2017 Convention Legislation
Information Available

• The 2017 NCAA Convention Division III Official Notice.
• Question and Answer Document.
• Parliamentary Procedures Document.
How to Read the Proposals

- The letters and words in *italics and strikethrough* are those that would be deleted from the current rule with the adoption of the proposal;

- The letters and words in **bold face and underlined** are those that would be added with the adoption of the proposal; and

- The letters and words in normal text are those that would remain unchanged with the adoption of the proposal.
Order of Legislative Business

- Initial motion to accept notice and program.
- Confirm or change order of proposals.
- Ratify blue page proposals through acceptance of Official Notice. By motion of a delegate, individual proposals with appendices (blue pages) may be removed for separate consideration.
Order of Legislative Business During Business Session

• Final approval of notice and program.
• Vote on proposals in “white pages.”
• Window of reconsideration.
Agenda for Legislative Review

• Review Proposal Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.
  o How the proposal changes the current rule.
  o Interpretive questions.

• Review And Discuss Proposal Nos. 2 and 7.
  o How the proposal changes the current rule.
  o Interpretive questions.
  o NADIIIAA comments.
  o Open forum.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-3

FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES THAT CONSIDER ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP, ABILITY, PARTICIPATION OR PERFORMANCE -- RESTRICTION ON RECIPIENT’S CHOICE OF INSTITUTIONS

• **Effective Date:** August 1, 2017.

• **Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Financial Aid Committee)].
Current Rule

- Student-athletes are permitted to receive financial aid from outside sources that consider athletics, provided:
  - The award is provided to high school graduates (as opposed to continuing college students);
  - The award is made on only one occasion (but may be disbursed over multiple years);
  - The award does not restrict, in any way, the recipient’s choice of institutions; and
  - The donor of the award is not connected to the recipient’s institution.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Amends the component of the existing rule that precludes the award from restricting the recipient’s choice of institutions.

• Allows the award to restrict the recipient’s choice of institutions as long as that restriction does not effectively reduce the choice to a single institution.

• Retains other existing limitations.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-4

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- STANDARDIZATION OF ANNUAL CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION EXEMPTIONS

• **Effective Date:** August 1, 2017.

• **Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council.
Current Rule

• Each sport has a legislated maximum number of contests or dates of competition.

• A list of standard exemptions applies to all sports.
  o Items in the list of standard exemptions do not count against the maximum contest or date of competition limitations.

• Certain sports have sport-specific exemptions.
  o These exemptions vary from one sport to the next.
  o Some sports do not have any sport-specific exemptions.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Allows each sport to exempt, from its maximum number of contests or dates of competition, the following:
  o Conference championship competition.
  o Season-ending tournament competition (e.g., NCAA championship).
  o Two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices (discretionary exemptions).

• All other exemptions are eliminated.

• The two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices may occur prior to the first permissible contest date (all sports other than wrestling).
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-5

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIELD HOCKEY AND LACROSSE -- PRESEASON JOINT PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE OR EXHIBITION -- EXEMPTION FROM MAXIMUM CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION LIMITATIONS

• **Effective Date:** August 1, 2017.

• **Source:** Middle Atlantic Conferences, Empire 8 and Great Northeast Athletic Conference.
Current Rule

• Field hockey teams are permitted to conduct three scrimmages or exhibitions prior to the first permissible contest date but they must be counted towards the maximum contest limitations.

• Lacrosse teams are not permitted to exempt a scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice from their maximum date of competition limitations.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Field hockey teams would still be permitted to conduct up to three scrimmages or exhibitions prior to the first permissible contest date.
  ○ One of those three could be exempted from the maximum contest limitations.

• Lacrosse teams would be permitted to exempt one date of scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices from the maximum date of competition limitations.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-6

PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF FOR TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR/OUTDOOR AND SWIMMING AND DIVING

• **Effective Date**: Immediate.
• **Source**: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
Current Rule

• Each team is required to take one day off (no athletically related activities) during each defined week of the playing season.

• The day off must be the same day for the entire team.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• For track and field teams (indoor/outdoor) and swimming and diving teams:
  o The required day off per defined week may apply individually to each student-athlete.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-8

MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL OR RECLASSIFYING MEMBERSHIP -- CLASS SIZE AND ASSIGNMENT -- PROVISIONAL PROGRAM SIZE LIMIT

• Effective Date: August 1, 2017.

• Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).
Current Rule

- A maximum of four institutions may be admitted to the provisional or reclassifying membership program in any one year.

- Waiver opportunities of this maximum exists.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Maintains the maximum of four institutions admitted to the provisional or reclassifying membership program in any one year.

• Establishes a maximum of 12 institutions in the provisional or reclassifying membership program at one time.

• Waiver opportunities of these maximums would continue to exist.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-9

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- RECONSIDERATION -- ELIMINATE WINDOW OF RECONSIDERATION AND PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL RECONSIDERATION

• **Effective Date:** August 1, 2017.

• **Source:** Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
Current Rule

• Robert’s Rules of Order serve as the parliamentary authority for conduct of the NCAA Convention except in instances wherein the Association has adopted special rules of order.

• Robert’s Rules of Order allows an issue to be reconsidered at any point up to the adjournment of the business session.

• The Division has adopted a special rule that confines the opportunity to reconsider an issue already decided to the “window of reconsideration.”
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Eliminates the “window of reconsideration.”

• Adopts a special rule that eliminates the opportunity to reconsider an issue already decided.
Review and Discuss Proposals Nos. 2 and 7
ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE AND POSTBACCALAUREATE TRANSFERS

• **Effective Date:** August 1, 2017.

• **Source:** Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Little East Conference.
Current Rule

- A student-athlete may participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student, provided:
  - The student-athlete is continuing enrollment at the institution he or she most recently attended as an undergraduate.
  - The student-athlete has seasons of participation and semesters remaining.
Current Rule

• A student-athlete may participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student at a school other than the institution most recently attended as an undergraduate through a waiver if:
  
  o The student-athlete received an undergraduate degree ahead of schedule (fewer than four consecutive years) with no breaks in enrollment.
  
  o The student-athlete received an undergraduate degree with a minimum 3.000 cumulative GPA.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Allows a student-athlete to participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student at any Division III institution, provided:
  o The student-athlete is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; and
  o The student-athlete has seasons of participation and semesters remaining.
Proposal Feedback

- NADIIIAA comments.
- Open forum.
NCAA Proposal No. 2017-7

RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEREGULATING CAMPS AND CLINICS

• **Effective Date:** Immediate.

• **Source:** North Coast Athletic Conference, Landmark Conference and Middle Atlantic Conferences.
Current Rule

• Institutions may not host or conduct (nor may coaches be employed by) an event designed to test prospective student-athletes on measures of agility, flexibility, speed, strength or athletics skills.

• All institutional camps and clinics must be instructional in nature.

• Recruiting contact is prohibited during camps and clinics.

• Institutions may host invite-only events that are comprised solely of team competition.

• Coaches may not be employed by a recruiting or scouting service.
What It Does – Proposed Rule

• Institutions may host or conduct any event involving a prospective student-athlete, provided:
  o The event is open to any and all participants; and
  o The event does not offer free or reduced admission to prospective student-athletes.

• Recruiting contact is permitted during events involving prospective student-athletes (including camps and clinics).
  o For competition only events, coaches still may not have contact with a prospective student-athlete until he or she has completed competition for the day and been released.
What the Proposal Does Not Change

• Coaches are still not permitted to be employed by a recruiting or scouting service.

• Institutions may still host invite-only events that are comprised solely of team competition.
Proposal Feedback

- NADIIIAA comments.
- Open forum.