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The National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Presidents Council

Indianapolis, Indiana April 25-26, 2017

Tuesday, April 25
6 to 9 p.m.
(National Office, Summitt-Wooden Room)

1. Announcements and welcome to new Presidents Council members; Glen Jones. [Supplement No. 1] (Information)

2. Discussion with Mark Emmert, NCAA President, and Donald Remy, NCAA Executive Vice President. (Information)

3. Division II insurance survey results; Kathleen McNeely. [Supplement No. 2] (Information)

4. NCAA health and safety updates; Brian Hainline and John Parsons.
   a. Football practice recommendations. [Supplement No. 3] (Information)
   b. Injury Surveillance Program. [Supplement No. 4] (Action)

5. NCAA Board of Governors update; G. Jones. [Supplement No. 5] (Information)
   • Structure and composition. [Supplement No. 6]

6. Convention Planning Project Team report; Maritza Jones. [Supplement No. 7] (Information)

7. Division II Degree-Completion Awards Working Group; M. Jones. [Supplement No. 8] (Information)

8. Recess.

Wednesday, April 26
7:30 to 9 a.m.
(National Office, Grant Ballroom)

9. Joint breakfast with Division I and Division III.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(National Office, Summitt-Wooden Room)

10. Reconvene meeting and debrief breakfast; G. Jones.

11. Report from the vice chair of the Presidents Council; Gary Olson.
b. Update from Tuesday, April 25, Planning and Finance Committee Meeting. (Action)

      (1) Emergency legislation. [Supplement No. 10] (Action)
      (2) Concepts. [Supplement No. 11] (Action)
   b. Other action items. [Supplement No. 12] (Action)
   c. Informational items. [Supplement No. 13] (Information)

13. Minutes/Meeting Summaries; G. Jones. (Action)
   a. Summary of actions from January Management Council and Presidents Council meetings. [Supplement No. 14]
   b. Administrative Committee reports/interim actions taken. [Supplement No. 15]

14. NCAA Inclusion Statement; Sonja Robinson and Amy Wilson. [Supplement No. 16] (Action)

15. At-large vacancy election; G. Jones. [Supplement No. 17] (Action)

16. Updated Presidents Council policies and procedures document; Terri Steeb Gronau. [Supplement No. 18] (Action)

17. August 2017 meeting with conference board chairs and conference commissioners; Steeb Gronau. [Supplement No. 19] (Information)

18. Staff updates.
   a. Division II 2016-17 priorities; Steeb Gronau. [Supplement No. 20] (Information)
   b. 2017 Winter Championships Festival; John Baldwin.
   c. “Make It Yours” activation; Ryan Jones.
   d. Division II broadcast agreements for 2017-18; R. Jones.
18. Future meetings.

a. August 7-9, 2017; DII Presidents Council Meeting; Indianapolis.
   - August 7—5:30 to 7 p.m.—Reception for DII Commissioners, Presidents Council members and Chairs of Conference Presidential Bodies.
   - August 8—8 a.m. to 2 p.m.—DII Meeting of Commissioners, Presidents Council and Chairs of Conference Presidential Bodies.
   - August 8—6 to 9 p.m.—DII Presidents Council Evening Meeting and Dinner.
   - August 9—7:30 to 9 a.m.—DI, DII and DIII Joint Breakfast.
   - August 9—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—DII Presidents Council Meeting.

b. October 24-25, 2017; University of California, Los Angeles.
   - October 24—2 to 6 p.m.—DII Presidents Council Meeting.
   - October 24—6 to 9 p.m.—Joint Reception and Dinner with Division I and Division III.
   - October 25—7:30 to 9 a.m.—Joint Breakfast with Division I and Division III.
   - October 25—9 to 11 a.m.—Division II Presidents Council Meeting.

c. January 17-20, 2018; Indianapolis; in conjunction with the 2018 NCAA Convention.

d. April 24-25, 2018; Indianapolis.

e. August 7-8, 2018; Indianapolis.

f. October 23-24, 2018; TBD.

[Note that beginning in April 2017, the April, August and October meetings are transitioning to a Tuesday/Wednesday format.]

19. Other business.

20. Adjournment.
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Executive Summary—Division II Student-Athlete Insurance Survey

Responses:

- 75% of Division II institutions responded to the survey (209 institutions).
- Survey sent to DII Head Athletic Trainers, 2/2/17—2/24/17.

Insurance Coverage:

- 86% of Division II institutions require student-athletes to have primary insurance coverage.
  - This is considered a best practice to help an institution control costs and cause the NCAA programs to pay on a secondary basis.
  - Stabilizes institution-purchased secondary insurance coverage by minimizing risk of providing coverage on primary basis.
  - 42% of DII institutions provide insurance if the student-athlete does not have primary coverage.
- 64% of DII institutions purchase an accident insurance policy.
  - Of those, 85% pay a premium between $25,000 and $200,000.
  - 72% of those policies have a two-year (104 week) benefit period.
- 10% have a formal self-insurance program.
  - 81% of those programs have a two-year (104 week) benefit period.
- 5% have an alternative financial arrangement.
  - Data suggests most are hybrid programs with stop-loss coverage.
- 21% require student-athletes to provide their own coverage.
  - 57% of these institutions review policies, and 68% of those provide guidance about deductibles and co-pays.
  - Majority of institutions (52%) do not track student-athlete coverage by type of primary insurance (e.g. government coverages).
- International student-athletes most frequently secure medical coverage, including coverage for athletics, from institution-wide insurance programs offered to entire student body.
  - Many DII institutions rely on the department’s secondary insurance to provide primary coverage.
  - Some institutions also arrange for purchase of short-term health insurance policies, including coverage for athletically-related injuries.

Costs for Injuries Not Covered by Insurance:

- 51% of DII institutions pay 100% of the costs for athletically-related injuries if a student athlete does not have primary insurance coverage.
- The costs paid out-of-pocket by institutions varies immensely, ranging from $0 to $200,000.
- 42% of institutions indicate that student-athletes do not have any out-of-pocket expenses for an athletics injury (e.g. primary deductible and co-pays, prescriptions, costs above “reasonable and customary”).
Costs for Injuries/Illnesses Not Related to Athletics:

- 9% of DII institutions provide coverage of illnesses, injuries, and other medical costs unrelated to athletics.
  - 11% indicate that coverage is determined on case-by-case basis.
- 22% of institutions provide coverage for costs incurred due to an athletics injury after a student-athlete leaves school or exhausts their eligibility.
  - 38% provide coverage under certain conditions.
  - Coverage is most typically provided for 2 years (104 weeks), others commonly cover costs for 1 year (52 weeks).
    - Given the conditions listed and the benefit period, it is safe to assume that most institutions are providing this coverage through their accident policy, and not through any special “post graduate” program.
- 89% of institutions do not pay for unauthorized or non-referred expenses.
DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE MEDICAL INSURANCE SURVEY RESULTS
STUDENT-ATHLETE INSURANCE SURVEY

- 209 Total Respondents.
- 75% Participation Rate.
- Survey sent to DII Head Athletic Trainers.

Who manages insurance programs for DII student-athletes?

- Athletic Training Staff: 75%
- Athletics Administrator: 16%
- Dedicated Insurance Coordinator: 5%
- Other: 4%
Institutions must certify insurance coverage for medical expenses resulting from athletically-related injuries, with limits up to the deductible of the NCAA Catastrophic Insurance Policy ($90,000 or $75,000).

- Applies to student-athletes participating in the covered event in an intercollegiate sport.
- Applies to prospective student-athlete participating in the covered event who has graduated from high school and signed an irrevocable commitment to participate in an intercollegiate sport at the institution.

Sources for coverage:
- Parents’ or guardians’ insurance coverage.
- Participant’s personal insurance coverage.
- Institution’s insurance program.
DIVISION II INSTITUTIONS REQUIRING PRIMARY INSURANCE FROM STUDENT-ATHLETES

► Requiring primary coverage is considered best practice.
  ▶ Helps institution to control costs.
  ▶ Allows NCAA programs to pay on secondary basis.
► 86% of DII has requirement.
► 42% of DII institutions provide insurance if the student-athlete does not have primary coverage.
HOW DIVISION II INSTITUTIONS MEET NCAA INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

► Of those requiring S-As to provide own coverage:
  ► 43% do not review those policies.
  ► 68% provide guidance about appropriate deductibles, copays, etc.

- 64%
- 21%
- 10%
- 5%
53% of DII institutions have deductibles less than $1,000.

50% of DII institutions have no co-pay requirements.
COST FOR INJURIES NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE

Do any Division II student-athletes have out-of-pocket expenses for athletics injuries at your Division II institution?

- **58%** YES
- **42%** NO
Will the athletics department insurance cover 100% of costs if primary insurance is not available?

Out-of-pocket costs paid by Division II institutions range immensely; from $0 to $200,000 each year.
Case-by-case decisions are made based on numerous considerations, including:

- Whether injury/illness is during the sport season.
- If effects ability to participate.
- S-A’s financial situation.
- Diagnostic tests and exams.
DIVISION II INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING COVERAGE POST-ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

► Coverage is typically provided for 2 years.
► Data provides assumption that coverage is provided through institution’s accident policy, not separate policy.
► This means a S-A who has issues with an old sports injury 10 years after leaving the institution is generally not covered by any institutional policy.
COMMUNICATION PLAN AND NEXT STEPS

- Presentation to Division II Management Council.

- Presentation to Division II Presidents Council.
  - April 25, 2017.

- Results compiled by conference and shared with conference offices.

- Areas of Focus to Discuss.
  - Insurance consultant to identify and analyze processes for insurance management and health care delivery.
  - Establishing best practices and educational resources to share with membership.
INTERASSOCIATION CONSENSUS:
YEAR-ROUND FOOTBALL PRACTICE CONTACT FOR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOMMENDATIONS
PURPOSE

The Second Safety in College Football Summit resulted in interassociation consensus documents for four paramount safety issues in collegiate athletics:

1. Independent medical care for college student-athletes.
2. Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.
3. Year-round football practice contact for college student-athletes.

This document addresses year-round football practice contact for college student-athletes. The final recommendations in this document are the offspring of presentations and discussions during the summit on key items that address safety and head impact exposure in football. Following the presentations and discussions, endorsing organization representatives agreed on foundational statements and practice contact limitation statements that became the basis for a draft consensus paper that was reviewed further by relevant stakeholders and the endorsing organizations. The final, endorsed year-round football practice contact recommendations for college student-athletes follow.

This document is divided into the following sections:

BACKGROUND
This section provides an overview of the challenges of football practice as an aggressive, rugged, contact sport.

DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING
This section provides an overview of emerging data relevant to guiding decision-making for football practice contact.

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS
This section outlines the concepts in the statements that were voted on by representatives of medical and football organizations during the summit, and provides a rationale for the statements.

YEAR-ROUND FOOTBALL PRACTICE CONTACT FOR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOMMENDATIONS
This section provides the final, endorsed recommendations of the medical and football organizations for revised year-round football practice for college student-athletes.

REFERENCES
This section provides the relevant references for this document.

APPENDICES
This section lists the agenda, summit attendees and medical/football organizations that have endorsed or affirmed the value of this document.
BACKGROUND

Football is an aggressive, rugged, contact sport, yet the rules clearly state that there is no place for maneuvers deliberately designed to inflict injury on another player.1 Rules changes disallowing the head as the point of contact in tackling have yielded behavioral change resulting in marked reduction of catastrophic cervical spine injury and death.2 Rules enforcement is critical for player safety.3 Because football practices remain a major source of injury, including concussion and repetitive head impact exposure in all three NCAA division football practices,4 enhancing a culture of safety in college football practice is foundational and the basis for bringing college athletics stakeholders to a summit in 2014 and reconvening in 2016.

The 2014 Safety in College Football Summit document, “Inter-Association Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact Guidelines,”5 states that no more than two live contact inseason practices per week are allowed in college football. In that document, live contact is defined as: “Any practice that involves live tackling to the ground and/or live or full-speed blocking. Live-contact practice may occur in full-pad or half-pad (also known as ‘shell,’ in which the player wears shoulder pads and shorts, with or without thigh pads). Live contact does not include ‘thud’ sessions or drills that involve ‘wrapping up,’ during which players are not taken to the ground and contact is not aggressive in nature. Live contact practices are to be conducted in a manner consistent with existing rules that prohibit targeting to the head or neck area with the helmet, forearm, elbow, or shoulder, or the initiation of contact with the helmet.” In 2015, the Big 12 Conference adopted a conference-wide limit on inseason live contact exposures in practice or competition to no more than two times per week, including game-day, and this was associated with a decreased incidence of practice concussions.6 In 2016, the Ivy League voted to
eliminate all inseason live tackling practices, although contact is still permitted and not specified further.7

Football practices allow for improved conditioning plus mastery of technique and skill, and are deemed under the control of the coach. Contemporary research in NCAA football reveals that the risk of concussion is greater in practices that allow tackling versus practices that allow contact without tackling.6 Such research also reveals that head-to-head contact carries a greater risk of concussion in football than head-to-ground contact.4,6 While the intensity and pace of a game is difficult to control, practice should be intentionally managed to limit player-to-player contact, particularly head-to-head, i.e. ‘taking the head out of the game.’ The fundamental cause of concussion is impact to the head. Intentional contact with or to a helmet is illegal in football and has no place in practice or competition. Avoidance of such helmet use warrants rigorous emphasis in practice and enforcement in competition.8

Because contact practices carry a greater risk of concussion than non-contact practices,6 defining “contact” is necessary, albeit daunting. The continuing rationale for defining and reducing live contact practice is to improve safety, including possibly decreasing athlete exposure for concussion—including repeat concussion—and overall head impact exposure.9-15 The biomechanical threshold (acceleration/deceleration) at which sport-related concussion occurs is unknown.16 Data supports football players are more frequently diagnosed with sport-related concussion on days with increased frequency and higher magnitude of head impact.11,17-19 However, there are no conclusive data for understanding the short- or long-term clinical sequelae of exposure to repetitive head impacts.

In addition to lowering concussion and repetitive head impact exposure risk, reduced frequency of live contact practice may also allow more time for teaching of proper tackling technique. Practice affords teaching technique. In particular, tackling and blocking should be performed with technique emphasizing hands and shoulder contact and elimination of head contact.

“Performance” is the expression of sport, and performance is impaired following concussion.6,20-23 Less obvious is that impaired performance may persist for weeks or months following concussion. For example, diminished performance plagues concussed major league baseball players even as symptoms have subsided, post-concussion testing has returned to pre-injury levels and they have returned to full participation. In particular, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and on-base plus slugging are diminished two weeks after return to play following concussion.24 Vestibular dysfunction, which is common after concussion, often persists in football players following concussion, which can impede performance and predispose to injury.25-27 Visual and sensory performance are factors key to any athlete and “… may influence an individual’s ability to interpret environmental cues, anticipate opponents’ actions and create appropriate motor responses ….”28 Research demonstrates that these deficits may persist in football players despite no longer displaying any concussion related symptoms and being cleared by their team physician to return to participation.28 Minimizing concussion risk and head contact exposure is part of “safe” football, which continues to mean “good” football.
DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

Emerging data from the historic NCAA-Department of Defense CARE Consortium study, which is part of the larger NCAA-DoD Grand Alliance, are helping to shape a science-driven approach to addressing concussion and head impact exposure in sport.29-30 In addition, many NCAA member schools have obtained important clinical and accelerometer data in football. Such emerging data, coupled with available science, were presented and discussed at the Second Safety in College Football Summit. Following presentations and discussions, all attendees were invited to weigh in on “foundational statements” and updated football practice contact guidelines. Foundational statements and recommendations were amended based on feedback, and when more than 80 percent consensus was reached among the participants, the statements and recommendations were then voted on by representatives of both medical and football endorsing organizations (see Appendix C for endorsing organizations). Only those statements and recommendations that were agreed upon by 100 percent of both endorsing organization representatives were then placed into this document for further review and final endorsement. We revised the foundational statements for this document and updated football practice contact guidelines with recommendations that follow, including a brief synopsis of the rationale that was agreed upon by the endorsing organization representatives.
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

The following foundational statements (in bold) were approved at the summit, with discussion points that follow.

**Head accelerometers are currently unable to function as concussion detectors.**

One can envision a future in which head impact exposure data can be individualized for each football player, and thus general football contact guidelines that apply to an entire team would no longer be necessary. At this point in time, the science of accelerometers, and accelerometer data coupled with clinical outcomes, are inadequate to provide such guidance.\(^{31-33}\)

Although accelerometers are improving in providing head impact kinematics, all have limitations, ranging from inaccuracy in counting head impacts, measuring head acceleration, over-predicting rotational acceleration or inadequate field testing relative to dummy testing. Furthermore, there is no clear relationship between accelerometer measurements and clinical outcome.\(^{34-35}\) Thus, general guidelines for football practice are still necessary until the science of accelerometers can provide individualized guidance.

**Head accelerometers can be utilized to assess group differences among types of football practices and competition.**

Although head accelerometers cannot provide individualized data that allows a personalized approach to head contact exposure, the science has advanced sufficiently to allow group differences among various positions (e.g., lineman, safety, quarterback) with regard to head impact exposure risk.\(^{36}\) Such data can guide coaches and the medical team in devising a head contact exposure reduction plan for various football positions.

**Offensive and defensive linemen have a greater likelihood of sustaining repetitive head impact during practice.**

Analysis of group accelerometer data provide evidence that offensive and defensive linemen are exposed to more frequent repetitive head impacts during practice than football players in other positions.\(^{36-37}\) As emerging evidence points to both the importance of understanding the management of concussion, there is also emerging evidence that cumulative head impact exposure needs to be better understood with regard to long-term neurologic sequelae.\(^{38}\) Coaches and clinicians should be mindful of reducing unnecessary head impact exposure among offensive and defensive linemen. For example, there may be significant helmet-to-helmet contact between linemen even in individual line board drills, “pass pro” or one-on-one blocking, often as a result of poor technique such as offensive linemen dropping their heads and defensive linemen not using their hands.

**Across practice, the preseason period has the highest rate of concussion.**

Just as the acclimatization rule was put in place to address the documented increased risk of heat illness during preseason, emerging data inform us that preseason is also a time of considerable increased injury risk in general and concussion risk in particular.\(^{6,39}\)

Indeed, conference-wide data inform us that preseason practices have the highest injury rate of any practices, and 58 percent of all-season practice concussions occur during preseason.\(^{6}\)

**Contact tackling practice carries a greater risk of concussion than contact non-tackling practice.**

As concussion risk is in part mediated by contact/collision forces, it makes intuitive sense that concussion risk is increased when comparing contact tackling practice to contact non-tackling practice.\(^{6}\) Such data help inform decision making for football practice guidelines, differentiating the higher concussion risk practice of contact with tackling versus the lower concussion risk practice of contact without tackling.
Proper tackling is an essential aspect of the sport of football, and thus the concussive risk of learning proper tackling technique must be balanced with the unforeseen risks of tackling with improper technique.

**Tackling and blocking should be performed with technique emphasizing hands and shoulder contact and elimination of head contact.**

Proper tackling means that the helmet is not utilized as a weapon, which increases the chance of catastrophic injury. Minimizing head contact in both tackling and blocking is an important learned technique that not only lessens head impact exposure, but also decreases overall injury risk.\(^4,40\)

**Head-to-head contact accounts for the greatest risk of concussion, followed by head-to-ground contact.**

Helmets cannot eliminate all concussion risk, but rather minimize the risk of skull fracture and intracranial hemorrhage.\(^41\) The helmet should not be used as part of football technique in tackling or blocking and should simply serve as protective gear. Thus, blocking and tackling technique must minimize all head-to-head contact, which would decrease concussion risk.\(^4,40\) Furthermore, live tackling to the ground must be practiced safely and with less regularity in order to decrease concussion risk in football practice.

**Full pad practice, shell practice and helmet only practice all carry a risk of concussion. No helmet and no shoulder pad practice is the only evidence-based non-contact practice with negligible concussion risk.**

Even with the best of intent, emerging data inform us that football practice with equipment leads to behavior that increases concussion risk.\(^6,17\) That being said, wearing full pads in practice can be utilized for conditioning purposes, and helmets may protect the skull from fracture due to inadvertent falls to the ground or other types of collisions. Thus, coaches and clinicians need to balance equipment as a conditioning/protection factor versus equipment that may lead to increased head impact exposure. Importantly, data can drive the intent of practice, and the nature of non-contact practice was discussed considerably during the summit. Although we have data that practices without helmet and shoulder pad are the only evidence-based non-contact practice with negligible concussion risk, we do not have data on potential downside risks of practicing without equipment.

*Given this foundational data, a post-meeting consensus was developed regarding the following definitions, with the intent of providing a framework on varying intensity levels from non-contact/minimal contact practices to live contact/tackling to the ground practices. This framework is consistent with USA Football as follows* (italicized content is from USA Football):

**Non-contact/minimal contact practices do not involve tackling, thud, “wrapping up” or full-speed blocking. Non-contact/minimal contact practices are those practices in which drills are not run at a competitive speed, as follows:**

- **Air.** Players run a drill unopposed without contact.
- **Bags.** Drill is run against a bag or other soft-contact surface.
- **Control.** Drill is run at an assigned speed until the moment of contact. One player is designated by the coach ahead of time as the pre-determined winner. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet.

**Live contact/thud is any practice in which players are not taken to the ground, including “thud” sessions or drills that involve “wrapping up,” irrespective of uniform worn.**

Drill is run at competitive speed through the moment of contact with no predetermined winner. Contact remains above the waist, players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill. This definition provides a foundation for differentiating the increased concussion risk in live contact/tackling versus live contact practice that does not include tackling to the ground.
Live contact/tackling is any practice that involves tackling to the ground. 

Drill is run in game like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground. This definition provides a foundation for allowances of live contact/tackling practice during the season, and differentiates live contact/tackling (which carries a higher concussion risk) from other types of contact practice.

Preseason practice: In any given seven days following the five-day acclimation period:
- Up to three days of practice may be live contact (tackling or thud).
- There must be three non-contact/minimal contact practices in a given week.
- A non-contact/minimal contact practice must also follow a scrimmage.
- One day must be no football practice.

Preseason is an intense practice time that focuses on proper conditioning and mastery of football technique, including tackling and blocking. Emerging data help us to make informed decisions that balance conditioning and mastery of technique with safety. Based on the increased risk of concussion in preseason and emerging data regarding the importance of recovery, non-contact/minimal contact days must be factored into the week’s schedule, and live contact needs to be decreased relative to prior preseason guidelines. As noted above, non-contact/minimal contact practice is conducted with the intent of a practice without shoulder pads or helmet. Coaches and medical staff should be cognizant of the behavioral risk of increased head impact exposure when equipment is worn.

Preseason practice: Two-a-day practices should not occur. A second session of activity can include walk-throughs or meetings.

Recovery is multi-dimensional, and proper recovery not only decreases the risk of exertional heat illness and overuse injuries, but also plays an important role in decreasing the risk of exertion after repetitive head impact exposure or possible concussion. In this regard, football is different from other sports where an initial practice does not involve potential repetitive head impact or concussion. Thus, the benefit of improved conditioning and technique mastery from two-a-day practices must be mitigated by the increased risk of catastrophic injury and concussion. Importantly, walk-throughs or meetings do not include any conditioning activities.

Inseason practice (all divisions):
- Three days of practice should be non-contact/minimal contact.
- One day of live contact/tackling is allowed.
- One day of live contact/thud is allowed.

Inseason practices provide an ongoing opportunity to maintain/improve conditioning and to further master proper technique. This opportunity must always be balanced with recovery from potential head impact exposure and minimizing head impact exposure while learning the essential aspects of blocking and tackling.

Postseason and bowl practices must be separated from inseason practice because there can be up to six weeks of non-competition time between the end of the season and the next bowl or postseason game.

This time period provides an opportunity for refinement in skill and technique on the one hand, while providing an opportunity for more intense training for those team players who have had little to no game experience. Although there was no foundational statement regarding postseason practice, a consensus developed following much discussion with key stakeholders as follows:
- If there is a two-week or less period of time between the final regular-season game or conference championship game (for participating institutions) and the next bowl or postseason game, then inseason practice recommendations should remain in place.
- If there is greater than two weeks between the final regular-season game or conference championship game (for participating institutions) and the next bowl or postseason game, then:
  ◊ Up to three days may be live-contact (two of which should be live contact/thud).
  ◊ There must be three non-contact/minimal contact practices in a given week.
◊ The day preceding and following live contact/tackling should be non-contact/minimal contact or no football practice.
◊ One day must be no football practice.

Spring practice (Division I/Division II): The day following live scrimmage should be non-contact/minimal contact.
This follows the theme of the importance of recovery following increased risk of head impact exposure from live scrimmage.

Year-round training (Division I): Coaches may work with players for two hours a week on football skills (with use of footballs, sleds, dummies, etc.) without helmets or pads during the following times:
• Before and after spring football during the school year.
• For four weeks over the summer.

• This can include 7-on-7 and team work of full offensive and defensive plays; all must be non-contact.
• This will be included in the eight-hour Countable Athletically Related Activities (CARA) time.

Note: Although this foundational statement was embraced at the time of the summit because of the possibility of further improving technique during the off-season, it is not part of the final recommendations. CARA is an evolving concept within the NCAA and there are practical and legislative concerns about incorporating this concept into a formal recommendation at present. Furthermore, there is broad consensus by members of the American Football Coaches Association that the additional offseason time with coaches could have negative, unforeseen consequences.
YEAR-ROUND FOOTBALL PRACTICE CONTACT FOR COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOMMENDATIONS

The above foundational statements became the basis for the year-round football practice contact recommendations below, which must be differentiated from legislation. As these recommendations are based on consensus and emerging science, they are best viewed as a “living, breathing” document that will be updated, as we have with other health and safety interassociation guidelines, best practices and recommendations, based on emerging science or sound observations that result from application of such documents. The intent is to reduce injury risk, but we must also be attentive to unintended consequences of shifting a practice paradigm based on consensus.

**Preseason practice recommendations**

Two-a-day practices are not recommended. A second session of no helmet/pad activity may include walk-throughs or meetings; conditioning in the second session of activity is not allowed.

The preseason may be extended by one week in the calendar year to accommodate the lost practice time from elimination of two-a-days, and to help ensure that players obtain the necessary skill set for competitive play.

In any given seven days following the five-day acclimation period:
- Up to three days of practice can be live contact (tackling or thud).
- There should be a minimum of three non-contact/minimal contact practices in a given week.
- A non-contact/minimal contact practice should follow a scrimmage.
- One day should be no football practice.

**Inseason practice recommendations**

Inseason is defined as the period between six days prior to the first regular-season game and the final regular-season game or conference championship game (for participating institutions).

In any given week:
- Three days of practice should be non-contact/minimal contact.
- One day of live contact/tackling should be allowed.
- One day of live contact/thud should be allowed.

**Difference from the 2014 guidelines:**

1. Recommendation to no longer allow two live contact/tackling days per week.
2. Non-contact day/minimal contact recommendations have been added.
Postseason practice recommendations
NCAA Championships (Football Championship Subdivision/Division II/Division III), bowl (Football Bowl Subdivision)

• If there is a two-week or less period of time between the final regular-season game or conference championship game (for participating institutions) and the next bowl or postseason game, then inseason practice recommendations should remain in place.
• If there is greater than two weeks between the final regular-season game or conference championship game (for participating institutions) and the next bowl or postseason game, then:
  ◊ Up to three days may be live-contact (two of which should be live contact/thud).
  ◊ There must be three non-contact/minimal contact practices in a given week.
  ◊ The day preceding and following live contact/tackling should be non-contact/minimal contact or no football practice.
  ◊ One day must be no football practice.

Difference from the 2014 guidelines:
1. Current guidelines do not differentiate postseason/bowl practice from inseason practice.

Spring practice recommendations
(Divisions I and II)

• Of the 15 allowable sessions that may occur during the spring practice season, eight practices may involve live contact (tackling or thud); three of these live contact practices may include greater than 50 percent live contact (scrimmages). Live contact practices should be limited to two in a given week and should not occur on consecutive days. The day following live scrimmage should be non-contact/minimal contact.

Difference from the 2014 guidelines:
1. Non-contact/minimal contact practice recommendation the day following live scrimmage.
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AGENDA
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Safety in College Football Summit

Orlando, Florida
February 10-11, 2016

DAY 1
1. Welcome and summit overview. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)

2. Topic 1: Sensor and clinical data regarding football practice and head exposure.
   a. Campus research. (Stefan Duma, Thomas Druzgal, Jacob Marucci, Jason Mihalik)
   b. Big 12 research. (Scott Anderson, Allen Hardin)
   c. Roundtable discussion and report out.
   d. Referendum: Year-round football practice contact.

   a. Traumatic. (Kevin Guskiewicz)
   b. Non-traumatic. (Scott Anderson, Doug Casa)
   c. Roundtable discussion and report out.

4. Topic 3: Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion guidelines.
   a. Guidelines overview. (Brian Hainline, Scott Anderson).
      (Steven Broglio, Thomas McAllister, Michael McCrea)
   c. Re-examining concussion treatment: Agreements from the TEAM meeting? (Anthony Kontos)
   d. Roundtable discussion and report out.
   e. Referendum: Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.

DAY 2
1. Opening remarks. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)

2. Topic 4: Independent medical care. (Scott Anderson and Brian Hainline)
   a. Roundtable discussion and report out.

3. Topic 5: Inter-association consensus statements.
   a. Year-round football practice contact.
   b. Catastrophic injury in football.
   c. Diagnosis and management of sport-related concussion.
   d. Independent medical care.

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- NCAA Sport Rules Committees.
- Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
- Broader scientific and medical community.
  - 72 scientific articles have been published from ISP data.

Low member school participation can lead to less robust data, which is a challenge to good decision-making:

- For example, it becomes more difficult to determine impact of interventions, like changes to playing rules, on the health and safety of student-athletes.
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If all schools that can participate contributed data, there would be at least 60% participation in 2016/17 and 65% in 2017/18

Note: Beta-testing EMR is an EMR that is undergoing the certification process and will be compatible in 2017/18

*All Athletic Trainers have been contacted, awaiting response on EMR usage from these schools*
All Divisions

Participation and EMR Compatibility by Conference

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Independent 0% Cannot Participate
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association 0% Cannot Participate
Mountain East Conference 0% Cannot Participate
Northeast-10 Conference 0% Cannot Participate
South Atlantic Conference 0% Cannot Participate
Southern Intercol. Ath. Conf. 0% Cannot Participate

Total 6% Participating
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair President Bud Peterson convened the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m. and welcomed the Governors to Nashville. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Because they were participating in their last meeting, President Peterson recognized the following members with gifts of appreciation: President Steve Scott, Ms. Tracey Ranieri and Ms. Jacqie McWilliams.

2. **Reports of the Board of Governors October 26, 2016, Meeting and November 22, 2016, Teleconference.** The Board of Governors approved the reports of its October 26, 2016, meeting and November 22, 2016, teleconference. (Unanimous vote)

3. **NCAA President’s Report.** President Mark Emmert provided a brief summary of his views on key issues facing the Association, including a continued interest in social issues and possible implications of changes in Washington, D.C. He also expressed his appreciation for the work being done by several of the Board of Governors committees.

4. **Board of Governors Committee Reports.**

   a. **Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics.** President Jay Lemons, co-chair of the committee, noted that the Committee met once in-person and once via teleconference since the Governors met in October. During those meetings, the Committee spent considerable time discussing the importance of NCAA policies being implemented in a way that creates consistency among all constituents. The Committee recommends that the Governors examine the consistency in the application of policies that affirm the Association’s core values.

   b. **Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition.** President Alan Cureton, chair of the ad hoc committee, reported to the Governors that the Committee met recently via teleconference and briefly reviewed the history of its work with new committee members. The group also reviewed the status of discussions in each of the three divisions. President Cureton noted that Divisions II and III will be reviewing the results of the Division I discussions of the Governor’s role and responsibilities, and will be discussing structure and composition during their Presidents Councils’ meetings tomorrow. The ad hoc committee plans to provide a final report to the Governors in April, as stated in the Board of Governors resolution adopted in August 2016.

   c. **Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.** Lieutenant General Robert Caslen, Jr. briefed the Board of Governors on how the commission came to fruition and some of the related work that led to the Commission’s five areas of focus. He noted the work being
done by various groups to operationalize the Commission’s objectives. Further, he commended those involved in the distribution of the Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit, which was designed to be an educational resource for athletics administrators in their efforts to create campus communities free of violence and safe places for students to learn and thrive. Lastly, LTG Caslen informed the Governors that the Commission expects to work through October, at which time it will present its final report.

5. Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Report.

a. First Quarter Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget-To-Actual. In the absence of the chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, President Philip DiStefano, President Lemons briefly reviewed the budget-to-actual report of revenues and expenses included in the meeting materials and noted that there are no major variances from the prior year, and the NCAA is on target to meet the 2016-17 budget.

b. Approval of New Committee Member. President Lemons noted that the Finance and Audit Committee is recommending that John Huesing, chief investment officer for Indiana University Health, be appointed to the Finance and Audit Committee Investment Committee.

It was VOTED
“That John Huesing be appointed to the Finance and Audit Committee Investment Committee.” (Unanimous vote)

c. Approval of Restricted Reserve Investment Policy. The Board of Governors received a copy of the NCAA Restricted Reserve Investment Policy, which recently was developed by the Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee and approved by the Finance and Audit Committee.

It was VOTED
“That the Restricted Reserve Investment Policy be approved.” (Unanimous vote)

6. NCAA Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. During its August 2016 meeting, the Board of Governors was presented with a concept to create an Association-wide committee focused on the facilitation of dialogue within the student-athlete community and providing student input on issues, policy and the execution of key initiatives that cut across all three divisions. The Governors requested that each of the three divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAACs) review the concept and provide the Board of Governors with a recommendation on the committee’s role and structure. The three divisional committees voted in support of an Association-wide committee and recommended that it be named the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and be comprised of nine student members [three from each divisional (SAAC)], including former divisional SAAC members. It also was recommended that a Board of Governors member and a member of either the Division I Council or the Division II or Division III Management Council serve on the
committee, as well. With the significant time demands of current SAAC members, it was suggested that most of the new Committee’s work be conducted via teleconference or in conjunction with other existing SAAC meetings.

It was VOTED
“That the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee be approved as a standing committee in accordance with the recommendations of the three divisional SAACs, and that staff work with the committees to finalize any necessary legislation, and the process for selection and appointment of committee members.”
(Unanimous vote)

7. Law, Policy and Governance Strategic Discussion.

a. Government Relations. The Governors were informed of the quarterly government relations activity report included in their meeting materials. President Emmert noted that with the changes occurring in Washington, D.C., the Association will continue to work to maintain and develop relationships, and monitor activities of the various governmental entities.

b. Legal and Litigation. NCAA Vice President and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding several matters of ongoing litigation.

c. Sport Science Institute. NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline reviewed the Sport Science Institute’s (SSI) nine strategic priorities, paying particular attention to concussion and related research findings. He also noted recent recommendations related to year-round football practice contact and the importance of independent medical care.

8. Board of Governors Executive Committee Report. President Peterson reported on matters considered in the Board of Executive Committee meeting earlier in the day, which included a number of items on the full Board of Governors meeting agenda.

9. Executive Session. The Governors concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 p.m.

11. Future Meeting Dates. (Note: All in-person meetings will be conducted in Indianapolis, Indiana unless otherwise noted.)


c. October 24, 2017, UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
d. January 17, 2018, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.

e. April 24, 2018.


g. October 23, 2018, location to be determined.

Committee Chair:  G.P. “Bud” Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Staff Liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, Law, Policy and Governance  
                 Donald Remy, Law, Policy and Governance

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| **Absentees:**          |                            |
| Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder |
| Roderick McDavis, Ohio University |

| **Guests in Attendance:** |                            |
| Greg Boylan, United States Military Academy |
| **Terry “Neal” Hilderbrand, United States Military Academy** |
| **Lynn Durham, Georgia Institute of Technology** |
| **NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:** |
| Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy |
| **Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:** |
| Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Diane Dickman, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Bernard Franklin, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline, Brian Hendrickson, Kevin Lennon, Oliver Luck, Kathleen McNeely, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus and Bob Williams |
Background.

The NCAA Board of Governors (previously “NCAA Executive Committee”) began a recent examination of the role, function, purpose and structure of the Governors in 2013. The early results of the examination included a name change to the Board of Governors (from Executive Committee), to be more aligned with similar bodies that oversee higher education matters; the creation and election of a vice chair from a division other than that of the chair; and the adoption and publishing of an integrity model of duties that better reflects the values underlying the constitutional duties of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors recognized the need for an ongoing assignment to also evaluate its composition; therefore, the Governors re-established an Ad hoc Committee on Structure and Composition to conduct this examination.

For the past two years, an ad hoc committee of the Board of Governors has been examining the overall composition of the Board of Governors, in fulfillment of its charge. The task force surveyed the membership (fall 2015); sought and received feedback and perspectives from members of the Division I Board, Division II Presidents Council and Division III Presidents Council; worked with the communications staff to develop a feature article in Champions magazine in the fall of 2015; and hosted an educational session at the 2016 NCAA Convention.

The discussions around the possible new structures resulted in a reaffirmation that all divisions must support the Board of Governors’ role in addressing core issues impacting the Association, and that this role is best served when all divisions provide meaningful input and perspectives to address and resolve the core issues impacting intercollegiate athletics. These discussions also reaffirmed that the responsibility to identify core issues that affect the Association and act on behalf of the Association by adopting and implementing policies to resolve core issues, should always remain with a divisionally diverse Board of Governors.

In April of 2016, each division discussed a proposal to increase the number of voting members representing Divisions II and III (i.e., from 12-2-2 to 12-4-4) to see if it would receive support. Based on the feedback, the Board of Governors, at its August 2016 meeting, adopted a resolution that charged each division with:

- Reviewing the integrity model (i.e., responsibilities) of the Board of Governors and identifying any areas better addressed through a Board of Governors substructure and/or the divisional structures.
- Providing recommendations to the ad hoc committee to better reinforce Association-wide commitments to resolving core issues, while providing for delegated divisional decision-making when appropriate.
• Recommending to the ad hoc committee changes to the Board of Governors’ compositional structure.
• Recommending whether the Board of Governors would be strengthened if some or all of its members were “untethered” from membership in the divisional presidential bodies.

Division II Presidents Council Feedback.

After reviewing reports from the Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee and the Division III Presidents Council and discussing the request to review potential untethered composition from the divisional presidential bodies, the Division II Presidents Council offers the following feedback:

Fiscal Responsibilities.

• Constitution 4.01.2.1 guarantees the division at least 4.37 percent of the Association’s annual general operating revenue from sources that existed in January 1996, as well as modified, extended or successor contracts from such sources.

• Constitution 4.01.2.3 and 4.01.2.4 guarantee national office programs and services at least at the level provided in January 1996.

• Funding allocations to Divisions II and III, and to Association-wide/national office programs and services described immediately above, essentially constitute three separate, “off the top” funding commitments. It is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to determine what further revenue, if any, should be allocated to those three areas.

• The allocation of revenue beyond the three destinations described above is the purview of Division I. The relevant governance structure and related administrative process to fulfill that responsibility is a matter of Division I autonomy.

• The responsibility of the Board of Governors to give final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget includes the opportunity to consider and ratify each divisional budget.

Health and Safety.

• Student-athlete well-being is a fundamental principle of the Association, including the related concept of student-athlete health and safety (Constitution 2.2.3). In addition, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), as an Association-wide committee, ultimately reports to the Board of Governors.
The Board of Governors has a responsibility to oversee health and safety issues at a strategic level, including CSMAS and the related activities of the Association’s Sports Science Institute (SSI).

The Council recommends the Board of Governors creates a process that ensures the Board of Governors has the ultimate authority and role in identifying, monitoring and providing direction in health and safety matters that require a unified standard of care across all divisions, pose legal or reputational risk to the Association, and/or impact a core Association-wide value. Additionally, the Council recommends that appropriate staff (e.g., SSI, academic and membership affairs legislative and interpretative support, governance) are involved in the development and the continuation of the process and model developed.

Amateurism.

Amateurism is a fundamental principle of the Association (see Constitution 2.9). The Division II Presidents Council affirms that the Board of Governors is responsible to ensure that the exercise of legislative autonomy in each division is consistent with the traditional “collegiate model” of intercollegiate athletics and does not cross the fundamental line into “pay for play.”

Litigation.

Legal support (including legal fees and settlements) was a national office program and service that existed in January 1996. This principle was reinforced with the settlement of the Law (restricted earnings coach) anti-trust case in the late 1990s. Accordingly, the ultimate resolution of legal cases should remain with the Board of Governors, and the Division II Presidents Council supports that position. Additionally, the Council agrees that, in instances in which a particular division may be impacted more than another division, that division’s presidential body should be asked to provide feedback.

Board of Governors Legislative Authority.

The Division II Presidents Council does not support recommending a legislative change to permit the Board of Governors to have authority to adopt legislation, even in limited circumstances. Such authority to adopt legislation should remain with each division.

Composition.

The Council does not recommend sponsoring a legislative change to amend the composition of the Board of Governors. Additionally, with Division II having two voting representatives on the Board of Governors, an untethered model that would consist of something other than the current vice-chair and chair of the Division II Presidents Council does not seem plausible to ensure necessary communication and continuity among the divisional leadership group and the overall Association’s leadership group. The Presidents Council did note that it will look to ensure (to the
extent possible) that the elected chair and vice-chair of the Council have at least two to three years remaining on their Presidents Council terms to ensure longevity of service on the Board of Governors.
REPORT OF THE
National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Convention Planning Project Team
March 20, 2017, Teleconference

ACTION ITEMS.
None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The chair convened the teleconference, noting that there were two new Management Council members appointed to the project team. The chair noted that a quorum was present, with two members, Josh Doody and Scott Swain, absent.

2. **Debrief 2017 NCAA Convention.** The project team reviewed the results of the Convention survey [Attachment A] that was completed by Division II delegates.

3. **General Information from Convention Management.**

   a. **Tentative Schedule for 2018 NCAA Convention.** The project team reviewed the draft schedule put together by Convention management for the 2018 Convention. While programming is still in the infancy stages, the team has projected that the schedule will primarily remain the same for Division II delegates, with the following events as they were in 2017.

      - The Honors Program is scheduled to be conducted Wednesday evening.
      - The Opening Business Session and Delegates Reception will remain as they have been in the past, back-to-back Thursday.
      - The Association’s Keynote Luncheon and Gerald Ford Award Presentation is scheduled for Friday, providing Division II delegates an opportunity to attend.
      - Conference meetings will be pushed back to a 1:30 p.m. Friday start time, allowing Keynote Luncheon participants to be able to get from one session to another without overlap. *(Note that Convention management staff indicated that if a conference believes that more time is needed for conference meetings Friday, these can be handled on a case-by-case basis.)*

      The project team will be advised of definite programming after a site visit in April.

   b. **Logistics.** The 2018 Convention will be held in Indianapolis January 17-20, with headquarters hotels being the J. W. Marriott, Downtown Marriott Indianapolis, Downtown Westin and the Hyatt Regency. Overflow hotels will be at the Marriott Hotel.
properties located in the same complex as the J.W. Marriott. Hotel rooms will run approximately $159-189 per night, plus appropriate taxes.

Most Association-wide events will be at the Convention Center. Convention management staff will know more about logistics for meeting rooms, etc. after their site visit in April.

4. **Draft Division II Core Schedule.** The project team reviewed a draft schedule [Attachment B] of Division II programs and activities for the Convention. Division II activities are tentatively planned to remain the same as at the 2017 Convention.

5. **Educational Programming.** The project team discussed topics [Attachment C] for educational programming for both divisional and Association-wide sessions and would like the Management Council and Presidents Council to provide feedback during their April meetings. A more definitive list will be developed once input is received.

6. **Next Teleconference.** The project team will conduct its next teleconference June 8 at 2 p.m. Eastern time.

*Project Team Chair: Kevin Schriver, FAR, Southwest Baptist University*

*Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau and Maritza S. Jones, Division II governance*

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2017 NCAA Convention Survey – Attendees
Division II Report
February 8th 2017

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Other, please specify:

- Associate AD/SWA
- SWA
- Athletics Multimedia and Communications Director
- SWA
- SWA
- Dean of Students
- Academic Success Coach
- Vice-President
- Compliance/SWA
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Q3 - How much did the following factors influence your decision to attend the NCAA Convention?

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<td>Networking opportunities</td>
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<td>30%</td>
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Q4 - Please list any other factors that influenced your decision to attend the NCAA Convention.

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<td><strong>CCA Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>I'm required to be there :-</td>
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<td>The opportunity to continue to learn how ESU can continue to respond to the needs of our student athletes and to ensure we are appropriately managing our Department of Athletics, maximizing the use of NCAA services.</td>
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<td><strong>Committee sessions</strong></td>
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<td>With regard to networking opportunities, I liked the setup with round tables because it allowed us to have more intimate conversation rather than the drinking and social parties. I would like to see more time to allow for fostering of those relationships at the round table sessions.</td>
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<td><strong>NCAA Provisional Member Requirement</strong></td>
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<td>It is the one opportunity we have each year to interact with our colleagues, develop relationships and engage in important discussions</td>
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<td>Professionalism and quality of seminars.</td>
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<td>Attended but concerned about high cost of rooms and food at the venue selected</td>
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<td>Grant position required</td>
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<td>I am the SWA at my institution</td>
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<td>First time!</td>
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<td>Attend Conference and committee meetings.</td>
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<td>New member who wants to learn and also see the association become better and stronger through participation.</td>
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learning opportunity

Representing my university, Membership Committee commitments

making sure we have the appropriate functions/specialties represent our school

1st opportunity at attend a convention being a new Associate AD in Division II

This was my first opportunity to attend as an athletic administrator

Required to attend per provisional status.

Expectation of my university

I am required to attend

Preset meetings with companies

conference meetings

Requirement for provisional year one membership.

NCAA Business

First year as FAR-learning role

Attendance is important as a member of the association
Q5 - Did the NCAA Convention schedule allow you to attend the sessions or events that you most wanted to attend?

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Q6 - What aspects of the schedule prevented your attendance at sessions or events?

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Other, please specify:

- Overlap and sequence
  - My conference held its meeting on Thursday so I wasn't able to attend all of the menu sessions as planned.
  - A lot of the sessions I wanted to attend were at the same time.
  - Our fiscal budget does not always afford the entire 4 day stay.
  - Add on meetings regarding Rugby and Field Hockey; also shut out of a session because it was full
  - Conf meeting
  - Conference meeting
Q7 - For assistance in planning future Convention sessions, please list any topic or presentation in which you have an interest.

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inclusion, diversity, equity... and why for profits are not allowed to vote...it's hypocritical to say the NCAA is working towards: inclusion, diversity and equity; when in fact it discriminates against member institutions that "label" themselves differently

Diversity and Inclusion, Sexual Assault, Student-Athlete Mental Health

Regional rankings - facility development, keeping up with the Jones' at D-II

Best Practices in Providing Academic Support for Student Athletes

More sessions that are SAAC led. Hearing the SA voices lended a great dynamic to the sessions.

Facility trends; Championship enhancements

No specifics. I thought the entire event was well planned. Thanks for your good work.

I would like to see an SWA session for DII similar to the DIII session.

Title IX

Sessions to help new ADs, coaches, etc., understand budgeting better.

Interested in panels in conjunction with NACWAA

practical things: the role of the FAR in conference and NCAA governance, case studies of compliance, financial aid, infractions, etc.

More Compliance Topics

None

The role of the president/chancellor in DII athletics and how to get more involved.

Diversity

Best Practice session on AD-President relationships/communication style

Combating Sexual Violence on Campus

More Division II menu sessions relating to student welfare, fundraising, budgeting practices, branding

Social Media, Video, Web Streaming

Budget

leadership, AD staffing conflicts how people handle them, academic scheduling challenges and team practices

Compliance Assistant and LSDBi Training for Compliance Coordinators

Marketing and fundraising at the DII and DIII level.

leadership development
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<td>A Best Practices Session on a variety of topics/events that other institutions have had extreme success with Title IX, Social Behaviors.</td>
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<td>More mental health issues for student athletes</td>
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<td>Increased anti-Semitism on campuses</td>
<td>Social Justice discussion as it relates to facilitating on campuses</td>
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<td>Compliance-related topics (not everyone has the time or budget to attend Regional Rules)</td>
<td>Great topics of interest</td>
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<td>mental health, leadership training for student-athletes and best practices, more mentoring/networking for young professionals</td>
<td>information on strength and conditioning and &quot;appropriate&quot; certifications</td>
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<td>Yes, in the Division Meetings and also general meetings it would help if screen shot of speaker was available in areas around the room, especially big rooms.</td>
<td>Expand Division II Championships, Automatic qualification.</td>
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<td>I don’t want to hear a D-I administrator give me tips for the DII setting. It doesn’t translate. Give us speakers from within our divisions</td>
<td>LGBTQ discussions and forums</td>
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<td>Academic Support/Advising/Success</td>
<td>to assist me in my roles and responsibilities as FAR</td>
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<td>Anything of interest for FARs</td>
<td>student-athlete well being</td>
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<tr>
<td>&quot;Best Practices&quot; for development, compliance, student-athlete development</td>
<td>I suggest labeling the events as beginner, intermediate, advanced. this way, people can coordinate their calendar to see the sessions that are most relevant to them</td>
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<td>SSI study on impacts of sleep on student-athletes</td>
<td>More Division focused</td>
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<td>Social media response times...</td>
<td>great idea to have CPR/AED training - hope to see that again! Also, hotel was great and easy to navigate. Would love to see it back in Nashville in the future!</td>
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<td>More variety, too many sessions on mental health, important topic, but too many sessions on this one topic.</td>
<td>Social media, fundraising, marketing athletic events to students</td>
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<td>The role of the SWA, Mental Health, SAAC programming and leadership development.</td>
<td>Financial Aid</td>
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Human Trafficking is a part of Sexual and Domestic violence and it has not been discussed as of yet.

Round table discussions on specific topics that are current issues in athletics

FAR best practices

Ways to prevent alcohol abuse by students, continued emphasis on mental health and concussions.

AD panel for questions

Always best practices and advice from those schools who are doing them. Like to hear from those who have implemented the best practices, not just that there are some.

Menu sessions are not as informative as they once were.

SWA topics for Division II

Financial Aid, Eligibility, Compliance Best Practices

Fundraising; Mental Health; Substance use and abuse

Session on resources available to institutions

I think more opportunities for roundtables to discuss best practices with peers along with a couple of development and marketing sessions would be beneficial for DII members.

financial comparisons, staff size, scholarships benchmarking against other institutions

Mental Health, Student-Athlete Well-Being, Grant Research Findings, Life After Sport

I would like to see more sessions directly related to the role of the FAR

Focus on small college athletics

Grant Writing Session

Title IX, Equity in opportunities

Concussion and mental health hardship waiver criteria.

Professional Development, NCAA Hot Topics

More roundtable type events to be interactive instead of just the panel/speakers.

Session for DII for Senior Woman Administrators

marketing

there are always discussions about diversity; however, the panelists never display diversity
Q8 - Did you attend the Honors Celebration?

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Q9 - What encouraged you to attend?

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Other, please specify:

- Love hearing everyone's stories and the dinner asleep of honoree
- Love the event; look forward to it annually. It is always well done for the honorees
- I had not been a few years so I wanted to renew the experience
- always inspirational !
- Interest in honorees AND dinner component equally
- Have gone in the past and enjoyed the event
- First attended last year and was really touched by the athletes and their accomplishments
- Inspiring event
Q10 - Indicate your overall evaluation of the Honors Celebration.

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Q11 - Please mark the scale to indicate your evaluation of these Honors Celebration elements.

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<td>presentations)</td>
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<td>Quality of meal</td>
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<td>39%</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>26%</td>
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Q12 - Please list any additional feedback on the Honors Celebration.

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I prefer the videos and then honoring them. Ford is great emcee, but the reiteration of a lot of the interview stuff is redundant. Program could have been much shorter but equally as valuable

no gluten free options for dessert

Why charge $20 cash for those who didn't get ticket (wish i would have been eligible to get a ticket at registration as i have attended event several years in a row) - don't nickel and dime us - we already registered, include it in fee.

The highlight on the convention every year. Please do not change the format!

Please return the Honors Celebration to Friday night. It should be a culminating event of the Convention.

Wednesday was a poor decision by management. Booo.

Not enough D2 honorees

overall good program and food.

Changed to Wednesday this year and while I thought this would be better but since I traveled in that day it was a long day and not as enjoyable personally. I am not sure I would attend if I traveled in the same day of the event.

This was my first time attending this event and I really enjoy it. I liked having it on Wednesday night.

Would prefer it moved back to later in the week

One of my favorite parts of Convention
Q13 - If you bring a mobile device with data access to the NCAA Convention, do you want to receive Convention news via your mobile device?

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Q14 - If you used the NCAA Convention app on your mobile device during the NCAA Convention, please evaluate the app's effectiveness in providing useful information.

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Q15 - How effective was the app at providing all the information you required as a replacement for a printed program?

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<td>Fair</td>
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Q16 - If you visited NCAA.org on your mobile device during the NCAA Convention, please evaluate the site's effectiveness in providing useful information.

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<td>Fair</td>
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Q17 - To what extent did you find wireless access at the NCAA Convention venue to be valuable?

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Q18 - For each of the following events you attended at the NCAA Convention, please use the scale below to indicate your overall evaluation.

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<td>Delegates Breakfasts (multiple days)</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Opening Business Session (Thursday)</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>Delegates Reception (Thursday)</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>229</td>
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<td>NCAA Informational Booth (Wednesday/Thursday)</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<td>Association Luncheon (Friday)</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>0%</td>
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<td>Presidents/Chancellors Reception (Friday)</td>
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<td>54%</td>
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Q19 - Please evaluate the NCAA Convention registration process.

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<td>Online registration</td>
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<td>Onsite registration</td>
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<td>Convention materials pickup (onsite)</td>
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<td>28%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Q20 - Would you recommend attending the 2018 NCAA Convention to someone else?

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Q21 - What aspects of the Convention make you unable to recommend it?

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<td>Very poor programming</td>
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<td>As a DII member too much of the information is DI focused. I believe there needs to be more opportunities for DII programing at the convention.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not sure the overall value without the conference meetings and legislative voting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>programming is not interesting/relevant.</td>
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<td>The constant barrage of social engineering -- &quot;social justice&quot;, homosexual/transvestite promotion, &quot;diversity&quot; and &quot;inclusion&quot; propaganda. This is an ATHLETICS association. Leave the social and political issues out of it.</td>
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Q22 - Indicate your overall evaluation of the 2017 NCAA Convention.

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Q23 - To enhance your experience at the NCAA Convention, how important is each of the following amenities?

<p>| Question                                                                                       | Extremely important | Very important | Moderately important | Slightly important | Not at all important | No opinion | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Complimentary internet access in all meeting spaces and common areas                         | 75% 23 | 16% 5 | 7% 2 | 1% 4 | 1% 2 | 0% 1 | 310 |
| Complimentary internet access in sleeping rooms                                              | 76% 23 | 16% 4 | 5% 1 | 2% 7 | 0% 1 | 0% 1 | 310 |
| Complimentary access to Association Luncheon                                                 | 26% 80 | 29% 9 | 25% 7 | 6% 1 | 6% 1 | 8% 8 | 309 |
| Complimentary access to an additional lunch on Thursday                                     | 18% 55 | 23% 6 | 28% 8 | 8% 2 | 12% 3 | 12% 3 | 304 |
| Complimentary access to Honors Celebration                                                   | 18% 54 | 21% 6 | 27% 8 | 12% 3 | 9% 2 | 12% 3 | 307 |
| Complimentary transportation from the airport to Convention location on arrival             | 45% 13 | 25% 7 | 18% 5 | 5% 1 | 2% 5 | 5% 1 | 310 |
| Complimentary transportation to the airport from Convention location on departure          | 51% 15 | 26% 8 | 15% 4 | 2% 7 | 1% 4 | 5% 1 | 309 |</p>
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Q24 - Please evaluate the menu sessions you attended at the NCAA Convention on: Wednesday, Jan. 18

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<td>43%</td>
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<td>NCAA Workshop - Promoting a Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Athletics Community: Strategies From the NCAA Office of Inclusion and the Sport Science Institute</td>
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**FAR-faculty collaboration on student athlete academic support issues**

Sessions including the student-athlete voice were the most impactful.

Excellent convention; very well run; second time I've been to Gaylord in Nashville---and while the hotel is large and has a somewhat confusing layout (I mean how many times can you get lost?!), eventually you get the hang of it and it works out. I appreciate the good work of those who planned the event. Thank you!

Division II Keynote went beyond diversity and inclusion; not appropriate to the mission for all member institutions.

Session on Combating Sexual Assault and DV was a very good session. Well attended and high on all of our priorities.

The DII specific sessions on Friday did not have any description and that would be great if they did to allow some type of insight into what we will be discussing. I would like to see more DII specific options to discuss issues specific to DII and DIII. I really enjoyed the DII specific sessions on Friday in the past but this year they were not that great. There were some opportunities for DIII networking and I would love to see that within the DII ranks, especially as the membership gets bigger with new schools being added.

President Emmert’s comment on the political landscape was unnecessary and in poor taste during the DII Business session.

I was disappointed in the Div. II keynote session. There are many aspects to diversity and inclusion and certainly the LGBTQ issues are important to address. But they are not the only aspects that deserve attention. It’s curious that the speakers were not identified in the program or on the schedule in advance. Perhaps administrators from Hillsdale were invited to be part of the panel as well and declined, but I was surprised that the NCAA positioned a former student athlete to share a story that put a member institution in such a poor light without allowing us to hear the decision makers tell of how/why they made the decisions they made. The tone of the keynote was much different than the tone of the Common Ground panel on Wednesday morning. That was disappointing and felt like a step backwards with regard to recent efforts to bring people together to engage in productive dialog.

N/A

**Marketing Related- targeting audiences in a saturated entertainment market**

Topic on the student - athlete mental health issues was very educational and I would like to see more/expanded sessions on that topic.

I wish I could have attended more sessions, but this was my first convention, so I will plan better in the future.

I wish the staff would put more items in the consent package. I wish we would start the business session at 9 a.m. rather than 8 a.m. - my west coast and Hawaiian friends suffer tremendously with those 8 a.m. starts.

Great topics.

The mental health sessions were the most valuable sessions I have attended in 3 years. I think there should be more sessions next year on mental health, specifically geared toward sensitivity and educational training to take back to coaching staffs. The social justice session was fantastic. Again, I think it is important to continue this conversation by providing training or best practices for training coaches and other admins, especially when many coaches refuse to acknowledge the rights of student-athletes to engage in social justice activities because of a coach's personal beliefs. The "Enhancing the Student-Athlete Experience: Simple Solutions to a Complex Issue"
was, unfortunately, the worst session I have attended in 3 years. The description notes that the panel would be comprised of Division I SAs and administrators, but that the info would be applicable to SAs across all divisions. I did not find this to be the case, nor did I truly find any relevant data in this session. I felt like the data was shared and the panel didn't really engage that data, nor did they offer any type of useful advice on any front.

The Social Media one was OK, but could have been a lot more useful by showcasing examples of ad campaigns or other effective uses of social media. More practice, applicable examples. The Keynote Session was nice to hear the story of diversity and inclusion by the student-athlete, but his story went for about 25 minutes. That took up way too much time when I know there were probably some very good discussion points that would have been very beneficial to the entire group that were missed as a result of running out of time.

Division II sessions were very well organized and student-centered. As a FAR, it was good to see this.

The convention would work better for NCAA Division II members if the business/voting occurred on Friday morning. With limited administration staffs, being able to attend weekend home games is important. Please considered moving the convention to Tuesday-Friday.

Increasing the student athlete championship experience. Expanding opportunities!

Overall good, not too many.

Collaboration with "After the Game" to discuss helping D II student-athletes realize that their athletic career is most likely coming to an end and how to best prepare for the future after their eligibility has ended.

The sound system was horrible in the breakout sessions. If you were not in the front of the room you could not hear very much. I was with a group of eight people who met outside one of the sessions and we all left because you could not hear at all. It made all of us decide not to waste our time and attend additional sessions.

There was absolutely no diversity on the panel during the Business Session on Thursday!

Thank you.

Provide Janet Judge as a speaker at the Division II sessions. Survey the membership in spring or at conference meetings in spring 2017 about sessions they would like to see.

Best practices for camps and clinics

Social media, fundraising, development, marketing athletics to students

Creating a student handbook, creating Lifeskills programming, creating a mentor program, alumni engagement, The role of the DII SWA, creating a study hall policy

Continue to stress student athlete health and safety. put those sessions in prime time, not at 8:00 am.

All the sessions I wanted to attend were at the same time, I would like a better description with more explanation to which level their talking to or research from i.e D1, D2, D3 so I could choose better the session that would benefit me most.

The Division II Keynote did not allow Hillsdale College administrators the opportunity to be included in the dialogue. Schools with clear, intentional, and well publicized missions that are religious in nature are members of the NCAA. Provided that the school is clear in their mission and guidelines, it should not be surprising that a student-athlete who does not agree with the school's mission will have issues if the SA accepts a scholarship from the school.

The Diversity and Inclusion session was poor. Given the racial/ethnic composition of the attendees (almost all white) and the struggles NCAA is experiencing in recruiting more minorities into leadership positions, how can a session of diversity be given with 3 white panelists (no racial/ethnic minority panelist). Seemed very odd and lost opportunity to get into some very timely issues.

Enjoyed years past when Keynote address featured an outside presenter

More roundtable opportunities with peers on various topics administrators encounter to share ideas and best practices. With the DII schedule it would help if the schedule could be more condensed to decrease Presidents travel schedule by a day or so.
I wish there was a way to repeat some of the sessions at different times because there were few I wanted to attend but they conflicted with others I wanted to attend. I felt like I got a lot out of the ones I attended, but all of the sessions were so great, so it would have been nice to have some flexibility and not feel like I was missing out.

Some of the sessions overlapped so I was not able to go to some of the desired sessions.

I preferred the Division II Business Sessions in the past that have featured a keynote speaker, rather than a panel. In my opinion, this felt more like a breakout session than the "main event."

Programming on Wednesday left a lot to be desired. More than likely I will travel in on Wednesday instead of Thursday unless more programming is offered.

This may or may not be possible, but perhaps it would be valuable to indicate what level presentations are and perhaps rotate levels of topics over 2-3 conventions (basic, intermediate, advanced). Some sessions seem very broad and basic and it would be more valuable for some to have higher level opportunities.

There was a lot of discussion on the LACK of diversity at the opening business session and, ironically, a lot of the discussion was focused around Diversity.
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You may provide additional feedback on the 2017 NCAA Convention here.

It was great to have bottled water in the room, not sure if this was a Gaylord deal or the NCAA. I hope it happens every year.

I was only disappointed once -- and that was in the opening remarks of the NCAA DII Business Session. Mark Emmert gave a welcome speech and opened with a line that went something like this --- "Unlike what we've been seeing in Washington DC recently, we actually have a democracy that works!" Given the sensitivities on both sides after our recent election (and especially the day after the Inauguration and on the same day as when many marched across the globe), I thought Emmert's attempt at a joke was in poor taste. A few people in the audience clapped or laughed, some groaned, and several people who were sitting around me turned and looked at each other and mouthed the words "can you believe he just said that?!". The remark was in such poor taste, I'll admit I didn't even listen to the rest of the presentation. (By the way, as an aside, our democracy does work --- we just proved it again by having a hard-fought election and a peaceful transfer of power -- but that's an argument for another day.) Do I think an apology is in order, I wouldn't go that far -- but I hope that Mister Emmert can appreciate when a subject is sensitive and will at least think about this feedback as criticism in a constructive manner. Be proud of what we "all" can stand for -- and Make It Yours! Thanks for the opportunity to to provide feedback.

In the opening session the discussed diversity -- we need to have minority representation -- people of color.

The mobile app did not provide enough information; it gave the location of lunches, for example, but no information at all about who the speakers were.

The app for many sessions did not include speakers or topics, would be helpful to have this information. Would appreciate more of a selection of women's apparel and smaller sizes at NCAA store.

I'm tired of the NCAA creating a political agenda and spending days at the convention pushing for the agenda. Likewise, "education" sessions shouldn't be last-minute propagandizing pushing the staff's legislative and political agendas down our throats. There is never "education" or broad discussion of legislation - staff puts it together, convinces committees who float it for selective review, and then it's presented with no full discussion or time to change anything. But this year the political grandstanding was more than I could take, and challenging students to use athletics as a platform for NCAA politics was embarrassing and inappropriate.

Nashville, TN is a great host city for the NCAA Convention as is San Diego, CA. A rotation between these two cities and Indianapolis would be fine with me.

I prefer more sessions to less and at times was bored with nothing to attend.

I love the app but it would be great if the power-points were uploaded to the sessions. Overall, the educational sessions were not that good and I did not like how most of the programming started on Thursday. We will not be attending for the programming sessions in the future unless the topics/discussion are better. We will only travel in for conference meetings and the business sessions. I thought there were a lot of sessions geared toward the DI folks, which is sad because there are hardly any of those folks in the room, let alone stay until Friday. Cater to the majority of the group, which is DII and DIII, when thinking about planning the educational sessions and who the presenters will be at those sessions.

I would like to see pens as a give away so we can take something back with the NCAA logo, also maybe note pads.

The national office had the attention of all of DII and Diversity and Inclusion was the topic chosen to speak to. Although a very important issue on college campuses across the country, it seems as if there are other topics that maybe are more fitting for this platform. I did not learn anything from this year's convention and heard many similar comments from colleagues.

The general sessions were geared more toward DI and should be more balanced to all three divisions.
As a whole, a very good week. Would like to see the association avoid the Gaylord resort properties like this one, National Harbor, and Grapevine. The experience is much better when we are at a downtown convention center and actually get to experience the host city, as opposed to being cooped up at the resort.

Excellent topics and programs, very well run. Excellent Convention. Not a fan of the hotel. Too spread out and confusing.

When registering online, allow to request an allergy free room

None

The NCAA staff does a great job in making this a first class event. Kudos to you all. The time and effort spent into pulling off an event like this is much appreciated from membership. Thank you!

don't do apps, prefer printed material (also easy to copy, scan and give to other staff members), wish there was at least links to all session materials on the 2017 NCAA Convention website (Regional Rules has links to all session materials and handouts), dinner inside Gaylord was not good and very, very expensive, best dinner was Cracker Barrel across the street; missed having Diet Coke and cookies between sessions, the Gaylord wanted $6 for M&M's

I will again urge a return to Friday evening for the Honors Celebration. The programs for that event were weak. Where was the listing of the Elite 90, such an important feature in previous years?

The major drawback to the Nashville Gaylord in particular is the isolated nature of the property. The staff was amazing however!

Loved downtown Nashville. I was disappointed that I did not receive my complimentary ticket to the luncheon, as requested.

The Honors Banquet should be on Friday night. Wednesday night doesn't allow for everyone to attend. This is one of the highlights of the convention and its positioning should reflect this special event.

I believe the NCAA should look into more mental health initiatives and sessions. Leadership development should also be a focal point. I would love to start a leadership academy for SAs at our institution, and would like to know if/how other schools do this. Furthermore, a suggestion in the Keynote session was to host a LGBT/Ally networking session. I agree with this, but would take it one step further and either create a mentor/mentee network or a resource network of LGBT/Ally admins across the country to provide to other admins and SAs so that a support system is created. I would be glad to help with brainstorming this initiative and helping put it in place.

Keep in a warm location with easy access to entertainment and restaurants. San Antonio is ideal! Nashville is okay but need transportation. Indy is cold but easy to get around.

At DII we have a lot of transfers, JUCO or coming from DI...perhaps some sessions on this would appropriate.

The schedule changes that were different from 2016 impacted the amount of time allotted from Conference meetings and impacted the ability to attend the Honors Celebration. For institutions traveling farther distances and typically travel later to save costs, they were unable to attend the Honors Celebration because they would have had to pay for an extra night in the hotel. This was something these staff members could previously attend since it was on Friday night. Many look forward to that event annually but with tight budgets were not able to attend due to the extra hotel costs. In addition, the hotel costs are quite high for Division II and III institutions and conferences. Many can't justify attending due to the costs.

I can't wait until the NCAA STOPS holding conventions at these Gaylord resorts. Mediocre and overpriced food and drink options onsite, and the location means it's difficult to see and enjoy the cities we are (allegedly) in. Two thumbs down.

Nashville was nice.

Opryland Hotel is a great venue.

Please ensure more diversity on the panel during the President's state of the association segment. It was difficult hearing the President talk about the importance of diversity - then march a non-diverse group on stage to have a "conversation" about issues in higher education. Moreover, we should review SAAC and understand why
student athletes who have exhausted eligibility and graduated are still on the National SAAC board. These positions should be reserved for students currently enrolled and participating.

The dessert at the Friday luncheon must have had cayenne pepper in it. Burned the throat of everyone at the table and it was all anyone talked about right after.

Thank you for the small PRINTED schedule that was available at registration. This was invaluable as I don't carry a mobile device with me and like a printed copy. Many people asked me where I got mine.

Thank you! I really enjoyed the location - the Gaylord Opryland. It was also very helpful to have the NCAA staff around as helpers to find things.

I dislike the Gaylord, its sterile, artificial environment, the mediocre over-priced food and drink, the sense of being trapped. Also, Friday was a particularly serious problem as a couple of the dinner venues were reserved for private parties, further restricting the already limited options.

While I appreciate the interest in moving the materials to a digital format, the nature of the convention lends itself to paper schedule. The conference had some paper schedules, which my colleagues found very useful and much easier to navigate...but they conference ran out of those paper schedules by the time I picked-up my materials...those paper schedules were VERY popular. Please have paper schedules for each day available...and while I would prefer to have more in-depth materials about sessions, presenters, and such in written form, I realize that probably will not occur. At least have the popular written schedules in sufficient numbers next year...please!

Gaylord Reservation front desk and NCAA block of rooms, not accommodating. Waitlist was ridiculous. Communication to wait listed people not done in timely manner.

I think the award dinner should be moved back to Friday night. Many people missed it because it was on Wednesday.

During Mark Emmert's panel, we looked at 4 white college presidents and 3 white college athletes and they spoke about diversity. I would have loved to have seen at least one minority represented.

I would appreciate the Convention App sessions being divided by Division I, II, or III. Finding a session was rather confusing because we had to sort through too may sessions that did not pertain to my division. Other than that, great job!

Talking about diversity requires displaying diversity - the visual at the opening session with six white males and two white females as the panel was disturbing - if the positions designated for the panel created this, it should have been addressed up front by the moderator - Mark Emert - to not address openly, especially in today's climate, was poor judgment and disappointing.

I only attend the convention to vote on legislation.

Please continue to have wi-fi available in the guestrooms as well as the meeting rooms and lobby areas. Overall, this was an excellent experience - the NCAA staff does an amazing job in presenting the Convention every year!

Opportunities to charge electronic devices during the convention day would be helpful and greatly appreciated!

Topics for Thursday menu sessions have been better in previous years

Soft drinks and snacks in the afternoon are needed

If the presentation materials were available on the app, it would be very helpful,

I was disappointed in the hotel. I had several lights in my room not working when I arrived. The carpet was old and looked dirty. My bed sheets were old and frayed. Mattress had no life left in it. Staff at hotel were great!

The mental health sessions were very repetitive and kept saying "Build relationships." Keynote speaker was about Diversity and Inclusion and all that was discussed was LGBTQ issues. There are other issues on a college campus that deal with Diversity and Inclusion and these topics are rarely discussed.

It would be helpful on the app with the notepad available for each session if you could easily save it along with the option to email or text the notes you take. All in all, nice job with the convention. I thought Nashville was a good convention location, as well.
Gaylord Opryland is probably the facility I least like on the convention rotation. It is almost too big and can be very difficult to navigate. This is coming from someone who is good with directions; another staff member in attendance is not so good with directions so I can only imagine the challenges she and others may have had.

It would be nice to see some of the more controversial or interesting menu sessions repeated throughout the week to allow people to attend in case of conflict with other required and/or interested sessions.

I miss the Exhibits of Vendors that used to be at the convention.

I really enjoyed my time at the NCAA Convention. It was at a great location and the sessions were very beneficial for my professional growth and to share with other members of my conference.

Some concern as to cost of accommodations. It is my preference to include my entire administrative staff, but $215 hotel rooms make that difficult. I realize costs have elevated, but seem extreme for such a large block of rooms.

Need to get better room rates for convention. This year's rate was $219 plus taxes, etc. Same room was available on hotel website for $189 for convention dates.

We had a lot of old white men talking about diversity and inclusion. While the topic is important, it is discouraging that we cannot find a more diverse panel to discuss those issues - it seems as though we are "talking the talk" about diversity and inclusion, but not "walking the walk" at this convention. If we cannot even diversify the panels at our Convention, how can we expect our campuses to diversify their departments?

Overall a great Convention. The division-specific sessions are excellent. Association-wide earlier in the week needs to be improved.

We talk a lot about diversity and inclusion, but too much emphasis/attention is placed on particular groups. Not very inclusive.

The App was good, but would be better if it defaulted to the date and current time. For example, Friday would automatically go to Friday morning and it was 1pm, it would be better if it went directly to the current time and dimmed the time slots that already passed.

It is interesting to me that no mention of cost was listed anywhere on this survey. While I appreciate the support the Gaylord provides to the NCAA, the cost of attending events in their properties is a bit much. You are really a "captive" audience and I wonder if the prices that are charged when we are in their hotels are the same ones that regular guests encounter.

There are always discussions on diversity; however, the panel that presents is not diverse.
DRAFT 2018 NCAA CONVENTION
CORE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 17

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  Division II Management Council Meeting
1:30 to 5 p.m.       NCAA Board of Governors Meeting
6 to 9 p.m.          Honors Celebration

Thursday, January 18

7:30 to 9:45 a.m.    Division II PC/MC/SAAC Breakfast
8:30 to 10 a.m.      Breakfast for New Division II Athletics Directors
10 to 11:30 a.m.     Division II Joint MC/PC Meeting
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. DII Management Council Mentor/Mentee Meeting and Lunch
Noon to 3:30 p.m.    Division II Presidents Council Meeting
1:15 to 4 p.m.       Divisions Education Sessions and other Association-Wide Programming
4:30 to 6 p.m.       NCAA Opening Business Session
6 to 7:30 p.m.       Delegates Reception
8 to 9:30 p.m.       Division II Management Council “Roast and Toast”

Friday, January 19

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.    DII Delegates Breakfast
8:15 to 9:45 a.m.    DII Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast
8:30 to 9:45 a.m.    DII Education Sessions
10 to 11 a.m.       DII Keynote Speaker
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Association Luncheon and Gerald Ford Award Presentation
1:30 to 5:30 p.m.    Division II Conference Meetings
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  Division II Faculty Mentor Award Presentation and Reception

**Saturday, January 20**

7 to 8 a.m.  Delegates’ Breakfast

8 a.m. to Noon  Division II Business Session

Hotel Departure
Programming Ideas for Division II Educational Opportunities
2018 NCAA Convention

1. Educational Opportunities:
   a. Wednesday, January 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—4 session times. [Association-Wide Programming.]
   b. Thursday morning, January 18, from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. [Association-Wide Programming.]
   c. Thursday afternoon, January 18, from 1:15 to 4 p.m.
   d. Division II Friday Morning Programming—Friday, January 19—8:30 to 9:45 a.m.—One time block with the possibility of three sessions running concurrently.
   e. Friday morning Division II Keynote, January 19, from 10 to 11 a.m.

2. Possible Topics:
   a. Student-Athlete Mental Health—specifically geared toward sensitivity and education.
   b. Enhancing the Student-Athlete Championships Experience.
   c. “After the Game” Education Session, with information geared toward graduating seniors.
   d. Social Media.
   e. Fundraising and Development.
   f. Student-Athlete Transfers—from a junior college or from another division.
   h. Marketing and Targeting Audiences in a Saturated Entertainment Market.
   i. Hazing: Investigating, reporting and institutional/conference policies.
   j. Culture of compliance/A day in the life of a compliance administrator.
   k. Enforcement and infractions.
   l. Financial concerns within higher education and the impact on athletics.
REPORT OF THE
DIVISION II DEGREE-COMPLETION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP
December 14, 2016, Teleconference

ACTION ITEMS.
1. Legislative items.
   • None.
2. Nonlegislative items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
1. Welcome and Introductions. The working group chair welcomed the group and thanked everybody for their willingness to serve on this project, after which there was an opportunity for each person to introduce himself/herself.

2. Review Charge and Timeline for Working Group. The NCAA staff highlighted the background and charge for the NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Program Working Group. The staff noted that over the past few years, the degree-completion program has disbursed fewer funds than have been available. Some possible reasons for the unused funds include recipients withdrawing after the award has been granted, as well as current program requirements eliminating some applicants from consideration. When the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved additional funds for this program as part of the NCAA Division II Foundation for the Future Initiative, the committee asked that a comprehensive review of the program take place over the 2016-17 academic year. The committee also charged this working group with ensuring that the program is meeting the original intent of providing financial assistance for completion of a degree to deserving Division II student-athletes and that the budget allocated for this purpose is benefiting as many student-athletes as possible. It is expected that final recommendations should be reviewed by the Planning and Finance Committee in August 2017 and that any new standards will be implemented in the 2017-18 academic year.

3. Overview of Current Degree-Completion Program Requirements and Comparison with Division I Requirements. The staff provided an overview of the current requirements and evaluation scale for the Division II Degree-Completion Program and compared them with the requirements and evaluation scale in place for Division I. In addition, the staff shared a document summarizing the history of Division II-degree completion applications and selections; and shared a case study to review the timeline for applications and funding. The working group discussed potential reasons why the current requirements may be decreasing the application pool and brainstormed ideas on possible
changes. The working group also noted that an overall review of the current timeline for applications and funding may be in order.

4. **Overview of Survey to Division II Membership and Previous Recipients.** The working group reviewed drafts of surveys to be sent to the Division II membership and previous applicants to gather feedback on the current process. The working group recommended sending the membership survey to directors of athletics, faculty athletics representatives, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners. The surveys are expected to be sent in late January/early February.

5. **Request for Agenda Items for In-Person Meeting.** The working group discussed several items it would like to review during the in-person meeting. In addition, the working group agreed to send any additional requests for agenda items to the staff.

6. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.** The working group agreed to hold its in-person meeting March 13, 2017. The committee also noted that a spring teleconference may be needed before finalizing recommendations to the Planning and Finance Committee.

**Committee Chair:** Timothy Ladd, faculty athletics representative, Palm Beach Atlantic University

**Staff Liaisons:** Susan Britsch, Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ellen Summers, Gregg Summers, Karen Wolf

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## 2016-17 Division II Budget-to-Actual Results as of February 28, 2017

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Note 1: Includes approximately $2.86 million as noted on the long range budget earmarked for championships.

Note 2: Budget includes joint championships initiatives

Note 3: Budget includes approximately $3.3 million surplus from 2014-15

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

3/27/2017

AFW
EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

Attached is an emergency proposal. NCAA Proposal No. EM-2018-1 is new for your review in legislative form.

The Division II Management Council supported the emergency legislative proposal and recommended that the Presidents Council adopt the proposal.

While supporting the emergency legislation, Management Council members also expressed a desire for more details around the appropriate activities that coaches could hold on the same day as a preseason practice and days off (e.g., weightlifting). Therefore, the Management Council referred this issue to the Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Sport Science Institute and asked both groups to bring back clarifications on these activities.
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – PRESEASON ACTIVITIES
AFTER THE FIVE-DAY ACCLIMATIZATION PERIOD – ELIMINATION OF
MULTIPLE ON-FIELD PRACTICE SESSIONS ON THE SAME DAY
Convention Year: 2018
Effective Date: Immediate
Official Notice Number: EM-2018-1
Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).
Proposal Category: Emergency
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council
Intent: In football, to specify that an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions on the same day.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2.3, as follows:

17.10.2.3 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Following the five-day acclimatization period, institutions may practice in full pads. However, an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days on the same day; and

(b) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities on those days during which one practice is permitted per day;

(c) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than five hours of on-field practice activities on those days during which more than one practice is permitted. Any on-field practice activities shall not exceed three hours in length; and

(d) On days that institutions conduct multiple practice sessions, student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first practice and the start of the last practice 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.

17.10.2.3.1 Exception – “Walk-Through.” During the preseason practice period, on-field walk-throughs are not considered an on-field activity under Bylaw 17.10.2.3, 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. The walk-through shall not last longer than one hour and may only be conducted on days in which one practice is permitted. 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 attend any
meetings or engage in other athletically related activities, including weightlifting; however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

[17.10.2.3.2 unchanged.]

**Additional Information:** Recovery is multi-dimensional, and proper recovery not only decreases the risk of exertional heat illness and overuse injuries, but also plays an important role in decreasing the risk of exertion after repetitive head impact exposure or possible concussion. In this regard, football is different from other sports in which an initial practice does not involve potential repetitive head impact or concussion. Thus, the benefit of improved conditioning and technique mastery from two-a-day practices must be mitigated by the increased risk of catastrophic injury and concussion. Importantly, walk-throughs do not include any conditioning activities. This change is necessary in light of the Interassociation Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations. Current legislation that allows for more than one on-field practice session per day during the preseason practice period should be removed because it is contradictory to the practice contact recommendations.

**Budget Impact:** Possible increase in institutional budgets due to additional days in the preseason.

**Student-Athlete Impact:** Football student-athletes would not engage in multiple practice sessions on a day during the preseason practice period.

**Review History:** TBD
NCAA Division II Football Preseason Emergency Legislation
(NCAA Proposal No. EM-2018-1)

Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Activities After
Five-Day Acclimatization Period – Elimination of Multiple On-Field Practice
Sessions on the Same Day
Question and Answer Document
(Revised: April 3, 2017)

This document contains questions and answers to assist the NCAA Division II membership
in its understanding of the application of the emergency legislation.

**Question No. 1:** What is permissible during an on-field practice session, a walk-through and
recovery time?

**Answer:** Please see the chart below (see also NCAA Bylaws 17.10.2.3 and 17.10.2.3.1):

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**Question No. 2:** May an institution conduct more than one on-field practice session per day (e.g.,
two-a-days or three-a-days)?
Answer: No. Only one on-field practice session per day is permitted.

Question No. 3: Are noncontact/minimal contact practices and live contact/thud practices considered on-field practice sessions?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: Is weightlifting considered an on-field practice session?

Answer: Current Division II legislation states that weightlifting is not considered an on-field activity (see Bylaw 17.10.2.3.2). However, the Year-Round Football Practice Contact Recommendations seek to minimize exertion in a second session of activity. For the best interests of student-athlete health and safety, strenuous activities, such as can occur with weightlifting, should be minimized or avoided completely. Institution medical personnel should be consulted about appropriate activities in any second session of activity. (Click here for full consensus recommendations.)

Question No. 5: May an institution conduct a separate walk-through (e.g., no helmet/no pad activities) before or after its one permissible on-field practice?

Answer: Yes. A walk-through (e.g., no helmet/no pad activities), in addition to the one on-field practice, may occur before or after an on-field practice session.

Question No. 6: Must student-athletes be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through (e.g., no helmet/no pad activities) regardless of the order of the sessions?

Answer: Yes. During the three continuous hours of recovery time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in physical, athletically related activities (e.g., weightlifting, conditioning). Time spent receiving medical treatment and eating team meals may be included as part of the recovery time.

Question No. 7: When does the three continuous hours of recovery time officially begin?

Answer: When the participating student-athlete is officially released from on-field practice by the coaching staff.

Question No. 8: May an institution divide the team into groups and conduct the on-field practice session for each group at different times, if each student-athlete only has one on-field practice session per day?
Answer: Yes.

Question No. 9: May a student-athlete participate in separate on-field practice sessions (e.g., defensive back group and wide receiver group), if the total continuous time does not exceed three hours?

Answer: Yes, provided the three hours spent in on-field practice (including any breaks) is continuous. For example, it would be permissible for a student-athlete to spend 1 to 2:15 p.m. with the defensive back group, break and then return to on-field practice from 2:30 to 4 p.m. with the wide receiver group. This example is permissible because the total time from the start of on-field practice to the end of on-field practice is three continuous hours or fewer. However, it would not be permissible for a student-athlete to engage in on-field practice with the defensive back group from 1 to 2:30 p.m., break and then return for on-field practice with the wide receiver group from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This example is not permissible because the on-field practice activities do not occur within three continuous hours.

Question No. 10: When is it permissible for student-athletes to participate in film review and team meetings?

Answer: Any time except during the three-hour recovery period between an on-field practice and a walk-through.
2018 PRESIDENTS COUNCIL-SPONSORED LEGISLATION IN CONCEPT

The Management Council recommends that the Presidents Council take action to approve the following legislative concepts for sponsorship at the 2018 NCAA Convention:

1. NCAA Bylaw 10.3.2—Ethical Conduct—Sports Wagering Activities—Sanctions.
   a. **Recommendation.** Eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering.
   b. **Effective Date.** Immediate.
   c. **Rationale.** The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, the committee believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, it is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines, which would recognize the Association’s continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations. Note: Bylaw 10.3.2 is a common provision across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III.
   d. **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
   e. **Student-Athlete Impact.** None.

2. NCAA Bylaw 17.25.2.3—Playing and Practice Seasons—Women’s Volleyball—First Date of Competition—Championship Segment—Exception—Division II National Championships Fall Festival.
   a. **Recommendation.** Amend Bylaw 17.25.2.3 (first date of competition—championship segment—women) 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 date of competition in women’s volleyball before the Thursday preceding August 30.
   b. **Effective Date.** Immediate.
   c. **Rationale.** Under current legislation, women’s volleyball 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. In addition, it increases missed class time due to the need to schedule more midweek games because of the condensed regular season. The shortened season also results in a competitive disadvantage for schools located in...
remote geographic areas, as the opportunity to play midweek games is limited for those institutions due to travel considerations. 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.

d. Estimated budget impact. The budget impact will vary.

e. Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes will have more time to recover between matches and will miss fewer classes due to the scheduling of midweek games.
NCAA Division II Management Council Report—OTHER ACTION ITEMS

NOTE: These items may be taken as a package.

At its April 10-11, 2017, meeting, the Management Council took action on the following items and recommends that the Presidents Council take the appropriate action, as indicated below:

1. Division II Legislation—Streamlining the Current Process. Approve the streamlining of the current legislative process by making the following changes, effective immediately:

   a. (Presidents Council and Management Council)—use noncontroversial legislation in any instance where a legislative change is necessary to maintain the normal and orderly administration of the division in between annual Conventions, including modifications of wording to the legislation and changes to administrative regulations (Bylaws 31 and 32), while maintaining the Presidents Council’s authority to adopt emergency legislation, as necessary.

   b. (Presidents Council and Management Council)—sponsor legislation for the annual Convention in those instances in which a Council or committee recommends a change to an administrative regulation that is not deemed to be noncontroversial.

   c. (Management Council)—provides the Legislation Committee with authority to incorporate interpretations into the Manual and include such recommendations as informational items in the meeting report.

   d. (Management Council)—provides the Division II Academic Requirements Committee with authority to issue interpretations and incorporate interpretations of academic legislation into the Manual.

By streamlining the process in this manner, both Councils will be given the opportunity to review all the legislative types and, if necessary, take action. Otherwise, action will be taken by the appropriate groups, as noted above.

2. Nominating Committee—Appointments and Reappointments. Appoint/Reappoint the following individuals to serve on Division II and Association-wide committees, effective as indicated. See Attachment A for committee rosters.

   a. Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (one September vacancy). Appoint Jeff Williams, director of athletics, East Central University.

   b. International Student Records Committee (one reappointment). Reappoint Brittany Henson, international admissions counselor, Palm Beach Atlantic University (term 2).

   c. Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (one September vacancy). Appoint Thomas “Craig” McPhail, director of athletics, Lees-McRae College.
d. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (one September vacancy).** Appoint Matt Wilson, commissioner, Gulf South Conference.

e. **Division II Championships Committee (one July 1, 2017, vacancy).** Appoint Steve Card, director of athletics, Western Washington University.

f. **Division II Committee on Infractions (three reappointments and one September vacancy).** Reappoint John Lackey, attorney, Paul & Lackey (term 2); Carey Snyder, associate director of athletics, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (term 3); and Harry Stinson, associate director of athletics, Central State University (term 3). Appoint Richard Loosbrock, faculty athletics representative (FAR), Adams State University.

g. **Division II Infractions Appeals Committee (two September vacancies).** Appoint Bridget Niland, director of athletics, Daemen College; and Eddie Weatherington, senior associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

h. **Division II Legislation Committee (three September vacancies).** Appoint Brent Heaberlin, associate director of athletics, Lenoir-Rhyne University; Scott Larson, senior associate director of athletics, Lubbock Christian University; and Scott Young, senior associate director of athletics, University of Indianapolis.

i. **Division II Membership Committee (one immediate vacancy).** Appoint Natasha Wilson, associate director of athletics, Johnson C. Smith University.

j. **Division II Nominating Committee (two September vacancies).** Appoint Mark Coleman, director of athletics, Western New Mexico University; and Robert Fiedler, assistant director of athletics, University of Tampa.

k. **Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (one reappointment and one September vacancy).** Reappoint Daniel Mara, commissioner, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (term 2). Appoint Marcus Grant, associate commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

3. **Management Council Appointment.** Appoint Robert Dranoff, commissioner, as the new Management Council representative from the East Coast Conference, effective immediately. Mr. Dranoff will replace Tom Bullock, University of the District of Columbia, who resigned the Council following the January 2017 meeting. Mr. Dranoff’s term will run through the 2022 NCAA Convention. [Attachment B is a chart that shows the Management Council composition with the new representative.]
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NCAA Division II Management Council Report--INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were acted upon by the Management Council at its April 10-11, 2017, meeting. They are being reported for informational purposes only. In some cases (as noted), the Presidents Council will also take action and has the documents in its packet of materials. On other items, no action is needed by the Presidents Council.

1. **Emergency Legislation—Bylaw 17.10.2.3.** The Management Council voted in support of emergency legislation, which specifies that, in football, an institution may not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions on the same day. [Note that this legislation is included in the Presidents Council packet as Item No. 12-a-(1)—Supplement No. 10.]

   While supporting the emergency legislation, Management Council members expressed a desire for more details around the appropriate activities that coaches could hold on the same day as a preseason practice and days off (e.g., weightlifting). Therefore, the Management Council referred this issue to the Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and the Sport Science Institute and asked both groups to bring back clarifications on these activities.

2. **Management Council Appeal—Armstrong State University.** The Management Council upheld a decision issued by the Interpretations Subcommittee of the Division II Legislation Committee with regard to an appeal from Armstrong State University regarding a former tennis student-athlete. The Management Council agreed that once a prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete signs a contract with an agent, the individual has entered into an agreement with the agent per NCAA Bylaws 12.1.2 (activities prior to full-time initial collegiate enrollment) and 12.3.7 (general rule).

3. **Regionalization Working Group.** The Management Council reviewed a white paper from the Division II Regionalization Working Group, which captured the reason for its creation, the charge of the group, some recommendations and questions to consider and next steps. [See Attachment.] The working group is seeking feedback from conferences, sports committees and other governance groups this spring, after which the final recommendations will be presented to the Championships Committee, Management Council and Presidents Council.

4. **Association-wide Committee Composition—Student-Athlete Representation.** The Management Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend the appropriate bylaw for the Association-wide committees listed below to specify that one student-athlete from each division shall serve as a voting member on the committee instead of the three divisional student-athletes having one combined vote. This legislation must be approved by all three divisions to become effective and is applicable to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports; the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee; the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee; the Committee on Sportmanship and Ethical Conduct; and the Committee on Women’s Athletics.
5. **NCAA Injury Surveillance Program.** The Management Council received information from the Sports Science Institute and the Datalys Center [See Item 4-b—Supplement No. 4] in your packet of materials] on the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program. The Management Council affirmed that accurate data is an important component to the overall health and safety of Division II student-athletes and that, as a division, we need to ensure that we have data-driven information to enable us to make knowledgeable, informed decisions. The Management Council agreed to form a working group to study this issue and bring back recommendations that will assist the division in obtaining greater participation from the membership in this crucial area and with the current Injury Surveillance Program. Management Council members that volunteered to serve on the working group include Chris Graham, Laura Liesman, Steve Murray, Pennie Parker, Lindsay Reeves and Eric Schoh.
Introduction.

After legislation to amend the Division II championship selection criteria was adopted at the 2015 NCAA Convention, the Division II Championships Committee continued to receive feedback from the membership regarding challenges associated with current bracketing procedures in team sports. In particular, administrators, coaches and student-athletes were concerned about the frequency in which conference teams that have faced each other multiple times during the regular season and in conference tournament play were paired to square off yet again in the first round of the NCAA championship.

Research from the last five years of championships in many team sports shows that conference matchups in the first round occur on average about 25-30 percent of the time. Sport committees do the best they can to avoid such matchups, but existing Division II regionalization policies often tie their hands.

Similar concerns regarding conference matchups had already emerged in responses from the 2013 Division II Membership Census. Importantly, while there was no interest in modifying the core Division II principle of regionalization, there was a desire to explore whether bracketing policies could be more flexibly applied to avoid conference matchups and, thus, protect/enhance the NCAA championship experience for student-athletes.
The Division II Championships Committee worked with Division II sport committees throughout the 2015-16 academic year to develop potential solutions, but the issue proved to be one that demanded a more focused approach. Accordingly, the Championships Committee suggested in September 2016 that a working group of subject matter experts be formed to explore the issue and develop recommendations. The Division II Management Council approved the recommendation in October 2016 and the working group was appointed shortly thereafter.

Working Group Charge.

From the outset, the working group was charged only with considering ways to amend current bracketing procedures to minimize instances in which teams face a conference opponent in the first round of an NCAA championship.

The scope was limited in that regard, yet reaction from some within the membership upon hearing that a working group had been appointed to study regionalization was that the group would “go rogue” and recommend changes to existing regional alignments, contiguous state principles, or even the selection criteria themselves.

On the contrary, the working group is focused solely on reducing instances in which conference opponents meet in the first round of the championship. Reaching a Division II championship is among the pinnacle moments for student-athletes. Conference rematches can deflate that experience. In multiple meetings with coaches, administrators and student-athletes who are asked to provide input on the championships experience, the conference matchup issue consistently emerges as the No. 1 concern.

Working Group Roster

Voting Members

- Clyde Doughty Jr., director of athletics; Bowie State University
- Shawn Jones, director of athletics; Henderson State University
- Steve Murray, commissioner; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
- Fran Reidy, director of athletics; Saint Leo University, chair
- Herb Reinhard, director of athletics; Valdosta State University
- Suzanne Sanregret, director of athletics; Michigan Technological University
- Tom Shirley, assistant vice president of athletics/head women’s basketball coach; Philadelphia University
- Karen Stromme, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator; University of Minnesota Duluth
- Brian Swanson, director of athletics; California Polytechnic State University, Pomona
- Lisa Sweany, director of athletics; Armstrong State University

Ex Officio Members

- Tonya Charland, associate commissioner/senior woman administrator; Great Lakes Valley Conference (Management Council vice chair)
- Ty Dennis, football student-athlete; University of Minnesota Duluth (Division II SAAC representative)
- Gary Gray, director of athletics; University of Alaska Fairbanks (Management Council chair)
- Jim Johnson, director of athletics; Pittsburg State University (Championships Committee chair)
What is ‘Regionalization’ Anyway?

The Division II philosophy statement (as legislated in Division II Bylaw 20.10) supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission. This is a core principle for the division that has stood the test of time. The regional approach helps define Division II, and it contributes to the division’s uniqueness within the NCAA.

From a championships perspective, the idea of regionalization requires sport committees to select a predetermined number of teams in each of the regions of the sports involved. This policy is based on an assumption that, due to the regional nature of most Division II schools, sport committees should evaluate and select championship participants based on regional results as opposed to a national evaluation in which head-to-head and common opponents’ results are less prevalent.

The Division II regionalization philosophy provides access to national championships from every region of the country. Regionalization does not guarantee that the “best” eight programs in the country will compete for a national championship, but it does guarantee that the different regions of the country will be represented at the championship by each region’s best team, as determined in competition.

In addition, regionalization encourages member schools to compete against opponents within their region, instead of seeking contests against opponents outside the geographical region. This scheduling incentive is aimed at helping schools manage their regular-season travel budgets and limit missed class time for Division II student-athletes.

More Parameters for Review.

While the scope of the working group’s charge is limited, the scope of ideas is not. Working group members sought suggestions from sport committees, conference commissioners and other membership groups to inform their work, noting that all concepts would be considered.

The working group met in person for the first time on January 20 in conjunction with the NCAA Convention and then again on February 13 at the NCAA national office to begin its work in earnest.

The group agreed to consider ideas, with the understanding that any recommended solution must align with the Division II regionalization philosophy and must be fiscally responsible. Those two benchmarks would winnow the solutions that could ultimately be recommended, but the working group agreed to consider all suggestions on their merit first.
Identifying the Most-Affected Sports.

Initial discussions quickly revealed that a “one size fits all” approach would not be appropriate for all sports.

Individual/team sports, such as golf, swimming and diving, wrestling, cross country, and track and field, for example, do not experience the conference matchup issue. Not every team sport fits this mold either.

Football, for example, has a smaller bracket, and teams play single games each week to advance in the championship. The conference matchups in the first round remain somewhat of an issue in football (only two conference matchups have occurred in the last five years), but the Division II Football Committee is already considering a model that would cluster teams in the four regions in a way that is geographically feasible and would mitigate conference matchups.

Other sports are unique as well. In tennis, teams are selected via access ratios and bracketed the same way as in other sports, but two representatives from each region advance to the finals. Field hockey employs only a six-team bracket, and that committee is seeking to cross regions at the semifinals to alleviate the conference matchup issue. Similarly, men’s lacrosse has a smaller bracket and fewer regions.

Men’s soccer, because of its 48-team bracket, also is unique and, in the end, the working group did not believe the conference matchup issue significantly affected that sport, though men’s soccer could opt to be included in whatever the working group eventually recommends.

Ultimately, the working group determined that the conference matchup issue could be best managed in team sports that have larger brackets and regionals with multiple teams at one site. As such, the following sports attracted the bulk of the working group’s attention:

- Baseball
- Men’s Basketball
- Women’s Basketball
- Women’s Lacrosse
- Women’s Soccer
- Softball
- Women’s Volleyball

Models Initially Considered

The working group considered all comers in this regard, and the membership was invited to contribute. Group members sought input from their conferences and colleagues, as well as from other governance groups, including the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
By the time the working group met in February, the ideas that had been gathered ranged from a crossover model to overhauling regionals altogether. Nothing was considered too “out of the box.” The group spent significant time, in fact, discussing a model that would incorporate conference tournaments into the NCAA championship as the preliminary rounds, thus eliminating the existing regional concept and essentially giving the 24 conferences the autonomy to determine their representative into the finals field. The idea was eventually scrapped, but the working group took it seriously.

Some of the models came with greater budgetary impact, and the working group was more inclined to support models that would be cost-neutral or potentially result in cost savings (for example, ideas that resulted in teams in closer geographic proximity playing one another).

Among the concepts to garner the most favorable support initially included:

- **A regional crossover model**, in which geographically proximate regions would be paired and various seeds swapped to avoid conference matchups. After selections, half of the teams in one region would be switched with half of the teams from the second region and combined into one bracket. For example, the first, third, fifth and seventh seeds from one region could be combined with the second, fourth, sixth and eighth seeds from the second region to develop one bracket.
  
  - **Pros**: This model would virtually ensure that a team is never paired with a conference opponent in the first round.
  
  - **Cons**: It does not guarantee that each region would be represented at the finals site. In addition, NCAA staff applied the model as a hypothetical for the 2015 brackets in men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball and discovered a significant increase in travel costs (about $500,000 - $600,000).

- **A super region model**, in which existing regions would be combined into “super regions.” Variations of this model include seeding all 16 teams in each super region, or perhaps seeding the top two to four seeds and then pairing the remaining seeds geographically.
  
  - **Pros**: The model would provide sport committees significant flexibility to avoid conference matchups.
  
  - **Cons**: It leans toward a “national” bracket, which conflicts with Division II’s regional philosophy, and may have cost implications.

- **A reseeding model**, in which sport committees would be permitted to review the bracket and adjust opponents to avoid first-round matchups between two members of the same
conference. In this model, the No. 1 seed could not be adjusted, which would preserve hosting opportunities and other benefits associated with being the top seed.

- **Pros**: The concept is cost-neutral and, when applied to previous brackets, it was shown to be effective in reducing the number of conference matchups.

- **Cons**: It doesn’t eliminate the conference matchup issue. Also, as an unintended outcome, reseeding could actually disadvantage a higher seed (a No. 2 or No. 3 seed, for example), by pairing them with a tougher opponent in order to avoid a conference matchup.

The working group also considered “no change” as an option, realizing that any review of this nature must include retaining the status quo as an alternative. However, the group quickly agreed that it wasn’t a viable option given the consistent membership concern regarding conference matchups.

**Mitigating Factors.**

As with any review of this nature, a number of complex questions and nuances complicated the group’s deliberations. After all, if the conference matchup issue was easy to resolve, it wouldn’t require a specialized working group to do so.

Two pause-points consistently emerged. One, of course, was whether whatever model being considered met the regionalization philosophy test and did not compromise the division’s core principles. Second, though, was whether the models maintained the integrity of the bracket.

While the phrase “integrity of the bracket” may apply differently to different people, for the working group it meant maintaining fiscal responsibility and competitive equity.

As such, the group had to weigh the scope of the concern against the ramifications a change might prompt. For example, while the membership has made it clear it doesn’t like conference matchups, would that concern be mitigated in the face of a higher seed having to face a tougher opponent? In other words, would a coach rather improve his or her chances of winning by facing a conference foe perceived to be easier, rather than a more difficult opponent generated by swapping seeds?

Also, to what extent should sport committees be required to avoid conference matchups? If reseeding were to be provided as a tool, would that prompt some sport committees to apply it differently than others? Even within regions, could adjusting one pairing have different ramifications than another? Plus, in some regions in some sports where as many as five or six
teams are selected from one conference, which of those inevitable matchups are switched and which aren’t?
And finally, how important is the conference matchup issue compared with other aspects of the Division II championships program? In other words, if a model was adopted that had a budgetary impact, could those dollars be better served toward some other issue (bracket expansion, increased per diem, increased officials’ fees, etc.)?

Those were among the most difficult sticking points the working group faced, and why the issue is so complicated. However, in keeping with the Division II Strategic Plan and the Division II regionalization philosophy, the working group did well to balance all of these factors during its review.

The Recommendation

Ultimately the working group settled on a proposed model with several embedded principles, but also with a few unanswered questions.

The recommendation is a version of the reseeding model noted earlier. It includes the following base assumptions:

- Sport committees will be allowed to reseed teams once the bracket is established in order to reduce the frequency of conference matchups.

- Regional advisory committees and national sport committees will conduct their normal ranking/seeding procedures based upon the selection criteria as defined for the sport, including placing automatic qualifiers (earned access) in the seeded order. However, because avoiding conference matchups is a priority, there will be differences between the final ranking and the final seeding in the bracket.

- The No. 1 seed in each region should never be disadvantaged in the reseeding process.

- Reseeding should not cause host sites to be altered.

While those are the base assumptions, some of the details remain to be determined. For instance:

(1) Should only the No. 1 seed be protected in this scenario, or should the No. 2 seed in each region also receive similar protection?

(2) Which seed lines are allowed to be adjusted – the 3 through 7 seeds, or something else?

(3) To what extent is reseeding a requirement?
In working group discussions, applying this model showed to reduce conference matchups in previous years’ brackets by at least half in almost all instances. The proposal also has no cost ramifications, as sport committees would still be encouraged not to pair teams in a manner that would cause additional flights.

As to the extent to which reseeding would be required, the Division II Championships Committee would have the final say, though the working group is leaning toward making it a requirement so that it is applied consistently. This would result in a slight values shift for the division in placing highest priority on avoiding first-round conference matchups.

The working group agreed that if the Division II Championships Committee voted against the reseeding model, that the “no change” option be favored over something more dramatic.

**Next Steps**

The working group will seek feedback on its recommendation from conferences, sport committees and other governance groups this spring and early summer in order to answer the remaining questions. The Division II Championships Committee next meets in person in late June and will deliberate the matter further at that time (the Championships Committee also conducts regularly scheduled teleconferences in the intervening period and can address the matter during those calls, as well).

If the Championships Committee supports the recommendation, the Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council would need to approve it, likely during their summer meetings.

Pending those results, a reseeding model could be in effect as early as the 2017-18 academic year.
SUMMARY OF WINTER QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

January 18, and January 30, 2017, Division II Management Council and
January 19, 2017, Presidents Council Meetings

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The Management Council convened at 8 a.m. Wednesday, January 18. The chair welcomed those in attendance, both in person and via teleconference. She acknowledged staff who were present, and noted that Kim Duyst and Ismael Pagan-Trinidad had both been excused from the meeting. Eric Schoh participated for a portion of the meeting via teleconference.

The chair highlighted the schedule for the meeting, after which the Council proceeded with its agenda.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council convened at noon Thursday, January 19. The chair noted that all Council members were present, along with several staff members. President Scott also acknowledged that this would be his, as well as three other members’, last meeting on the Council.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.


b. Board of Governors Meeting October 26.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the actions of the Board of Governors by President Emmert, noting that it had approved the addition of three NCAA championships to the pilot program on serving alcoholic beverages and had referred the issue to the divisional presidential bodies for actions that would ensure the pilot program is effectuated consistent with the divisions’ legislative requirements. The remainder of the report was informational.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the actions of the Board of Governors by President Emmert, which included discussion on the Inter-Association Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations.

(1) Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

Management Council. The Management Council received the report for informational purposes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.

(a) October 25 Meeting.

(b) November 21 Teleconference.

Management Council. The Management Council received reports from the October 25 meeting and November 21 teleconference, noting that the charge of the commission is to examine issues and propose solutions related to what athletics departments, conferences and the national office can do to address campus sexual violence to achieve positive cultural change.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the reports from the October 25 meeting and November 21 teleconference.

c. Administrative Committee—Interim Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the interim actions that were taken by the Administrative Committee, after its October quarterly meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the interim actions taken by the committee, after its October quarterly meeting.

3. 2016-17 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the status of the 2016-17 Division II priorities, noting that much progress has been made on each of the various strategies within the priorities.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the priorities in its packet of meeting information.

4. **2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan Update.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a presentation from the Division II contractor responsible for tracking and reporting on the strategic plan, which included an online look at the progress charts and the scorecards template, both of which are housed on the Division II web page.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a strategic plan update from the Division II contractor.

5. **NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

a. **2017 Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update on the schedule for the 2017 Convention, noting those meetings where their attendance was most important.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the schedule for the Convention.

b. **Proposed Legislation for the 2017 NCAA Convention.**

Management Council. The Management Council briefly reviewed the legislative proposals for the Division II business session. The Council discussed actions that might occur relative to proposals being pulled from the consent package; proposals being divided; or proposals being referred back to a specific governance committee. The Council affirmed the position that it did not support dividing any proposal and that each proposal was intended to be voted on as presented. The Council was prepared to speak against any motion to divide a proposal.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the proposals for the business session and discussed feedback received from the Council members’ conferences. The Council supported the position of the Management Council that no proposal should be divided.

c. **Management Council Assignments for Division II Legislative Proposals.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed its speaking assignments during the Division II business session.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed its assignments during the Division II business session, making some necessary adjustments to speaking assignments.


Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the position papers for each of the 18 pieces of legislation that would be voted on at the business session. Staff noted that individuals identified to speak on behalf of the Council had received the papers in advance.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council reviewed and approved the procedural issues document as presented. It was noted by staff that this document would be provided to all delegates at the 2017 Division II Business Session.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the procedural issues document.


Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the question and answer guide related to the 2017 Convention proposals, noting that it was a good reference when reviewing proposed legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the noncontroversial proposal (NC 2018-1) in legislative form, as submitted.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Incorporations of Interpretations.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the legislative format of the two incorporation of interpretations, as submitted.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
6. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION II.

a. Division II Committees.

(1) Legislation Committee.

(a) NCAA Bylaw 16.1.1 (Awards and Benefits—Application of Awards Legislation—Awards Received for Participation While Not Representing the Institution Shall Conform to the Rules of the Amateur Organization that Governs Competition.)

Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to amend Bylaw 16.1.1 (application of awards legislation) to specify that the limitations on awards received by a student-athlete are governed by Bylaw 16.1, if the student-athlete is representing the institution, or by the rules of the amateur organization that governs the competition, if the student-athlete is not representing the institution, effective August 1, 2018.

The Council believed that tabling the proposal would give the Culture of Compliance Think Tank and the Legislation Committee an opportunity for more in-depth discussion on the legislation prior to the April 2017 Management Council meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted the following noncontroversial legislation, as recommended by the committee:

i. Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (Recruiting—Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes—Permission to Contact—Discontinued Sport Exception), which specifies that permission to contact is not required for a student-athlete whose institution indicates through public announcement that his/her sport will be discontinued, effective immediately.
Current legislation requires permission to contact to be granted by a student-athlete's current institution, even if the institution has announced an intent to discontinue the student-athlete's sport. The discontinued/nonsponsored sport exception to the four-year college transfer legislation permits a student-athlete to transfer and be immediately eligible once their institution publicly announces that the student-athlete's sport will be discontinued. This change will streamline the transfer process for student-athletes during a challenging time and ensure that the next institution can provide athletics aid to any student-athlete who seeks to transfer because of their sport being discontinued.

ii. **Bylaw 15.01.1 (Financial Aid—General Principles—Institutional Financial Aid Permitted—Exception to Attend Another Institution)**, which specifies that a student-athlete who receives a progress-toward-degree waiver of the full-time enrollment requirement to attend another institution may also receive institutional financial aid, effective immediately.

Annually, the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff receives waivers for student-athletes seeking to enroll in a professional program (e.g., medical school, nursing program) at a second institution. Currently, these student-athletes require two waivers to be approved. First, a progress-toward-degree waiver of the full-time enrollment requirement must be approved. If that waiver is approved, the institution must submit a legislative relief waiver to provide athletics aid during the term(s) of attendance at the second institution. The legislative relief waivers are routinely approved based on the approval of the progress-toward-degree waiver.

Establishing an exception to the financial aid legislation to permit an institution to award institutional aid to a student-athlete attending another institution in this limited instance would reduce bureaucracy for the institution and involved student-athlete and would also eliminate an unnecessary waiver for staff to process.

iii. **Bylaw 16.8.1 (Awards and Benefits—Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition—**
Practice Partners at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship), which specifies that, in wrestling, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete who was not selected for the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships in order for the student-athlete to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation, effective immediately.

Current legislation permits an institution to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete for competition, provided the student-athlete is eligible for competition. If a wrestling student-athlete is not selected for participation in the championship, the institution cannot provide expenses for the student-athlete to attend the event and serve as a practice partner for a teammate who was selected. This change will enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing the selected student-athlete to continue practicing with a teammate with whom he has practiced throughout the academic year on-site in preparation for the championship.

iv. Bylaw 18.4.1.4 (Championships and Postseason Football—Eligibility for Championships—Amateur-Status Certification), which requires amateur-status affidavits for student-athletes participating in any NCAA championship or football bowl contest, effective immediately.

The legislation associated with the amateur-status affidavits was adopted in 1976, at a time when the eligibility standards for regular-season and championship competition were different. The standards are now the same for regular-season and championship competition and institutions are expected to monitor and enforce such standards at all times. This change is also consistent with changes previously adopted in Division I.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Preseason Activities Before the First Day of Classes or First Scheduled Date of Competition—Women's Volleyball.

Management Council. The Management Council agreed to refer the following issue to the NCAA Committee on Competitive
Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for consideration of a potential legislative change:

Whether, during the preseason practice period, an institution's women's volleyball team should be permitted to participate in multiple scrimmages or exhibitions during an exempted date of competition without providing student-athletes at least three continuous hours of recovery time between scrimmages, effective immediately.

The Legislation Committee reviewed feedback from the Division II Volleyball Coaches Connection expressing concern that institutions are not applying the current legislation correctly. Additionally, a Division II conference expressed interest in submitting a membership-sponsored proposal to create an exception to the three-hour recovery period for exempted dates of competition occurring before the first day of classes or the first countable date of competition.

The rationale for the current legislation (NCAA Proposal No. 2010-5) was to reduce the risk of student-athlete injury and heat-related illnesses. The Legislation Committee noted that heat-related illnesses may not be as much of a concern in women's volleyball as other fall sports, but requested that the issue be referred to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for further review and discussion.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Committee and Organized Competition.

Management Council. The Management Council noted the follow up from the Legislation Committee on its referral regarding the application of the organized competition legislation, noting concerns of competitive inequity.

The committee had reviewed data provided by the NCAA Eligibility Center and research staff regarding the average age of Division II student-athletes, the percentage of international student-athletes and the organized competition trends specific to men’s soccer.
The committee also agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the organized competition legislation in all sports, starting with a further review of data specific to men’s soccer student-athletes. The committee requested the following data for review at the March 2017 in-person meeting: (1) average age of men’s soccer student-athletes, including graduate student-athletes; (2) differences in age between student-athletes who initially enroll at a Division II institution compared to student-athletes who trigger full-time enrollment at another institution (e.g., international institutions); (3) average age of student-athletes participating in the NCAA Division II Men’s Soccer Championship in recent years; and (4) international student-athlete retention, including graduation rates. The committee also discussed a potential survey of men’s soccer coaches for additional feedback.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Student-Athlete Time Demands.

Management Council. The Management Council was informed that the Legislation Committee will receive an update at its March 2017 in-person meeting regarding the proposals adopted in Division I. The committee requested that staff provide the results of the Division I student-athlete survey and educational materials developed previously for Division II student-athletes on countable athletically related activities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) December 6-7 Culture of Compliance Think Tank Session.

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the first meeting of the Culture of Compliance Think Tank, which was created from a directive of the Presidents Council, as one of its priorities for 2016-17. Preliminary information was given to the Management Council concerning background information on Bylaw 13; trends among Division II institutions; and compliance responsibilities. The think tank will meet via teleconference and conduct one in-person summit in the future. No action was taken.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(2) **Membership Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Planning and Finance Committee.**

(a) **December 9 Teleconference—2015-16 Division II Budget Surplus Funds.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the allocation of funds from the 2015-16 budget surplus for the recommended uses, as follows:

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Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the 2015-16 budget surplus uses.

(b) **2016-17 Year-to-Date Budget to Actual.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the year-to-date budget-to-actual figures.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the year-to-date budget-to-actual figures.

(4) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the November meeting and was updated on the activities of the committee during Convention, which included a series of CPR/AED certification training and social justice discussions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.**

(a) **Eligibility Ramifications—Restitution For Receipt Of Improper Benefit - $100 to $200.**

Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 Convention to increase from $100 to $200 the value of improper benefits for which restitution is required, effective August 1, 2018.

The restitution value has not been reviewed by the membership for approximately 10 years. Review of case data indicates an increase to $200 will decrease bureaucracy and increase efficiencies for the benefit of the NCAA Division II membership. This change will not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation to the NCAA enforcement staff or request reinstatement if relief from repayment or an alternative reinstatement condition to repayment is requested (e.g., service learning).

This legislation will be reviewed in April, once the Council is aware of the actions being taken by Divisions I and III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) **Ethical Conduct- Sports Wagering Activities—Sanctions.**

Management Council. The Management Council voted to table a recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering, effective immediately.

The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, the committee believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, it is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines, which would recognize the Association’s continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations. Note: Bylaw 10.3.2 is a common provision across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III.

This legislation will be reviewed in April, once the Council is aware of the actions being taken by Divisions I and III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Association-Wide Committees.**

(1) **Honors Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted the following award recipients:

(a) **Theodore Roosevelt Award Selection**—Beth Brooke-Marciniak, Purdue University, as the 2017 Theodore Roosevelt Award recipient.

(b) **Silver Anniversary Award Selection.** The following were selected as 2017 Silver Anniversary Award recipients:

i. Ty Detmer, Brigham Young University.

ii. Alonzo Mourning, Georgetown University.
iii. Susan Robinson, Pennsylvania State University.
iv. Heather Taggart, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
v. Tommy Vardell, Stanford University.
vi. Troy Vincent, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

(c) **Award of Valor Selection.** Florent Groberg, University of Maryland, College Park, for the 2017 Award of Valor.

(d) **Inspiration Award Selection.** Pete Frates, Boston College, for the 2017 Inspiration Award.

(e) **Today’s Top 10 Selections.**

i. Logan Andryk, men’s soccer, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Division III.
ii. Elizabeth Arnoff, women’s swimming and diving, Emory University, Division III.
iii. Kendall Coyne, women’s ice hockey, Northeastern University, Division I.
iv. Taylor Ellis-Watson, women’s track and field, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Division I.
v. Nicole Hensley, women’s ice hockey, Lindenwood University, Division II.
vi. Christopher Krimbill, men’s tennis, Case Western Reserve University, Division III.
vii. Haylie McCleney, softball, University of Alabama, Division I.
viii. Tiffany Mitchell, women’s basketball, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Division I.
ix. Rayne Dakota Prescott, football, Mississippi State University, Division I.
x. Jason Vander Laan, football, Ferris State University, Division II.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council noted the award recipients.

(2) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the inclusion of the phrase “gender identity” into the NCAA’s office of inclusion statement, effective immediately.

When the original inclusion statement was adopted, the phrase “gender identity” was infrequently included in various inclusion statements.
However, as society continues to evolve in its views on diversity and inclusion, there is an increasing expectation of equity and fair treatment based on gender identity.

The Board of Governors’ recent decisions to issue a non-discrimination statement and to withdraw NCAA championships from North Carolina serve as actions that support “gender identity” being included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement.

The Office for Civil Rights’ Dear Colleague Letter, issued on May 13, 2016, states that Title IX specifically prohibits discrimination based on gender identity.

And, finally, the second edition of the NCAA’s transgender guide (anticipated publication in November 2016) will be a more effective and meaningful resource for the membership if “gender identity” is included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement. Otherwise, the inclusion statement and the best practices feature in the guide will be misaligned.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council tabled the recommendation to include the phrase in the NCAA office of inclusion statement. The Council asked for clarification on how this will be implemented if it is added to the inclusion statement, especially as it relates to the question of how policy and self-identification align.

(3) **Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Research Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation from the committee to approach the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees to determine its interest in calling for research panels to be recommended in all three divisions.

Creating panels will enable more ‘real-time’ access to the opinions of student-athletes on important issues related to the student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(5) **Committee on Sportmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Committee on Women’s Athletics.**

(a) **Initiatives that Support Equity.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following projects for the office of inclusion for 2016-17: senior woman administrator (SWA) research project; partnership with the University of Minnesota Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport on a research project on women coaches; and the second edition of the Status of Women in Intercollegiate Athletics report. All projects should be concluded by the summer of 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Adding “gender identity” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement.**
[See Item 6-b-(2) above.]

(7) **Gender Equity Task Force.**

Management Council. The Management Council received the committee report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. **DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.**

a. **Management Council Policies and Procedures.**


Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. **2017 Committee and Project Team Assignments.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee and project team assignments for Council members in 2017. This document was previously approved by the Division II Administrative Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. **DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ISSUES AND UPDATES.**

a. **NCAA Constitution 4.3.2—Organization—NCAA Division II Presidents Council—Duties and Responsibilities—Waiver Authority.** The Presidents Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Constitution 4.3.2 (duties and responsibilities) to specify that the Presidents Council shall have authority to grant relief from the application of legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake or the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division II membership because of the delay in its effective date.

b. **NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Review Structure and Composition.** The Presidents Council received reports from the Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee and the Division III Presidents Council relative to their stance on the structure and composition of the Board of Governors. The Division II Presidents Council discussed the positions of both bodies, as well as those of others.

The Presidents Council agreed that the current composition of the Board of Governors is appropriate and that it would not recommend any change to the body at the current time.

c. **Vice Chair Election.** The Presidents Council elected Gary Olson, President, Daemen College, as the new vice chair of the Council, effective immediately and running through August 2017. President Olson replaces Glen Jones, President, Henderson State University, who was elected to serve in the capacity as chair at the October 2016 meeting.

9. **NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.**

a. **Graduation Rates by Conference.**

Management Council. The Management Council received the Division II federal graduation rates and academic success rates document, for the 2006-2009 freshman cohorts.
b. **Division II Insurance Survey.**

Management Council. The Management Council received a copy of a memorandum that will be sent to Division II directors of athletics and conference commissioners the end of January to alert them to the fact that a survey on student-athlete medical insurance will be sent to the head athletic trainer of all Division II member institutions February 2. Division II is asking for assistance from these two groups in ensuring that this critical data is gathered in a timely manner.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Make It Yours Purchasing Website.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the new purchasing website credit ($1,000) that will be issued to all Division II institutions and conferences Monday, January 23.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **2016-17 Schedule for Coverage of Regular Season Basketball Games.**

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with the listing of all Division II basketball games showcased by Watch ESPN and ASN for the 2016-17 season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **NCAA President.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on issues surrounding the presidential inauguration that could affect the NCAA, as well as other items of importance.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the update from the NCAA president.
b. Legal.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the current legal landscape.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on legal issues.

f. Sport Science Institute.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the mental health modules that have been created by the Sport Science Institute.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was updated on the mental health modules that have been created by the Sport Science Institute.

10. AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the activities of the following affiliated organizations.

a. Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).

b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).

c. CoSIDA.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA).

e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).

f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA).

g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

11. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. Interassociation Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations.

Management Council. The Management Council discussed the recommendations that resulted from the Second Safety in College Football Summit, which was
conducted in February 2016. Two items contained within the document, both of which deal with the preseason model and are listed below, were specifically considered by the Council:

1. Recommendation that two-a-day practices should not occur. The Management Council discussed the current legislation, which allows two-a-day practices, and the need to amend the legislation prior to the fall to eliminate such legislation.

2. Recommendation to allow an extension of the preseason by one week. This would accommodate the lost practice time from elimination of two-a-days and help ensure that players obtain the necessary skill set for competitive play. The Management Council discussed an option that would provide relief this fall only, through a waiver that would be issued by the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief, to those Division II member institutions that play football. The Council will discuss the issue in further detail during its future meetings.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council also discussed this document among its members, as well as with the Association’s president, and was informed that a teleconference was scheduled with Division II conference commissioners for the following week. Although the Presidents Council did not take formal action, the body asked that the staff carry forward to the Sport Science Institute, and to other groups within the Association, that it needs to have ample time to be able to react to issues such as this one. A better process needs to be implemented within the structure, from start to finish, on this type of issue so that it can take a proactive, rather than a reactive, approach to things that affect the division.

b. Proclamation Regarding Winston-Salem State University.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to issue a proclamation regarding the 1967 Division II national championship in basketball, during which Winston-Salem State University’s team was the first Historically Black College and University team to win a Division II national championship.

12. MEETING RECAP/ITEMS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.

Management Council. The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to report to its member institutions, via each member’s preferred delivery method. These issues included: conference graduation rates and the division’s academic success rate; information on supplemental distribution and championships travel reimbursement; information on the Division II purchasing web site; Division II strategic plan resources; football interassociation guidelines; Sport Science Institute modules; FARA website; and regionalization working group information.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

13. **RECOGNIZE OUTGOING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.**

Management Council. The Management Council recognized the following individuals, whose terms are ending on the Management Council: Doug Blais, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University; Tom Bullock, faculty athletics representative, University of the District of Columbia; Bob Hogue, commissioner, Pacific West Conference; Rich Loosbrock, faculty athletics representative, Adams State University; and Jacqie McWilliams, commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council recognized the following individuals, whose terms are ending on the Presidents Council: Debbie Ford, chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Parkside; Mike Scales, president, Nyack College; Steve Scott, president, Pittsburg State University; and Dene Thomas, president, Fort Lewis College.

14. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**


Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted future meeting.

15. **POST-CONVENTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

a. **Convention Evaluation.** Via teleconference Monday, January 30, the Management Council discussed and evaluated the governance meetings that were held jointly with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Presidents Council, as well as all other programs developed for and by the division. Additionally, several members of the Convention management staff joined the meeting to obtain relevant feedback on the overall Convention and its programming and logistics. Suggestions were offered by the Council.

b. **Convention Legislation.** The Management Council noted the following results from the Division II Business Session, held during the 2017 NCAA Convention.

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#### 16. ADJOURNMENT.

**Management Council.** The Management Council adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m.
**Division II Management Council**  
**January 18, 2017**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  

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**January 30, 2017**  
**Via Teleconference**  

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- Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University
- Scott Swain, Notre Dame College
- Kim Vinson, Cameron University
- Deron Washington, Pittsburg State University
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REPORT OF
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Administrative Committee
March 1, 2017, Teleconference

ACTION ITEMS.
None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
1. Welcome and Announcements. The chair convened the teleconference, thanking the committee members for their participation and welcoming them to a new year on the committee. New members of the committee include President Cynthia Jackson-Hammond; President Gary Olson, vice chair of the Presidents Council; and Gary Gray, who was appointed as chair of the Management Council and, as such, is reassigned to this committee.

2. Division II Appointments.
   a. Division II Committees—Nominating Committee. The committee appointed Anita Barker, director of athletics, California State University, Chico, to replace Felicia Johnson, newly elected representative to the Division II Management Council, effective immediately.
   b. Division II Sports Committees and Playing Rules Committees. The committee made the following appointments, effective immediately, as indicated below.

      (1) Baseball Committee. Angela Pohl, associate director of athletics, Saginaw Valley State University, to replace Thomas Madsen, assistant director of athletics, Truman State University.


      (3) Women’s Lacrosse. Laura Taube, senior woman administrator, University of Alabama in Huntsville, to replace Margie Sullivan, senior woman administrator, Rollins College.
(4) Men’s and Women’s Tennis. Bob Hogue, commissioner, Pacific West Conference, to replace A. Kenyon Wagner, director of athletics, Brigham Young University, Hawaii.

(5) Women’s Volleyball Rules. Jennifer Flowers, assistant commissioner, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, to replace Dominic Yoder, head women’s volleyball coach, Northern Michigan University.

3. Management Council Appointments to Committees and Project Teams. The committee approved the appointments of Management Council representatives to committees and project teams, as follows:

Julie Beeman—DII Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representative Association (replacing Tom Bullock).
Tonya Charland—DII Management Council Subcommittee (replacing Eric Schoh).
Josh Doody—NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee (replacing Chris Graham).
Chris Graham—NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (replacing Tom Bullock).

4. NCAA Ad Hoc Committee to Review Board of Governors’ Structure and Composition. The committee reviewed the draft document that had been sent to all members of the Division II Presidents Council, asking for feedback on five areas of oversight, including fiscal responsibilities; health and safety; amateurism; litigation; and legislative authority. The group’s feedback related to each area is summarized below:

a. Fiscal Responsibilities.

(1) Constitution 4.01.2.1 guarantees the division at least 4.37 percent of the Association’s annual general operating revenue from sources that existed in January 1996, as well as modified, extended or successor contracts from such sources.

(2) Constitution 4.01.2.3 and 4.01.2.4 guarantee national office programs and services at least at the level provided in January 1996.

(3) Funding allocations to Divisions II and III, and to Association-wide/national office programs and services described immediately above, essentially constitute three separate, “off the top” funding commitments. It is the responsibility of the Board of Governors to determine what further revenue, if any, should be allocated to those three areas.

(4) The allocation of revenue beyond the three destinations described above is the purview of Division I. The relevant governance structure and related administrative process to fulfill that responsibility is a matter of Division I autonomy.
(5) The responsibility of the Board of Governors to give final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget includes the opportunity to consider and ratify each divisional budget.

b. Health and Safety.

(1) Student-athlete well-being is a fundamental principle of the Association, including the related concept of student-athlete health and safety (Constitution 2.2.3). In addition, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), as an Association-wide committee, ultimately reports to the Board of Governors.

(2) The Board of Governors has a responsibility to oversee health and safety issues at a strategic level, including CSMAS and the related activities of the Association’s Sports Science Institute (SSI).

(3) The Council recommends the Board of Governors creates a process that ensures the Board of Governors has the ultimate authority and role in identifying, monitoring and providing direction in health and safety matters that require a unified standard of care across all divisions, pose legal or reputational risk to the Association, and/or impact a core Association-wide value. Additionally, the Council recommends that appropriate staff (e.g., SSI, academic and membership affairs legislative and interpretative support, governance) are involved in the development and the continuation of the process and model developed.

c. Amateurism.

- Amateurism is a fundamental principle of the Association (see Constitution 2.9). The Division II Presidents Council affirms that the Board of Governors is responsible to ensure that the exercise of legislative autonomy in each division is consistent with the traditional “collegiate model” of intercollegiate athletics and does not cross the fundamental line into “pay for play.”

d. Litigation.

- Legal support (including legal fees and settlements) was a national office program and service that existed in January 1996. This principle was reinforced with the settlement of the Law (restricted earnings coach) anti-trust case in the late 1990s. Accordingly, the ultimate resolution of legal cases should remain with the Board of Governors, and the Division II Presidents Council supports that position. Additionally, the Council agrees that, in instances in which a particular division may be impacted more than another division, that division’s presidential body should be asked to provide feedback.
e. **Board of Governors Legislative Authority.**

- The Division II Presidents Council does not support recommending a legislative change to permit the Board of Governors to have authority to adopt legislation, even in limited circumstances. Such authority to adopt legislation should remain with each division.

f. **Composition.**

- The Council does not recommend sponsoring a legislative change to amend the composition of the Board of Governors. Additionally, with Division II having two voting representatives on the Board of Governors, an untethered model that would consist of something other than the current vice-chair and chair of the Division II Presidents Council does not seem plausible to ensure necessary communication and continuity among the divisional leadership group and the overall Association’s leadership group. The Presidents Council did note that it will look to ensure (to the extent possible) that the elected chair and vice-chair of the Council have at least two to three years remaining on their Presidents Council terms to ensure longevity of service on the Board of Governors.

5. **Adjournment.** There being no further business to be conducted by the committee, the teleconference was adjourned.

*Committee Chair: Glen Jones, Chair, Division II Presidents Council*

*Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau and Maritza S. Jones*

**Attendees:**
Tonya Charland, Associate Commissioner, Great Lakes Valley Conference  
Gary Gray, Director of Athletics, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
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INTERIM ACTIONS OF DIVISION II ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
VIA EMAIL

On January 30, 2017, the Division II Administrative Committee approved the following items via email:

1. **(Awards and Benefits—Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition—Exception—Practice Partner at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship).** The Administrative Committee approved in legislative form noncontroversial legislation to allow for institutions that wish to take advantage of this proposal during the Division II wrestling championship in March to do so.

2. **Relief of Bylaw 31.2.1.3. for two Division II Institutions.** Two waiver requests, as follows:
   a. From Rogers State University, who failed to list men’s and women’s indoor track and field on its sports sponsorship form, which was due December 1.
   b. From Lubbock Christian University, who failed to list men’s and women’s indoor track and field on its sports sponsorship form, which was due December 1.

3. **Immediate Appointments to Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Eleven (11) new appointments, due to term expirations at the 2017 NCAA Convention.
   a. **East Coast Conference, Jack Nicholson,** Men’s Soccer, St. Thomas Aquinas College. Jack was selected due to his ability to provide a unique perspective as an international student-athlete, along with sport and gender diversity. Jack also presented great insights through his personal statement.
   b. **Great American Conference, Josh Qualls,** Football, Arkansas Tech University. Josh was selected due to his strong statement, which highlighted his interest in legislation and willingness to serve.
   c. **Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Deionte Nicholas,** Football, Wayne State University (Michigan). Deionte was selected due to his ability to enhance ethnic diversity on the committee, as well as balancing sport and gender diversity on the committee.
   d. **Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Sarissa Lammers,** Women’s Skiing, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Sarissa was selected based on her sport diversity in competing in a co-ed, national championship sport, as well as her strong academic record. Sarissa also has an excellent background and working relationship with SAAC.
   e. **Heartland Conference, Taylor Stover,** Women’s Soccer, Rogers State University. Taylor was selected by the committee as her background made her the top selection from her conference’s pool of candidates.
   f. **Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Austin Acosta,** Men’s Track and Field, Southwest Baptist University. Austin was selected based on his strong personal statement, as well as his sport, gender and cultural diversity.
g. Mountain East Conference, Nicholas Ely, Baseball, Notre Dame College (Ohio). Nicholas was selected due to the strength of his application and the ability to provide sport diversity. The committee believed he was clearly the top candidate from his conference.

h. Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Casey Monaghan, Women’s Golf, West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Casey was selected based on her sport diversity, gender diversity, and the strength of her application.

i. Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, Josh Shapiro, Baseball, Colorado Mesa University. Josh was selected due to his strong personal statement, involvement in his institution’s SAAC, and dedication to service.

j. Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Tom Johnson, Men’s Basketball, Central State University. Tom was unanimously selected based on his ability to provide sport, gender, and cultural diversity, involvement with service and his academic performance.

k. Sunshine State Conference, Kristina Ortiz, Women’s Golf, Lynn University. Kristina was selected based on her strong application as the committee considered her the clear choice to represent her conference.

On March 20, the Administrative Committee unanimously approved two appointments to the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, effectively immediately:

1. Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Aja Grant, Women’s Tennis, Winston-Salem State University. Aja was selected because she brings sport and ethnic diversity to the committee, for her strong personal statement and she has experience in bridging the gap between student-athletes and the general student body at her institution.

2. Northeast-10 Conference, Colin Biebel, Men’s Ice Hockey, Saint Michael’s College. Colin was selected for his passion of raising awareness for mental health, his sport diversity in competing in men’s ice hockey, his strong and unique personal statement and he is a double major in two business fields.

On March 23, the Administrative Committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 31.2.1.2 for the University of North Georgia for the sport of women’s outdoor track and field. The institution had inadvertently failed to indicate on the sports sponsorship demographic form that the sport was properly sponsored by the institution.
April 2010: The NCAA Executive Committee (Board of Governors) adopted the following statement:

“As a core value, the NCAA believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. We seek to establish and maintain an inclusive culture that fosters equitable participation for student-athletes and career opportunities for coaches and administrators from diverse backgrounds. Diversity and inclusion improve the learning environment for all student-athletes and enhance excellence within the Association.

The Office of Inclusion will provide or enable programming and education, which sustains foundations of a diverse and inclusive culture across dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to age, race, sex, class, national origin, creed, educational background, disability, gender expression, geographical location, income, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation and work experiences.”

September 2016: The NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the NCAA Board of Governors consider amending the NCAA inclusion statement to add “gender identity” to the list of dimensions of diversity for which the NCAA Office of Inclusion provides programming and education.

The committees’ discussions and recommendation included factors such as these:

1) When the original NCAA inclusion statement was adopted in 2010, “gender identity” was infrequently included in diversity and inclusion statements. Since that time, gender identity has become more recognized by society in general. In 2011, the NCAA Board of Governors adopted a policy on transgender student-athlete participation for the membership. In 2016, the Board of Governors issued a nondiscrimination statement and withdrew championships from North Carolina, actions that recognize inclusion of persons of all gender identities. In addition, the NCAA office of inclusion regularly receives requests from NCAA member institutions to address gender identity in its educational resources and programming. Since gender identity is addressed in NCAA policies, as well as in NCAA resources and programming, the committees concluded that gender identity should be in the inclusion statement.

2) While “gender expression” is included in the current inclusion statement, it is a separate concept from “gender identity.” Gender expression refers to the ways people externally communicate their gender identity to others, including through behaviors, appearance,
and clothing. In contrast, gender identity refers to one’s inner concept of gender. A transgender person has an inner concept of gender that is different than the biological sex with which the person was born. Each person has a gender expression and a gender identity.

January 2017: The Division I Council, The Division II Management Council and the Division III Management Council approved the recommendation that the NCAA Board of Governors add gender identity to the NCAA inclusion statement. The Division II Presidents Council tabled the recommendation, seeking additional information.

April 2017: The Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity will review the recommendation to add gender identity to the NCAA inclusion statement.
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Four members are females; 12 are males; six members are ethnic minorities.
NCAA Division II
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The NCAA Division II Presidents Council Policies and Procedures outline the operations and authority of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council. The Presidents Council shall have the authority to adopt or revise the policies and procedures specified herein as needed.

The NCAA Board of Governors (formerly NCAA Executive Committee) establishes and directs the general policy of the Association (see NCAA Constitution 4.1).

The Division II Presidents Council establishes and directs the general policy of Division II and sponsors legislation for the governance structure (see Constitution 4.3).

The Division II Management Council handles the day-to-day operations of Division II (see Constitution 4.7).

The Division II Administrative Committee is empowered in the interim between meetings of the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council to conduct business necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of Division II (see Constitution 4.10).

The Division II Presidents Council is a 16-member body composed of presidents or chancellors representing Division II active member institutions. Representation on the Presidents Council is based on weighted regional representation (one representative for every 22 schools within a given region). Constitution 4.13 specifies the geographic regions for the Presidents Council. In addition, two “at-large” positions exist to enhance efforts to achieve diversity representation and to accommodate independent institutions.

To the extent possible, presidents or chancellors from the same conference shall not serve concurrently on the Presidents Council. To the extent possible, members of the Presidents Council and the Management Council shall not be employed at the same institution.

Presidents Council members are elected to serve terms of four years and are not eligible for election to another term on the Presidents Council until three years have elapsed. If a Presidents Council member is elected (due to interim vacancies) and begins his/her term of office at a time other than the spring quarterly meeting, that person may serve more than four years in order to end his/her term at the annual NCAA Convention in January. A member may not serve on the Presidents Council more than two terms.

A Presidents Council member on sabbatical or other temporary leave for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months may continue his or her service on the Council. A Presidents Council member
on terminal leave or on leave in excess of 12 consecutive months shall not be eligible to serve on the Presidents Council.

If a Presidents Council member’s institution has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its membership classification to Division I, Division III or another association, that individual shall be ineligible to serve on the Presidents Council and an election will occur to replace that member on the Council.

An individual whose status changes to the extent that he or she no longer meets the eligibility requirements for service on the Presidents Council may not continue to serve on the Presidents Council and shall be replaced at the Presidents Council meeting immediately following the change in status.

**Division II Administrative Committee**

The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the Division II Presidents Council and Management Council between meetings of those groups. Such actions should include:

- The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to examine, on or about the legislative deadline each year, all legislation submitted for the NCAA Convention to determine (1) any proposals that might merit Presidents Council support, (2) any proposals to be designated for roll-call votes; and (3) any proposals that should be placed early in the Convention agenda to facilitate attendance and participation by chancellors and presidents.
- The Division II Administrative Committee is authorized to serve as a committee of reference, making decisions regarding topics to place on a Presidents Council agenda, to defer to a later agenda, to refer to some other NCAA entity or not to consider at all.
- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee serve as the Division II Presidents Council screening subcommittee to consider candidates for service on the Presidents Council (from among those nominated by the membership) when vacancies occur. This screening committee may contact candidates to discuss Presidents Council responsibilities, discuss Division II issues and determine a candidate’s willingness to serve.
- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee shall consider Presidents Council representatives' appointments to committees and project teams.
- The Division II presidents and chancellors on the Administrative Committee shall discuss upcoming officer elections for the Presidents Council and call for chair and vice-chair nominations for the Council.

**Chair and Vice-Chair**

The chair and vice-chair of the Presidents Council are elected by the members of the Presidents Council. A member must serve a minimum of one year on the Presidents Council prior to serving as chair or vice-chair. They may serve one or two years as chair or vice-chair; however, there will be an annual election for each position. The chair and vice-chair shall not be eligible for immediate reelection to that position following service as chair or vice-chair for two years.

The terms of office of the chair and vice-chair shall expire on a staggered basis. The term of office of the chair runs from January to January (term ends upon adjournment of the NCAA Business
Session at the annual Convention) and the term of office of the vice-chair runs from September 1 to August 31.

The vice chair is a separately elected position and does not ascend to the chair role automatically.

- **Duties of the Chair**
  a. Serve as a spokesperson for Division II;
  b. Preside at Division II Presidents Council meetings;
  c. Preside at the Division II business session at the annual Convention;
  d. Serve as a member of the Association’s Board of Governors;
  e. Serve as chair of the Division II Administrative Committee; and
  f. Serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

- **Duties of the Vice-Chair**
  a. Take the chair’s place and perform the chair’s duties if the chair is absent or incapacitated;
  b. Report to the Division II membership at each annual Convention on the financial affairs of the division;
  c. Serve as a member of the Association’s Board of Governors;
  d. Serve as a member of the Division II Administrative Committee;
  e. Serve as chair of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee; and
  f. Serve as a member of the Association’s Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee.

**Election Process**

In order to be elected as chair or vice chair, the individual must receive a majority vote of all Presidents Council member present and voting. The vote results will be announced during the Presidents Council meeting.

**Special Circumstances**

In the event that the chair of the Presidents Council leaves the position of chair prior to expiration of his or her term as chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. The vice chair of the Presidents Council will assume the duties of the chair on an interim basis (and also will continue to serve as vice chair) until the chair vacancy has been filled. [Note that the election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or teleconference of the Presidents Council if the Administrative Committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Presidents Council meeting.]

In the event that the vice chair of the Presidents Council leaves the position of vice chair prior to expiration of his or her term as vice chair, there will be an election to fill the vacancy. [Note that the election to fill the vacancy may be immediate and occur either by ballot or teleconference of the Presidents Council if the Administrative Committee agrees to expedite the process. Otherwise, the election would occur at the next regularly scheduled Presidents Council meeting.]
In the event that both the Presidents Council chair and vice chair are absent or unable to lead a Presidents Council meeting or teleconference, another member of the Presidents Council may be selected to lead the meeting or teleconference by a majority vote of all members of the Council present at the meeting or on the teleconference. If time permits and the absence of the chair and vice chair, or their inability to lead the meeting or teleconference, is known in advance, the election of another member may take place via email vote.

Role and Purpose

The Division II Presidents Council serves as a leadership structure and forum for presidential interests in Division II intercollegiate athletics matters. The Presidents Council is empowered to:

a. Implement policies adopted by the Association’s Board of Governors;
b. Establish and direct the general policy of Division II;
c. Establish a strategic plan for Division II;
d. Elect a chair and vice-chair;
e. Sponsor Division II legislation;
f. Identify, prior to the printing of the notice of any Convention, Division II proposals for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur;
g. Establish the final sequence of legislative proposals in the agenda for the Division II business session at the annual Convention;
h. Call for a special Convention of Division II;
i. Delegate to the Division II Management Council responsibilities for specific matters it deems appropriate (e.g., noncontroversial legislation, intent based amendments);
j. Approve recommendations of the Division II Management Council;
k. Ratify, amend or rescind the actions of the Division II Management Council;
l. Ensure that there is gender and ethnic diversity among its membership, the membership of the Division II Management Council and the membership of each of the other bodies in the Division II governance structure;
m. Develop and approve the budget and the use of funds allotted to Division II (e.g., enhancement funds, funds for the operation of championships);
n. Approve regulations providing for expenditures and income to Division II;
o. Approve regulations providing for the administration of Division II championships;
p. Advise the Board of Governors concerning the employment of the Association’s chief executive officer (e.g., president) and concerning the oversight of his or her employment;
q. Convene same-site meetings, as necessary, with the Division II Management Council; and
r. Appoint such committees or subcommittees as may be necessary for executing the provisions of the NCAA Constitution or Division II bylaws.

Attendance

- Attendance and participation at all Presidents Council meetings, including the annual NCAA Convention, are required. If a Presidents Council member must miss a meeting, he/she should notify the office of the Division II vice-president. A Presidents Council member’s absence from two Presidents Council meetings in a calendar year, regardless of the reason, shall constitute that
member’s resignation from the Presidents Council. The Presidents Council may waive the application of this policy in the case of extenuating circumstances.

- Presidents Council members are encouraged to be in attendance when the meeting is called to order and stay until the meeting is adjourned. Conflicts that require individuals to plan late arrivals or early departures should be communicated before the meeting to the office of the Division II vice-president.

- Presidents Council members should become knowledgeable on all agenda issues and be prepared to discuss items the Presidents Council will be asked to consider.

- A Presidents Council member will provide a report (with appropriate recommendations) when the individual’s name appears next to an agenda item.

- Presidents Council members have an opportunity to serve on Division II committees and project teams. Presidents Council members are encouraged to accept such assignments, when possible.

### Meeting Information

- The Division II Presidents Council meets four times annually: at the NCAA Convention in January, in April, in August and again in October. The meeting schedule is designed in part to assure that the Presidents Council is enabled to make decisions regarding legislative matters in time to meet its September 1 deadline for submission of legislative proposals. The Division I Board of Directors, the Division II Presidents Council and the Division III Presidents Council shall meet at the same site at the same time (but not together). All meetings must be held in the contiguous 48 states.

- All meetings will be held on weekdays, with the possible exception of the Convention meeting, which is subject to scheduling of other major sessions.

- To the extent possible, all meetings should be held in the metropolitan area where the national office is located, with the exception of the meeting held in conjunction with the NCAA Convention.

- For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Presidents Council. For the Presidents Council to take action (including action to sponsor, cosponsor, support or oppose a legislative proposal), a simple majority of Presidents Council members present and voting shall be required, unless otherwise specified. Note that abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a simple majority or a two-thirds majority.

- No proxy voting (i.e., voting when not present by having another vote on your behalf or informing the chair of your vote without attending a meeting) of any kind shall be permitted for a Presidents Council member unable to attend a regular Presidents Council meeting.

- Presidents Council meetings are considered closed business meetings and are not open to any interested chancellor or president. When an issue is extremely sensitive, an "executive session" will be called, alerting the Presidents Council to the fact that the issue cannot be discussed at any time outside the meeting. Calling an "executive session" does not require the staff to leave the meeting.

### Expense Policies

The Division II Presidents Council is bound by various Association expense policies, including these:
NCAA travel policies are given to each new member of the Presidents Council. The Association’s policies regarding meeting expenses are set forth in Bylaw 31.7.2 in the NCAA Manual. In short, the NCAA pays for transportation to and from Presidents Council meetings, hotel room and tax charges at the meetings, and a $75 per diem for each day or part thereof involved in traveling to and from and attendance at the meeting. All members are expected to use Short’s Travel, the Association’s travel agency, for their transportation arrangements to Presidents Council meetings or other events sponsored by the NCAA.

Transportation and the hotel room and tax are billed directly to the NCAA; the member needs only to pay incidental charges to his or her room when leaving the meeting site. After the meeting, each member will receive electronically a form on which to claim per diem and any other expenses permitted under NCAA policies. The member will receive reimbursement for those expenses from the NCAA national office within a reasonable time after each meeting. Also, early in each calendar year, each member will receive a Form 1099 reporting the amounts paid during the preceding year, if that amount exceeds $600. In such instances, the member then will declare that amount in filing his or her income tax return for that year, so members will want to record their Presidents Council related expenses in order to deduct the appropriate amount. Some Presidents Council members may prefer to have their expense reimbursement paid directly to their institutions to eliminate the need for such personal record keeping and will not receive the Form 1099.

Defense and Indemnification Policy

The Association shall defend and indemnify any present or former employee, committee member or agent of the Association who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or who is to be subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence in, any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action or proceeding, including those brought by the Association, provided the conditions enumerated below are met. For purposes of this policy, “committee” shall include all Association committees, boards, cabinets, councils, subcommittees and panels.

Conditions for Defense and Indemnification:

1. The person requesting defense and indemnification is being named as a party or subpoenaed to be deposed or to give evidence by reason of the fact that the person was or is an employee, committee member or agent of the Association or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

2. The person is determined to have been acting within the scope of the person’s duties to the Association.

3. The person is determined to have been acting in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Association in the performance of the person’s duties to the Association. In respect to any alleged criminal action or proceeding, the person must also be determined to have had no reasonable cause to believe the alleged conduct was unlawful.

Note: The termination of any action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption in
regard to these determinations. However, if a person is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the person’s duty to the Association, there shall be no indemnification unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court shall deem proper.

4. The person promptly and timely notifies the Association’s general counsel of the actual or threatened service of process, subpoena, notice of deposition or other legal process before incurring attorney fees or other expenses.

5. The person accepts counsel provided or approved by the Association and agrees to accede to the legal strategies approved by the Association’s general counsel, including any settlement determinations. In the event that the person wishes to hire other counsel or not accede to the Association’s legal strategies, the Association shall not be obligated to defend or indemnify the person, except when it is determined that a conflict of interest exists with the Association such that retaining separate counsel is warranted.

6. The person agrees to repay any expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in bringing or defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding if it is ultimately determined that the person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this policy.

For purposes of this policy, “indemnification” shall consist of payment against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action or proceeding.

Determinations as to whether indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in this policy shall be made (1) by the NCAA Board of Governors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who are not parties to such action or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable if a quorum of disinterested Board of Governors members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Association’s president if so delegated by the Board of Governors.

The indemnification provided by this policy is not exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested Board of Governors members or otherwise, both as to action in the person’s official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be an employee, committee member or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an employee, committee member or agent of the Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another association, corporation, partnership joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by the person in any such capacity or arising out of the person’s status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under the provisions of this policy.
Effect of Change in Indemnification Law. If any change after the date of this Agreement in any applicable law, statute, or rule expands the power of the company to indemnify an Authorized Representative, the change shall be within the purview of the Indemnitee’s rights and the Company’s obligations under this Agreement. If any change in any applicable law, statute, or rule narrows the right of the Company to indemnify an Authorized Representative, the change shall have no effect on this Agreement or the parties’ rights and obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent otherwise required by law, statute, or rule to be applied to this Agreement.

Guiding Principle Related to Student-Athlete Well-Being

The Presidents Council endorsed and should adhere to the following guiding principle in all of its processes and decision making:

The well-being of student-athletes is at the center of all we do:

1. Any process must be flexible and timely and include effective communication.

2. Decisions must be fair, reasonable and consider the potential impact on the student-athlete.

Operating Policies and Procedures

The Division II Presidents Council has adopted the following policies and procedures under which it agrees to operate.

- Inasmuch as the Presidents Council should raise the visibility and effectiveness of president/chancellor participation in the NCAA, its members should attend the Association’s annual Convention in January.
- The Presidents Council will establish annually those major policy areas that it intends to consider during that year. It then will reject other issues during that year unless something arises that is of “crisis proportion.”
- The Presidents Council will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II chancellors and presidents.
- Although the Presidents Council will resist pressure to call a special Convention, it should be able to do so if the Presidents Council deems it to be in the best interests of the NCAA.
- The Presidents Council will emphasize more effective contacts with chancellors and presidents to build support for Presidents Council initiatives.
- Any position taken by any subcommittee or ad hoc committee of the Presidents Council is subject to approval by the full Presidents Council.
- The Presidents Council periodically will send a document to all chancellors and presidents at member institutions, reporting and seeking support for positions taken by the Presidents Council.
- In acting for the Presidents Council between Presidents Council meetings, Presidents Council members of the Division II Administrative Committee will take no action that would be contrary to a previous decision by the full Presidents Council.
- The Presidents Council members of the Division II Administrative Committee will be cautious in approving any in-person appearances before the Presidents Council by those wishing to present topics, in light of the Presidents Council’s limited meeting time; instead, concise written submissions will be encouraged.
While legislative recommendations in most cases will be processed through the Division II Management Council, specific constituent groups may formulate legislative recommendations for the Presidents Council to consider and possibly accept as its own.

While the Presidents Council as a whole should support Presidents Council-sponsored proposals, each Presidents Council member, as an individual representing a member institution, is free to vote as he or she wishes on those proposals.

The Presidents Council will send a newsletter periodically to all Division II chancellors and presidents reporting on activities that are of interest to them.

The Presidents Council and Management Council shall produce a joint summary of their respective meetings each quarter.

The relationship between the Presidents Council and Management Council will be one of regular communication and cooperation, including communications between the chairs of the two groups between meetings.

The Presidents Council should not request general exceptions to the Association’s expense policies.

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**Conflict of Interest Statement**

The NCAA is a voluntary Association comprised of colleges, universities, conferences and other organizations, and governed through a membership-led committee structure. Within the governance structure, committee members must carefully balance their responsibilities to their respective institutions and/or conferences with the obligation to advance the interests of the Association, the division, or the sport, and ultimately enhance the student-athlete experience. While the fiduciary obligations of committee members to their own institution, their conference, and to the Association ordinarily are not in conflict, it is recognized that as a representative membership organization, committee members’ fiduciary obligations are first to their institution, second to their conference, and third to the Association. NCAA committee service involves important ethical and moral obligations. Committee integrity is critical to the decision-making process and includes trust, confidentiality and honesty in all issues and aspects of service and representation. NCAA committee members shall disclose any conflict or potential conflict between their respective personal, professional, institutional, conference, or business interests and the interests of the Association that may affect or otherwise threaten such integrity, in any and all actions taken by them on behalf of the Association, for committee evaluation under this Statement.

In addition to any fiduciary obligation to their institution and conference, committee members also have a fiduciary duty to the Association not to use knowledge or information obtained solely due to service on that committee to the disadvantage of the Association during the term of committee service. Further, a committee member shall not participate in the committee’s discussion or vote on any action that might bring direct or indirect personal financial benefit to the member or any organization (other than the member’s institution or conference) in which the member is financially interested. A committee member should also not participate in a discussion or vote for which the member’s institution or conference is to be accorded a special benefit beyond benefits shared with other institutions or conferences or is to receive a penalty or disqualification. A violation of either of the above rules by a member of the committee shall not invalidate the action taken by the committee if, following disclosure of the conflict of interest, the committee authorizes, ratifies or approves the action by a vote sufficient for the purpose, without counting the vote of the committee member with the conflict of interest, and the appropriate oversight body approves the action.
A committee member is responsible for advising the chair of any actual or potential conflicts of interest or obligations which he/she may have hereunder, and should recuse him/herself from participating in proceedings, as may be warranted by this policy. Abuse of one’s position as a member of a committee may result in dismissal from that position. Where such abuse appears evident, a committee member will be notified by the committee chair and will have the opportunity to present a rebuttal or details of the situation. (August 2008 Executive Committee minutes)

### Speaking Agent Policy

The president of the Association and the chair of the Board of Governors are the only individuals authorized to speak on behalf of the Association, except as outlined below.

An individual representing a member institution or conference who speaks or opines on an Association issue only has the authority to express the view of that individual or the member institution or conference unless the individual has been designated by the Board of Governors of the Association as a speaking agent of the Association on that issue.

Committee chairs are hereby designated as speaking agents of their committees regarding issues within their committees’ jurisdiction on which there is consensus, except that positions of advocacy on behalf of the committee or the Association to be communicated in writing or orally to persons or entities external to the Association must have prior approval by the NCAA Board of Governors or the president of the Association.

The president of the Association is hereby granted authority to designate additional speaking agents of the Association. (April 2001 Board of Governors (formerly Executive Committee) minutes)
The engagement by Division II Presidents Council members, chancellors and presidents of Division II conference executive boards and Division II conference commissioners is crucial in the overall strategic planning efforts of Division II. This meeting is an important element in the division’s strategic planning process.

Division II representatives will engage in topics surrounding the future of the division and participate in some social activities with their counterparts, as well. The goal is to discuss those topics that have emerged—in the past several months—as being of the utmost importance to the health and well-being of the division. The group will be charged with highlighting issues and developing a game plan to benefit the division as a whole.

The schedule for the August 7-8 meeting follows:

- **August 7**—arrive in Indianapolis.
- **August 7**—5:30 to 7 p.m.—Reception for DII Commissioners, Presidents Council members and Chairs of Conference Presidential Bodies.
- **August 8**—8 a.m. to 2 p.m.—DII Meeting of Commissioners, Presidents Council and Chairs of Conference Presidential Bodies.
POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
DII PRESIDENTS COUNCIL, CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIRS OF CONFERENCE BOARDS
MEETING

August 8, 2017

☐ Division II membership and the financial stability of higher education—the state of flux of private institutions and public institutions; how athletics can be the impetus behind finances and the stability for schools.

☐ Health and safety of Division II student-athletes—what topics are currently at the forefront and how can the governance structure get in front of these topics.

☐ Communicating the benefits of Division II—how can Division II chancellors and presidents celebrate Division II; what metrics, instruments and programs can assist them in telling the Division II story to Board members, alumni and key individuals within the community.

☐ Sexual assault and the student—Division II cannot overlook the fact that this type of threat can and does happen anywhere.

☐ Updates on legal issues—lawsuits/changes/things that Division II might see in a ‘trickle down’ effect.

☐ Inclusion and Diversity—How to follow up on the presidential pledge; how to use search firms as a vehicle for hiring and assembling a pool of diverse, inclusive candidates.

☐ The Division II student-athlete experience—while in the recruiting phase; while enrolled at school; and after graduation from a Division II school; updates on discussions by the Division I Presidential Advisory Group.

☐ Other ____________________________________________.

Please rank in order from 1-7 (1 = highest; 7 = lowest) the topic(s) that should be on the agenda for the August Meeting.
The division will conduct its 10th festival (the third for winter sports) March 8-11. Co-hosted by the Gulf South Conference and the city of Birmingham, the festival will crown champions in men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s and women’s indoor track and field, and wrestling, uniquely celebrating the achievements of more than 1,100 DII student-athletes. The festivals continue to provide the only NCAA stage upon which multiple champions are crowned in a single event.

**FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION**

The division will begin implementing the 10 initiatives that received funding, each of which ties directly to strategic positioning outcome areas in the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan (academics and life skills; athletics operations and compliance; diversity and inclusion; game day, conference and national championships; and membership and positioning initiatives). The governance structure will begin annual assessments in spring 2017.

**MAKE IT YOURS™ ACTIVATION, PHASE 2**

While the initial phase focused on Division II constituents, Phase 2 will look outwardly at ways in which the division can strengthen its position as a high-quality and desirable option for prospective student-athletes and their families to consider when making their college choice.

**BUDGET PRIORITIES: CHAMPIONSHIPS, ACADEMICS, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved a new long-range budget that better aligns with the division’s current spending on championships and strategic efforts. The new approach allocates an additional $2.5 million in base budget dollars for enhancements to current or new initiatives. Of that total, $1.5 million will be allocated to championships, with the remaining $1 million targeting academic, inclusion and health and safety initiatives. Committees will work during the coming year to develop proposals that benefit the division collectively.

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Division II Priorities
2016-17 continued

ENHANCEMENT OF THE COMPLIANCE CULTURE

Division II is committed to helping institutions and conferences maintain engaged and functioning compliance operations and providing meaningful educational opportunities. The division will assess the current culture to identify challenges and develop realistic enhancement efforts, including:

► A collaborative partnership with the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).
► Engaging campus compliance personnel in honest and meaningful discussions about the culture of compliance in Division II.
► Partnering with the membership to identify and address situations in which current policies, procedures and legislation do not realistically align with the resources available on Division II campuses.
► Encouraging a culture of shared responsibility by providing the opportunity for compliance administrators to build relationships with their peers and the NCAA staff at Regional Compliance Seminars and other NCAA events.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Presidents Council has committed to fund initiatives to enhance student-athlete health and safety on campus and in the community. Collaborating with the Sport Science Institute, the division will advance nine strategic priorities that have been identified. In addition, with the success of the first Division II-specific APPLE conference in 2015, the division has approved funding to conduct a second one in the fall of 2017.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

The Division II governance structure in 2016-17 will continue to review various legislative issues, including financial aid, the nonchampionship segment, academic misconduct, independent medical care, four-year transfer legislation, and ways to help reduce student-athlete time demands. Pending membership feedback, proposals could be presented at the 2017 or 2018 NCAA Convention.

REGIONALIZATION

The division is reviewing its regionalization policy, which for the past eight years has been a cornerstone of the Division II championship model. Although the 2013 membership census confirmed that regionalization is still the best model for Division II, more than 90 changes to the division’s landscape because of conference alignment or reclassification have affected the composition of various regions since then. Among items to be examined are the contiguous state model, as well as selection modifications to avoid repeat matchups in preliminary rounds.