to present a high-school transcript. [D]

[13.6.2.3 unchanged.]
Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, an institution may not provide a prospective student-athlete with an official visit until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a current transcript. Eliminating the requirement that the transcript be current will alleviate confusion on what constitutes a current transcript and reduce burden on coaches and compliance administrators.

NO. NC-2020-35 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- LODGING FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONS -- RELATIVES AND LEGAL GUARDIANS

Intent: To clarify that additional occupants lodging with a prospective student-athlete during an official (paid) visit must be relatives and legal guardians; further, to specify that the sibling of a prospective student-athlete, who is also a prospective student-athlete being recruited by an institution, may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.7, as follows:

13.6.7 Lodging for Additional Persons. Additional persons (e.g., prospective student-athlete’s brother, sister, friend) A prospective student-athlete’s relatives and legal guardians may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or relatives or legal guardian(s) of the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution except for a sibling of the prospective student-athlete. [R]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, a sibling of a prospective student-athlete may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or relatives or legal guardians of the prospective student-athlete during an official (paid) visit; however, if the sibling is also a prospective student-athlete being recruiting by the institution, it is impermissible for the sibling to be an additional occupant. With the family structure constantly evolving, it is possible that a sibling could also be a prospective student-athlete that is being recruited by the institution. Amending the legislation to allow a sibling, who is also a prospective student-athlete being recruited by the institution, to stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete will reduce confusion. Additionally, this recommendation eliminates the opportunity for a prospective student-athlete’s friend(s) to accompany them on the official visit.

NO. NC-2020-36 ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR MALE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE WITH A WOMEN’S TEAMS -- ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED AND NONRECRUITED, MALE STUDENT SERVING AN ACADEMIC
YEARS OF RESIDENCE AS A NONQUALIFIER PARTICIPATING IN PRACTICE SESSIONS WITH WOMEN’S TEAM

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a male student who practices with an institution’s women’s team on a regular basis must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, sign the drug-testing consent form and be placed on the eligibility list; further, to permit a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.10, as follows:

14.1.10 Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice With Women’s Teams. A male student or male student-athlete (see Bylaw 17.02.9) may engage in practice sessions with women’s teams under the following conditions:

(a) Male students who practice with an institution’s women’s team must be certified in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations for practice (e.g., enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a drug-testing consent form, included on the institution’s eligibility list, certify insurance coverage of medical expenses per Constitution 3.3.4.13, undergo a mandatory medical examination per Bylaw 17.1.5) verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.1.7.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the ten-semester/15-quarter rule (see Bylaw 14.2.2) and undergo a mandatory medical examination per Bylaw 17.1.5. A male student who practices with an institution’s women’s team is not required to have his academic or amateurism status certified by from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

(b) through 14.1.10-(d) unchanged.

(e) It is not permissible for a male student or male student-athlete who is serving an academic year in residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team. However, it is permissible for a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team.

(f) unchanged.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. This proposal seeks to provide institutions greater discretion regarding the management of the eligibility of male students who practice with women’s teams. Removing these administrative burdens but maintaining requirements for full-time enrollment and the medical examination will reduce the burden on compliance administrators. An institution will still need to certify eligibility of male students but will have greater discretion in how it manages the certification process. Additionally, there should be no concern with allowing a nonrecruited, male student who is a nonqualifier in his first year of collegiate enrollment to practice with a women’s team. Allowing such students to engage in practice activities on campus on an occasional or regular basis does not undermine the intent of the nonqualifier practice restriction, namely, that such students need to focus on their studies during the initial year on campus. Such students can voluntarily choose to engage in other recreational activities that are unrelated to academics.
Practicing with a women’s team during the initial year of enrollment should be a similar voluntary recreational choice.

NO. NC-2020-37

**ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SCRIMMAGES -- DEFINITION OF A SCRIMMAGE**

**Intent:** To amend the two-year college scrimmages legislation to align the definition of a two-year college scrimmage with the definition of an official scrimmage in Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons).

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4.1.1, as follows:

14.2.4.1.1 Exception -- Two-Year College Scrimmages. A two-year college prospective student-athlete may compete in a scrimmage as a member of a two-year college team without counting such competition as a season of competition, provided the competition meets all of the following conditions: **scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.**

(a) The scrimmage is approved by the two-year college;

(b) No official score is kept;

(c) No admission is charged;

(d) No official time is kept;

(e) The scrimmage is played before the two-year college’s first regularly scheduled outside competition; and

(f) The student-athlete participates in not more than two such scrimmages or dates of competition per academic year.

14.2.4.1.1.1 Official Scoring. Official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:

(a) The signing of a scorebook by an official; or

(b) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Currently, the definition of what constitutes a two-year college scrimmage as outlined in Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1 and the definition of an official scrimmage in Bylaw 17 differ. Aligning the definition of a two-year college scrimmage and official scrimmage will reduce confusion and simplify the application of the two-year college scrimmage legislation.

NO. NC-2020-38

**FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- ROOM AND BOARD -- OFF-CAMPUS ROOM AND BOARD STIPEND -- ELIMINATION OF REFERENCE TO TRAINING TABLE MEALS**

**Intent:** To eliminate references to training table meals.
Bylaws: Amend 15.3.2.2.1, as follows:

15.3.2.2.1 Off-Campus Room and Board Stipend. If a student-athlete lives and eats in noninstitutional facilities, the institution may pay the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution’s official on-campus room allowance as listed in its catalog, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of a room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may pay the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to an on-campus 7-day or 21-meal board plan or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, excluding those meals provided as part of the training table. Meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular cost figure from such a student-athlete’s board allowance.

[15.3.2.2.1.1 through 15.3.2.2.1.5 unchanged.]

15.3.2.2.1.6 Training Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution’s training table shall be deducted from a student-athlete’s board allowance, even if the student-athlete is not receiving a full grant-in-aid. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution’s catalog or the average meal costs of its student-athletes living on campus.

[15.3.2.2.1.7 renumbered as 15.3.2.2.1.6, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Due to the deregulation of legislation regarding meals and snacks incidental to participation, separate rules for training table meals are unnecessary. A meal provided by the athletics department (other than an occasional meal or pre- or postgame meals) can be classified as a meal incidental to participation or a meal provided by athletics that is not intended to replace a meal that is normally provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend. Given the varying institutional resources devoted to meals (frequency, facilities, timing), it should be within each institution’s discretion to determine whether a meal is considered incidental to participation or is subject to institutional financial aid policies, regardless of how the meal is titled. The rationale of the legislation that established meals incidental to participation included a statement that "meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics are not intended to replace meals that would normally be provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend." Institutions should already be consulting their financial aid offices to determine the proper classification of meals to ensure compliance with federal and institutional financial aid guidelines and should continue to do so if the training table meals legislation is eliminated.

NO. NC-2020-39 MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -- INDIVIDUAL -- ELEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AID -- ROOM AND BOARD -- FOOD STAMPS

Intent: To eliminate the food stamps legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 15.3.2.2, as follows:
15.3.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete athletics aid that includes the cost of room based on the official allowance for room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day, even if the institution's maximum permissible award allowance for all students represents a lesser cost figure.

[15.3.2.2.1 through 15.3.2.2.5 unchanged.]

15.3.2.2.6 Food Stamps: A grant-in-aid recipient who lives and eats off-campus may use the money provided for his or her board to purchase governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangements on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interests.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Under current legislation, a grant-in-aid recipient who lives off-campus may use money provided for his or her room and board to purchase governmental food stamps, provided the stamps are available to the student body in general. Additionally, the student-athlete must be eligible for such stamps without any special arrangement on the part of athletics department personnel or representatives of the institution's athletics interest. Eliminating the food stamp legislation will permit eligible student-athletes to receive food stamps in the same manner as the general public without having to meet additional NCAA requirements.

NO. NC-2020-40 AWARDS AND BENEFITS – EXPENSES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE’S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND BENEFITS, GIFTS AND SERVICES-- PERMISSIBLE -- EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF A FORMER TEAMMATE, STUDENT-ATHLETE FROM A DIFFERENT TEAM OR INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER

Intent: To specify that an institution may pay expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate; further, to specify that an institution may provide expenses for a student-athlete to be present in a situation when a student-athlete from another team at the institution suffers an injury or illness or death.

A. Bylaws: Amend 16.6.1, as follows:

16.6.1.2 Injury or Illness. The institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete’s teammates any student-athletes at the institution to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete’s death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

16.6.1.2.1 Relative of Student-Athlete. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete and the student-athlete’s teammates to be present in situations in which a relative or legal guardian of the student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a relative's or legal
guardian’s death, to provide the student-athlete and the student-athlete’s teammates with expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. [R]

16.6.1.2.2 Institutional Staff Member or Former Teammate. An institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for a student-athlete to attend the funeral of an institutional staff member or former teammate at the institution. [R]

B. Bylaws: Amend 16.11.1, as follows:

16.11.1.8 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

[16.11.1.8-(a) through 16.11.1.8-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Reasonable tokens of support and transportation in the event of serious injury, serious illness, or death of a relative or legal guardian and transportation to attend the funeral of any relative or legal guardian (See Bylaw 16.6.1.2 for transportation expenses).

[16.11.1.8-(e) through 16.11.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Currently, an institution may pay transportation, housing and meal expenses for relatives (or legal guardians) of a student-athlete and for the student-athlete’s teammates to be present in situations in which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or, in the event of a student-athlete's death, to provide these expenses in conjunction with funeral arrangements. The legislation is specific to a situation in which a current student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or in the event of a student-athlete's death. In order for student-athletes to attend an institutional staff member or former teammate’s funeral, an institution must self-apply an incidental expense waiver per Bylaw 16.12 (expense waivers). Additionally, current legislation only permits an institution to provide expenses to student-athletes from the student-athlete's team to be present in situations which a student-athlete suffers an injury or illness or in the event of a student-athlete's death. Amending the legislation to allow student-athletes to receive transportation expenses to attend the funeral of a former student-athlete, a student-athlete from a different team at the institution or institutional staff member or to receive expenses to be present in situations when a student-athlete from another team suffers an injury or illness, will decrease confusion on whether such expenses are permissible, and eliminate the need to file an urgent legislative relief waiver, which are routinely approved.

NO. NC-2020-41 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS -- INDIVIDUAL WORKOUT SESSIONS DURING AN INSTITUTIONAL VACATION PERIOD

Intent: To specify that, in individual sports, a coach may participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach’s team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.5.6.1.1, as follows:
17.5.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6.8.1.1, as follows:

17.6.8.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7.6.1, as follows:

17.7.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations approved by the Management Council. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in his or her sport.

17.7.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.6.1.1, as follows:

17.8.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.8.1.1, as follows:

17.11.8.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12.6.1.1, as follows:

17.12.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15.6.1.1, as follows:

17.15.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any institutional vacation period and/or* the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18.6.1.1, as follows:

17.18.6.1.1 *Vacation Period and* Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during *any*
institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.21.7.1.1, as follows:

17.21.7.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.22.8.1.1, as follows:

17.22.8.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.23.7.1.1, as follows:

17.23.7.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.24.6.1.1, as follows:

17.24.6.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.27.7.1.1, as follows:

17.27.7.1.1 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Currently, in individual sports, a coach may participate in an individual workout session with a student-athlete from the coach’s team during the summer vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. This proposal will extend the same opportunity to coaches to work with a student-athlete during other institutional vacation periods. Many student-athletes may not be able to return home during a vacation period due to distance (e.g., international student-athletes), time or budget constraints. Such student-athletes may wish to use vacation periods for athletic improvement. Other student-athletes may simply wish to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with their coach. This proposal will allow a student-athlete in an individual sport the opportunity to request and receive additional instruction and guidance from their coach during a time when there are fewer demands on the student-athlete’s time.
**Intent:** To increase, from $20 to $30, the amount of cash an institution may provide a student-athlete per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.29.1.9, as follows:

17.29.1.9 Per Diem. An institution may provide a student-athlete $20-$30 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour in his or her particular sport. This expense allowance may be provided for each day of the tour, to a maximum of 21 days.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Under current legislation, an institution may provide a student-athlete with $20 cash per day to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with a foreign tour. Increasing the value of the per diem creates consistency with the recent increases in other areas of the Division II legislation.

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**NO. NC-2020-43**  
**AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- MEDICAL EXPENSES -- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

**Intent:** To require an institution to make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes through the department of athletics and/or the institution’s health services or counseling services department, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.4, as follows:

16.4 Medical Expenses. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete.

**16.4.1 Mental Health Services and Resources.** An institution shall make mental health services and resources available to its student-athletes. Such services and resources may be provided by the department of athletics and/or the institution’s health services or counseling services department. Provision of services and resources should be consistent with the Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices. In addition, an institution must distribute mental health educational materials and resources to student-athletes, including those transitioning out of their sport, coaches, athletics administrators and other athletics personnel throughout the year. Such educational materials and resources must include a guide to the mental health services and resources available at the institution and information regarding how to access them.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2019

**Additional Information:**

As mental health issues are increasingly prevalent among college students, including student-athletes, it is appropriate for conferences and institutions to make a concerted effort to strengthen any existing mental health education and resources already offered to their student-athlete populations. While institutions have generally taken steps to improve their mental health education and resources for the general student population, participation in college athletics can pose its own unique pressures and difficulties that require specialized attention. To that end, athletics
departments can play a central role in the creation of an environment that wholly supports mental health wellness for their student-athletes. A commitment to provide mental health services and resources in a manner that is consistent with the current Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices guidelines will ensure that athletics departments make mental health care and treatment available to student-athletes in response to those unique pressures and difficulties. The proposal permits such services and resources to be made available through the institution’s health services or counseling department, which mitigates additional financial or resource burden within the athletics department.

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**Intent:** To eliminate the affiliated membership category.

**A. Constitution:** Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership

3.01 General Principles.

3.01.1 Classes of Membership. The NCAA offers four classes of membership: active, conference, affiliated, and provisional. Eligibility for and method of election to membership, obligations and conditions for continuing membership, voting rights, and other membership privileges for each class are defined in this article and Bylaw 20.

[3.01.2 through 3.01.5 unchanged.]

3.02 Definitions and Applications.

[3.02.1 through 3.02.3 unchanged.]

3.02.3.5 Affiliated Member. An affiliated member is a coaches or sports association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the NCAA conducts championships or an emerging sport for women or an association consisting of college/university administrators who have a direct relationship to either the NCAA or the membership, duly elected to affiliated membership under the provisions of this article (see Constitution 3.5.3). An affiliated member is entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any NCAA Convention and enjoys other privileges as designated in the bylaws of the Association (see Constitution 3.5.2).

[3.1 unchanged.]

3.2 Eligibility for Membership.

3.2.1 General. Membership is available to colleges, universities, and athletics conferences or associations and other groups that are related to intercollegiate athletics; that have acceptable academic standards (as defined in Constitution 3.3.3.2); and that are located in Canada, Mexico and the United States, its territories or possessions. Such institutions or organizations must accept and observe the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

[3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

[3.2.2 unchanged.]

[3.3 through 3.4 unchanged.]

3.5 Affiliated Membership.
3.5.1 Eligibility. Affiliated membership is available to a duly elected coaches or sports association whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or an emerging sport for women or an association consisting of college/university administrators who have a direct relationship to either the NCAA or the membership.

3.5.2 Privileges.

3.5.2.1 Privileges and Voting Rights. An affiliated member shall be entitled to be represented by one nonvoting delegate at any Convention of the Association and shall have such other privileges as may be accorded to affiliated members by the bylaws of the Association. A copy of NCAA Champion magazine shall be sent to each member of the NCAA.

3.5.2.2 Use of Association’s Registered Marks. An affiliated member may use the registered marks of the Association (i.e., the Association’s name, logo or other insignia) only if such use is approved by the NCAA staff in accordance with guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

3.5.3 Election Procedures.

3.5.3.1 Voting Requirement. Procedures for election to affiliated membership under this subsection are common provisions (see Constitution 5.02.1.2) established by majority vote of each of the three divisions voting separately.

3.5.3.2 Application. A group or association desiring to become an affiliated member shall make application on a form available from the national office. A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues (see Constitution 3.7.2) shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

3.5.3.3 Election. Groups or associations may be granted affiliated membership by the NCAA president.

3.5.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

3.5.4.1 General. An affiliated member is responsible for observing the principles set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

3.5.4.2 Function and Purpose. The function and purpose of the affiliated member must be directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships.

3.5.5 Loss of Membership.

3.5.5.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies of the Association (see Constitution 1) may be suspended or terminated or the affiliated member otherwise disciplined through the following procedure:

(a) The Board of Governors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or

(b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Board of Governors, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting; and
(c) The affiliated member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Board of Governors meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

3.5.5.1.1 Cessation of Rights and Privileges. All rights and privileges of the affiliated member shall cease on any termination or suspension of affiliated membership.

3.5.5.2 Failure to Pay Dues. If an affiliated member fails to pay its annual dues for one year, its membership shall be automatically terminated.

3.5.5.3 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any affiliated member whose membership has been terminated may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Governors.

3.5.5.4 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any affiliated member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Board of Governors or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.5.6 Discipline of Affiliated Members. Disciplinary or corrective actions other than suspension or termination of membership may be effected during the period between annual Conventions for violation of NCAA rules. (See Bylaws 19 and 32 for enforcement regulations, policies and procedures.)

3.5.6.1 Restoration of Good Standing. Disciplined members shall resume good standing in accordance with the terms of disciplinary action taken, or may be restored to good standing at any time by a vote of at least three members of the Board of Governors present and voting, or, at the annual Convention, by vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

[3.6 renumbered as 3.5, unchanged.]

3.7.6 Dues of Members.

[3.7.1 renumbered as 3.6.1, unchanged.]

3.7.6.2 Current Annual Dues. The annual dues for various classes of membership shall be:

- **Active Members**: $900
- **Member Conferences**: $450
- **Affiliated Members**: As determined by the Board of Governors

[3.7.3 renumbered as 3.6.3, unchanged.]

**B. Constitution**: Amend 4.02, as follows:

4.02 Definitions and Applications.

4.02.1 Association. The "Association," as used in this Manual, refers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a diverse, voluntary, unincorporated Association of four-year colleges and universities, conferences, affiliated associations and other educational institutions.

[4.02.2 through 4.02.3 unchanged.]
4.02.4 Independent Member of the Board of Governors. An independent member of the Board of Governors shall be an individual who is not salaried by an NCAA member institution; or conference or affiliated member, and shall be verified as independent by the Board of Governors.

[4.02.5 unchanged.]

C. Constitution: Amend 5.1.3, as follows:

5.1.3 Annual or Special Convention Delegates.

[5.1.3.1 through 5.1.3.2 unchanged.]

5.1.3.3 Affiliated and Provisional Delegates. Each affiliated and provision member shall be entitled to one accredited delegate without voting privilege.

[5.1.3.4 through 5.1.3.5 unchanged.]

5.1.3.6 Delegate Participation in Conventions and Meetings.

5.1.3.6.1 Active Delegate. Privileges of the floor and the right to active participation in the business proceedings of any annual or special Convention of the Association is accorded to the following:

[5.1.3.6.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The single accredited delegate authorized in Constitution 5.1.3.1.2 to represent a member conference without voting privileges or in Constitution 5.1.3.23 to represent an affiliated or a provisional member;

[5.1.3.6.1-(c) through 5.1.3.6.1-(d) unchanged.]

[5.1.3.6.2 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 19.5.3, as follows:

19.5.3 Discipline of Affiliated Member.

19.5.3.1 Termination or Suspension. The membership of any affiliated member failing to meet the conditions and obligations of membership or failing to support and adhere to the purposes and policies set forth in Constitution 1 may be terminated or suspended or the member otherwise may be disciplined through the following procedure:

(a) The Board of Governors, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may take such action on its own initiative; or

(b) The Committee on Infractions, by majority vote, may recommend such action to the Board of Governors, which may adopt the recommendation by a two-thirds vote of its members present and voting; and

(c) The affiliated member shall be advised of the proposed action at least 30 days before any Committee on Infractions or Board of Governors meeting in which such action is considered and shall be provided the opportunity to appear at any such meeting.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2019
Additional Information:

The affiliated membership category was created in the early years of the Association to provide groups and associations related to intercollegiate athletics a voice at the NCAA Convention to raise issues and share concerns regarding proposed legislation. Currently, affiliated membership is limited to coaches associations or sports associations whose function and purpose is directly related to one or more NCAA championship sports or emerging sports for women, or associations that consist of college/university administrators and have a direct connection to either the NCAA or its member institutions. As methods of communication and the ease of communication have increased, the NCAA has regularly conducted extensive outreach and communication with affiliated members, resulting in regular feedback to inform governance decision-making. Thus, the utility of the affiliated membership category has become outdated and may be eliminated without impacting the opportunity for collaboration and feedback. Historically, affiliated members have been afforded the same rights to use the registered marks of the Association as active members and conferences. However, at the time affiliated members initially were afforded the benefit of using NCAA marks, the Association did not have the comprehensive licensing and marketing programs that it does today. The value of the NCAA brand has grown significantly over time. Any organization seeking to use NCAA marks should be required to go through the standard review process and, if approved, enter into a licensing agreement with the Association.

NO. NC-2020-45 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD -- USE OF FOOTBALLS

Intent: To permit the use of footballs during walk-throughs during the five-day acclimatization period.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

17.10 Football.

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Preseason Practice.

[17.10.2.1 through 17.10.2.2 unchanged.]

17.10.2.3 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.3-(a) through 17.10.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

(1) Exception – During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning, or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and
conditioning activities do not occur. **However, footballs may be used.** Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any session occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weightlifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.10.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

[17.10.2.3.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2.4 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.4-(a) through 17.10.2.4-(b) unchanged.]

17.10.2.4.1 Exception -- "Walk-Through." During the preseason practice period, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.10.2.4, provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur. **Following the five-day acclimatization period, an institution may use footballs during a walk-through.** The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour. Further, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the on-field practice and the walk-through. During this recovery time, student-athletes may not engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent in film review, team meetings, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.10.2.4.2 unchanged.]

[17.10.3 through 17.10.9 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

This proposal aligns the five-day acclimatization period with the legislation governing Bylaw 17.10.2.4 (preseason activities after five-day acclimatization period), which permits the use of footballs during walk-throughs. Allowing footballs during walk-throughs is not contrary to the Interassociation Consensus Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations and is supported by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Further, this proposal will establish one standard for the entirety of the preseason practice period. Division I adopted similar legislation in January 2019.
14.3.1.6 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulations, did not satisfy the requirements of the initial-eligibility indices for qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.3.

[14.3.1.6.1 through 14.3.1.6.3 unchanged.]

14.3.1.6.4 Seasons of Competition -- Nonqualifier. Nonqualifiers shall not engage in more than four seasons of competition. A student-athlete, who is a nonqualifier and who has exhausted three seasons of competition at a Division I institution, shall be eligible for a fourth season of competition following a transfer to a Division II institution, provided the student-athlete has completed the Division I progress-toward-degree requirements to earn a fourth season of competition.

[14.3.1.6.5 renumbered as 14.3.1.6.4, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2019, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2019.

Additional Information:

Current legislation stipulates that a student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who has exhausted three seasons of competition at an NCAA Division I institution shall be eligible for a fourth season following a transfer to a Division II institution, provided the student-athlete has completed the Division I progress-toward-degree requirements to earn a fourth season of competition. Because such student-athletes must meet the Division I requirements, as well as the additional Division II requirements under Bylaw 14.5.5.3.9 (one-time transfer exception) for a student-athlete with only one season remaining, Bylaw 14.3.1.6.4 (seasons of competition – nonqualifier) is unnecessary.

NO. NC-2020-47 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- REQUIREMENTS -- DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP -- ELIMINATION OF TWO-YEAR WAIT FOR AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an active Division II conference must conduct competition in the sport for two consecutive years at the time of its application for automatic qualification in that sport.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.4, as follows:

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sports committee may recommend annually to the Championships Committee those multisport voting conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams into NCAA championships conducted in team sports, timed individual sports and other individual sports as identified in Bylaw 17.02.16. The decision of the Championships Committee shall be final. Before recommending that a conference receive automatic qualification, a governing sports committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 and 31.3.4.2.

[31.3.4.1 unchanged.]

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:
(a) Been a multisport voting member conference of the Association for two five consecutive academic years;

(b) Conducted competition in the sport for two consecutive years at the time of its application for automatic qualification; and

(c b) Have at least six active members that sponsor the sport at the varsity intercollegiate level and have competed for two consecutive years in the division in which automatic qualification is sought and that are eligible for the NCAA championship, and have had at least six active members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. Institutions that are affiliate members of a conference in a particular sport may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for automatic qualification in that sport. Institutions in the membership process may be used to satisfy the requirement that a conference have six members that have competed together for two consecutive years. A conference shall not be eligible for automatic qualification in a sport until it has at least six active Division II member institutions that sponsor the sport. Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for automatic qualification in a Division II championship set forth in Bylaws 31.3.4.1-(a) through 31.3.4.1-(c), the conference must also meet the following criteria:

Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for automatic qualification in a Division II championship set forth in Bylaws 31.3.4.1-(a) through and 31.3.4.1-(cb), the conference must also meet the following criteria:

[31.3.4.2-(d) through 31.3.4.2-(f) unchanged.]

[31.3.4.2 through 31.3.4.9 unchanged.]

31.3.4.10 Waiver -- Two-Year Waiting Period. The Championships Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant a waiver for an active member conference of the two-year waiting period for automatic qualification set forth in Bylaws 31.3.4.2-(a) and 31.3.4.2-(b).

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Championships Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, an active Division II conference must conduct competition in a sport for two years before gaining access to automatic qualification in that sport. This change will permit a current active Division II conference that adds a sport to gain access to automatic qualification in that sport without a two year wait, provided it has at least six active members that sponsor the sport and six institutions that participate in the process that determines the automatic qualifier. This change does not impact the five-year wait for automatic qualification for a new Division II conference.

NO. NC-2020-48 VARIOUS BYLAWS -- ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT AND KEEP ON FILE

Intent: To eliminate requirements to report certain information to the NCAA; further, to specify that certain documents and forms shall be kept on file and shall be made available for examination upon request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.4, as follows:
12.5.1.4 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete’s name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided:

[12.5.1.4-(a) through 12.5.1.4-(d) unchanged.]

(e) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete’s name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section and has filed a copy of the statement with the student-athlete’s member institution. A copy of the statement is kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3.5, as follows:

13.11.3.5 Private Lessons. An institution’s equestrian, golf or tennis coach may teach private equestrian, golf or tennis lessons to a prospective student-athlete, provided the following conditions are met: [D]

[13.11.3.5-(a) through 13.11.3.5-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The institution keeps on file in the office of the athletics director documentation of the fee charged for the private lessons and the name of any individual receiving any portion of the fee. The documentation shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.2, as follows:

13.17.2 Women’s Basketball. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to women’s basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) through 13.17.2-(j) unchanged.]

(k) During four nonscholastic women’s events occurring between May 18 and June 14 selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics: Evaluation Period

[13.17.2-(l) unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(f) unchanged.]

(1) Four weeks (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics.

[13.17.3-(g) unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.3.2, as follows:

14.1.3.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the student-athlete statement:

[14.1.3.2-(a) through 14.1.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The statement shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA; and
F. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.4.2, as follows:

14.1.4.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the drug-testing consent form required (see Constitution 3.3.4.11): [D]

[14.1.4.2-(a) through 14.1.4.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The consent forms shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

G. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.5.2, as follows:

14.1.5.2 Administration. The following procedures shall be used in administering the Student-Athlete HIPAA Authorization/Buckley Amendment consent form: [D]

[14.1.5.2-(a) through 14.1.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Any signed authorization/consent forms shall be kept on file by the director of athletics and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

H. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.1.9, as follows:

14.1.9 Change in Eligibility Status. If a student-athlete’s academic eligibility changes at the end of a quarter or semester, the student-athlete shall become eligible or ineligible to compete on the date his or her eligibility officially is certified by the appropriate institutional authority. In a case in which the student becomes eligible at the end of the term, the earliest date on which the student can become eligible to compete is the day after the date of the last scheduled examination listed in the institution's official calendar for the term that is ending. In a case in which the student becomes ineligible, the ineligibility shall become effective not later than the first day of classes of the following semester or quarter. In any case, if the student-athlete is academically eligible to compete at the time of the student-athlete’s or the institution’s first participation in an NCAA championship, he or she shall remain eligible for the remainder of the championship.

14.1.9.1 Exception.

[14.1.9.1.1 through 14.1.9.1.3 unchanged.]

14.1.9.1.4 Notification to the NCAA National Office. As a condition of the exception, an institution shall provide to the NCAA national office the number of student-athlete(s) who are ultimately declared ineligible for the academic term but competed during the exception period.

I. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.3, as follows:

17.1.3 Declaration of Playing Season. Each member institution shall determine the playing season for each of the sports referenced under Bylaw 17.02.16. Declaration of the institution’s playing season in each such sport shall be on file in writing in the department of athletics before the beginning of the institution’s playing season for that sport. Changes in the declaration for a particular sport are permissible and also shall be filed in writing in the office of the institution’s athletics director; kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

J. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.29.1, as follows:
17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.

[17.29.1.1 through 17.29.1.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires certain information to be kept on file with a member institution as well as report certain information to the NCAA. Eliminating these requirements and requiring an institution to keep certain documents and forms on file and make them available for examination upon request will provide Division II institutions with the flexibility to create appropriate and consistent policies regarding their adherence to NCAA legislation. Importantly, removing documentation requirements does not absolve an institution from adhering to the legislation.

NO. NC-2020-49 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT SPECIFIED SITES -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE -- CONTACT AFTER COMPETITION

Intent: To eliminate restrictions related to contact with a prospective student-athlete involved in competition such that contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete's competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released from the competition by the appropriate authority, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.6.1, as follows:

13.1.6.1 Practice or Competition Site Contact With Prospective Student-Athletes Involved in Competition. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete before any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following: Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete at any site prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant on a day of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or orally relaying information to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Contact may occur after the prospective student-athlete’s competition concludes for the day and the prospective student-athlete has been released by the appropriate authority (e.g., coach). [D]

(a) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete at any site before the contest on the day or days of competition;

(b) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete from the time the prospective student-athlete reports on call (at the direction of the prospective student-athlete’s coach or comparable authority) and becomes involved in competition-related activity (e.g., traveling to an away-from-home game) to the end of the competition even if such competition-related activities are initiated before the day or days of competition;
(c) Contact shall not be made after the competition until the prospective student-athlete is released by the appropriate institutional authority and departs the dressing and meeting facility;

(d) Contact shall not be made with the prospective student-athlete involved in competition that requires more than one day of participation (e.g., a basketball tournament) until after the prospective student-athlete's final contest is completed and he or she is released by the appropriate institutional authority and leaves the dressing and meeting facility; and

(e) Contact with a prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians at the site of competition is permissible during a contact period following June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.)

[13.1.6.1.1 through 13.1.6.1.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Current legislation prohibits an institution’s coach from having on- or off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete when the prospective student-athlete is "on call" for competition, including when he or she is competing on the institution’s campus or in the locale of the institution. The legislation also prohibits a prospective student-athlete from visiting an institution’s campus during a road trip with his or her team. The legislation is more restrictive for a prospective student-athlete who travels with a team as a formal team activity (e.g., with other teammates and coaches), as opposed to a prospective student-athlete who travels to competitions and stays with his or her parents or legal guardians. This proposal is intended to permit a prospective student-athlete to visit an institution’s campus or have contact with coaches, either with a team or individually, when he or she is not involved in competition-related activities. Such visits or contacts will not be permissible unless the appropriate team authority has released the prospective student-athlete following competition. This proposal maintains the prohibition on contact before competition, which allows the prospective student-athlete to focus on competition-related activities.

NO. NC-2020-50  RECRUITING – PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES – REORGANIZATION

Intent: To reorganize the precollege expenses legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.15, as follows:

13.15 Precollege Expenses: Financial Assistance to a Prospective Student-Athlete or Prospective Student-Athlete’s High School.

13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period before his or her enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education. [R]

13.15.1.1 Extent of Prohibition. The provisions of Bylaw 13.15.1 apply to all prospective student-athletes, including those who have signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the
institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

13.15.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding directly benefiting a high school athletics program except as specified in Bylaw 13.4.3.1.1. [D]

13.15.1.2.1 Involvement by Local Representatives of Institution’s Athletics Interests. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may provide funding to benefit a high school athletics program located in the community in which the athletics representative resides, provided:

[13.15.1.2.1-(a) through 13.15.1.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

13.15.1.3 College Use of High School Facility. An institution may not contribute to a high school or its athletics booster club any funds realized from an athletics contest played or a practice held at a high school facility, except actual and necessary expenses for rental of the facility.

13.15.1.4 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. An institution shall be permitted to host high school contests in all sports held in conjunction with intercollegiate contests as specified in Bylaw 13.11.1.3. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following:

(a) It shall be regularly scheduled and approved by the appropriate state high school authority;

(b) The member institution shall not provide the high school with any financial compensation, including transportation expenses or a guarantee or percentage of the income realized from the contest; and

(c) The only expenses the member institution may incur are the operating and maintenance costs associated with its facility's use for the high school contest.

13.15.1.5 State High School Association Use of Member Institution’s Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate.

13.15.1.6 Donation of Equipment.

13.15.1.6.1 Athletics Equipment and Apparel. An institution or conference may provide used athletics equipment and apparel to a high school or athletics equipment and apparel to bona fide youth organizations (e.g., the YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, a summer recreation league) that may consist of some prospective student-athletes, provided the issuance of equipment and apparel is in accordance with the institution's or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment and apparel. [D]

13.15.1.6.1.1 Exception—Women’s Rowing. An institution may loan rowing equipment to a high school's or junior club program's women's team on an issuance and retrieval basis and may permit high schools' and junior club programs' women's teams to use its rowing facilities for practice and/or competition.

13.15.1.6.2 Nonathletics Equipment. An institution or conference may provide nonathletics equipment (e.g., a computer) to a high school or bona fide youth organizations (e.g., YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout
troops, summer recreation league), provided the issuance of equipment is in accordance with the institution's or conference's regular policy regarding the discarding of equipment.

13.15.1.74 Ticket Sales. It is not permissible for a member institution to compensate a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college for selling tickets to the institution's athletics contests. Specifically, the member institution may not provide such forms of compensation as a guarantee, a percentage of the income realized from the sale of the tickets or any other form of commission for providing such services.

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

13.15.2.1 Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:

[13.15.2.1-(a) through 13.15.2.1-(f) unchanged.]

13.15.2.2 Institution Providing Items to Athletics Youth Groups for Fundraising. An institution may provide items to assist in the fundraising efforts of athletics youth groups composed of individuals who have not started classes for the ninth grade without causing such individuals to become prospective student-athletes per Bylaw 13.02.9.

13.15.2.3 Advertisements and Upgrades for Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school football stadium).

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13.15.2.3.2 State High School Association Use of Member Institution’s Facilities. An institution may permit a state high school association to use its facilities to host state high school championship events at a reduced rate.

13.15.2.3.3 Advertisements and Upgrades for Shared Home Facility. A member institution may advertise and upgrade its home facility even if that facility is also the home facility for prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school football stadium).

13.15.2.4 Use of Bands Comprised of Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may hire a band (e.g., marching band, pep band) comprised of prospective student-athletes to perform at any contest, provided the band is paid commensurate with the going rate in the locale for similar services.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Following the 2016 NCAA Convention, the governance structure began assessing the culture of compliance and reviewed legislation to ensure its alignment with the compliance resources available on Division II campuses. Organizing the legislation in a more straightforward manner will assist member institutions in understanding and applying the precollege expenses legislation

NO. NC-2020-51 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- LOSS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- REINSTATEMENT OF A TERMINATED OR SUSPENDED MEMBER -- ELIMINATION OF LEGISLATION

Intent: To eliminate the legislation pertaining to reinstatement of a terminated or suspended member.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Active Membership.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.4 unchanged.]
3.3.5 Loss of Active Membership.

[3.3.5.1 through 3.3.5.3 unchanged.]

3.3.5.4 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any active member whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.3.5.1) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

3.3.5.5 Reinstatement of Suspended Member. Any active member whose membership has been suspended may be reinstated to good standing in accordance with the terms, if any, of the suspension action, or at any time after six months from the date of such suspension, by vote of a majority of the Presidents Council or by vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

[3.3.6 unchanged.]

B. Constitution: Amend 3.4, as follows:

3.4 Member Conference.

[3.4.1 through 3.4.4 unchanged.]

3.4.5 Loss of Member-Conference Status.

[3.4.5.1 through 3.4.5.5 unchanged.]

3.4.5.6 Reinstatement of Terminated Member. Any member conference whose membership has been terminated (see Constitution 3.4.5.3) may have it reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Convention.

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[3.4.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Membership Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The constitutional references to the process for reinstatement of a terminated or suspended member have been in place since prior to federation. Since that time, the Division II membership and the Membership Committee have developed clear legislation and robust policies and procedures to address situations where an active Division II institution fails to meet established membership requirements. It is appropriate to eliminate the specific legislative references regarding the process for reinstatement of a terminated or suspended member because alternate and more streamlined processes for addressing such issues are clearly established elsewhere in the legislation. Current legislation clearly indicates that the Membership Committee has the authority to address membership issues (e.g., accreditation, minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid requirements) and review waiver requests related to minimum requirements for membership. In addition, the legislation specifies that the
NCAA Division II Management Council has the authority to act on an institution or conference’s appeal of a Membership Committee decision.

**NO. NC-2020-52 AMATEURISM – EMPLOYMENT – SPECIFICALLY ATHLETICALLY RELATED EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES – FEE-FOR-LESSON INSTRUCTION – RESTITUTION**

**Intent:** To specify that for violations of the fee-for-lesson instruction legislation in which the value of the benefit is $200 or less, the eligibility of the individual shall not be affected, conditioned on the individual repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.4.2.2, as follows:

12.4.2.2 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction. A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided all compensation received by the student-athlete is consistent with the criteria governing compensation to student-athletes (see Bylaw 12.4.1). [R]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Currently, violations of the fee-for-lesson instruction legislation, involving any dollar value, require an institution to file a student-athlete reinstatement request for the involved student-athlete to be eligible for competition. However, the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff typically reinstates the eligibility of the involved student-athlete based on repayment when the value of the impermissible compensation received is $200 or less. This change will reduce bureaucracies and increase efficiencies for institutions. It was also noted that impermissible compensation to student-athletes must continue to be reported to the NCAA enforcement staff. This proposed change is not retroactive to violations that occurred prior to the adoption of the legislative change.


**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that an NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, for a student-athlete who was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.5.1, as follows:

14.2.5.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. An institution may appeal a decision by its conference to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.
14.2.5.1.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver for Injury or Illness Occurring at a Non-NCAA Institution. In cases in which a student-athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness during a season of intercollegiate competition at a non-NCAA institution (e.g., two-year college, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics four-year college), the NCAA institution must apply for a hardship waiver through its conference office or, in the case of an independent member institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. This regulation is applicable even if the student-athlete was previously granted a hardship waiver at the non-NCAA institution.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

Effective Date: Immediate, for student-athletes that initially enroll full-time at a collegiate institution during the 2020-21 academic year and thereafter.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires a Division II institution to file a hardship waiver with its conference for student-athletes who received an approved hardship waiver from a non-NCAA institution. A Division II institution should not have to file a hardship waiver with its conference office when the involved student-athlete previously received a hardship waiver from the non-NCAA institution. This recommendation aligns with proposed 2020 NCAA Convention legislation specific to seasons of competition involving student-athletes who transfer from a non-Division II institution. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators and conference offices and enhance student-athlete well-being.
Appendix B

Convention Voting Procedures

The following terms and procedures involved in voting at NCAA Conventions have been reviewed by the Association’s parliamentarian.

Significant Terms

1. **Vote Announcement** - After a paddle, roll-call or secret ballot vote, the chair announces the vote and states whether the motion passed or failed.

2. **Retake a Vote** - A retake occurs when a paddle vote is taken again or when a paddle vote is counted. A retake may occur before the statement of the next question. After the statement of the next question, a motion to reconsider must be used to retake a vote. During a retake, voters may change their votes and new eligible voters may participate. A retake motion would be considered dilatory and, therefore, denied after a roll-call vote and out of order after a secret-ballot vote unless it is clear that the question was misunderstood or that fraud had occurred.

3. **Change a Vote** - In a paddle vote, a vote may be changed if a retake occurs or by rising for that purpose before the result is announced by the chair. After the announcement of the vote, but before the next question is stated, a change may be made only by permission of the assembly by a majority vote after a nondebatable motion. In a roll-call vote, a change may occur before closing the polls or the polls may be reopened to change a vote before the statement of the next question. In a secret-ballot vote, no change may be made once the ballot is cast. After the statement of the next question following a roll-call vote and after a vote is cast in a secret ballot, a vote change can occur only through a successful motion to reconsider.

4. **Recount a Vote** - This applies only to a secret-ballot vote. The ballots simply are counted again as cast and can be ordered only by a majority vote of the assembly.

5. **Closing the Polls** - For roll-call and secret-ballot votes, the polls are opened when the chair calls for the vote. When the chair has ascertained that all who so desire have voted or have changed their votes, the chair will state that the polls are closed. If there is disagreement on closing the polls, they may be closed by a two-thirds vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, the polls may be reopened before the statement of the next question by majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, however, the chair will move to the next item on the agenda.

6. **Statement of Next Question** - When a new motion is made and seconded, the chair will announce that “The motion before you is.... Is there any discussion?” This is the statement of the next question and ends the opportunity to retake a vote or reopen the polls in regard to the preceding question.

7. **Reconsideration** - After the statement of the next question, only one motion to reconsider any foregoing question may be made before adjournment of the Convention by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of a vote taken in a division or subdivision business session must occur in that division’s or subdivision’s business
session, except that such reconsideration also may occur during a designated period at the beginning of the general business session.

**Voting Procedures**

1. **Paddle Voting**
   a. The chair calls for a vote by paddles, and determines the result by sound or sight from the dais.
   b. The chair may retake the vote if there is doubt.
   c. The chair must have the vote counted if requested by a voting delegate. The chair also may choose to retake a paddle vote and have it counted by hand or by the wireless voting system.
   d. During a retake, new voters may participate or votes may be changed. Vote changes also may occur before the result is announced by the chair.
   e. A retake will not be permitted after the next question has been stated. A request to retake a counted vote will be regarded as dilatory by the chair and will not be allowed.

2. **Roll-Call Voting (by Wireless Voting System)**
   a. A roll-call vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, following a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a secret-ballot and a roll-call vote are moved, the assembly votes first on whether or not to vote by roll call. A motion to conduct a secret ballot on an issue designated for roll call by the Presidents Councils will be considered out of order.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for a roll-call vote by use of wireless voting system.
   c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to has voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that polls are closed.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new votes, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a majority.

3. **Ballot Voting (Secret Ballot)**
   a. A secret ballot may be ordered by the assembly before, during or after any ordinary vote (but before the next question is stated) by a majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall ask for the vote by wireless voting system. Votes will be tallied electronically, but only a summary printout of results will be reported.
   c. After the chair determines that all who wish to vote have voted, the polls shall be closed. A vote change shall not be permitted once the vote is cast.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. Once the next question is stated by the chair, the polls may not be reopened for a new vote on the prior issue.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.
## Appendix C

### NCAA Governance Structure

**Board of Governors**

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