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5. Review of committee recommendations affecting Division II.

a. Division II committees.

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   (a) Division II ASR and Federal Graduation Rates preview; Gregg Summers. [Supplement No. 16]

   (b) SAT Update; Susan Britsch, Gary DeCastro, Doug Healey, and Tom Paskus. [Supplement No. 17]

(2) Championships Committee; Kim Vinson.

   (a) August teleconference. [Supplement No. 18]

   (b) September in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 19]

   (c) October teleconference. [Supplement No. 19-a]

(3) Committee for Legislative Relief; Eric Schoh. [Supplement No. 20]

(4) Legislation Committee; Pennie Parker. [Supplement No. 21]

(5) Membership Committee; Kevin Schriver.

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   (b) September 12 teleconference. [Supplement No. 23]

(6) Nominating Committee; Lynn Griffin.

   (a) September 14 teleconference. [Supplement No. 24]

   (b) October 7 teleconference. [Supplement No. 25]

(7) Planning and Finance Committee; Bridget Lyons.

   (a) August meeting. [Supplement No. 26]
(b) September teleconference. [Supplement No. 27]

(c) Unaudited 2015-16 budget figures. [Supplement No. 28]

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Doug Blais. [Supplement No. 29]

b. Association-wide and common committees.

(1) Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport; Steve Murray. [Supplement No. 30]

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct; Laura Liesman. [Supplement No. 31]

(3) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee; Rich Loosbrock.

(a) July in-person meeting. [Supplement No. 32]

(b) August electronic vote. [Supplement No. 33]

c. Division II subcommittees.

(1) Management Council Identity Subcommittee; Gary Gray.

(2) Management Council Subcommittee; Stan Williamson.

(a) September 6 teleconference. [Supplement No. 34]

(b) September 27 teleconference. [Supplement No. 35]

6. Roundtable discussion topics.

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b. Budget priorities for academics, diversity and inclusion, and health and safety initiatives. [Supplement No. 36]
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   e. NCAA.org; Gary Brown.
   f. Sport Science Institute; Brian Hainline. [Supplement No. 43]
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   b. Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA); Bob Hogue.
   c. CoSIDA; Steve Murray.
   d. Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA); Bullock.
   e. Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA); Campbell.
   f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA); Parker.
   g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC); Lyons.

10. Other business.

11. Meeting recap/things to report back to membership; McWilliams.

12. Future meetings.
   c. April 10-11, 2017; Management Council meeting; Indianapolis.
   e. July 17-18, 2017; Management Council Meeting; Indianapolis.
   f. October 16-17, 2017; Management Council Meeting; Indianapolis.

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SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2016 QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

July 18-19, 2016, Division II Management Council and
August 3-4, 2016, Division II Presidents Council Meetings

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the chair. The chair welcomed those in attendance. New member Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University; Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative Jasmyn Lindsay; and the new postgraduate intern for Division II governance, Faith Morrison, introduced themselves to the Council. A rundown of the meeting for the two-day period was provided.

Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Wednesday evening. The chair welcomed those in attendance, noting the two new members, Fr. John Denning and Chancellor Elwood Robinson. He indicated that more extensive introductions would be made Thursday morning.

After recessing at 9:10 p.m., the Presidents Council reconvened after breakfast Thursday morning at 9:13 a.m. Introductions among the Council and staff members were completed prior to beginning the business of the day.

2. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING DOCUMENTATION.


Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of actions document from the April 18-19 meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of actions document from the April 27-28 meeting.

b. Board of Governors Meeting—April 27.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the report from the April 27 Board of Governors meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report from the April 27 Board of Governors meeting. No action was necessary.

The Presidents Council also received a verbal update on the meeting held the previous day, which included some items related to the Board of Governors’ efforts
to create an Association-wide Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; the composition/structure of the Board of Governors; a pledge to promote diversity and gender equity in intercollegiate athletics; an effort to require that all hosts and bidders for NCAA events to provide an environment that is safe, healthy and free of discrimination; and discussions on sexual violence prevention. The Council will receive additional information on these topics in the future.

It was also noted that the Board of Governors had elected Bud Peterson, Georgia University of Technology, to replace Kirk Schulz as the chair of the group. No action was necessary.

c. **Administrative Committee Meeting(s)/Action(s).**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the interim actions taken by the Administrative Committee, as presented.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the interim actions taken by the Administrative Committee, as presented.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2016-17 DIVISION II PRIORITIES.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the draft of the Division II priorities for 2016-17, noting that even though the priorities were not necessarily in rank order, it would like to see ‘diversity and inclusion’ and ‘academics’ initiatives moved to a more prominent position within the document. The Council determined that it would discuss the priorities in more detail during its roundtable sessions that afternoon. The priorities were approved with the request noted above.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the 2016-17 Division II priorities.

4. **NCAA CONVENTION AND LEGISLATION.**

a. **Presidents Council-Sponsored Proposals for the 2017 NCAA Convention.**

(1) **Proposal No. 2017-1—Amateurism—Competition-Related Expenses from an Outside Sponsor.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the proposal, which had already been approved in legislative form. No action was necessary.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the proposal. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council amend this proposal, which had been previously approved in legislative form, so that an institution would no longer be permitted to use its completed contests or dates of competition when calculating the 30 percent threshold for participation.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to amend the proposal as recommended.


Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the proposal, which had already been approved in legislative form. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the proposal. No action was necessary.

(4) Proposal No. 2017-4—Amateurism—Payment Based on Performance—From Amateur Team or Event Sponsor in Individual Sports.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor this proposal in legislative form, with an amendment that would change the effective date to immediate so that every individual participating in open events in the summer of 2017 would be treated equally, if the proposal is adopted.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention with an immediate effective date.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor this proposal in legislative form, as presented.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.


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Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

b. Proposed Legislation for the 2017 Convention Submitted by the Division II Membership.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council take the following action with regard to the membership-sponsored proposals for the 2017 NCAA Convention.

(1) Constitution 3.3.4 (NCAA Membership—Conditions and Obligations of Membership—Independent Medical Care). Refer to the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and the Division II Legislation Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position. Additionally, the Management Council recommended that the Division II Presidents Council sign on as co-sponsors of this legislation.
(2) **Bylaw 13.17.3 (Recruiting—Recruiting Calendars—Football—Contact Period—Monday After Thanksgiving).** Refer to the Division II Championships Committee, the Legislation Committee and the Division II Football Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

(3) **Bylaw 17.22 (Playing and Practice Seasons—Tennis).** Refer to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, the Championships Committee, the Legislation Committee and the Division II Tennis Committee for review and a position of support, opposition or no position.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council referred the three proposals to the recommended committees for review and position. Additionally, the Presidents Council agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor of the first membership-sponsored proposal above, which deals with independent medical care. [See Page No. 34, Item 5-c-(1).]

c. **Noncontroversial Proposals.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the noncontroversial legislation that had not previously been approved in legislative form (NC 2017-10 through NC 2017-17), as presented.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

d. **Incorporation of Interpretations.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the incorporation of interpretations in legislative form (I 2017-1 through I 2017-11), as presented.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

e. **Modification of Wording.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council approved the modification of wording in legislative form, as presented.

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

a. Division II Committees.

(1) Academic Requirements Committee.

(a) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 10.1 (Eligibility—Academic Misconduct—Unethical Conduct)

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 10.1 and various sections of Bylaw 14 to define and clarify post-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified; further, to move the legislation related to pre-enrollment academic misconduct to Bylaw 14, effective August 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(2) SAT Revisions.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the revised SAT, which was first administered in March. Concordance tables released by the College Board indicate that new scores are 70-80 points higher than their concordant values on the old test in the middle of score distribution. Significant controversy exists within the admissions community about the concordance tables—both from the new SAT to the old SAT and the new SAT to ACT. Research staff will convene a technical advisory board this summer to provide short-term guidance on the use of the concordance tables and long-term guidance on the advisability of conducting a separate concordance study. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Academic Portal.

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the progress made with the new Academic Portal, an online tool through which member institutions will submit their Division II
Academic Performance Census data. The portal will replace the Division II Academic Tracking system in the fall of 2016. Programming and testing is expected to be completed by August 1, 2016. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Championships Committee.

(a) May 5 Teleconference—Women’s Golf Super Regional Sites.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the following sites and hosts for the Division II Women’s Golf Championships super regionals in 2017 and 2018.

2017
- Central Region—Minnehaha Country Club, hosted by Augustana University (South Dakota).
- East Region—Glenmoor Country Club, hosted by Walsh University.
- South Region—The Members Club at Woodcreek, hosted by Newberry College.
- West Region—Wichita Falls Country Club, hosted by Midwestern State University.

2018
- Central Region—Missouri Bluffs Golf Club, hosted by Lindenwood University.
- East Region—Kanke Golf Course, hosted by Ferris State University.
- South Region—Germantown Country Club, hosted by Christian Brothers University.
- West Region—Hillcrest Golf Club, hosted by Fort Lewis College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) June 28-29 meeting.

i. Bylaw 31.3.5.1—Executive Regulations—Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships
Participation—Earned Access—Requirements—Affiliate Members.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 31.3.5.1 to specify that institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sport-sponsorship requirement for earned access in football, effective August 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. Bylaw 21.8.6—Sport Committees with Only Division II Championships Administrative Responsibilities—Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee—Composition.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to split the current Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee into a separate cross country committee and a separate track and field committee. Each committee would have eight members, with representation from each region and continue to follow the committee composition guidelines as currently stated, effective immediately.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iii. Super Region Champions in Football.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation to seed the four semifinalists in the Division II Football Championship to provide the opportunity for the top two teams to meet in the championships game, effective with the 2016 Division II Football Championship. The No. 1 seed would play the No. 4 seed; the No. 2 seed would play the No. 3 seed.

Being able to seed the teams at this point in the championship will increase the likelihood that the top two teams would meet in the final. While the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds would receive preferred status on hosting the
semifinals, the host site determinations will be based on the current selection and hosting criteria.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

iv. Regional Champions in Women’s Basketball.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation to seed the eight regional champions in the Division II Women’s Basketball Championship after regionals, effective with the 2017 Division II Women’s Basketball Championship.

This seeding in the Elite Eight will increase the likelihood that the top teams will advance to the championship game. Current selection criteria will be used to evaluate teams and seed them one through eight after the regionals have been completed. It was noted that this process worked well for the Men’s Basketball Committee in 2016.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

v. Referral to the Division II Legislation Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation to refer to the Division II Legislation Committee the following issue:

- whether there should be a review of Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) in order to ensure competitive balance in men’s soccer (and other sports, if applicable), effective immediately.

The men’s soccer committee is concerned with the growing trend of student-athletes with significant gaps in collegiate enrollment re-entering intercollegiate competition with a much greater degree of competitive experience and physical maturity than their more conventional student-athlete counterparts. The soccer committee believes more players are enrolling at an institution to avoid triggering the delayed-enrollment legislation, but then withdrawing after one or two
semesters in order to participate in organized competition to gain experience while retaining most of their collegiate eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vi. Contiguous states in women’s lacrosse.

Management Council. The Management Council approved a recommendation that would allow Concordia University, St. Paul, to count Colorado as a contiguous state for selection purposes in women’s lacrosse for the 2017 season only, effective 1, 2016.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

vii. Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Management Council ratified the following sport committee and playing rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2016, unless otherwise specified.

(i) Women’s basketball rules. Torry Rollins, associate director of athletics, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, to replace Van Joseph Girard, head women’s basketball coach, Western State Colorado University, due to Mr. Girard having left Western State, effective immediately.

(ii) Men’s lacrosse. Eric Danner, associate commissioner, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, to replace Brad Jorgenson, assistant director of athletics and head men’s lacrosse coach, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration.

(iii) Men’s and women’s soccer rules. Aileen Nasypany, head women’s soccer coach, California State University, Dominguez Hills, to replace Peter Campbell, senior associate director of athletics, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, due to term expiration.
(iv) **Softball.** Kristy Bayer, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, Arkansas Tech University, to replace Terri Holmes, assistant director of athletics, compliance, and senior woman administrator, Northern State University, due to term expiration.

[Note that the appointment of Patrick McGinnis, head women’s soccer coach, Fairmont State University, to replace Todd Diuguid, assistant director of athletics and head women’s soccer coach, University of Charleston (West Virginia), on the women’s soccer committee was not ratified by the Council, due to Mr. McGinnis no longer being employed by the institution. The Nominating Committee will discuss the appointment during a future teleconference and bring forth another recommendation.]

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

**viii. Regionalization Update.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council was updated on the committee’s review of the effects of regionalization on the Division II championships program, noting that the committee was looking at ways to adjust regional pairings in a manner that would add flexibility in bracketing and reduce the likelihood that teams from the same conference would meet in the first round of championship competition. The Council noted that the committee would continue to pursue a collaborative approach during its comprehensive review of regionalization and seek input from affiliate groups such as the Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association in the coming months. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
ix. **Automatic Qualifications and Earned Access-Language on AQ Form.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the following language would be added to the general information section of the AQ form regarding a written policy for teams subject to postseason restrictions: “The Division II Championships Committee requires all conferences to develop and maintain a written policy regarding teams subject to postseason restrictions (e.g., reclassifying, provisional or ineligible institutions) with respect to automatic qualification for postseason competition.” This addition is comparable to the language used in Division I and will first appear on the 2017-18 form. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

x. **Anti-Discrimination Process for Championships Bids.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had reviewed information concerning the requirement for sites hosting or bidding on NCAA events to demonstrate how they will provide an environment that is safe, health and free of discrimination, and the committee had recommended that for nonpredetermined sites, Division II members complete and submit the questionnaire being distributed regarding the new policy so that the information will be on file for selection purposes. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

xi. **Referral Regarding Preseason Practice in Men’s and Women’s Soccer.**

Management Council. The Management Council received an update regarding a referral to the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) regarding the start date for practice in men’s and women’s soccer. The Council noted that CSMAS was unable to take a position on the preseason concept because
recommendations coming from groups formed following the 2015 soccer summit to delve into this issue have not taken place. As such, the Championships Committee voted to wait until CSMAS is able to comment before deciding whether to move the preseason concept forward. The committee and Council urged CSMAS to expedite its review, recognizing the amount of time this matter has already been under consideration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Degree-Completion Awards Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report, which included the selection of award recipients for the 2016-17 academic year. Ninety-five recipients were selected, for a total amount awarded of $425,241. It was noted that the total number of applications was more than last year and that eight institutions submitted for the first time. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Committee on Infractions—Bylaw 32.6.8—Enforcement Policies and Procedures—Notice of Allegations—Deadline for Submission of Written Materials.**

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council adopt an administrative regulation to amend the deadline for receipt of written materials to be considered by the NCAA Committee on Infractions from 10 days to 30 days prior to the date of the hearing, effective immediately.

The Council noted that in some recent Divisions II and III infractions cases, there has been a flood of “last minute” submissions that have been burdensome for the committees. A deadline of 30 days in advance of the hearing for submission of written material allows the infractions committee members a more reasonable amount of time to collect, read and evaluate materials prior to hearings. This regulation was adopted in Division I in 2013 and is also being proposed in Division III.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council adopted the administrative regulation, as recommended.
(5) Legislation Committee.


Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 12.2.1.1 (tryout after enrollment) to specify that a student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, provided the student-athlete does not miss class, effective immediately.

Current legislation permits a student-athlete to participate in a professional tryout at any time outside of the playing season. This proposal expands the professional tryout opportunities for student-athletes without interfering with class time. This change aligns with Division I legislation regarding professional team tryouts and ensures that Division II student-athletes are provided similar access to tryout opportunities as their Division I counterparts. The immediate effective date will permit student-athletes to participate in professional team tryouts during the 2017 spring term.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(b) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (Amateurism—Promotional Activities—Permissible—Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions—Elimination of Requirement that All Money Go Directly to the Member Institution, Member Conference or the Charitable, Educational, Nonprofit or Government Agency).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions) to eliminate the requirement that all money derived from a permissible promotional activity or project must go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency; further, to eliminate the requirement that an authorized
representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit, or government agency must sign a release statement and require the institution to provide educational material to the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency notifying the entity of its obligation to ensure that a student-athlete’s name, likeness, appearance or image is used in a manner consistent with the legislation, effective immediately.

Current legislation requires all money derived from a promotional activity or project to go directly to the permissible entity (e.g., member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency). Many Division II institutions partner with commercial businesses that have established fundraising programs that are not set up in a manner that complies with the current legislation, which limits the ability for student-athletes to be involved in the activity. Removing this requirement will increase opportunities for student-athletes to be involved in promotional activities for both the institution and other permissible entities. Eliminating the signature requirement for an authorized representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency while still requiring education on the requirements of the promotional activities legislation will maintain the intent of the legislation and reduce administrative burden. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to apply the less stringent standard to promotional activities during the 2017 spring term.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(c) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (Recruiting—Contacts and Evaluations—Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes—Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes—Removal of Requirement to Obtain Permission from NAIA Institution).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.1.1.2 (four-year college prospective student-athletes) to specify that permission to contact is not required for a student-athlete transferring from a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) institution; further, to require an
institution’s director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) to send a courtesy notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete, effective immediately, for prospective student-athletes transferring for the 2017-18 academic year and thereafter.

Institutions that are not members of the NCAA are not bound by NCAA rules, including the timeline to respond to requests for permission to contact. If a NAIA institution denies a student-athlete permission to contact, the NAIA institution is not required to provide the student with a hearing opportunity. Eliminating the requirement of obtaining permission to speak to a student who is enrolled at a NAIA institution interested in transferring to an NCAA Division II institution will ease the burden on compliance administrators. However, requiring a courtesy notification to the NAIA institution prior to initiating contact with a NAIA prospective student-athlete ensures there is adequate transparency in the recruiting process. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to use the new process during the spring 2017 term and the following summer while recruiting potential transfers for the 2017-18 academic year.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(d) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 13.2 (Recruiting—Offers and Inducements—Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.2 (offers and inducements) to specify that an institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, effective immediately.

Current legislation limits the pre-enrollment fees an institution may pay for a prospective student-athlete, unless the institution has similar policies for all prospective student-grantees. By permitting payment for a committed prospective student-athlete, the institution
is not gaining a recruiting advantage and the prospective student-athlete and family will incur less financial burden. Many prospective student-athletes do not have the financial means to cover basic fees required by the institution for all students and are unaware that these basic institutional fees are not covered by athletically related financial aid. The prohibition on covering these required institutional fees has led to difficult situations and leaves the institution vulnerable to outside parties providing impermissible financial aid to financially disadvantaged prospective student-athletes. Furthermore, the institution is permitted to reimburse or pay for many of these pre-enrollment fees after the individual becomes a student-athlete. The period of time between a prospective student-athlete's commitment and enrollment is a time of significant need for institutional support. The payment of pre-enrollment fees will promote the membership's commitment to implementing rules and policies intended to enhance the support of student-athletes. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to pay pre-enrollment fees for prospective student-athletes enrolling for the 2017-18 academic year.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(e) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 17 (Playing and Practice Seasons—Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities—Nonchampionship Segment Activities).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 17 (playing and practice seasons) to amend the nonchampionship segment, as follows: (1) In all sports, to prohibit all countable athletically related activity during two calendar days per week; (2) In all sports other than golf, rowing and tennis, to limit a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and 15 hours per week during a 45-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days; (3) In golf and tennis, to limit a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and
20 hours per week during a 60-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days; and (4) In rowing, to limit a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and 15 hours per week during a 65-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days, effective August 1, 2017.

Current legislation requires institutions to toggle between in-season and out-of-season countable athletically related activity limitations during the nonchampionship segment, which causes considerable confusion. Additionally, according to the 2015 GOALS study, Division II student-athletes report spending as much or more time on their sport during the off-season as during their competitive season. This proposal will make the nonchampionship segment legislation easier to apply and also provide student-athletes with additional time off, both in terms of number of days and hours per week.

Competition during the nonchampionship segment in golf and tennis counts toward championship selections, so it is appropriate for these sports to have additional flexibility on both the number of in-season hours and the window in which to use those hours.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(f) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 13.4.3 (Recruiting—Recruiting Materials—Elimination of Conference Restrictions).

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to amend Bylaw 13.4.3 (conference restrictions) to eliminate the conference restrictions on providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches), effective immediately. The immediate effective date will permit conferences to provide recruiting materials in preparation for the 2017-18 academic year.
The current legislation restricting conference offices from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches) is unnecessary and inhibits the ability of conference offices to spread awareness of Division II as a participation opportunity for prospective student-athletes. Allowing the conference office to share recruiting materials, particularly with coaches of prospective student-athletes, will enhance the visibility of Division II without giving any particular institution a recruiting advantage.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(g) Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (Recruiting - Contacts and Evaluations—Contact Restrictions at Specified Sites – Practice or Competition Site—Exception for On-Campus Contact.

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1.7.2 (practice or competition site) to permit institutional coaching staff members to have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided that contact occurs on the institution's campus and the institution's campus is not the competition site, effective immediately.

Permitting contact on an institution's campus on the day of competition prior to competition allows prospective student-athletes more flexibility when arranging campus visits in locations to which they may already be traveling for competition. Currently, prospective student-athletes are prohibited from making contact with institutional athletics staff members on a day of competition, prior to competition, even if they are visiting an institution's campus on an official or unofficial visit on a day of competition. This restriction often requires prospective student-athletes to remain in the locale of the institution additional days following competition to visit the campus and meet with athletics staff members, resulting in additional cost and additional missed class time. This proposal would not only offer greater flexibility to prospective student-athletes who wish to meet with athletics staff members while visiting a campus in a locale of a site of competition or in route to a
site of competition, but may also improve recruiting efficiency and potentially result in fewer days away from campus for coaches.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) **Bylaw 13.6.2.1 (Recruiting—Official (Paid) Visit—Requirements for Official Visit—High School or Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete—Exception for High School Prospective Student-Athlete with a Final Academic Certification).**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.6.2.1 (high school or preparatory school prospective student-athletes) to permit institutions to provide an official visit to a high school prospective student-athlete without receiving a current high school transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete’s final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center, effective immediately.

The intent of requiring a current high school transcript in advance of an official visit is for the institution to be able to properly assess the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete. If a high school prospective student-athlete has received a final academic certification by the Eligibility Center prior to the official visit, the intent of the legislation has been accomplished. This exception would reduce burden on both the prospective student-athlete and the institution by not requiring a current transcript to be sent in advance of an official visit.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) **Bylaw 13.17.3 (Recruiting—Recruiting Calendars—Football—First Monday After Thanksgiving).**

Management Council. The Management Council did not adopt legislation to amend Bylaw 13.17.3 (football) to amend the football recruiting calendar to begin the contact period in football on the Monday immediately following Thanksgiving.

The Management Council had concerns with regard to time demands on student-athletes, as well as on coaches.
[Note that this proposal was properly sponsored as membership-sponsored legislation for the 2017 Convention. Even though it was defeated by the Management Council during its meeting, the membership will still have an opportunity to vote on the proposal during the Division II Business Session in January 2017.]

[See Item No. 4-b-(2) on Page No. 5.]

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

**Bylaw 14.2.4.2.4 (Eligibility—Seasons of Competition: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule—Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility—Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment—Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition—Men’s Ice Hockey Exception—Additional Year).**

**Management Council.** The Management adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.4.2.4 (men’s ice hockey exception) to extend the men’s ice hockey exception to the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation from one to two years, effective immediately, for prospective student-athletes enrolling in the 2017-18 academic year and thereafter.

Division II currently has the most restrictive organized competition legislation of the three divisions in men’s ice hockey. There are only six Division II institutions that sponsor Division II men’s ice hockey and there is no Division II championship, which further puts these institutions at a recruiting disadvantage. Permitting Division II men’s ice hockey prospective student-athletes to participate in one additional year of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment is consistent with the structure of USA Junior Hockey, where prospective student-athletes may participate for three years after high school and until turning 21. This recommendation is similar to the legislated exception in skiing.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(k) **Bylaw 16.9 (Awards and Benefits—Permissible Travel Expenses—Receipt of Actual and Necessary Expenses from the Host of Noncompetitive Event).**

**Management Council.** The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.9 (permissible travel expenses) to specify that an entity hosting a noncompetitive event may provide a student-athlete with actual and necessary expenses to represent the institution at the event, effective immediately.

Current legislation only permits an institution, conference or the NCAA to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution at a noncompetitive event. In some instances, the host offers to pay the student-athlete’s actual and necessary expenses, which requires the expenses to be donated to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the expenses to the student-athlete. Allowing the host to provide actual and necessary expenses to the student-athlete reduces bureaucracy and may have a positive budget impact on Division II institutions.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(l) **Bylaw 16.10 (Awards and Benefits—Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution—Lodging Provided by Relative of Student-Athlete).**

**Management Council.** The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 16.10 (provision of expenses by individuals or organizations other than the institution) to specify that a relative of a student-athlete is permitted to pay for, or provide lodging to, eligible student-athletes in conjunction with, or in route to or from, an away-from-home contest, effective immediately.

Current legislation permits an institution to provide lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with away-from-home competition. Student-athletes are not permitted to receive lodging from a relative of a team member unless the relative donates the use of the lodging to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the lodging to the student-athletes. Requiring relatives of student-athletes to
donate lodging to the institution is unnecessary and overly bureaucratic.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(m) **Bylaw 31.1.4.4 (Executive Regulations—Days of Competition—Noon Start Time—Exception—Men's and Women's Fencing Championships).**

Management Council. The Management Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 31.1.4.4 (noon start time) to specify that in fencing, competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing championships may begin prior to noon, effective immediately.

Currently, the men's and women's fencing championships are conducted Thursday through Sunday, with competition starting at 9 a.m. local time. Given the number of bouts that must take place over this four-day period for each gender and each weapon, this proposal will allow the approved format to continue without budgetary ramifications. If competition could not start until noon on Sunday, a number of teams would have to stay an additional day in the host city, thus increasing per diem expenses. Finally, this format and early start time is familiar to institutions that are competing, as they routinely start competition at this time, if not earlier, during the regular season. In addition, fencing is a National Collegiate Championship sport and Division I adopted this exception in October 2015. Because institutions from all three divisions participate in the championship, it is imperative that the legislation is consistent among divisions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(n) **Incorporation of Interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual.**

Management Council. The Management Council voted to incorporate the following interpretation into the Division II Manual, effective immediately.

- **Postponed/Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather.** Decided that for purposes of Case No. 256 and the need to
determine whether or not an institution has used a date of competition in a sport in the event the competition is postponed or canceled due to inclement weather or a comparable factor, such competition shall not be countable unless the results are considered final under the applicable playing rules of the sport in question.

Incorporating the December 18, 1986, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation in situations where competition is cancelled due to inclement weather.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(o) Referrals to Committees.

Management Council. The Management Council referred the following two items to the specified committees:

- **Referral to NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief—Review of Minimal Competition Threshold for consideration of potential guideline changes:**

  Whether the current minimal competition threshold for organization competition waivers (10 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum) remains appropriate or whether it should be increased to 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum, effective immediately.

  The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee requested that a review of the minimal competition threshold for organized competition waivers be referred to the Committee for Legislative Relief. As part of a discussion regarding the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation, the committee reviewed amateurism data from the last two academic years. While the committee agreed that a legislative change was not necessary at this time, the committee believes further discussion regarding the minimal competition threshold is warranted. Specifically, the committee noted 105 prospective student-athletes over the past two years have participated in more than 10 percent but less than 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum, and requests that the Committee for Legislative Relief discuss whether
these individuals received a meaningful participation opportunity that warranted a full season being charged.

- **Referral to Division II Championships Committee—Review Practice Partners at NCAA championships for consideration of potential legislative change.**

  Whether an eligible student-athlete who is not selected to participate in the championship should be permitted to serve as a practice partner for qualifying participants on site at the NCAA championship event, effective immediately.

  In June 2014, the Legislation Committee issued an official interpretation to clarify that student-athletes not eligible for competition may not receive expenses for or participate in practice sessions associated with away-from-home competition. The prohibition on practice applies even if the student-athlete pays his or her own way to travel to the site of competition.

  NCAA staff regularly receives questions, most commonly in wrestling, regarding whether eligible but nonqualifying student-athletes may travel and serve as practice partners for student-athletes selected for the Division II Championship. The committee requests the Championships Committee review this issue and discuss any unintended consequences (e.g., hotel room space, credential limits) of such a change in individual sports.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

**(p) Commercial Crowdfunding Websites.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council noted that the committee had issued the following official interpretation:

**Fee Charged by Commercial Crowdfunding Websites (II).**

The Legislation Committee determined that payment of fees (e.g., flat rate fee, percent-based fee) associated with the use of a commercial crowdfunding website is an incidental cost to use the service and does not constitute endorsement of a commercial
product. The committee noted that the use of a crowdfunding website is limited to activities for which it is otherwise permissible for a student-athlete to raise funds.

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.2.1 (advertisements and promotions following enrollment)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(q) **Participation of Ineligible Student-Athletes in Community Engagement or Promotional Activities Involving Physical Activity.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had confirmed that it is permissible for ineligible student-athletes to participate in community engagement events and promotional activities that involve physical activity, and that Figure 14-2 (initial eligibility) in the Manual would be updated to clarify that the promotional activities legislation applies to community engagement events.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(r) **Complimentary Ticket Limitations.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had issued an official interpretation to permit complimentary admissions to be shared among team members:

**Use of Complimentary Admissions by Another Student-Athlete (II).**

The Division II Legislation Committee determined that a student-athlete’s unused complimentary admissions may be used by guests of another student-athlete on the team, provided the institution’s team does not exceed the total limitation of four complimentary admissions (or, for the NCAA championships bowl games, six complimentary admissions) per student-athlete on the team (e.g., for a team with 10 student-athletes, 40 total complimentary admissions).
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(s) **Official Interpretation.**

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had issued an interpretation regarding social media use by departments other than athletics.

Electronic Correspondence and Social Media -- Department Other Than Athletics (II)

The Division II Legislation Committee determined that an institutional department other than athletics (e.g., admissions, alumni office, business school) may send electronic correspondence that is not private (e.g., post, tweet, repost, like/favorite) at any time, provided the institution’s athletics department is not involved in any way, the correspondence is not created for an athletics recruiting purpose and the department outside athletics is operating in a manner consistent with established policies and procedures regarding social media interaction with all prospective students.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) 2017 Convention Legislation—Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (Division Membership—Membership Requirements—Sports Sponsorship-Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship—Women’s Lacrosse and Women’s Volleyball.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation for the 2017
Convention to amend Bylaw 20.10.3.3 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship), as follows: (a) In women’s lacrosse, to increase the number of contests for sports sponsorship from eight to 10 contests; and (b) In women’s volleyball, to increase the number of contests for sports sponsorship from nine to 15 contests, effective August 1, 2017.

The minimum contests requirements for sports sponsorship in women’s lacrosse and women’s volleyball should be consistent with the number of contests required for championship selections. In addition, increasing the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship in these sports aligns the Division II sports-sponsorship minimum requirements with those in Divisions I and III, providing consistency across all divisions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

(b) Institutions in the Membership Process.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the Membership Committee had taken the following actions with regard to institutions in the membership process.

i. Moved the following institutions to active member status, effective September 1, 2016:
   (i) Holy Names University;
   (ii) Mississippi College;
   (iii) Rogers State University; and
   (iv) Southern Wesleyan University.

ii. Moved the following institutions to the provisional period (year three) in the membership process, effective September 1, 2016:
   (i) California State University, San Marcos;
   (ii) Concordia University Irvine;
(iii) Concordia University Portland;
(iv) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and
(v) Oklahoma Baptist University.

iii. Moved the following institution to the provisional period (year three) in the membership process with conditions, effective September 1, 2016:

- Spring Hill College.

iv. Removed the following institution from the membership process, effective September 1, 2016:

- Emmanuel College (Georgia).

v. Moved the following institution to year two of the provisional period, effective September 1, 2016:

- Westminster College (Utah).

vi. Required the following institution to repeat year one of the provisional period of the membership process, effective September 1, 2016:

- Auburn University at Montgomery.

vii. Approved the applications of the following institutions to enter year one of the provisional period, effective September 1, 2016:

(i) Biola University; and

(ii) Davenport University.

[NOTE: The institutions in Items (v), (vi), and (vii) above will follow the membership process adopted at the 2014 NCAA Convention, which eliminated language regarding the candidacy period so that each year of the three-year
process is considered the provisional period (see NCAA Proposal No. 2014-10).]

viii Did not accept the application of the following institution:

- Purdue University Northwest (previously Purdue University Calumet).

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(c) **Miscellaneous.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council noted the following actions related to active Division II institutions:

i. **Lane College.** Lane College was placed on probation for the 2016-17 academic year for failure to sponsor an adequate number of men’s and women’s sports with the minimum number of participants. If the institution fails to meet the sports-sponsorship criteria set forth in Bylaw 20.10.3 at the end of the probationary year, the institution shall be placed in restricted membership for the 2017-18 academic year.

ii. **Francis Marion University.** The Membership Committee agreed that if the institution successfully completes the two-year reclassification process, the institution’s women’s soccer program will be an active Division II sport during the 2018-19 academic year.

iii. **Queens University of Charlotte.** Queens University of Charlotte was placed on probation for the 2016-17 academic year for failure to meet the requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) during a five-year period. The committee denied the institution’s request for relief, noting that the institution did not present any mitigation supporting relief from the legislation and the circumstances were within the institution’s control. The institution is not eligible to receive Division II enhancement funds. In order to be removed from probationary status, the institution must submit a completed ISSG with action plans not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2017.
iv. **University of Wisconsin, Parkside.** The University of Wisconsin, Parkside, was placed on probation for the 2016-17 academic year for failure to meet the requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) during a five-year period. The committee denied the institution’s request for relief, noting that the institution did not present any mitigation supporting relief from the legislation and the circumstances were within the institution’s control. The institution is not eligible to receive Division II enhancement funds. In order to be removed from probationary status, the institution must submit a completed ISSG with action plans not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2017.

v. **California State University, San Bernardino.** California State University, San Bernardino, was placed on probation for the 2016-17 academic year for failure to meet the requirement to complete the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) during a five-year period. The committee denied the institution’s request for relief, noting that the institution did not present any mitigation supporting relief from the legislation and the circumstances were within the institution’s control. The institution is not eligible to receive Division II enhancement funds. In order to be removed from probationary status, the institution must submit a completed ISSG with action plans not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time June 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

(a) **April meeting.**

i. **Division II Long-Range Budget.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the revised long-range budget as presented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

ii. **Division II Budget Guidelines and Principles.**
Management Council. The Management Council approved the updated budget guidelines and principles, as presented.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the updated budget guidelines and principles, as presented.

iii. Division II-Specific APPLE Conference.

Management Council. The Management Council noted that the committee had approved funding to conduct a second Division II-specific APPLE conference in the fall of 2017. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Budget-to-Actual Report.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report for the period ending May 31, 2016. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the budget-to-actual report. No action was necessary.

(c) August 3 Meeting.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a verbal update on the Planning and Finance Committee meeting, held the previous day. The written report will be reviewed by the Council in October. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update from its liaison to the committee with regard to items discussed, including the Make It Yours™ Phase One Activation, community engagement and service activities, at the summer meeting. No action was necessary.
(9) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee—2017 Convention Legislation—Proposal No. 2017-2.**

Management Council. [See Page No. 3, Item 4-a-(2) for action taken.]

Presidents Council. [See Page No. 3, Item 4-a-(2) for action taken.]

b. **Division II Subcommittees, Project Teams and Task Forces.**

(1) **Convention Planning Project Team.**

(a) **Division II Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the proposed schedule for Division II events at the Convention.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the proposed schedule for Division II events at the Convention.

(b) **Division II Educational Programming.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the Division II educational sessions and programming for the 2017 Convention, as presented.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Division II educational sessions and programming for the 2017 Convention, as presented.

(2) **Identity Subcommittee—2017 Convention Legislation—NCAA Bylaw 20.10 (Membership Requirements—Philosophy Statement).**


Much of the current Division II Philosophy Statement aligns with the implementation of the “I Chose” identity campaign in the mid-2000s and has not been reviewed comprehensively since that time. In accordance with the 2013 communications audit that identified the need to better explain Division II to external audiences, and in conjunction with the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and the Make It Yours™ brand enhancement, it
is necessary to update the statement to reflect the refreshed brand. The proposed revision does not omit any of the philosophy’s key elements and core principles; rather, it reorganizes the division’s commitment to a balanced and inclusive approach in academics, athletics, community engagement and post-graduation success in a contemporary manner that better reflects the Make It Yours identity enhancement.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor the legislation for the 2017 Convention.

c. Association-Wide and Common Committees.


Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council sign on as a co-sponsor of a membership-sponsored proposal for the 2017 Convention that specifies that an active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; further, the proposal specifies that an active institution shall designate an Athletics Healthcare Administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery, effective August 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor of the membership-sponsored proposal for the 2017 Convention.

[See Page No. 4, Item 4-b-(1).]

(2) Committee on Women’s Athletics—Minority and Women’s Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Increase.

Management Council. The Management Council endorsed an increase in the scholarship amount from $7,500 to $8,500 for each award, effective September 2016 for disbursement in February 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
[Note that since the funds for this scholarship are paid out of Association-wide funds, this recommendation will not become effective until it is approved by the NCAA Board of Governors.]

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

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report, discussing specifically some issues surrounding diversity and inclusion and the strides that Division II is making with its strategic initiatives. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(4) **Joint CWA/MOIC Meeting.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

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

**Management Council.** The Management Council was updated on the work of the task force, noting that a pledge was being developed that would be a voluntary document that institutions could support to commit to establishing initiatives for achieving ethnic and racial diversity, gender diversity and inclusion, with a focus on hiring practices in intercollegiate athletics to reflect the diversity of our membership, as well as that of our nation. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council received a copy of the pledge, as developed.

(6) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

**Management Council.** The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(7) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee’s report, noting the winner of the Jim McKay Scholarship for 2015-16 (Emalia Seto, University of Tulsa) and the winners of the Walter Byers Scholarship for 2015-16 (Katherine Riojas, University of Tulsa, and Mitchell Black, Tufts University). No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. **OPEN FORUM AND REPORTING OUT.**

Management Council. The Management Council conducted some roundtable type open forum sessions and discussed several topics, including the Make It Yours Phase One Activation; the Division II Championships Festivals; Budget Initiatives; Legislation; Division II Foundation for the Future Initiatives; Regionalization; Coaches Connection; Time Demands on Division II Student-Athletes; and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the Make It Yours Phase One Activation and the success of the first year of the rollout of the brand identity. The Council was asked various questions concerning their opinion of the Make It Yours moniker and what it means to them as a president of a Division II institution. Additionally, the Council was informed that it would be asked to complete a survey on the Make It Yours activation. The Phase Two Activation will begin shortly and will include communication boxes that contain various brochures highlighting the benefits of Division II that will be targeted to Division II groups. Promotional items will also be a part of the Phase Two Activation. No action was necessary.

7. **DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.**

a. **Division II Management Council Vice Chair Election.**

Management Council. The Management Council voted to appoint Tonya Charland, senior woman administrator, Great Lakes Valley Conference, as the vice chair of the Council, effective September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the appointment.
b. Division II Management Council Chair Election Notice.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the chair of the Management Council and was notified that a new chair for 2017 would be elected in October. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Management Council Committee/Project Team Assignments.

Management Council. The Management Council reviewed the committee and project team assignments, noting that assignments would be open as people depart the Council and new members are elected. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Management Council/Student Athlete Advisory Committee Summit.

Management Council. The Management Council discussed the summit that was conducted the previous weekend. Comments by the Council were favorable and included things such as it being the favorite meeting of the year, providing lots of opportunities for open communication, interaction and team bonding. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

8. DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL.

a. Vice Chair Election.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reelected Glen Jones, Henderson State University, to a second term as vice chair of the Council, effective September 1, 2016.

b. Chair Election.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was informed that an election for a chair would take place at the October meeting, effective at the adjournment of the 2017 Convention for a period of one year. Interested persons should let the current chair or the vice president of Division II know of their interest.
9. **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION UPDATES.**

a. **Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA).**

   Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the work of the Division II ADA, which included information concerning the Foundation for the Future initiative; the new AD orientation, and information on the salary survey. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Division II Conference Commissioners Association (CCA).**

   Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the recent meeting of the group, held in Sedona. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Co-SIDA.**

   Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the work of Co-SIDA, noting that the group is working with Division II sports information directors on a style guide. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA).**

   Management Council. The Management Council noted the upcoming meeting of the group in November, where the results of the FAR compensation survey will be presented. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Minority Opportunity Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA).**

   Management Council. The Management Council noted that the 9th Division II governance academy was conducted at the summer convention. The association is focusing its work on the diversity pledge and recognized Division II for its efforts in diversity. No action was necessary.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
f. National Association for Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA).

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the upcoming rally this fall. NACWAA is also working on the diversity pledge with the Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC).

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on a successful convention held by the group, which had the highest Division II attendance to date. The NAAC committee is scheduled to meet with academic and membership affairs staff later in the month to discuss the partnership funded by the Foundation for the Future. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

10. NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF UPDATES.

a. Legal Update.

Management Council. The Management Council received a legal update on cases with which the NCAA is involved. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a legal update on cases with which the NCAA is involved. No action was necessary.

b. Division II Spring Championships Festival.

Management Council. The Management Council received a recap on the recent Division II Spring Championships Festival, which included the highlights video, information on community service and engagement, and an update on social media. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a recap on the recent Division II Spring Championships Festival, which included the highlights video, information on community service and engagement, and an update on social media. It was noted that total paid attendance for the 2016 Festival in Denver was 4,356, an average of just below 900 paid spectators daily during the five days of competition.
c. **Division II Community Engagement.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on community engagement efforts within the division and specifically, at the Spring Championships Festival. The division is working on an initiative with Helper Helper, which will provide hard data for conferences and institutions to use when they speak with corporate partners and vendors with regard to community service/engagement numbers. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Division II Coaches’ Identity Workshop.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the recent Identity Workshop, where Division II coaches were targeted. Again next year, coaches will have the opportunity to attend a second workshop of this kind. Additionally, the division will conduct 10 campus visits during the upcoming year and is looking for institutions that would be willing to be part of the undertaking. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **Division II ADA Mentor Program.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the mentor program, which had just been informed that another of its mentees, the 7th overall, was just named a Division II director of athletics.

Additionally, the Council was informed that the Coaches’ Connection Program was being expanded to include additional sports each year. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. **Division II Diversity Grants.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the three grants that are funded from Division II funds—the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant Enhancement Program; the Division II Coaches’ Enhancement Grant; and
the Division II Ethnic Minorities and Women’s Internship Grant. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. **Division II Strategic Plan.**

Management Council. The Management Council was updated on the updates to the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan, noting that the Division II website will track the progress of the committees on each of the strategic positioning outcome areas. This page and the resources will be updated twice a year—once just prior to the start of the academic year and, again, just prior to the Convention. The Division II priorities are built from the strategic plan, and the Foundation for the Future initiatives will also be tracked on this site.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received the information on the strategic plan. No action was necessary.

h. **Student-Athlete Insurance Coverage.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on an insurance survey that was administered to Division I institutions. The survey asked questions about a school’s insurance coverage for student-athletes and helped Division I determine what coverage exists, for how long and what student-athletes and their families are paying out-of-pocket. The Management Council recommended that the Presidents Council approve that a student-athlete insurance coverage survey, similar to the one sent in Division I in Spring of 2016, be sent to Division II member institutions in February 2017.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the dissemination of a survey, similar to the one sent in Division I, to be sent to Division II member institutions in February 2017.

i. **Overview of process for appeals of Membership Committee decisions.**

Management Council. The Management Council received information on the process for appeals of Membership Committee decisions; however, only those who are members of the Management Council Subcommittee met to discuss the information received. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
11. **MEETING RECAP/THINGS TO REPORT BACK TO CONFERENCES.**

*Management Council.* The Management Council was provided with a list of topics/issues to provide to its member institutions, via each member’s preferred delivery method. These issues included: a) 2016-17 Division II Priorities; 2) 2017 NCAA Convention schedule; 3) 2017 NCAA Convention legislation; 4) Financial aid information and handouts; 5) Information on the Division II media agreement and the purchasing website; 6) information and links on the Division II Championships Festival; and 7) reminders on NCAA and Division II-specific scholarships and programs. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

12. **FUTURE MEETINGS.**

*Management Council.* The Management Council reviewed future meetings for the remainder of 2016 and 2017, noting that registration information for the 2017 Convention would be forthcoming in September. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council noted future meetings. No action was necessary.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

*Management Council.* There being no further business to be conducted, the Management Council adjourned its business meeting for the quarter.

*Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council adjourned at 11:49 a.m. Thursday, August 4.

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REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AUGUST 3, 2016
MEETING

KEY ITEMS.

- None.

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and announcements. NCAA Board of Governors Interim Chair Jay Lemons, convened the meeting at 2 p.m. and requested members of the Board of Governors to make introductions. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Lemons specifically welcomed new members Bud Peterson of Georgia Institute of Technology and Samuel Stanley of Stony Brook University to their first in-person Board of Governors meeting. He thanked for their service, Gene Block of the University of California, Los Angeles, Harris Pastides of the University of South Carolina, Columbia and Stan Albrecht of Utah State University who were attending their last meeting, as well as David Leebron (in absentia) of Rice University. And, he welcomed Eli Capilouto of the University of Kentucky and Steven Leath of Iowa State University, as well as Eric Kaler (in absentia) of the University of Minnesota and Philip DiStefano (in absentia) of the University of Colorado, Boulder, who were invited to observe and will begin their service on the Board of Governors immediately following the meeting.

2. Matters unanimously approved by way of the Consent Agenda. Without discussion, the Board of Governors members reviewed the report of its April 2016 meeting and receipt of the written regulatory affairs priorities and written sports wagering update (including a letter from Las Vegas Events regarding potential bids for NCAA Championship events). It was moved and properly seconded; and

   It was unanimously VOTED.

   "To approve the consent agenda."

3. NCAA President's report. NCAA President Mark Emmert further thanked outgoing members of the Board of Governors and reflected on the fact that most of the governors were relatively new to the body and only one was present when certain discussions were had on key policy issues four years ago. President Emmert briefly described the progress that has occurred in college sport over the last several years recognizing that further improvements were underway. He provided a summary of his views of key issues on the current agenda of the Board of Governors.

President Emmert then facilitated a discussion of the Board of Governors around the global, national and regional societal issues that impact intercollegiate athletics. The issues included a need for understanding, planning and advancement in the areas of race relations and representation, gender identity tolerance, protection against relationship violence and appreciation for differences in the membership including religious, secular and financial. Specifically, he focused the group on
the various roles at the national, conference and campus levels, recognizing that each had a role to play.

Lastly, President Emmert reflected on his recent international engagement and indicated that he planned for the Association to provide more information globally about the value of the American intercollegiate athletic system.

4. **Creation of an Association-wide Student Athlete Advisory Committee.** NCAA Executive Vice President Donald M. Remy and NCAA Chief of Staff Cari Van Senus presented to the Board of Governors a concept to create an Association-wide ad hoc 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. Remy and Van Senus described the need for such a committee, the involvement of a former Division I SAAC member in its inception and creation, and the next steps. It was moved and properly seconded; and

   *It was unanimously VOTED.*

   “The NCAA Board of Governors requests that the proposal to create and appoint members to a new Board of Governors Association-wide Student Athlete Advisory Committee be discussed by each of the divisional Student Athlete Advisory Committees and an initial recommendation on structure and role be provided to the Board of Governors by January 2016.”

5. **Law, policy and governance strategic discussion.** Facilitated by NCAA Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer Donald M. Remy.

   a. **Policies and procedures.** The Board of Governors discussed the Policies, Procedures and Legislative Authority Manual. Remy provided a historical perspective on the development of the document and highlighted specific provisions including fiduciary duties, voting procedures, secure board communications, Association-wide governance structure and committees, policymaking authority, delegations of authority, conflicts of interest, and defense and indemnification. Upon request, staff committed that a full briefing on the defense, indemnification and insurance coverage and policies would occur at a subsequent meeting. It was moved and properly seconded; and

   *It was unanimously VOTED*

   “The NCAA Board of Governors approves as final the August 2016 draft of the NCAA Board of Governors Policies, Procedures & Legislative Authority Manual. The NCAA Board of Governors authorizes NCAA staff to make administrative edits to the Manual to place in the proper style and format, as well as to correct any non-substantive inconsistencies or typographical errors. The manual will be reviewed by the Board of Governors for update on an annual basis at each August Meeting.”

   b. **Government relations.** The Governors received a brief verbal report to supplement the written materials on government relations activity. Remy noted that consistent with the instructions of
the governors, significant progress had been made on the passage of daily fantasy sports laws across the country that prohibited competition on college sports. Further, Remy commented on the progress of discussions with members of Congress and their staffs on the NCAA positions regarding the health, safety and wellness of student athletes.

c. **Sport Science Institute.** Remy commented on the strategic priorities of the Sports Science Institute: cardiac health; concussion; doping and substance abuse; mental health; nutrition, sleep and performance; overuse injuries and periodization; sexual assault and interpersonal violence, athletics health care administration; and data-driven decisions. He indicated that NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline, would present at the Presidential Breakfast on August 4, 2016 and each Governor would be able to ask questions of him at that time.

d. **Legal and litigation.** Managing Director and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a strategic privileged discussion regarding four matters of ongoing litigation. It was requested and agreed that staff would publish Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the contact information production obligations required by the court in the preliminarily approved settlement in the Arrington case.

6. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Finance and Audit Committee Chairman President Daniel Papp, resigned his seat on the Board of Governors effective June 20, 2016, when he retired from his presidency at Kennesaw State University. Interim Chair of the Board of Governors, Jay Lemons, was appointed acting chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and presented the report of the Committee.

a. **FY 2016-17 external and internal audit plan.** President Lemons described the Deloitte (external) financial audit plan for the 2015-16 fiscal year and the internal audit plan presented to the committee by internal audit Director Jim Brown, and indicated the committee had no concerns with the materials presented. The committee sought and received the Board’s acceptance of the plans. It was moved and properly seconded; and

   *It was unanimously VOTED.*

   “To accept the external audit plan from Deloitte for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

   *It further was unanimously VOTED*  

   “To approve the internal audit plan from the internal audit Director for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

b. **NCAA Presidents recommendations and requests for FY 2016-17 budget.** President Lemons outlined the criteria by which the FY2016-17 budget requests were allocated, including President Emmert’ s goals of maintaining championships, supporting student-athlete initiatives and maximizing productivity and services to the membership. He then reported on the Association’s proposed budget for 2016-17. The proposed total budget is $945,645,239, which includes requests presented to the committee by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely, of $38,429,735.
President Lemons highlighted the following areas of the budget, indicating that the full details were included in the written materials.

- A $14.9 million increase to the Division I distribution.
- Increases to the Division II and Division III allocation of $2.7 million.
- Division I championship spend increased $3.5 million.
- A $13 million upward adjustment to better reflect 3rd party legal fees. This moves the 3rd party legal fees budget to $20 million, consistent with trends in costs and spend. This adjustment is made counter to an adjustment in ticket sales allocation which have historically been budgeted low.
- Total compensation increases of $3.8 million. For the fourth year in a row the NCAA is maintaining 514 full-time positions.

President Lemons reflected that the Committee approved the budget as proposed and recommended approval by the full board. It was moved and properly seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To approve the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget."

c. **NCAA Quasi-Endowment Policy amendment.** President Lemons presented information on the Quasi-Endowment Policy. Based upon a prior action of the Board of Governors funding for the one-time $200 million Division I distribution in the spring of 2017 will be drawn from the NCAA Quasi-Endowment. As such, President Lemons reported that the Finance and Audit Committee recommends adding language to the Quasi-Endowment policy to explicitly authorize approaches to execute on this action. It was moved and properly seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To add the following language to the NCAA Quasi-Endowment Policy

“The NCAA anticipates making a $200 million distribution to Division I member institutions in the spring of 2017. The NCAA may choose to incrementally raise cash needed to make this distribution over the course of up to 12 months prior to the distribution. Any cash that is raised and earmarked for the distribution will be excluded when considering the Quasi-Endowment’s actual asset allocation relative to the target allocation and permissible ranges outlined in the policy.”

d. **Third quarter fiscal year 2015-16 budget-to-actual review.** President Lemons reported together with the Chief Financial Officer that the committee reviewed a comparison of actual
revenues and expenses versus budgeted revenues and expenses during the third quarter of the current fiscal year (2014-15) and advised that the Association is on track to meet budget. President Lemons reported that the Committee understood all significant variances and had no concerns.

7. **Campus Sexual Violence report.** Hainline and Van Senus provided a report on various initiatives regarding the Association’s efforts to combat campus sexual violence through engagement, education and action. Specifically, they reported on meetings they had with Brenda Tracy and Darius Adams regarding their petition on Change.Org. Hainline and Van Senus then provided the Governors with an update on the work of the Sexual Violence Task Force, including an upcoming tool kit to be released this fall. They gave insight into the development and publication of the NCAA Handbook - “Addressing sexual assault and interpersonal violence: athletics role in supporting healthy and safe campuses.” And, they facilitated a discussion of the Governors on the creation of an Ad hoc Committee on Sexual Violence to include members internal and external to the membership. It was properly moved and seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED*

“To create an Ad hoc Committee focused on issues of sexual violence on college campuses. The Committee will be composed of college presidents and chancellors, experts in the fields of student services and assault prevention, student athletes, athletics administrators and other leaders. Among its tasks, the Committee will focus on strategies for prevention and continued education about sexual violence at colleges and universities, defining the role of the NCAA, conferences and campuses in these efforts, and specifically examine the issue of eligibility for competition of student-athletes who have been perpetrators in incidents of sexual violence.”

The Committee must provide its first report at the January 2017 meeting of the Board of Governors.

Further discussion ensued about potential legislative action for the Association led by the NCAA President. The Board expressed a consensus reaffirmation of the 2014 resolution of the then Executive Committee and directed that the same be republished as a current expression of the views of the Governors. Specifically, it also was noted that the resolution included expectations that campuses:

- Comply with campus authorities and follow campus protocol for reporting incidents of sexual violence.

- Educate student-athletes, coaches and staff about sexual violence prevention, intervention and response.

- Assure compliance with all federal and applicable state regulations related to sexual violence prevention and response.
• Cooperate with, but not manage, direct, control or interfere with college or university investigations into allegations of sexual violence, ensuring investigations involving student-athletes and athletics department staff are managed in the same manner as all other students and staff on campus.

After discussion, the Board concluded that portions of the resolution should be considered for adoption into binding NCAA legislation. It was properly moved and seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED*

“To request that each of the divisions consider passage of consistent legislation that would place into NCAA by-laws expectations from the 2014 Executive Committee resolution.”

8. **Ad hoc Committee on Structure and Composition.** President Judy Bense reported on the successful work of the committee and discussed the report of its August 1 meeting. After discussions with each of the divisional bodies on a possible change in composition of the Governors, the Ad hoc Committee proposed that the governors endorse a resolution that reflects the sense of the divisional leadership and a path forward. It was moved and properly seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED*

“To accept the August 1, 2016 Report of the Ad hoc Committee on Structure and Composition.”

Further, it was unanimously VOTED

“That the NCAA Board of Governors adopts the following Resolution:

**Board of Governors Resolution on review of its roles, responsibilities and composition.**

WHEREAS the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Divisions II and III Presidents Councils recognize the critical role the Board of Governors plays in the governance of intercollegiate athletics on behalf of the entire Association; in particular, the Governors’ role in providing final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget and strategic planning, identifying core issues that affect the Association, acting on behalf of the Association by adopting and implementing policies to resolve core issues, initiating and settling litigation, and employing the NCAA president; and

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

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

WHEREAS the composition of the Ad hoc Committee was balanced across divisions, consisting of two representatives from each division (chair and vice chair) and the Board of Governors chair; and

WHEREAS the Ad hoc Committee’s work was instrumental in evaluating and gathering input on possible new structures of the Governors, including through a membership survey and a related forum at the 2016 NCAA Convention; and

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS these discussions resulted in a recognition that divisional differences within the Board of Governors responsibilities should be accounted for when appropriate, particularly in the area of Division I oversight for its budget and financial matters disproportionately impacting Division I; and

WHEREAS any changes to the composition and structure to the Board of Governors should be considered in conjunction with a continued review of the issues as noted above.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Governors ask the Division I Board of Directors, and Divisions II and III Presidents Councils to provide an initial report to the Ad hoc Committee on Structure and Composition not later than October 2016 and that the Ad hoc Committee continue to work with the Board and Councils and provide a follow up report to the Governors in January 2017 and that final reports be presented in April 2017 that addresses the following items:
• Evaluate the integrity model of the Board of Governors and identify any areas or sub-areas within the Board of Governors’ responsibilities that may be best left to each divisional structure to address (either within the Board of Governors structure or through the Division I Board of Directors and Divisions II and III Presidents Councils).

• Having identified these issues, provide recommendations to the Ad hoc Committee to better reinforce the Association-wide commitment to addressing and resolving core issues while providing for divisional decision-making delegated authority when appropriate.

• Having identified these issues, provide recommendations to the Ad hoc Committee as to changes in the compositional structure that considers the appropriate (and potential increased) representation from Divisions I, II and/or III on the core issues.

• Recommendation as to whether the Board of Governors would be strengthened if some or all of the Board of Governors’ membership were “untethered” from the divisional presidential bodies (Division I Board of Directors, Divisions II and III Presidents Councils), thus potentially increasing the number presidents in the governance of intercollegiate athletics, while allowing for a more focused engagement in the governance structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a final recommendation be considered by the Board of Governors not later than April 2017.

President Lemons commented that the work of the Ad hoc Committee would continue to implement this resolution and noted that it was important to have continuity on the committee, including possibly asking members Presidents Pastides and Bense to continue to serve as ex-officio members even though their term on the Governors had expired.

9. Ad hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. President Lemons, reminded the body of the Ad hoc Committee’s Association-wide leadership and composition. In addition to President Lemons, Susquehanna University (Division III), Chancellor Deborah Ford, University of Wisconsin, Parkside (Division II) and President Michael Drake, The Ohio State University (Division I) serve as co-chairs. In his reflections to the Governors, President Lemons described the progress of the Ad hoc Committee initiatives. One of those initiatives is to seek broad-based support for a voluntary membership pledge. The objective of the pledge is to promote diversity, gender equity and inclusion in hiring practices across the membership and the national office.

NCAA Chief Inclusion Officer Bernard Franklin discussed the feedback received from the membership on the pledge and the support for the current version. Franklin further discussed the planned process for the rollout of the pledge. He facilitated a conversation of the Governors, receiving additional favorable input and requests that they each be given immediate opportunities

Report is not final until approval of the Board of Governors
to subscribe to the pledge as representatives of their colleges and universities. It was moved and properly seconded; and

*It was unanimously VOTED*

The NCAA Board of Governors formally adopts the following “NCAA Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics” as the position of the Association with an expectation that each NCAA chief executive assure that his/her institution commits and adheres to its principles and values.

“Consistent with our mission and values, [NAME OF NCAA MEMBER HERE], a member institution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), pledges to specifically commit to establishing initiatives for achieving ethnic and racial diversity, gender equity and inclusion with a focus and emphasis on hiring practices in intercollegiate athletics to reflect the diversity of our membership and our nation.

“We recognize and value the experiences individuals from diverse backgrounds bring to intercollegiate athletics. To that end, we will strive to identify, recruit and interview individuals from diverse backgrounds in an effort to increase their representation and retention as commissioners, athletics directors, coaches and other athletics leadership positions. As part of this commitment we will also engage in a regular diversity, inclusion and equity review to inform campus policy and diversity initiatives.

“We understand this to be a collective responsibility we owe to student-athletes, staff, our athletics programs and the entire campus community.”

10. **Championship host bidding criteria.** The Governors received a report from NCAA Executive Vice President Mark Lewis and Bearby on actions taken by the Ad hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, meeting the Governors requirement that when awarding contracts to host events, the selection process will include as one of many criteria that each bidder must provide a statement certifying its ability to deliver and maintain an environment that is safe, healthy and free of discrimination.

Lewis and Bearby described the questionnaire that had been issued to bidders and the process for its completion together with the planned process for completion of a similar requirement for those who previously have been awarded bids to host championships and other NCAA non-championship events. Lewis facilitated a discussion of the planned methodology to review bids, including the role of the staff, the championships committees and the Ad hoc Committee. It was noted that some of the decisions on access to championships may require the input of the full board of governors.
11. **Report from the Executive Committee and election of new chair.** President Lemons reported on matters considered and concluded in the Executive Committee meeting earlier in the day including management’s performance and compensation plans. Further, he reported that the Executive Committee unanimously nominated President Bud Peterson to serve as the next chair of the Board of Governors. Taking the Executive Committee’s nomination as a motion,

*It was unanimously VOTED*

*That President Bud Peterson of Georgia Institute of Technology, having met all requirements, will serve as the chair of the board of governors commencing immediately for a period of two years thereafter unless otherwise modified.*

12. **Executive session.** The Governors concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.

13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.

14. **Future meeting dates.**

- October 26, 2016, NCAA national office.

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**Board of Governors interim chair:** Jay Lemons, president of Susquehanna University.

**Staff liaisons:** Donald M. Remy, law, policy and governance.

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REPORT OF
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II Administrative Committee
August 31, 2016

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. President Council-Sponsored Proposals in Legislative Form. The Committee reviewed the proposals that were approved in concept by the Management Council and Presidents Council during their July and August meetings. The Committee approved the proposals in their legislative form.

2. Management Council Appointments to Committees and Project Teams. The Committee approved the following new appointments to committees and project teams for Management Council representatives:
   a. Tonya Charland—as vice chair of the Management Council, the following: Division II Administrative Committee, Division II Championships Committee (ex officio), and Division II Planning and Finance Committee.
   b. Laura Liesman—NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.
   c. Steve Murray—NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport.
   d. Eric Schoh—Division II Management Council Subcommittee.
   e. Paul Leidig—chair of the Division II Management Council Subcommittee, Championships Appeals.

3. Division II Appointments.
   a. Division II Committees. The Committee approved the following appointments to Division II and Association-wide committees.
      (1) Division II Nominating Committee—Kathleen Heitzman, associate director of athletics, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, effective September 1, 2016.
      (2) NCAA Research Committee—Nicole Annaloro, senior woman administrator/head women’s volleyball coach, Notre Dame de Namur University, effective immediately.
b. **Division II Sports Committees.** The Committee approved the following appointments to Division II sport and playing rules committees, effective immediately, unless otherwise noted.

1. **Baseball Rules.** James C. Jackson, director of athletics, Cameron University, to replace Jason Trufant, senior associate director of athletics, Dowling College, due to Mr. Girard having left Dowling.

2. **Women’s Golf.** Susan Vail, head women’s golf coach, Wheeling Jesuit University, to replace Rebecca Mailloux, head women’s golf coach, Grand Valley State University, due to term expiration, effective September 1, 2016.

3. **Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Rules.** Larry Mortensen, director of athletics, Adams State University, to replace C. Anthony Grant, assistant director of athletics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, due to Mr. Grant having resigned from the committee.

4. **Women’s Volleyball.** Josh Collins, head women’s volleyball coach, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, to replace Wendy McManus, associate director of athletics, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, due to Ms. McManus having left Northwestern Oklahoma State.

4. **Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Review Structure and Composition.** The Committee discussed the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Board of Governors’ structure and composition and reviewed the resolution adopted by the Board of Governors that provides a framework from which the review will take place. The Committee noted the timeline for the review and that a discussion will take place at the October in-person series of governance meetings.

5. **Other Business.** The chair thanked Gary Gray for his service as vice chair of the Management Council and to the Administrative Committee. Gary will serve another year on the Management Council prior to his term expiration date.

6. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Chair: Steve A. Scott, President, Pittsburg State University

Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Vice President of Division II
             Maritza Jones, Director of Division II
Attendees:
Debbie Ford, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin Parkside
Gary Gray, Director of Athletics, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Glen Jones, President, Henderson State University
Steve Scott, President, Pittsburg State University

Absentees:
Jacqie McWilliams, Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Staff Present:
Amanda Conklin
Terri Steeb Gronau
Maritza Jones
Ryan Jones
Ruth Reinhardt (recording secretary)
Stephanie Quigg Smith
Karen Wolf
DIVISION II ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
INTERIM ACTION ITEMS—AUGUST-OCTOBER 2016

1. On September 19, 2016, the Administrative Committee unanimously approved the following sport committee appointments, effective immediately:

   a. **Field hockey. Michael McFarland**, director of athletics, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, to replace Matthew Finley, director of athletics, Newberry College, due to Mr. Finley having left Newberry.

   b. **Women’s golf.** A one-year term extension for **Chad Markuson**, associate director of athletics, Minnesota State University Moorhead, as no nominations were submitted for replacement.

   c. **Men’s lacrosse. Drew Howard**, associate director of athletics, Florida Southern College, to replace Brad Jorgensen, assistant director of athletics and head men’s lacrosse coach, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration. (A replacement had been named previously, but that person has since left Division II.)

   d. **Women’s lacrosse. Terry Beattie**, associate director of athletics, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, to replace Lesley Graham, head women’s lacrosse coach, Saint Leo University, due to term expiration. (A replacement had been named previously, but that person has since left Division II.)

   e. **Women’s soccer. Jonathan Thayil**, head men’s and women’s soccer coach, Shepherd University, to replace Todd Diuguid, director of athletics and head women’s soccer coach, University of Charleston (West Virginia), due to term expiration.

   f. **Women’s volleyball. Karen Hjerpe**, director of athletics, California University of Pennsylvania, to replace Daniel Kreiger, head women’s volleyball coach, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, due to Mr. Kreiger having left Lock Haven.

2. On October 10, 2016, the Administrative Committee approved the following appointments to the Division II Membership Committee, effective immediately.

   a. **Natalie Cullen**, senior associate director of athletics, Pittsburgh State University; and

   b. **Barbara Hannum**, faculty athletics representative, Hawaii Pacific University.
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.

**FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION**

**2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FESTIVAL**

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.

**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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- $1.5 million will be allocated to the championships program
- $1 million will target academic, inclusion and health and safety initiatives

**COACHES OUTREACH**

The division will launch year six of the Division II Coaches Connection program, which uses former coaches to strengthen communication between the coaching constituency and the NCAA governance structure in various sports. Among the Foundation for the Future initiatives is a commitment to expand the program during the next five years. The division also approved funding through Foundation for the Future to build a comprehensive online coaches education program that focuses on legislation and health and safety issues.
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.

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.

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.
# 2017 NCAA Convention
## Core Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, January 18
- **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 19
- **7:30 to 9:45 a.m.** Division II PC/MC/SAAC Breakfast
- **8:30 to 10 a.m.** Division II New Athletics Directors’ Orientation
- **10 to 11:30 a.m.** Division II Joint MC/PC Meeting
- **11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.** Division II Management Council Mentor/Mentee Meeting *(Over Lunch)*
- **Noon to 3:30 p.m.** Division II Presidents Council Meeting
- **1:15 to 4 p.m.** Divisional Education Sessions and other Association-Wide Programming
  - Implementation of New FLSA Standards and Creative Budgeting Tips. *(1:15 to 2:15 p.m.)* A panel discussion where we will hear from representatives at different Division II institutions throughout the country on how they have prepared for the new regulations and communicated these changes to staff; discuss other impacts of these new standards on the department; and explore other creative budgeting tips.
  - Division II Triple Play: Institutional Performance Program Case Studies, Logos and Championship Travel Policies. *(2:30 to 4 p.m.)* Three, 30-minute presentations on the following: (1) an overview and case studies of the institutional performance program (IPP) online tool; (2) Division II legislation regarding permissible design and size of logos; and (3) Division II championship travel policies. Learn how to apply logo legislation by watching the Division II Logo Fashion Show, use the IPP portal to benefit your campus and student-athletes, and understand championship travel policies. Each session will transition with a Q&A on the previous topic. NCAA staff and Division II institutional administrators will also share insights and best practices related to these topics. After the session, you will have practical tools to enhance your day-to-day responsibilities.
- **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 20

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Division II Delegates Breakfast
8:15 to 9:45 a.m. Division II Chancellors and Presidents Breakfast
8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Division II Education Sessions (three sessions running concurrently)

Mental Health in College Athletics, Presented by Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Review of Legislation for the 2017 Division II Business Session
Web Streaming: Where are We Going Next?

10 to 11 a.m. Division II Panel

This session, hosted by the Division II Management Council, will include a group of leaders in Division II who will discuss issues related to diversity and inclusion that impact student-athletes, athletics administrators and the overall landscape of intercollegiate athletics and Division II. The panelists will share their individual stories and experiences and provide the attendees with best practices they can utilize in their own campuses.

Moderator: Jacqie McWilliams, Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and Chair, Division II Management Council; Debbie Ford, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Parkside, and Member, Division II Presidents Council; Robert Redding, Head Athletic Trainer, Henderson State University; and Derek Schell, former Division II Student-Athlete.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Association Luncheon and Gerald Ford Award Presentation
1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Division II Conference Meetings
5 to 6 p.m. Division II Faculty Mentor Award Presentation and Reception

Saturday, January 21

7 to 8 a.m. Division II Delegates Breakfast
8 a.m. to Noon Division II Business Session

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2017 NCAA CONVENTION

DIVISION II SECOND PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Second Publication of Proposed Legislation 111th Annual Convention

This publication presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division II legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the September 1 deadline in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA Division II Manual. No attempt has been made to place them in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the Convention agenda. Each proposal is accompanied not only by the traditional statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale.

The order of the membership-sponsored proposal(s) contained in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation has changed in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. The order of the 18 proposals in the second publication will change in the Official Notice. The numeral 2 has been placed in front of the proposal number to help identify its position in the second publication. In addition, for each proposal that appeared in the initial publication, a parenthetical follows the proposal number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2017 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Presidents Council, have until 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have eight sponsors from active member institutions in Division II. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by at least one member conference (on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions) in Division II. It should be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation; however, information will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Refer to Appendix B for information about how to request an interpretation.

This publication represents the second of three publications dealing with Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of Constitution 5. The third publication will be as follows:

November 15 - Official Notice of the 2017 Convention. This publication will contain all legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline.
2016-17 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Constitution 5, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

July 15: Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division II membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person.

July 15: Legislation Committee Review. The committee reviews proposals by the membership and works with the primary contact person for each amendment to ensure that the proposal meets the intent of the sponsor, to ensure that the placement of the amendment is consistent with the organizational integrity of the Manual, and to edit the intent and rationale statements of the sponsors for clarity and brevity.

August 4: Presidents Council Consideration. The NCAA Division II Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

August 15: Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

August 15-September 15: Sponsor-Modification Period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Also, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should inform the primary contact person.

September 1: Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 15: Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original proposal.

September 23: Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all Division II membership-sponsored proposals (as modified) and includes all proposals sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 23-November 1: Amendment-to-amendment period. The Division II Presidents Council as well as the membership (see Constitution 5.3.5.3) may submit amendments to the proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the circularized amendment and the current provisions.

November 1: Deadline for all amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council is authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if it deems such action necessary.

November 15: Mailing and Posting of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division II proposed legislation and properly submitted amendments-to-amendments.

January 18-21, 2017: NCAA Convention. Delegates may receive the Convention Program when they register at Convention or they may use the NCAA Convention app. The Convention Program and app also contain the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information.

Division II Legislation Committee

Chair - Natasha Oakes, Missouri Western State University
Molly Belden, Northeast-10 Conference
Peggy Davis, Virginia State University
Marty Gilbert, Mars Hill University
Chris Gregor, Saint Martin's University
Jacob Long, SAAC Representative
Kelly McLaughlin, Regis University
Pennie Parker, Rollins College
Kimberly Pate, Lenoir-Rhyne University
Linda Van Drie-Andrzewski, Wilmington University (Delaware)
Keith Vitense, Cameron University
Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Further, all amendments with an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, will contain in the rationale statement reasons for such an effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and strikethrough are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **bold** and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]
No. 2-1 (1-1) NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE

Intent: To specify that an active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of the primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; further, an active institution shall designate an athletics health care administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery.

Bylaws: Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.16 unchanged.]

3.3.4.17 Independent Medical Care. An active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics healthcare providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes. An active institution shall designate an athletics healthcare administrator to oversee the institution’s athletic healthcare administration and delivery.

[3.3.4.17 and 3.3.4.18 renumbered as 3.3.4.18 and 3.3.4.19, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)], Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Gulf South Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: The NCAA Principle of Health and Safety makes it the responsibility of institutions to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, their student-athletes. As a continuum of Inter-Association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines, this proposal supports this principle and requires further administrative controls in the delivery of athletics health care services. This proposal addresses the issue of medical providers -primary athletics health care providers-- at institutions having unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions of student-athletes. Current legislation gives unchallengeable authority to the sports medicine staff to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons, but does not address medical management of student-athletes. This issue impacts student-athlete health and well-being. This proposal will help to ensure appropriate medical controls and authority. Further, the administrative structure should ensure that no coach serves as the primary supervisor for any medical provider, nor have hiring, retention, and dismissal authority over that provider. The athletics health care administrator can assure that no coach serves in such capacity, and that the delivery of athletics health care is consistent with health and safety legislation and evolving inter-association statements addressing health and safety issues.

No. 2-2 ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Intent: To define and clarify post-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified; further, to move the legislation related to pre-enrollment academic misconduct to Bylaw 14.

A. Bylaws: Amend 10.1, as follows:

10.1 Unethical Conduct. Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following:

[10.1-(a) unchanged.]
(b) Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;

[10.1-(c) through 10.1-(f) relettered as 10.1-(b) through 10.1-(e), unchanged.]

(g) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or institution’s admissions office regarding an individual’s academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades, test scores);

(h) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations;

[10.1-(i) and 10.1-(j) relettered as 10.1-(f) and 10.1-(g), unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.02, as follows:

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Misconduct -- Post-Enrollment. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters. Post-enrollment academic misconduct includes any violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity (e.g., academic offense, academic honor code violation, plagiarism, academic fraud).

[14.02.1 through 14.02.6 renumbered as 14.02.2 through 14.02.7, unchanged.]

14.02.8 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. Impermissible academic assistance by a current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests includes, but is not limited to, the provision of or arrangement of:

(a) Substantial assistance that is not generally available to an institution’s students and is not otherwise expressly authorized in Bylaw 16.3, which results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or receive financial aid; or

(b) An academic exception that results in a grade change, academic credit or fulfillment of a graduation requirement when such an exception is not generally available to the institution’s students and the exception results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics or receive financial aid.

14.02.9 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work.

14.02.9.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in academic misconduct or provides impermissible academic assistance at the direction of a nonstudent employee, an institutional staff member per Bylaw 14.02.9.1-(a) or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests.

[14.02.7 through 14.02.14 renumbered as 14.02.10 through 14.02.17, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.2, as follows:

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-athlete is based. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete’s high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.
14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, shall not engage in the following conduct:

(a) Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective student-athlete;

(b) Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the NCAA, the NCAA Eligibility Center or an institution’s admissions office regarding an individual’s academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores); or

(c) Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with entrance or placement examinations.

[14.1.2.1 through 14.1.2.4 renumbered as 14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.9, as follows:

14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

14.9.1 Policies and Procedures. An institution must:

(a) Have written institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct applicable to the general student-body, including student-athletes. The policies and procedures must be approved through the institution’s normal process for approving such policies and must be kept on file or be accessible on the institution’s website.

(b) Investigate and adjudicate alleged academic misconduct in accordance with established policies regardless of whether the misconduct is reported to the NCAA or whether the student-athlete acted alone or in concert with others.

14.9.1.1 Exception. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of academic misconduct by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution’s normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution’s website.

14.9.2 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

14.9.2.1 Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in:

(a) Academic misconduct involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests;

(b) Academic misconduct, without the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests, that results in:

(1) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;

(2) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete’s subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or

(c) Academic misconduct involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record.

14.9.2.2 Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without knowledge of the student-athlete) in:

(a) Academic misconduct related to a student-athlete; or

(b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record.
14.9.2.3 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not provide impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete (see Bylaw 14.02.8).

14.9.2.3.1 Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has occurred, a violation of Bylaw 14.9.2.3 shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has not occurred, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw 14.9.2.3.


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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: The current regulatory structure regarding academic misconduct is confusing, unclear and imprecise and appropriate revisions to the academic misconduct legislation will serve to benefit to individual institutions and the Association as a whole. Despite changes in the academic landscape, academic misconduct legislation has not been revised since 1983 when the legislation was added to the Manual. Under the current regulatory structure, it can be unclear when academic misconduct involving student-athletes falls within the purview of the NCAA and when academic misconduct should be an institutional matter. Current terms, definitions and gaps in the academic misconduct legislation result in confusion and lack of clarity. The regulatory structure for academic misconduct is currently located in bylaws, interpretations and educational columns and should be consolidated in a single article (Bylaw 14). This proposal will expand the application of academic misconduct legislation to any situation in which an institutional staff member is involved and replace the current academic extra benefit analysis with a specific and limited definition of impermissible academic assistance. In addition, the proposal will require institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct for the general student-body.

No. 2-3 AMATEURISM -- COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES FROM AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR

Intent: To permit an individual to receive actual and necessary expenses from an outside sponsor other than an agent, a representative of an institution's athletics interests or a professional sports organization, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

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

[12.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Actual and Necessary Expenses From an Outside Amateur Sports Team or Organization. Receipt of actual and necessary expenses from an outside amateur sports team or organization for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition. Practice must be conducted in a continuous time period preceding the competition except for practice sessions conducted by a national team, which occasionally may be interrupted for specific periods of time before the competition;

(1) Donations to Outside Team or Organization From Outside Sponsors. Actual and necessary expenses received from an outside team or organization may include funds donated to the general fund of the team or organization from a sponsor (e.g., neighbors, businesses) other than the individual's relatives or legal guardians, provided such donations are not credited to or earmarked for the student-athlete. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent, representative of an institution’s athletics interests or professional sports organization. An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the
event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent, representative of an institution’s athletics interests or professional sports organization.

[12.1.3-(c) through 12.1.3-(f) unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.4, as follows:

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

[12.1.4-(a) through 12.1.4-(l) unchanged.]

(m) Expenses From Nonpermissible Entities. Receipt of any expenses, including actual and necessary expenses or any other form of compensation, to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational institution) from a sponsor other than an individual on whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent or the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition agent, representative of an institution's athletics interests or professional sports organization.

[12.1.4-(n) through 12.1.4-(q) unchanged.]

(r) Preferential Treatment, Benefits or Services. Receipt of preferential treatment, benefits or services because of the individual's athletics reputation, skill or pay-back potential as a professional athlete, unless such treatment, benefits or services are specifically permitted under NCAA legislation. [R]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Current legislation permits student-athletes to receive actual and necessary expenses from an outside amateur sports team or organization for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition. The outside team or organization may include funds donated to the general fund by a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business), provided the donations are not earmarked for a particular student-athlete(s). The current legislation is overly complicated and bureaucratic. This proposal provides the opportunity for enrolled student-athletes to seek out additional permissible financial resources to support their athletics aspirations without compromising the fundamental purpose of the collegiate model. This change would not impact fundraising for institutional events (e.g., foreign tours), for which earmarking would remain impermissible since any donations to the institution would trigger the individual's status as a representative of athletics interest. The immediate effective date will allow student-athletes to receive actual and necessary expenses from a permissible sponsor to participate in events during summer 2017.

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No. 2-4 AMATEURISM -- PAYMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE -- FROM AMATEUR TEAM OR EVENT SPONSOR IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

**Intent:** To specify that following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual may accept prize money in individual sports based on his or her place finish or performance in an open athletics event, provided the competition occurs outside the institution's declared playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period, the prize money does not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and is provided only by the sponsor of the event, and actual and necessary expenses may not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

12.1.3 Permissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the amateur status of an individual:
(c) Prize Money Based on Place Finish -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, receipt of prize money based on place finish or performance is an open athletics event. The competition must occur outside the institution's declared playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. In addition, such prize money shall not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete.

[12.1.3-(c) through 12.1.3-(f) relettered as 12.1.3-(d) through 12.1.3-(g), unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.4, as follows:

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

[12.1.4-(a) through 12.1.4-(n) unchanged.]

(o) Payment Based on Place Finish. Any payment, including actual and necessary expenses, conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition.

(1) Exception -- Prize Money Based on Place Finish -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may receive prize money based on place finish or performance in an open athletics event. The competition must occur outside the institution's declared playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. In addition, such prize money shall not exceed the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses and may be provided only by the sponsor of the event. Actual and necessary expenses shall not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete.

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

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation permits a student-athlete to receive awards for participation in events while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or during the summer. The award must conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates, but not cash. Further, although Division II legislation permits student-athletes to compete as an individual not representing the institution, a student-athlete is precluded from receiving prize money during the academic year outside the institution's declared playing season or during the institution's official summer vacation period. The scope of this proposal is limited to receipt of actual and necessary expenses related to competition. A student-athlete would not be able to profit from accepting prize money. Moreover, in order to safeguard against missed class time, this proposal only applies to participation in open events outside the playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. Finally, the calculation of actual and necessary expenses would not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete (e.g., coach's fees, parent's expenses). The immediate effective date will permit student-athletes to accept prize money as outlined in the proposal during the summer of 2017.
12.2.1.1 Tryout After Enrollment. A student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, outside the student-athlete's playing and practice season provided the individual does not miss class. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout from a professional sports organization, provided the tryout does not exceed 48 hours. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation.

[12.2.1.2 unchanged.]

12.2.1.3 Professional Team Representative at College Practice. A tryout with a professional team is not considered to have occurred when a representative of a professional team visits a member institution during the academic year and evaluates a student-athlete while the institution is conducting a regular practice session, physical education class or off-season conditioning program session that includes physical activities (e.g., speed trials, agility tests, strength tests), provided these activities are normally a part of and take place during regular practice, class or conditioning sessions.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation permits a student-athlete to participate in a professional tryout at any time outside of the playing season. This proposal expands the professional tryout opportunities for student-athletes without interfering with class time. This change aligns with Division I legislation regarding professional team tryouts and ensures that Division II student-athletes are provided similar legislative access to tryout opportunities as their Division I counterparts. The immediate effective date will permit student-athletes to participate in professional team tryouts during the 2017 spring term.

No. 2-6 AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- PERMISSIBLE -- INSTITUTIONAL, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL OR NONPROFIT PROMOTIONS -- MONETARY AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To amend the promotional activities legislation, as follows: (1) To eliminate the requirement that all money derived from a permissible promotional activity or project must go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency; (2) To eliminate the requirement that an authorized representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit, or government agency must sign a release statement; and (3) To require the institution to provide educational material to the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency notifying the entity of its obligation to ensure that a student-athlete's name, likeness, appearance or image is used in a manner consistent with the legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.1, as follows:

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency (e.g., the armed services) may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met:

[12.5.1.1-(a) through 12.5.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) All money derived from the activity or project go directly to the member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency;

[12.5.1.1-(e) and 12.5.1.1-(f) renumbered as 12.5.1.1-(d) and 12.5.1.1-(e), unchanged.]

(g f) Any commercial items with names or pictures of student-athletes (other than items specified per Bylaws 12.5.1.6 and 12.5.1.7) may be sold only by the member institution, member conference or NCAA, through
outlets controlled by the member institution, member conference or the NCAA or outlets controlled by the charitable or educational organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event); and

(h) The student-athlete and an authorized representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency sign a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's authorizing the use of his or her name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section; and

(h) The institution provides educational material(s) to a representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency regarding restrictions on the use of a student-athlete's name, image or appearance.

[12.5.1.1.1 through 12.5.1.1.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation requires all money derived from a promotional activity or project to go directly to the permissible entity (e.g., member institution, member conference or the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency). Many Division II institutions partner with commercial businesses that have established fundraising programs that are not set up in a manner that complies with the current legislation, which precludes student-athletes from being involved in the activity. Removing this requirement will increase opportunities for student-athletes to be involved in promotional activities for both the institution and other permissible entities. Eliminating the signature requirement for an authorized representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency while still requiring education on the requirements of the promotional activities legislation will maintain the intent of the legislation and reduce administrative burden. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to apply the less stringent standard to promotional activities during the 2017 spring term.

No. 2-7 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACTABLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM NAIA INSTITUTION

Intent: To specify that permission to contact is not required for a student-athlete transferring from a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics institution; further, to require an institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) to send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA or NAIA four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. (See Bylaw 13.1.6 for legislation regarding contacts and Bylaw 13.1.3.1 for legislation regarding telephone calls.) If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Permission to contact is not required for a student-athlete at an NAIA institution; however, the Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete. [D]

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.4 unchanged.]

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

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Effective Date: Immediate, for prospective student-athletes transferring from an NAIA institution for the 2017-18 academic year and thereafter.

Rationale: Institutions that are not members of the NCAA are not bound by NCAA rules, including the timeline to respond to requests for permission to contact. If a NAIA institution denies a student-athlete permission to contact, the NAIA institution is not required to provide the student with a hearing opportunity. Eliminating the requirement of obtaining permission to speak to a student who is enrolled at an NAIA institution interested in transferring to an NCAA Division II institution will ease the burden on compliance administrators. However, requiring notification to the NAIA institution prior to initiating contact with an NAIA prospective student-athlete ensures there is adequate transparency in the recruiting process. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to contact student-athletes at an NAIA institution interested in transferring during the spring 2017 term and the following summer while recruiting potential transfers for the 2017-18 academic year.

No. 2-8 RECRUITING -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS -- INSTITUTIONAL PRE-ENROLLMENT FEES

Intent: To specify that an institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

[13.2.1 unchanged.]

13.2.2 Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees. An institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. A pre-enrollment fee is one that is required by the institution for enrollment and includes the following:

(a) The institution’s processing fee required prior to the admission office’s evaluation of the prospective student-athlete’s application;

(b) The orientation counseling tests fee required for all incoming students;

(c) The preadmission academic testing fee;

(d) Advance tuition payment for a prospective student-grantee;

(e) Room deposit;

(f) Damage deposit for dormitory rooms;

(g) ROTC deposits for military equipment;

(h) Immunizations; or

(i) Any other pre-enrollment fee required of prospective students.

[13.2.2 through 13.2.11 renumbered as 13.2.3 through 13.2.12, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.3.3.1.4, as follows:

15.3.3.1.4 Fees and Related Expenses for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution shall not waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of the following expenses for a prospective student-athlete, unless such benefits generally conform to institutional policy as it applies to other prospective student-grantees:

(a) The institution’s processing fee required before the admissions office’s evaluation of the prospective student-athlete’s application;
(b) The orientation-counseling tests fee required of all incoming freshmen;

(e) The pre-admission academic testing fee;

(d) Advance tuition payment or room deposit;

(f) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;

(g) Any other pre-enrollment fees required of prospective student-grantees.

15.3.3.1.4.1 Fees Rebate. If the prospective student-athlete enrolls and is awarded financial aid covering institutional fees, the fees described in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.4-(a) through -(d) above may be rebated as a part of the institution’s regular fees.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation limits the pre-enrollment fees an institution may pay for a prospective student-athlete, unless the institution has similar policies for all prospective student-grantees. By permitting payment for a committed prospective student-athlete, the institution is not gaining a recruiting advantage and the prospective student-athlete and family will incur less financial burden. Many prospective student-athletes do not have the financial means to cover basic fees required by the institution for all students and are unaware that these basic institutional fees are not covered by athletically related financial aid. The prohibition on covering these required institutional fees leaves the institution vulnerable to outside parties providing impermissible financial aid to financially disadvantaged prospective student-athletes. Furthermore, the institution is permitted to reimburse or pay for many of these pre-enrollment fees after the individual becomes a student-athlete. The period of time between a prospective student-athlete’s commitment and enrollment is a time of significant need for institutional support. The payment of pre-enrollment fees will promote the membership’s commitment to implementing rules and policies intended to enhance the support of student-athletes. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to pay pre-enrollment fees for prospective student-athletes enrolling for the 2017-18 academic year.

No. 2-9 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELIMINATION OF CONFERENCE RESTRICTIONS

Intent: To eliminate the conference restrictions on providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches).

Bylaws: Amend 13.4, as follows:

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

[13.4.1 through 13.4.2 unchanged.]

13.4.3 Conference Restrictions. A member conference is precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches). [D]

[13.4.4 through 13.4.5.2 renumbered as 13.4.3 through 13.4.4.2, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: The current legislation restricting conference offices from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches) is unnecessary and inhibits
the ability of conference offices to spread awareness of Division II as a participation opportunity for prospective student-athletes. Allowing the conference office to share recruiting materials, particularly with coaches of prospective student-athletes, will enhance the visibility of Division II without giving any particular institution a recruiting advantage.

No. 2-10 (1-3) RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- CONTACT PERIOD -- MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

**Intent:** In football, to revise the recruiting calendar to begin the winter contact period on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) **December 1 The Monday after Thanksgiving** through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.3-(d)-(1) through 13.17.3-(g) unchanged.]

**Source:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northeast-10 Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2017

**Rationale:** Currently, the winter contact period begins on December 1. In most years, December 1 falls in the middle or end of week. The Monday following Thanksgiving is a more appropriate day to begin this contact period as both collegiate institutions and secondary schools have resumed classes following the Thanksgiving break.

No. 2-11 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- SEASON-OF-COMPETITION WAIVER -- COMPETITION WHILE ELIGIBLE

**Intent:** To increase the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate and remain eligible for a hardship waiver or season of competition while eligible waiver to three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the maximum number of permissible contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in the sport; further, to specify that the student-athlete’s participation must occur prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport.

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

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

[14.2.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The injury or illness **occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.3) and** results in an incapacity to compete for the remainder of that playing season; and

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than **two three** contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), **20 percent of the institution’s completed contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.3.1.1 for information regarding percent calculation in track and field).** Competition (excluding scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation.

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

[14.2.5.2.1 through 14.2.5.2.2 unchanged.]

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

14.2.5.2.3.1 Contests or Dates of Competition Based on Championship Selection. In sports in which the playing season is divided into two segments, but championship selection is based on competition throughout the season (e.g., golf and tennis), the first half of the season shall be measured by the Bylaw 17 maximum for the entire season (e.g., nonchampionship and championship segments). In sports in which the playing season may be divided into two segments but the championship selection is based on competition during only one segment of the season (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the championship segment.

14.2.5.2.3.2 First-Half-of-Season Calculation -- Track and Field. For an institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field, the first half of the season calculation for indoor and outdoor track and field shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity dates of competition in the respective season. For example, if the institution completes six dates of competition in indoor track, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the beginning of the fourth date of competition. For an institution that sponsors only indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, and a student-athlete who only competes in indoor track and field or outdoor track and field, but not both, the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17.

14.2.5.2.4 Re-injury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship, attempts to return to competition during the second half of that season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver.

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

14.2.5.2.35.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the institution's number of completed varsity contests or dates of competition or the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport. If the number of completed contests or dates of competition is used, exempted events in Bylaw 17 are included in the percent calculation, except for discretionary exemptions in the applicable sport.

[14.2.5.2.3.1.1 renumbered as 14.2.5.2.5.1.1, unchanged.]

[14.2.5.2.3.2 renumbered as 14.2.5.2.5.2, unchanged.]
14.2.5.2.3 NCAA Postseason Competition. For purposes of the percent calculation, postseason competition conducted after the completion of the institution's regular-season schedule and conference tournament shall not be included.

14.2.5.2.4 NCAA Regional Cross Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet.

[14.2.5.2.4 through 14.2.5.2.5 renumbered as 14.2.5.2.6 through 14.2.5.2.7, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.7, as follows:

14.2.7 Season-of-Competition Waiver -- Competition While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to extenuating circumstances (per Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2), the student-athlete, while eligible, did not compete in more than two three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) or 20 30 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17. The competition must occur prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete participated and the number of the institution's scheduled or completed contests or dates of competition during that season (both segments) in the sport.

14.2.7.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of this season-of-competition waiver:

14.2.7.1.1 Twenty Thirty Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.6.2.1 shall apply to the 20 30 percent calculation specified in this waiver.

14.2.7.1.2 First-Half-Of-Season Requirement. The first-half-of-season requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.5.2.3 shall apply to the first-half-of-season requirement specified in this waiver.

[14.2.7.1.2 and 14.2.7.1.3 renumbered as 14.2.7.1.3 and 14.2.7.1.4, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017, for any incapacitating injury or illness, or other extenuating circumstance occurring on or after August 1, 2017.

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by a conference, the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff or NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to incapacitating injury or illness or extenuating circumstances, the student-athlete participated in fewer than two contests or dates of competition or less than 20 percent of the sport season. It is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being to increase the maximum amount of competition to three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the season. If a student-athlete has competed in more than three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the season, he or she has had a more meaningful opportunity to compete for a significant part of the season. Further, by adding the first half of the playing season requirement, this brings the legislation in all three divisions much closer to alignment. Finally, the first half of the season requirement will minimize abuse by ensuring that a student-athlete who is able to participate through almost the entire season is not eligible for a medical hardship waiver or season-of-competition waiver -- competition while eligible.

No. 2-12 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMITS ON FINANCIAL AID -- TEAM LIMITS - INSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS AID ONLY

Intent: To specify that only institutional athletics aid shall count toward individual and team equivalency limits.

Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15 Financial Aid
15.01 Definitions and Applications.

15.01.2 Athletics Aid. Athletics aid is financial aid awarded by the institution’s athletics department.

15.02 De®nitions and Applications.

15.02.2 Athletics Aid. Athletics aid is financial aid awarded by the institution’s athletics department.

15.02.3 Counter. A “counter” is an individual who is receiving institutional financial athletics aid based on their athletics ability. Further, once a student becomes a counter, any countable aid received by that student-athlete is countable against the aid limitations in that sport. (See Bylaw 15.4.2.2.)

15.1 Eligibility for Financial Athletics Aid.

15.1.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Institutional Financial Athletics Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for institutional-financial athletics aid. A student-athlete may be awarded athletics aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance (i.e., was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as de®ned by the certifying institution during that term). If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be granted institutionally related financial athletics aid for a maximum of 10 semesters/15 quarters. Any institutional athletics financial aid provided after 10 semesters/15 quarters is left to the discretion of the institution consistent with institutional policies for awarding financial aid in general. A student-athlete may be awarded institutional financial aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance (i.e., was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as de®ned by the certifying institution during that term).

15.1.1.1 Withdrawal From Institution. A student-athlete who withdraws from the institution may not receive financial athletics aid during the remainder of the term.

15.1.1.3 Retroactive Financial Athletics Aid. Institutional financial Athletics aid awarded to an enrolled student-athlete after the first day of classes in any term may not exceed the remaining room and board charges and educational expenses for that term and may not be made retroactive to the beginning of that term. Payments credited to a student-athlete’s account that are not refundable need not become the student’s obligation.

15.1.1.4 Institutional Financial Athletics Aid to Professional Athlete. An institution may not award financial athletics aid to a student-athlete who is under contract to or currently receiving compensation from a professional sports organization in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate at the certifying institution. It is permissible to award institutional financial athletics aid to a student-athlete provided the student-athlete is not a professional in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate at the certifying institution. However, a student-athlete who currently is receiving institutional financial athletics aid and signs a contract in the same sport or receives compensation from an agent or a professional sports organization may continue to receive such aid for the remainder of the term of the award, provided the student-athlete has completed his or her four seasons of competition.

15.1.1.4.1 Exception for Former Professional Athlete. A former professional athlete may receive institutional financial athletics aid, provided the following conditions are met:

15.2 Permissible Sources of Financial Aid.

15.2.1 Institutional Financial Aid. The following sources of financial aid are considered to be institutional financial aid:

(a) All funds administered by the institution, which include but are not limited to the following:

15.2.1-(a)-(1) through 15.2.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.
(4) Tuition waivers awarded based in any degree on athletics ability; and

(5) Loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.

[15.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

15.2.1.1 Summer and Voluntary Winter Term Financial Athletics Aid. Summer or winter term (e.g., optional J-term, miniterm, intersession, wintermester) financial athletics aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term(s), summer school, summer-orientation program or winter term, in accordance with institutional policy.

15.2.1.1.1 Before Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution. Summer financial athletics aid may be awarded to a student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer before the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. A midyear enrollee may be awarded financial athletics aid to attend a voluntary winter term before the student's initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

15.2.1.1.2 Summer or Voluntary Winter Term Financial Athletics Aid to Two-Year College Transfer Student. Summer or voluntary winter term financial athletics aid may only be awarded to a two-year college transfer student who has fulfilled the two-year college transfer requirement at the time of enrollment at the awarding institution for the summer or voluntary winter term(s) (see Bylaw 14.5.4).

15.2.2 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

[15.2.2.1 through 15.2.2.3 unchanged.]

15.2.2.4 Educational Expenses -- U.S. Olympic Committee or U.S. National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organizations of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations:

[15.2.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic Committee, a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); and

(c) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.2.1 athletics aid provided by the institution shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid; and,

(d) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.4.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum awards limitations of Bylaw 15.4 for the sport in question.

15.2.2.4.1 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid for a student-athlete.

15.2.2.5 Educational Expenses -- Professional Team or League. A former professional athlete may receive educational expenses from a professional team or league, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.2.5-(a) through 15.2.2.5-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Disbursement of the aid shall be through the member institution for the recipient's educational expenses while attending that institution; and

(e) The value of the award alone or in combination with other aid per Bylaw 15.2.1 athletics aid provided by the institution shall not exceed the value of a full grant-in-aid; and,

(f) The recipient shall be considered a counter per Bylaw 15.4.1, and the amount shall be applied to the maximum award limitations of Bylaw 15.4 for the sport in question.
15.3 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution or that exceeds the limitations established by the membership division of the institution the student-athlete attends, whichever is less. A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, if he or she receives financial athletics aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.58. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.2.1) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaws 15.2.4 and 15.2.5 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.3.2 Types of Aid Included in Limit. In determining whether a student-athlete’s financial aid exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid, all institutional financial aid (per Bylaw 15.2.1) and all funds received from the following and similar sources shall be included:

(a) Government Grants. Government grants other than awards based on a student’s demonstrated financial need or for educational purposes;

(b) Other Scholarships and Grants. Other institutional or outside scholarships or grants-in-aid, except those academic awards exempted per Bylaw 15.5-(a) and outside educational grants that may be awarded up to the cost of attendance per Bylaw 15.2.2.2;

(c) Gifts. The value of gifts given to a student-athlete after completion of eligibility in appreciation for or recognition of the student-athlete’s athletics accomplishments;

(d) Professional Sports Stipend. Any bonus or salary (no matter when received or contracted for) from a professional sports organization;

(e) Athletics Participation Compensation. Any other income (no matter when received or contracted for) from participation in an athletics event (except funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and

(f) Loans. Loans, except legitimate loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.

15.3.2.1 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid. If a student-athlete was not recruited and receives institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics ability and in excess of a full grant-in-aid, the student may retain the aid for the period of the award without any adjustment. Once the original period of the award expires, renewal of the same financial aid in excess of the limitation is permissible only if the aid is renewed on the same basis as originally awarded.

15.3.32 Elements of Financial Athletics Aid.

15.3.32.1 Tuition and Fees. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial athletics aid that includes the actual cost of tuition and required institutional fees.

15.3.32.1.1 Permissible Fees. A student-athlete may be awarded financial athletics aid that covers the payment of fees for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled, if the course is part of the institution’s regular curriculum (included in the institution’s catalog of classes), and the institution pays these same fees for other students enrolled in the course who receive fees as a part of a grant-in-aid or scholarship.
15.3.3.1.4 Fees and Related Expenses for Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution shall not waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of the following expenses for a prospective student-athlete, unless such benefits generally conform to institutional policy as it applies to other prospective student-grantees:

15.3.3.1.4.1 Fees Rebate. If the prospective student-athlete enrolls and is awarded financial athletics aid covering institutional fees, the fees described in Bylaw 15.3.3.1.4-(a) through -(d) above may be rebated as a part of the institution's regular fees.

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

15.3.3.2.1.7 Meals and Snacks Incidental to Participation. The cost of meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics need not be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. Such meals and snacks also may be received by a student-athlete who is not receiving athletically related financial athletics aid as a benefit incidental to athletics participation [see Bylaw 16.5.1-(c)].

15.3.3.3 Books and Supplies. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial athletics aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books and course-related supplies. [R]

15.3.3.4 Other Expenses Related to Attendance. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that covers other expenses related to attendance in combination with other permissible elements of financial aid (per Bylaw 15.2) up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.02.2, 15.3, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.3.3.5 Reduction When Excess Aid Is Awarded. In the event that a student-athlete's financial aid from the sources listed in Bylaw 15.3.2, which includes institutional financial aid, will exceed a full grant in aid for the balance of the academic year, the institution shall reduce institutional financial aid so as not to exceed a full grant. Payments credited to a student-athlete's account that are not refundable by the institution to the scholarship office or other appropriate institutional agency shall not become the student's obligation.

15.4 Maximum Institutional Grant-In-Aid Limitations by Sport.

15.4.1 Counters. A student-athlete who is receiving institutional financial athletics aid based in any degree upon athletics ability shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw.

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

15.4.1.3 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial athletics aid after having exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in future academic years after completion of eligibility in the sport. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise
eligible for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport, unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule. (See Bylaw 15.1.1.)

15.4.1.4 Athletics Aid After Student-Athlete Becomes Permanently Ineligible. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial athletics aid after becoming permanently ineligible due to a violation of NCAA regulations (e.g., amateurism legislation) may receive athletics aid during the next academic year without counting in the institution's financial aid limitations, provided the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and does not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics at any time. If circumstances change and the student-athlete practices or competes after being certified permanently ineligible, the institution is required to count the financial athletics aid received by the student-athlete during each academic year in which the aid was received.

15.4.1.5 Summer-and Voluntary Winter Term Athletics Aid. Institutional financial Athletics aid received during a summer or voluntary winter term is not countable in these limitations and does not make a student-athlete a counter.

15.4.1.7 No Institutional Financial Athletics Aid. A student-athlete who does not receive institutional financial athletics aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.2.1 15.02.2 shall not be a counter.

15.4.1.8 Becoming a Counter After the Beginning of an Award Period. If a student-athlete becomes a counter (per Bylaw 15.4.1) at any point during the academic year, all countable institutional aid received during that academic year is countable toward the student-athlete's equivalency per Bylaw 15.4.2.2.

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.4.2.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.2.1) to a counter Equivalencies shall be computed as follows:

(a) Once a student becomes a For each counter, the institution shall count all institutional athletics aid (per Bylaw 15.2.1 15.02.2) received during that academic year for room, board, tuition and fees, as well as books and required course-related supplies (which shall count for calculation purposes as $800 in the denominator and, if they are provided or their cost covered by the institution, as $800 in the numerator, regardless of the actual amount received). If a student-athlete is enrolled for less than a full academic year (e.g., one semester, one or two quarters) and receives any portion of a book allowance, the institution must use the amount in the numerator that is proportionate to the number of terms of enrollment ($400 for semester systems, $534 or $267 for quarter systems). Exempted government grants and exempted institutional aid per Bylaw 15.5 specifically are excluded from this computation.

15.4.3 Multisport Participants. A counter who participates in two or more sports shall be counted in one or more sports as specified on the individual's financial athletics aid agreement.

15.4.3.1 Multisport Participant Receiving Athletically Related Institutional Aid Sport Not Specified on Athletics Aid Agreement. An institution shall divide countable athletically related athletics aid equally among all sports in which the student-athlete participates in instances when the financial athletics aid agreement does not specify how such aid should be counted toward institutional limits.

15.4.3.2 Multisport Participant Receiving Nonathletically Related Institutional Aid. An institution shall divide nonathletically related institutional aid in the same proportion that athletically related aid is divided for purposes of the institutional limits in the sports in which the student-athlete participates.
15.4.3.1 Requirement to Qualify as Multisport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(d) If a recruited student-athlete, the individual shall have been earnestly recruited to participate in the sport in which financial athletics aid is counted (i.e., the institution recruiting the student-athlete shall have a reasonable basis to believe that the student-athlete is capable of participating in the institution's varsity intercollegiate program in that sport, including documentation of a record of previous participation in organized competition in the sport that supports the student-athlete's potential to participate in that sport in varsity intercollegiate competition).

15.5 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or in the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) Academic awards below:

(1) Academic awards that are part of the institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation, provided:

(i) The recipient was ranked in the upper 20 percent of the high school graduating class or achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) or a minimum ACT sum score of 100 or a minimum SAT score of 1140. The minimum combined SAT score of 1140 applies to scores for SAT tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. The minimum SAT score required for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board. An institution may exempt an academic honor award from both individual and institutional equivalency limits if the recipient qualifies for the award under minimum institutional criteria and satisfies any of the criteria set forth in this bylaw, regardless of whether the institution considered any of the qualifying criteria in making the award; or

(ii) The recipient does not qualify under (i) and has completed at least one academic year in college and achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.300 (on a 4.000 scale) for all academic work completed during the student's collegiate enrollment resulting in degree credits at the awarding institution; or

(2) An academic award for outstanding academic achievement or a research grant is an award that meets the following criteria:

(i) The award or grant is a standing scholarship award or an established research grant;

(ii) The basis for the award or grant shall be the candidate's academic record at the awarding institution; and

(iii) The award or grant shall be determined by competition among the students of a particular class or college of the institution. Competition for the award or grant may include additional objective criteria unrelated to athletics ability (e.g., gender, race and ethnicity, financial need).

(b) Legitimate loans, based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students;
(c) Out-of-state tuition waivers and grants awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;

(d) Employee-dependent tuition benefits;

(e) A postgraduate scholarship awarded by an institution in accordance with Bylaw 16.1.3.1.1;

(f) Government grants awarded based on a student's demonstrated financial need, regardless of whether the institution is responsible for selecting the recipient or determining the amount of aid, or providing supplementary funds for a previously determined amount; and

(g) Government grants awarded for educational purposes.

15.5.1 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant program shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid or cost of attendance for a student-athlete.

15.6 Terms and Conditions of Awarding Institutional Financial Athletics Aid.

[15.6.1 renumbered as 15.5.1, unchanged.]

15.6.2 Terms of Institutional Financial Athletics Aid Award.

15.6.2.1 Conformance to Institutional and Conference Regulations. Financial Athletics aid awarded by an institution to a student-athlete shall conform to the rules and regulations of the awarding institution and of that institution's conference(s), if any. A violation of this bylaw that relates only to a violation of a conference rule shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

15.6.2.2 Physical Condition of Student-Athlete. Financial Athletics aid awarded to a prospective student-athlete may not be conditioned on the recipient reporting in satisfactory physical condition. If a student-athlete has been accepted for admission and awarded financial athletics aid, the institution shall be committed for the term of the original award, even if the student-athlete's physical condition prevents him or her from participating in intercollegiate athletics.

15.6.2.3 Written Statement Requirement. The institutional agency making an financial athletics aid award for a regular academic term or academic year shall give the recipient a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions and terms of the award. The chair of the regular committee or other agency for the awarding of financial aid to students generally, or the chair's official designee, shall sign or electronically authorize (e.g., electronic signature) the written statement. The signature of the athletics director, attesting to the committee's award, does not satisfy this requirement.

15.6.2.4 Hearing Opportunity. The institution's regular financial aid authority shall notify the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from the date the student-athlete has been notified of the decision to reduce or cancel athletics aid during the period of the award or the reduction or nonrenewal of athletics aid for the following academic year, of the opportunity for a hearing when institutional financial athletics aid based in any degree on athletics ability is reduced or canceled during the period of the award, or not renewed. The hearing shall be conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., financial aid review committee, the office of student affairs, office of the dean of students or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletics faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's established policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request the hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's request for the hearing.

15.6.3 Period of Institutional Financial Athletics Aid Award.
15.65.3.1 One-Year Limit. When a student's athletics ability is taken into consideration in any degree in awarding financial aid, such Athletics aid shall not be awarded in excess of one academic year.

15.65.3.1.1 Financial Aid Authority Precedent. A staff member may inform a prospective student-athlete that the athletics department will recommend to the financial aid authority that the prospective student-athlete’s financial athletics aid be renewed each year for a period of four years and may indicate that the authority always has followed the athletics department's recommendations in the past. However, the prospective student-athlete must be informed that the renewal will not be automatic.

15.65.3.1.2 Injury or Illness Policy. It is not permissible for an institution to assure the prospective student-athlete that it automatically will continue an grant-in-aid athletics aid award past the one-year period if the recipient sustains an injury that prevents him or her from competing in intercollegiate athletics, but an institutional representative may inform the prospective student-athlete of the regular institutional policy related to renewal or continuation of athletics aid past the one-year period for recipients who become ill or injured during their participation.

15.65.3.2 Regular Term Versus Summer and Voluntary Winter Term. An institution may award financial athletics aid to a student-athlete for an academic year or part thereof. An institution also may award financial athletics aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period or voluntary winter term, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.1.1 have been met.

15.65.3.2.1 Summer and Voluntary Winter Term As Additional Award. It is necessary to make an additional award for a summer or voluntary winter term, inasmuch as a member institution is limited to the award of financial athletics aid for a period not in excess of one academic year; however, an institution is not required to provide the recipient with a written statement of the amount, duration, conditions or terms of the award.

15.65.4 Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award.

15.65.4.1 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, if the recipient:

15.65.4.1-(a) through 15.65.4.1-(c) renumbered as 15.5.4.1-(a) through 15.5.4.1-(c), unchanged.]

(d) Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient’s financial athletics aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the financial athletics aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term.

15.65.4.1.1 Nonathletically Related Conditions. An institutional financial athletics aid agreement may include nonathletically related conditions (e.g., compliance with academic policies or standards, compliance with team rule or policies) by which the aid may be reduced or cancelled during the period of the award.

15.65.4.1.2 Fraudulent Misrepresentation. If a student-athlete is awarded institutional financial athletics aid on the basis of declaring intention to participate in a particular sport by signing a letter of intent, application or tender, action on the part of the grantee not to participate (either by not reporting for practice or after making only token appearances as determined by the institution) would constitute fraudulent misrepresentation of information on the grantee's application, letter of intent or financial athletics aid agreement and would permit the institution to cancel or reduce the financial athletics aid.

15.65.4.1.3 Misconduct. An institution may cancel or reduce the financial athletics aid of a student-athlete who is found to have engaged in misconduct by the university's regular student disciplinary authority, even if the loss-of-aid requirement does not apply to the student body in general.

15.65.4.2 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial Athletics aid may be increased for any reason prior to the commencement of the period of the award. Once the period of the award begins, institutional financial
athletics aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate that such an increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason (see Bylaw 15.65.4.3).

15.65.4.1 Initial Award of At that institution 5ically Related Institutional Financial Athletics Aid. A student-athlete who is receiving only institutional nonathletically related financial aid may receive an initial award of athletics aid at any point during the academic year. The initial award of athletics aid may not be retroactive to a previous academic year.

15.65.4.3 Increase, Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Institutional financial aid based in any degree on athletics ability Athletics aid may not be increased, decreased or canceled during the period of its award:

[15.65.4.3-(a) through 15.6.4.3.1 renumbered as 15.5.4.3-(a) through 15.5.4.3.1, unchanged.]

15.65.4.3.2 At he s Related Condition Prohibition. An institution may not set forth an athletically related condition (e.g., financial athletics aid contingent upon specified performance or playing a specific position) that would permit the institution to reduce or cancel the student-athlete's financial athletics aid during the period of the award, if the conditions are not satisfied.

15.65.4.3.3 Decrease Not Permitted. An institution may not decrease a prospective student-athlete's financial athletics aid or a student-athlete's financial athletics aid from the time the prospective student-athlete or student-athlete signs the financial aid award letter until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial athletics aid agreement, except under the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.65.4.1.

15.65.5 Renewals and Nonrenewals.

15.65.5.1 Institutional Obligation. The renewal of institutional financial athletics aid based in any degree on athletics ability shall be made on or before July 1 before the academic year in which it is to be effective. The institution shall promptly notify in writing each student-athlete who received an award the previous academic year and who has eligibility remaining in the sport in which financial aid was awarded the previous academic year (under Bylaw 14.2) whether the grant has been renewed or not renewed for the ensuing academic year. Notification of financial athletics aid renewals and nonrenewals must come from the institution's regular financial aid authority and not from the institution's athletics department.

15.65.5.2 Reconsideration of Nonrenewal. It is permissible for an institution that has notified a student-athlete that he or she will not be provided institutional financial athletics aid for the next academic year to then award financial aid to that student-athlete.

15.65.6 Changes in Participation. If a student-athlete changes sports during an academic year, the student-athlete's financial athletics aid shall be counted in the maximum limitations for the first sport for the remainder of the year. If the student-athlete continues to receive financial athletics aid, the award shall be counted the next academic year against the maximum limitations in the second sport.

[15.6.7 renumbered as 15.5.7, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Rationale: Under current legislation, the calculation of individual equivalencies includes all institutional aid received during the term of the award, excluding government grants and exempted institutional aid. This calculation can result in a student-athlete having to decline financial aid for which he or she is eligible due to concerns of exceeding the individual and/or team equivalency limits. According to the 2015 GOALS study, over two-thirds of Division II student-athletes report that college costs were an important consideration in making their college choice. Amending the legislation to count only athletics aid will permit institutions to award athletics aid to deserving student-athletes without concern of the impact on other aid sources and may have a positive impact on enrollment management. Division II financial aid data demonstrates that only four institutions fully fund their athletics programs and only 13 percent of teams are fully funded. Further, a model in which only athletics aid counts toward the individual and team equivalency limits would support the
partial scholarship model, assist with enrollment management and ensure consistency in calculations among institutions. Institutions would only be responsible for ensuring that student-athletes do not receive a financial aid package that exceeds a full grant-in-aid or the cost of attendance.

No. 2-13 FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- PERIOD OF INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID AWARD -- ONE-YEAR LIMIT -- REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR

**Intent:** To specify that an offer of athletically related financial aid shall not be awarded for a period of less than one academic year; further, to establish exceptions for providing athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.6, as follows:

15.02.6 Period of Award. The period of award begins when the student-athlete receives any benefits as part of the student-athlete’s grant-in-aid on the first day of classes for a particular academic term, or the first day of practice, whichever is earlier, until the conclusion of the period set forth in the financial aid agreement. An athletics grant-in-aid shall **not** **neither** be awarded in excess of one academic year **nor for a period less than one academic year**.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.6.3, as follows:

15.6.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award.

15.6.3.1 **One-Year Limit Period.** When a student's athletics ability is taken into consideration in any degree in awarding financial aid, such aid shall **not** **neither** be awarded in excess of one academic year **nor for a period less than one academic year**.

**15.6.3.1.1 Exceptions.** An institution may award athletically related financial aid to a student-athlete for a period of less than one academic year only under the following circumstances.

(a) **Midyear Enrollment.** A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year.

(b) **Final Semester/Quarter.** A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.

(c) **Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term.** A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.

(d) **One-Time Exception.** One time during a student-athlete’s enrollment at the certifying institution he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term.

(e) **Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter.** A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.3) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.1) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.6.2.4.
[15.6.3.1.1 through 15.6.3.1.3 renumbered as 15.6.3.1.2 through 15.6.3.1.4, unchanged.]

15.6.3.2 Regular Term Versus Summer and Voluntary Winter Term. An institution may award financial aid to a student-athlete for an academic year or part thereof. An institution also may award financial aid for a summer term or summer-orientation period or voluntary winter term, provided the conditions of Bylaw 15.2.1.1 have been met.

[15.6.3.2.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Rationale: Current legislation permits an institution to offer athletics aid on a term-by-term basis. According to the 2015 GOALS study, nearly one-half of Division II student-athletes have concerns about how finances will impact their ability to complete their degree. Eliminating term-by-term awards addresses student-athlete well-being concerns by ensuring that a student-athlete will know the status of his or her financial aid agreement for the full academic year. In addition, it eliminates situations where the receipt of athletically related financial aid for the spring term may be based on athletics performance in the fall term. However, in certain situations, an aid agreement for less than one academic year is appropriate and does not detrimentally impact the student-athlete. The proposed legislation includes several exceptions that provide flexibility to the institution in specific situations. The financial data indicates that roughly three quarters of financial aid awards are provided for a one-year term. The legislation regarding permissible reduction or cancellation of athletics aid during the period of the award is not impacted by this proposal, so an institution would retain the ability to reduce or cancel the one-year award if a student-athlete engages in one of the specified actions that are detrimental to the team.

No. 2-14 FINANCIAL AID - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDBING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION DURING PERIOD OF AWARD -- INCREASE PERMITTED -- INCREASE FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME

Intent: To permit increases in athletically related financial aid at any time, for any reason.

Bylaws: Amend 15.6.4.2, as follows:

15.6.4.2 Increase Permitted. Institutional financial aid may be increased for any reason prior to the commencement of the period of the award. Once the period of the award begins, institutional financial aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate that such an increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason (see Bylaw 15.6.4.3) at any time.

[15.6.4.2.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Rationale: Current legislation permits an institution to increase athletics aid for any reason prior to the start of the period of the award. However, once the period of the award begins, athletics aid may only be increased if the institution can demonstrate the increase is unrelated in any manner to an athletics reason. Permitting an increase in athletics aid at any time, for any reason will provide institutions the discretion to distribute athletics aid as deemed appropriate on an individual campus. Institutions would still be limited to providing athletics aid within the team and individual equivalency limits.

No. 2-15 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, GOLF, LACROSSE, ROWING, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON AND NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ACTIVITIES

Intent: To amend the nonchampionship segment legislation, as follows: (1) In all sports that have a nonchampionship segment, to prohibit all countable athletically related activity during two calendar days per week; (2) In all sports that have a nonchampionship segment other than golf, rowing and tennis, to limit a student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and 15 hours per week during a 45-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination
days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days; (3) In golf and tennis, to limit a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week during a 60-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days; and (4) In rowing, to limit a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activity to a maximum of four hours per day and 15 hours per week during a 65-consecutive calendar day period, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

17.1.6 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.6.1 through 17.1.6.1.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.2 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations - Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 15 hours per week.

17.1.6.2.1 Exception - Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, during the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete’s participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.1.6.2.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

[17.1.6.2.1 renumbered as 17.1.6.3.1, unchanged.]

17.1.6.2.2 Skill Instruction. Participation by student-athletes in individual skill-related instruction is permitted outside the institution’s declared playing season. For skill instruction occurring during the nonchampionship segment, more than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling of student-athletes between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction.

17.1.6.2.2.1 Groups of Student-Athletes. The following number of student-athletes is permitted in each group for skill instruction that occurs during the nonchampionship segment or outside the playing season in football.

(a) Individual Sports. Not more than four student-athletes from the same individual sport shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

(b) Team Sports With Starting Squad Size of Six or Fewer. Not more than four student-athletes from the same team shall be a part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

(c) Team Sports With Starting Squad Size of Seven or More. Not more than six student-athletes from the same team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

(d) Football. Not more than eight student-athletes from the team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time.

17.1.6.2.3 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete’s participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted, as follows:
(b) During individual skill instruction, not more than eight student-athletes from the team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time. More than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling of student-athletes between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction. (The use of footballs and field equipment (e.g., shields, bags) is permissible; however, the use of protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not permissible; and

[17.1.6.2.3-(c) renumbered as 17.1.6.3.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.2.4 through 17.1.6.2.6.1 renumbered as 17.1.6.3 through 17.1.6.5.1, unchanged.]

17.1.6.23 Exception -- Alternate Playing Season -- Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, an institution that conducts its championship segment during the fall term must discontinue practice at the conclusion of its nonchampionship segment (golf -- designated 60- or 75-consecutive-calendar-day period; tennis -- designated 45- or 60-day consecutive calendar day period). Such a team may resume practice the day following the conclusion of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term or 10 consecutive calendar days before the start of the championship, whichever is earlier, provided the institution has reasonable belief that it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event. (See Bylaws 17.11.5.1 and 17.22.5.1.)

[17.1.6.3 through 17.1.6.4.6 renumbered as 17.1.6.4 through 17.1.6.5.6, unchanged.]

17.1.6.6 Required Days Off -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during two calendar days per week.

[17.1.6.5 through 17.1.6.6.3.2.1 renumbered as 17.1.6.7 through 17.1.6.8.3.2.1, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.2.8, as follows:

17.2.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.2.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45-consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45-consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.2.5 and 17.2.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.2.8.1 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.4.8, as follows:

17.4.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.4.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other
legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.4.5 and 17.4.6. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.4.8.1 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.6.8, as follows:

17.6.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.6.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.6.5 and 17.6.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution’s final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.6.8.1 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.9.8, as follows:

17.9.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.9.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the nonchampionship segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.9.5 and 17.9.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution’s final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.9.8.1 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.8, as follows:

17.11.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:
(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. Multiday tournaments (up to a maximum of five tournaments) may count as one date of the 24 practice or competition dates, regardless of the number of days of the tournament. A golf practice round conducted on the day prior to one of the five permissible multiday tournaments during the nonchampionship segment is not considered part of the tournament and must count as one of the institution’s 24 permissible practice or competition dates. The 60 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.11.5 and 17.11.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution’s final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 60 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

17.11.8-(1) unchanged.

17.11.8.1 unchanged.

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.8, as follows:

17.14.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[b]17.14.8-(a) unchanged.[/b]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 45 days that occur within a period of 65 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 65 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.14.5 and 17.14.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

17.14.8.1 unchanged.

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.16.8, as follows:

17.16.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[b]17.16.8-(a) unchanged.[/b]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 45 days that occur within a period of 65 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 65 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.16.5 and 17.16.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting
Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.16.8.1 unchanged.]

I. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.8, as follows:

17.19.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.19.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.19.5 and 17.19.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.19.8.1 unchanged.]

J. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.8, as follows:

17.20.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment except for the following:

[17.20.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.20.5 and 17.20.6. and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.20.8.1 unchanged.]

K. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.5.1, as follows:

17.22.5.1 Exception -- Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall, or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.2, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship.

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Practice 17 days before the first permissible date of competition or five days before the first day of classes, whichever is earlier. February 15

Competition Thursday preceding September 6. February 15

End date for practice and competition November 15 Seven days prior to final examination period.

[17.22.5.1.1 unchanged.]

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.22.8, as follows:

17.22.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.22.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.22.5 and 17.22.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

(1) Exception -- Alternate Playing Season. A member institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.2 and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of 45 consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment (see Bylaw 17.22.5.1).

[17.22.8-(b)-(2) through 17.22.8.1 unchanged.]

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.25.2.8, as follows:

17.25.2.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities -- Women. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.25.2.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a maximum of 24 days that occur within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.25.2.5 and 17.25.2.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)
Rationale: The current legislation requires institutions to toggle between in-season and out-of-season countable athletically related activity limitations during the nonchampionship segment, which causes considerable confusion. Additionally, according to the 2015 GOALS study, Division II student-athletes report spending as much or more time on their sport during the off-season as during their competitive season. This proposal will make the nonchampionship segment legislation easier to apply and also provide student-athletes with additional time off, both in terms of number of days and hours per week. Competition during the nonchampionship segment in golf and tennis counts toward championship selections, so it is appropriate for these sports to have additional flexibility on both the number of in-season hours and the window in which to use those hours.

No. 2-16 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- NO CLASS TIME MISSED FOR COMPETITION IN NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TEAM SPORTS

Intent: In team sports, to permit student-athletes to miss class during the nonchampionship segment, once every four years, for competition in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Canada against active member institutions located in those areas; further, to permit student-athletes on team sports from institutions located in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Canada to miss class for competition during the nonchampionship segment once every four years.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.6.2, as follows:

17.1.6.6.2 No Class Time Missed for Competition in Nonchampionship Segment -- Team Sports. In team sports (per Bylaw 17.02.15.1), no class time shall be missed for competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities), conducted during the nonchampionship segment.

17.1.6.6.2.2 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel to Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada. Once every four years, a team may miss class time for competition in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Canada against active member institutions located in those areas. In addition, teams from institutions located in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Canada may miss class time for competition during the nonchampionship segment once every four years.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: Current legislation does not permit student-athletes in team sports to miss class for nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with competition, such as travel and other pregame or postgame activities. There are limited opportunities for teams at institutions in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada to engage in nonchampionship segment competition in team sports due to their geographic location and the length of travel to opponents. This change would provide institutions with flexibility to pursue competitive opportunities in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada during the nonchampionship segment. In addition, it will provide institutions located in those states, territory and country with the flexibility to travel to the mainland United States for competition during the nonchampionship segment. The proposal will also provide flexibility for scheduling valuable cultural and educational opportunities for student-athletes, while institutional budgets will limit abuse.

No. 2-17 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Intent: To amend the Division II philosophy statement, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10, as follows:

20.10 Membership Requirements.
PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

In addition to the purposes and fundamental policy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as set forth in Constitution 1, members of Division II believe that a well-conducted intercollegiate athletics program, based on sound educational principles and practices, is a proper part of the educational mission of a university or college and that the educational well-being and academic success of the participating student-athlete is of primary concern.

Higher education has lasting importance on an individual's future success. For this reason, the positioning statement for the division and the emphasis for the student athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead. As such, Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II athletics programs also are committed to establishing an inclusive culture in which persons of all backgrounds are respected and given the opportunity to provide input and to participate.

Members support the following attributes in the belief that these attributes assist in defining the division's priorities and emphasize the division's position within the Association: Learning; Service; Passion; Sportsmanship; Resourcefulness; and Balance. The positioning statement and the attributes shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs, initiatives and policies by member institutions, conferences and the Division II governance structure.

Furthermore, a member of Division II believes in a set of common features, which assist in defining the division. Such features include exceptional teacher-to-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education, a unique model of staffing in which coaches provide additional services such as teaching and mentoring, and the development of community partnerships and student-athlete participation in community engagement activities. A member of Division II members also believes in abide by the following principles, which assist in defining that help define and distinguish the division:

(a) Promoting the academic success of its student-athletes, measured in part by an institution's student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body;

(b) That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student-athletes and the entire campus community;

(c) Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy;

(d) That championships are intended to provide national-level competition among eligible student-athletes and teams of member institutions;

(e) Preparing student-athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities;

(f) Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors;
(g) That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student-athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at-large;

(h) Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit;

(i) Recognizing the need to "balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty-staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state);

(j) Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student-athletes;

(k) That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and

(l) That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II.

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution’s educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight;

(b) Division II members fund their athletics programs in a manner that aligns with the institution’s budget and educational mission. This method of funding features a "partial scholarship" model that allows Division II schools to recognize student-athletes for their skills through athletics-based grants, but student-athletes can accept merit-based aid and academic scholarships as well:

(c) Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities. This "Life in the Balance" emphasis facilitates learning through:

1. Academics. Division II offers exceptional teacher-student ratios that provide student-athletes with a quality education in the academic curriculum of their choice. The division structures its eligibility requirements to facilitate student-athletes earning their degrees, which is measured in part by an institution’s student-athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution’s student body;

2. Athletics. Division II supports athletics achievement through highly competitive programs that strive to participate in the division’s 25 national championships, which offer the best access ratio among the NCAA’s three divisions. Division II also supports a regionalization model in scheduling that reduces time away from campus and keeps athletics participation in perspective within the educational mission;

3. Community Engagement. Division II athletics programs actively engage with their communities to enhance relationships between student-athletes and community members and develop a shared civic experience. Division II promotes engagement at the local, conference and national levels, including at all Division II national championships; and

4. Post-graduation Success. Division II supports a higher education model that shapes student-athletes who graduate with the skills and knowledge to be productive citizens. The balanced
approach allows student-athletes to focus on their academic pursuits, their internships, and whatever else it takes to prepare them for life after graduation:

(d) Division II members support the utmost in sportsmanship by committing to a "game environment" initiative that establishes an atmosphere at athletics contests that is both energetic and respectful; and

(e) Division II promotes student-athlete involvement in decision-making through campus, conference and national Student-Athlete Advisory Committees that provide leadership opportunities and offer a representative voice in the division’s governance structure.

[20.10.1 through 20.10.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Management Council Identity Subcommittee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: Much of the current Division II Philosophy Statement aligns with the implementation of the "I Chose" identity campaign in the mid-2000s and has not been reviewed comprehensively since that time. In accordance with the 2013 communications audit that identified the need to better explain Division II to external audiences, and in conjunction with the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and the Make It Yours brand enhancement, it is necessary to update the statement to reflect the refreshed brand. The proposed revision does not omit any of the philosophy's key elements and core principles; rather, it reorganizes the division's commitment to a balanced and inclusive approach in academics, athletics, community engagement and post-graduation success in a contemporary manner that better reflects the Make It Yours identity enhancement.

No. 2-18 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women's lacrosse, to increase the number of contests for sports sponsorship from eight to 10 contests; further, in women's volleyball, to increase the number of contests for sports sponsorship from nine to 15 contests.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

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

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**Women’s Volleyball 15**  Wrestling 12  7
Men’s Water Polo 15  Women’s Triathlon 4  3
Women’s Water Polo

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaws 14 and 17.)

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.12 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2017

**Rationale:** The minimum contests requirements for sports sponsorship in women’s lacrosse and women’s volleyball should be consistent with the number of contests required for championship selections. In addition, increasing the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship in these sports aligns the Division II sports-sponsorship minimum requirements with those in Divisions I and III, providing consistency across all divisions.
Legislative Proposal Number Changes

This appendix lists proposals that are included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives their corresponding numbers in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Please note that not all proposals that appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation were included in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

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Appendix B

Request for Interpretation

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contact persons at aconklin@ncaa.org or kwolf@ncaa.org, not later than November 23, 2016. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution’s name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.
Committee Positions on Membership-Sponsored Proposals for the 2017 NCAA Convention

NCAA Proposal No. 2-3 -- Recruiting -- Recruiting Calendars -- Football -- Contact Period -- Monday After Thanksgiving.

Committee Positions:

a. The Championships Committee agreed to **take no position** this proposal.

b. The Football Committee agreed to **support** this proposal. The committee noted that it makes sense to allow the contact period to begin on a Monday, rather than the arbitrarily determined December 1 date, as most institutions have resumed classes on that Monday after the Thanksgiving break.

c. The Legislation Committee agreed to **support** this proposal. The committee noted that this change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the Division I FBS and FCS football recruiting calendars.
MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2016

TO: NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council.

FROM: Amanda Conklin
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Director of Academic and Membership Affairs for Division II

Karen Wolf
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SUBJECT: 2017 NCAA Convention Division II Legislation Groupings.

NCAA staff has reviewed the 18 proposals that have been properly sponsored for the 2017 NCAA Convention. The following recommendations are for the consideration of the NCAA Division II Management Council and Presidents Council to determine how these proposals should be grouped, for purposes of production of the 2017 NCAA Convention Division II Official Notice for the Division II business session Saturday, January 21, 2017. Please refer to the 2017 NCAA Convention Division II Second Publication of Proposed Legislation that is included as Supplement No. 7 in your materials. The proposal numbers in parenthesis listed below refer to the SPOPL.

Consent Package

No. 2017-1 (2-3) Amateurism – Competition-Related Expenses from an Outside Sponsor

No. 2017-2 (2-4) Amateurism – Payment Based on Performance – From Amateur Team or Event Sponsor in Individual Sports

No. 2017-3 (2-5) Amateurism – Involvement with Professional Teams – Tryouts – Tryouts After Enrollment – Tryout at Any Time


No. 2017-5 (2-7) Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes – Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes – Removal of Requirement to Obtain Permission from NAIA Institution

No. 2017-6 (2-8) Recruiting – Offers and Inducements – Institutional Pre-Enrollment Fees
No. 2017-7 (2-9) Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Elimination of Conference Restrictions


**Presidents Council Grouping**

*No. 2017-10 (2-17) Division Membership – Membership Requirements – Philosophy Statement

*No. 2017-11 (2-2) Eligibility – Academic Misconduct

*No. 2017-12 (2-1) NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Independent Medical Care

**Financial Aid Review Grouping**


**Recruiting**

*No. 2017-16 (2-10) Recruiting – Recruiting Calendars – Football – Contact Period – Monday After Thanksgiving [Football Only Vote]
Eligibility


Playing and Practice Seasons


Those proposals marked with an asterisk (*) have been identified by staff as recommendations for roll-call votes. The Management Council and/or Presidents Council may delete from or make additions to these recommendations.

Staff recommends a roll-call vote on nine of the 18 proposals during the Saturday business session. All remaining proposals are grouped in the consent package, which requires one paddle vote for adoption. If a proposal(s) is removed from the consent package during the business session, such proposal(s) would be voted on separately by a paddle vote.

Note: Proposal Nos. 2017-1 (2-3), 2017-2 (2-4), 2017-3 (2-5), 2017-4 (2-6), 2017-5 (2-7), 2017-6 (2-8) and 2017-7 (2-9) have an immediate effective date and will require a separate vote on the effective date only if a proposal(s) is pulled from the Consent Package.

Note: Proposal No. 2017-16 (2-10) is a football-only vote. Only those institutions and conferences that sponsor football may vote on this proposal.

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Attached are noncontroversial proposals. Proposal Nos. NC-2017-18, NC-2017-19, NC-2017-20, NC-2017-21, NC-2017-22, NC-2017-23, NC-2017-24 and NC-2017-25 are new for you to review in legislative form. These proposals have been approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in concept but have yet to be approved in legislative form.

The Management Council has determined, pursuant to NCAA Constitution 5.3.1.1.1, that the following proposals are noncontroversial and necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation.

The Management Council, by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting, shall have the authority to adopt noncontroversial amendments. Proposals that are ratified by the Management Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi. Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2017 NCAA Convention.
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY -- CORE-CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS -- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSE

Proposal Number: NC-2017-1

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To permit an approved advanced English as a Second Language (ESL) course to be used to satisfy a core-curriculum requirement, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.1.2.4, as follows:

14.3.1.2.4 English as a Second Language Course. It is permissible to use an advanced level English as a Second Language (ESL) course to satisfy a core-curriculum requirements, provided the course is reviewed through the NCAA Initial Eligibility Waiver process. Other ESL courses taught in disciplines other than English (e.g., social studies) may satisfy a core-course requirement, provided they are qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular course offering and the course appears on the high school’s list of approved core courses. Further, an advanced-level ESL course must be exclusively for ESL students and all students in the course must be at the same level.

Additional Information: Due to the changing demographics within the United States, which has led to increased standardization of ESL courses, the NCAA High School Review Committee recommended that the Bylaw 14.3.1.2.4 be amended. It was recommended that an ESL English course be permitted to be used to satisfy a core-curriculum requirement provided certain conditions are met. In order for a course to be used to meet the core requirements of initial-eligibility certification, it must be qualitatively and quantitatively the same as the comparison course in the regular-course offering. In addition, it must be of college-preparatory level, available exclusively to ESL students and taught at the same level for all students within the course.

Review History:

Sep 10, 2015: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Oct 20, 2015: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY -- EQUIVALENCY TEST/DIPLOMA

Proposal Number: NC-2017-2

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that a prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but completes a state high school equivalency test (e.g., General Educational Development (GED)) and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement for initial eligibility, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class (as determined by his or her first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility).

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.5.2, as follows:

14.3.5.2 GED Test/Equivalency Test/Diploma. A prospective student-athlete who does not graduate from high school but who completes the a state high school equivalency test [e.g., General Educational Development (GED)] test and obtains a state high school equivalency diploma may satisfy the graduation requirement of Bylaw 14.3, but not the core-curriculum or test-score requirement, if the following conditions are met, provided the equivalency test is completed on or after the high school graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's class (as determined by his or her first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility).

(a) Only scores from a GED test taken by the prospective student-athlete not earlier than the date the prospective student-athlete's high school class (i.e., the last class of which the student was a member while enrolled in high school) normally would have graduated from high school shall be used.

(b) The prospective student-athlete must present the state high school equivalency diploma before initial enrollment as a full-time, regularly matriculated student in a collegiate institution;

(c) The prospective student-athlete may qualify for athletically related financial aid and practice on campus or at the institution's regular home facility, but not for competition, by presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test and satisfying either the minimum grade-point average and core-course requirements or the minimum standardized test score as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1, and

(d) To qualify for financial aid, practice and competition, the prospective student-athlete must meet the core-curriculum grade-point average and test-score requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in addition to presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test.

Additional Information: This revision clarifies that the GED test is not the only equivalency test that may be used in obtaining a high school equivalency diploma. Many states no longer use the GED as a high school equivalency test. In addition, the equivalency diploma must be earned prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment because all initial-eligibility requirements must be met prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment per Bylaw 14.3.1. Finally, a prospective student-athlete must meet the additional initial-eligibility requirements (e.g., core-course grade-point average, test score requirement), as the equivalency test/diploma is only an exception to the graduation requirement.

Review History:

Sep 10, 2015: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Oct 20, 2015: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Proposal Number: NC-2017-3

Effective Date: Immediate for any individual appointed or elected to a Division II committee on or after January 1, 2015.

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that an individual shall be appointed or elected to serve on a Division II committee for one four-year term with no immediate re-election, unless otherwise specified; further, to specify that the Division II Nominating Committee shall have the authority to amend terms of service, as necessary, in order to stagger the expiration of terms to provide for continuity of service.

Bylaws: Amend 21.8.2, as follows:

21.8.2 Term of Office.

21.8.2.1 Four-Year Term. Unless otherwise specified, the Division II members of committees shall be appointed or elected for one four-year term with no immediate re-election. Unless otherwise specified, a member’s term of service shall commence on the first day of September after the member’s election or appointment.

21.8.2.2 Appointment or Election. Unless otherwise specified, the Division II members of committees will be appointed or elected by the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council. Unless otherwise specified, a former committee member may be appointed or elected to an additional term on that committee after three years have elapsed. Unless otherwise specified, an individual who has served two terms on a committee may not serve further on that committee. A member serving more than one-half of a four-year term is ineligible to seek immediate re-election.

[21.8.2.2.1 unchanged.]

21.8.2.3 Appointment to Fill Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs among the members of a Division II committee or among the Division II members of Association-wide or common committees, the Division II Management Council, subject to ratification by the Division II Presidents Council, may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of its members present and voting. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed for one four-year term.

21.8.2.3.1 Unexpired Portion of Term. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of that term. Members who serve more than one-half of a term in such instances shall be considered to have served a full term.

21.8.2.4 Adjustments to Achieve Staggered Terms. Members may be appointed for less than full terms whenever it is The Division II Nominating Committee shall have the authority to amend the terms of service of committee members as necessary to stagger the expiration of terms to provide for continuity of service or to adjust the membership of a committee to ensure that vacancies occur in proper sequence. Members who serve more than one-half of a term in such instances shall be considered to have served a full term.

[21.8.2.5 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Current legislation requires individuals who fill interim vacancies to complete the term of the outgoing committee member. This change will permit every new member of a Division II committee to serve a four-year term, except for those committees that have other legislated requirements. Amending this legislation would provide consistency in term lengths, as opposed to the current legislation that can result in an individual serving a term as short as two years and as long as six years. The Nominating Committee will retain discretion to adjust the term length to ensure continuity of service while addressing rotational balance. The Division II committees that have legislated terms other than a four-year term and the ability to be reappointed for additional terms would not be impacted by this legislative change.
**Review History:**

- **Sep 21, 2015:** Recommends Approval - Nominating Committee
- **Oct 20, 2015:** Approved in Concept - Management Council
- **Jan 13, 2016:** Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- MINIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION -- WOMEN'S RUGBY

Proposal Number: NC-2017-4

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council.

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: In women’s rugby, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s playing season to 16 dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side); further, to specify that an institution may count two contests per year against collegiate club teams toward meeting minimum-contest requirements and that 15-a-side and seven-a-side competition may count toward meeting minimum-contest requirements.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

17.17 Rugby, Women's. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.17.3 First Contest Date of Competition. A member institution shall not play engage in its first contest date of competition with outside competition in women's rugby prior to September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

17.17.5 Number of Contests Dates of Competition.

17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women’s rugby during the institution’s rugby playing season to 16 dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side), except for those contests dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.3 and 17.17.4.

17.17.5.1.1 Scrimmage/Exhibition Game. A member institution may play one rugby scrimmage or exhibition game (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled contest date of competition during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmage or exhibition game is conducted during the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 and is counted against the maximum number of contests dates of competition.

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

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 rugby contests dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side). This limitation includes those contests dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests/dates of competition in women’s rugby shall exclude the following:

(c) Alumni Contest. One contest date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in United States. One contest date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any women’s rugby games played dates of competition in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an
B. **Bylaws:** Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

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

[Chart unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.6 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.7 Contests versus Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

**20.10.3.3.7.1 Exception -- Women's Rugby.** In women's rugby, an institution may count up to two contests per year against collegiate club teams toward meeting minimum-contest requirements.

[20.10.3.3.8 through 20.10.3.3.9 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.10 Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, 15-a-side and seven-a-side competition may count toward the required minimum number of contests.

[20.10.3.3.10 through 20.10.3.3.11 renumbered as 20.10.3.3.11 through 20.10.3.3.12, unchanged.]

**Additional Information:** These proposed changes to women's rugby are designed to help grow the sport and are supported by USA Rugby. Permitting institutions to use a combination of 15-a-side (current format) and seven-a-side to meet the current sports sponsorship requirement (nine contests) allows the sport to take advantage of the growing popularity of seven-a-side competition, which is the Olympic format. This approach is flexible and allows each institution to determine the best way to meet the minimum contests requirement based on its location and availability of opponents. The use of contests against collegiate club teams is similar to the model used in women's sand volleyball, another emerging sport for women. Additionally, the limitation on contests in Bylaw 17 is being changed to a limitation on dates of competition. It is anticipated that institutions will play multiple seven-a-side contests during one day, but only one rugby 15-aside match during one day. Finally, the change will align Division II legislation with the current legislation in Divisions I and III, which will help grow the sport in the division.

**Review History:**

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: RECRUITING -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL CONTESTS, CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS, NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS OR OTHER POSTSEASON CONTESTS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Proposal Number: NC-2017-5

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that an institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admissions to prospect-aged children accompanying a military family to a regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship and other postseason contest.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

[13.2.1 through 13.2.10 unchanged.]

13.2.11 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Contests, Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests for Military Families. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admission to prospective student-athlete-aged children accompanying a military member to any regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship or other postseason contest.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.6.2, as follows:

13.6.6.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing special seating arrangements during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

[13.6.6.2.1 unchanged.]

13.6.6.2.2 Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

[13.6.6.2.3 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.7.2, as follows:

13.7.2 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

[13.7.2.11 through 13.7.2.2 unchanged.]
13.7.2.3 Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

[13.7.2.4 through 13.7.2.5 unchanged.]

Additional Information: In fall 2014, Division II launched its Military Pilot Program. The broad-based goal of the pilot program is to engage Division II athletics departments and institutions with the United States military to create a positive environment and build connections between these communities. During the February 2015 NCAA Division II Championships Committee meeting, the committee approved a policy change to allow military families to attend any NCAA Division II championship at no cost. However, current legislation does not permit an institution or conference to provide complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for conference tournaments or other postseason events. This change will permit institutions and conferences to provide complimentary admission to prospect-aged children accompanying a military family for any contest. There is no substantial recruiting advantage gained by making this change and it will enable Division II institutions to more easily engage with the military partnership pilot program.

Review History:

- Nov 4, 2015: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
- Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
- Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID - INDIVIDUAL -- EXCEPTION FOR PELL GRANT

Proposal Number: NC-2017-6

Effective Date: August 1, 2016, for any financial aid award issued for the 2016-17 academic year and thereafter.

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Financial Aid

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance, or the value of a full athletics grant-in-aid plus a federal Pell Grant, whichever is greater.

Bylaws: Amend 15.3, as follows:

15.3 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution or that exceeds the limitations established by the membership division of the institution the student-athlete attends, whichever is less. A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.5. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.2.1) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.2.5 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.3.1 Exception for Pell Grant. A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater.

[15.3.1 through 15.3.2.5 renumbered as 15.3.2 through 15.3.3.5, unchanged.]

Additional Information: A student-athlete should have the opportunity to receive financial aid to cover his or her cost of attendance through a combination of permissible sources of financial aid, similar to the financial aid limit opportunity available for students generally. This proposal will not impact athletics budgets because a student-athlete may not receive athletically related financial aid in excess of a full grant-in-aid.

Review History:

Nov 4, 2015: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PERMISSIBLE TRAVEL EXPENSES -- TRANSPORTATION FROM BUS OR TRAIN STATION OR AIRPORT

Proposal Number: NC-2017-7

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide a student-athlete with transportation between the campus and any bus station, train station or airport at any time.

Bylaws: Amend 16.9, as follows:

16.9 Permissible Travel Expenses. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. Further, an institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis. [R]

16.9.1 Reasonable Local Transportation. An institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis.

16.9.2 Transportation Between Campus and Bus Station, Train Station or Airport. An institution may provide a student-athlete with transportation between the campus and any bus station, train station or airport at any time for any reason.

Additional Information: Current legislation only permits an institution to provide a student-athlete with transportation between campus and a bus or train station or airport if the transportation is considered local. In many cases, the nearest bus or train station or airport is not within the locale of the institution. In those instances, the institution may only provide transportation to and from campus if such transportation is available to all students. This change would permit institutions to transport student-athletes to and from campus at their discretion, which supports student-athlete well-being and provides flexibility for institutions in more isolated locations.

Review History:

Nov 4, 2015: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- POSTSEASON BOWL GAME - BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVE OF A DIVISION II CONFERENCE OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION AND A CANADIAN INSTITUTION

Proposal Number: NC-2017-8

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To exempt from an institution's maximum number of contests in football each year one postseason bowl game between a representative of a Division II conference (or independent institution) and a Canadian institution that is not a member of the NCAA.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.7.3, as follows:

17.10.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in football shall exclude the following:

[17.10.7.3-(a) through 17.10.7.3-(j) unchanged.]

(k) Postseason Bowl Game -- Between a Representative of a Division II Conference or Independent Institution and a Canadian Institution. Participation in one postseason bowl game between a representative of a Division II conference or an independent institution and a Canadian institution that is not a member of the NCAA. The participating NCAA institution shall be one not selected to participate in the Division II Football Championship.

Additional Information: This proposal will permit all Division II football-playing institutions to participate in a postseason bowl game against a Canadian member that is not currently a member of the NCAA. The legislative change will not provide a competitive advantage and will provide football student-athletes with an additional opportunity for a meaningful postseason experience.

Review History:

Nov 4, 2015: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: COMMITTEES -- COMMON COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEES WITH PLAYING RULES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SKIING COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION

Proposal Number: NC-2017-9

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that one member of the men’s and women’s skiing committee shall be selected from the Central skiing region and two members shall be selected at large.

Bylaws: Amend 21.4.5, as follows:

21.4.5 Skiing Committee, Men’s and Women’s. The Men’s and Women’s Skiing Committee shall consist of seven members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.4.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, one member shall be selected from the Central skiing region, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, three two members shall be selected at large and one member shall be secretary-rules editor, and

[21.4.5-(c) unchanged.]

Additional Information: The committee should be required to have representation from each of the three skiing regions (Central, East and West) in order to best represent the skiing membership. The current legislation requires representation only from the East and West regions. Any representative from the Central region is currently an at-large member. Currently, there are more institutions in the Central region that sponsor skiing than in the West region. This proposal does not increase the overall number of committee members.

Review History:

Jun 10, 2015: Recommends Approval - Men’s and Women’s Skiing Committee

Nov 5, 2015: Recommends Approval - Championships Committee

Jan 13, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES -- NURSE PRACTITIONERS PROVIDING MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMS FOR TRYOUTS

Proposal Number: NC-2017-10

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To permit a nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision to complete the medical examination for tryouts of a prospective student-athlete without supervision by a physician.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.14 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

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

(c) Prior to participation in a tryout, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in the tryout. The medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution’s regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the tryout:

(1) Exception. A medical examination conducted or supervised by a physician or a nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision within six months of the prospective student-athlete’s participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities at his or her high school, prep school or collegiate institution may be used to satisfy the medical examination requirement provided it was accepted by the prospective student-athlete’s high school, prep school or collegiate institution for his or her participation in athletics during the academic year in which the tryout is conducted.

[Remainder of 13.11.2.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: The adoption of Division II Proposal No. NC-2016-39 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing-season regulations -- mandatory medical examination -- nurse practitioners) permitted nurse practitioners to conduct the mandatory medical examinations for current student-athletes, independent of physician supervision in states where the nurse practitioner is so licensed. This change will align the legislation regarding tryouts for prospective student-athletes with the legislation for mandatory medical examinations for current student-athletes.

Review History:

Dec 15, 2015: Recommends Approval - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- DEAD PERIOD SURROUNDING AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Proposal Number: NC-2017-11

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: In football, to establish a dead period from Monday through Wednesday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) December 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

(1) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(2) Monday through Wednesday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association: Dead Period

[Remainder of 13.17.3 unchanged.]

Additional Information: The annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association currently occurs during a contact period in the Division II football recruiting calendar. Many Division II coaches believe their attendance at the convention places them at a recruiting disadvantage. Establishing a dead period during this time levels the recruiting playing field and allows more coaches to attend the convention.

Review History:

Feb 17, 2016: Recommends Approval - Championships Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE AND ATHLETICS AID -- ALL OTHER QUALIFIERS, PARTIAL QUALIFIERS AND NONQUALIFIERS -- ENGLISH, MATH AND SCIENCE

Proposal Number: NC-2017-12

Effective Date: August 1, 2016, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2016.

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To permit a student-athlete who has earned credit hours at a previous two-year institution (prior to the student-athlete’s most recent attendance at a four-year institution) to use those credit hours to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements for English, math and science.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.3, as follows:

14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

[14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:

1. Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;
2. Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and
3. Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;

Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student who has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled full time at the a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy these requirements.

[Remainder of 14.5.4.3 unchanged.]

Additional Information: Current legislation does not permit a student-athlete to use credits earned at a two-year college prior to their most recent attendance at a four-year institution (e.g., 2-4-2-4 transfer) to meet the English, math and science core credit-hour requirements at the certifying institution. This change would prevent student-athletes from having to re-take courses they have already successfully completed at a two-year institution to satisfy two-year college transfer requirements.

Review History:

Feb 18, 2016: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- HOUSING AND MEALS -- NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS -- PERMISSIBLE CLASS -- PROTEIN

Proposal Number: NC-2017-13

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To add protein to the list of nutritional supplements an institution may permissibly provide to student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 16.5.1, as follows:

16.5.1 Permissible. Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student’s participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are: [R]

[16.5.1-(a) through 16.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Nutritional Supplements. An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolytes drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, and protein, vitamins and minerals and protein.

[Remainder 16.5.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information: This change will allow institutions to appropriately provide protein supplementation to their student-athletes to effectively address special nutritional needs. Student-athletes should be provided education to support good nutrition and advised that supplements are not intended to replace food. In addition, the importance of providing student-athletes with education about any potential risks of supplement consumption should be emphasized as student-athletes who have tested positive for banned substance from supplement use have lost eligibility. Further, student-athletes should check with athletics staff prior to using any supplements. Student-athletes should be provided information to utilize the Drug Free Sport Resource Exchange Center for supplement product label review. The Resource Exchange Center is the only authoritative resource for NCAA banned drug advice. Finally, student-athletes should be advised that ultimately they are responsible for anything they ingest.

Review History:

Dec 15, 2015: Recommends Approval - Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- DEFINITION OF CO-MINGLING

Proposal Number: NC-2017-14

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that co-mingling occurs when a student-athlete rotates among multiple groups during a skill instruction session; further, to eliminate the restriction on coaches rotating from group to group during skill instruction provided at least one coach is present with each group during the skill instruction activity.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.2, as follows:

17.1.6.2.2 Skill Instruction. Participation by student-athletes in individual skill-related instruction is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season. For skill instruction occurring during the nonchampionship segment, more than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction with their same coaches in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling of student-athletes between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction.

[Remainder of 17.1.6.2 unchanged.]

Additional Information: At the 2016 Convention, the delegates adopted NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2016-5 (playing and practice seasons - general playing season regulations - weekly hour limitations - outside the playing season - skill instruction - football), which amended the out-of-season activities legislation in the sport of football. The proposal created the opportunity for football student-athletes to participate in up to two hours per week of individual skill instruction which renewed discussions about the definition of co-mingling. Clarifying the definition of co-mingling will assist the membership in applying the skill instruction legislation in the sport of football.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FOOTBALL -- 14-DAY BREAK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEASON

Proposal Number: NC-2017-15

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: In football, to specify that following the institution’s final contest in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, including any competition in a conference championship, out-of-season activities and countable athletically related activities are prohibited for a 14 consecutive calendar-day period.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.3, as follows:

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

(a) A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on review of game film and individual skill instruction;

(b) During individual skill instruction, the use of footballs and field equipment (e.g., shields, bags) is permissible; however, the use of protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not permissible;

and

(c) Following the institution’s final contest in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, a student-athlete is prohibited from engaging in countable athletically related activities for a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period.

See Bylaw 17.10.5 for the first permissible date of nonchampionship segment practice sessions.

Additional Information: At the 2013 Convention, the delegates adopted NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2013-13 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing season regulations -- weekly hour limitations outside of playing season -- 14-day break at conclusion of season), which created a 14-day legislated break at the conclusion of the season for all sports except football. During the 14-day break, it is not permissible for a student-athlete to engage in any countable athletically related activities. Football was not included in the original proposal because the sport did not have the opportunity for team activities or skill instruction outside the playing season. At the 2016 Convention, the membership adopted Proposal No. 2016-5 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing season regulations -- weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season -- skill instruction - football) which established the opportunity for skill instruction outside the playing season in football. As a result, adding a legislated 14 consecutive calendar-day break in the sport of football at the conclusion of an institution’s playing season provides consistency across all Division II sports and ensures that football student-athletes will be provided a sufficient break for recovery and to focus on academics.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

Proposal Number: NC-2017-16

Effective Date: Immediate; for those institutions applying for Division II membership on or after February 1, 2017.

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Membership

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

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To specify that an institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from an active Division II conference before applying for Division II membership.

Bylaws: Amend 20.2.2.2, as follows:

20.2.2.2 Administrative Requirement Prior to Active Membership -- Conference Membership. Before the Membership Committee may invite an applicant institution to become an active member, an active conference (or an athletics conference applying for membership) must have taken action to allow the applicant institution to become a full conference member. An institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from an active Division II conference before applying for Division II membership.

Additional Information: Under current legislation, before the Division II Membership Committee may invite an institution to become an active member, the institution must demonstrate that an active Division II conference has taken action to allow the institution to become a full conference member. The change will require an institution applying to Division II membership to have a commitment from an active conference at the time of application to become a full conference member when the institution becomes active. Doing so ensures that the institution has appropriate support and is involved at the conference level throughout the process. The institution may use a memorandum, signed by the chair of the chancellors and presidents’ group of the conference, as evidence of the active member conference’s offer to become a full member upon the institution becoming an active institution. This change will have a positive impact on the student-athlete experience that is a direct result of having a commitment from an active conference.

Review History:

  Feb 9, 2016: Recommends Approval - Membership Committee
  Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
  Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Proposal Number:  NC-2017-17
Effective Date:  Immediate
Category:  Noncontroversial
Topical Area:  Administrative Regulations
Source:  NCAA Division II Management Council (Championships Committee).
Status:  Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent:  To specify that if a conference’s automatic qualifier is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year in the sport, as specified; further, to clarify that conference policy shall determine how a conference’s automatic qualifier is determined for championship selection.

Bylaws:  Amend 31.3.4.2, as follows:

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[31.3.4.2-(a) through 31.3.4.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Conference Champion Ineligible, Declines to or Cannot Compete. All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship. If a conference’s champion automatic qualifier is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year, and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. Conference policy shall determine how a conference’s automatic qualifier is determined for championship selection.

[Remainder of 31.3.4.2 unchanged.]

Additional Information:  This change is consistent with current practices and the application of the automatic qualification legislation in that each conference determines how its automatic qualifier in a sport is identified for championship selections. For example, not all conferences identify the conference champion as its automatic qualifier. In addition, this change gives a conference flexibility in determining its policy to identify its conference automatic qualifier (e.g., regular season champion, conference champion).

Review History:

Feb 17, 2016:  Recommends Approval - Championships Committee

Apr 19, 2016:  Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 20, 2016:  Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
**Title:** RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT SPECIFIED SITES -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE -- EXCEPTION FOR CONTACT ON INSTITUTION’S CAMPUS ON DAY OF COMPETITION PRIOR TO COMPETITION

**Proposal Number:** NC-2017-18

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Noncontroversial

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

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

**Status:** Ready for Consideration by Management Council

**Intent:** To specify that an institutional coaching staff member may have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided the contact occurs on the institution’s campus and the institution’s campus is not the competition site.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.2, as follows:

13.1.7.2 Practice or Competition Site. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete before any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following: [D]

[13.1.7.2-(a) through 13.1.7.2-(e) unchanged.]

[13.1.7.2.1 through 13.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.2.5 Exception - Contact on Institution’s Campus on Day of Competition Prior to Competition. An institutional staff member is permitted to have on-campus contact prior to competition with a prospective student-athlete and/or his or her relatives or legal guardians, provided the prospective student-athlete is not scheduled to compete on that day on the institution’s campus.

**Additional Information:**

Permitting contact on an institution’s campus on the day of competition prior to competition allows prospective student-athletes more flexibility when arranging campus visits in locations to which they may already be traveling for competition. Currently, prospective student-athletes are prohibited from making contact with institutional athletics staff members on a day of competition, prior to competition, even if they are visiting an institution’s campus on an official or unofficial visit on a day of competition. This restriction often requires prospective student-athletes to remain in the locale of the institution additional days following competition to visit the campus and meet with athletics staff members, resulting in additional cost and additional missed class time. This proposal would not only offer greater flexibility to prospective student-athletes who wish to meet with athletics staff members while visiting a campus in a locale of a site of competition or in route to a site of competition, but may also improve recruiting efficiency and potentially result in fewer days away from campus for coaches.

**Review History:**

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Title: RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT -- HIGH SCHOOL OR PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EXCEPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE WITH A FINAL ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

Proposal Number: NC-2017-19

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To permit an institution to provide an official visit to a high school or college preparatory prospective student-athlete without receiving a current transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete’s final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2.1, as follows:

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

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

13.6.2.1.1 High School or College-Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete With a Final Academic Certification. An institution may provide a high school or college-preparatory school prospective student-athlete with an official visit without having received a current high school or college-preparatory transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete’s final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Additional Information:

The intent of requiring a current transcript in advance of an official visit is for the institution to be able to properly assess the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete. If a high school or college-preparatory prospective student-athlete has received a final academic certification by the Eligibility Center prior to the official visit, the intent of the legislation has been accomplished. This exception would reduce burden on both the prospective student-athlete and the institution by not requiring a current transcript to be sent in advance of an official visit.

Review History:

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY EXCEPTION -- ADDITIONAL YEAR

Proposal Number: NC-2017-20

Effective Date: Immediate, for individuals initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2017.

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Eligibility

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: In men’s ice hockey, to extend the exception to the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation from one to two years.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2.4, as follows:

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

[14.2.4.2.2.4.1 unchanged.]

Additional Information:

Division II currently has the most restrictive organized competition legislation of the three divisions in men’s ice hockey. There are only six Division II institutions that sponsor Division II men’s ice hockey and there is no Division II championship, which further places these institutions at a recruiting disadvantage. Permitting Division II men’s ice hockey prospective student-athletes to participate in one additional year of organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment is consistent with the structure of USA Junior Hockey, where prospective student-athletes may participate for three years after high school and until turning 21. This recommendation is similar to the legislated exception in skiing.

Review History:

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
Title: AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PERMISSIBLE TRAVEL EXPENSES -- RECEIPT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES FROM HOST OF NONCOMPETITIVE EVENT

Proposal Number: NC-2017-21

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To specify that an entity hosting a noncompetitive event may provide a student-athlete with actual and necessary expenses to represent the institution at the event.

Bylaws: Amend 16.9, as follows:

16.9 Permissible Travel Expenses. An institution, conference, event host or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. [R]

[16.9.1 and 16.9.2 unchanged.]

Additional Information:

Current legislation only permits an institution, conference or the NCAA to provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution at a noncompetitive event. In some instances, the host offers to pay the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses, which requires the expenses to be donated to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the expenses to the student-athlete. Allowing the host to provide actual and necessary expenses to the student-athlete reduces bureaucracy and may have a positive budget impact on Division II institutions.

Review History:

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
Proposal Number: NC-2017-22

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Awards and Benefits

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To specify that a relative of a student-athlete is permitted to provide lodging or actual and necessary expenses for lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

Bylaws: Amend 16.10, as follows:

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution.

16.10.1 Permissible.

[16.10.1.1 through 16.10.1.4 unchanged.]

16.10.1.5 Lodging Provided by Relative of Student-Athlete. A relative of a student-athlete may provide lodging or actual and necessary expenses for lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

[16.11 and 16.12 unchanged.]

Additional Information:

Current legislation permits an institution to provide lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with away-from-home competition. Student-athletes are not permitted to receive lodging from a relative of a team member unless the relative donates the use of the lodging to the institution and the institution, in turn, provides the lodging to the student-athletes. Requiring relatives of student-athletes to donate lodging to the institution is unnecessary and overly bureaucratic.

Review History:

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
Proposal Number: NC-2017-23

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Committees

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To establish separate men’s and women’s track and field and cross country committees consisting of eight members, with representation from each region and in accordance with current committee composition guidelines.

Bylaws: Amend Figure 21-1, as follows:

Figure 21-1 Sports Committee Membership
### FIGURE 21-1  
**Division II Sports Committee Membership**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Committee</th>
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<tr>
<td>Baseball Committee</td>
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<td>Basketball Committee, Men’s</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basketball Committee, Women’s</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Track and Field and Cross Country Committee, Men’s and Women’s</strong></td>
<td>8, four members shall represent men’s track and field cross country interests and four members shall represent women’s track and field cross country interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II track and field cross country regions*.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field Hockey Committee</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Football Committee</td>
<td>8, consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division II football regions and each member shall represent a different member conference or independent institution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Golf Committee, Men’s</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Golf Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lacrosse Committee, Men’s</td>
<td>4, Each of the Division II lacrosse regions shall be represented.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lacrosse Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>4, consisting of equal representation from each region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rowing Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soccer Committee, Men’s</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soccer Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Softball Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swimming and Diving Committee, Men’s and Women’s</td>
<td>5, two members shall represent men’s swimming and diving interests and two members shall represent women’s swimming and diving interests with one position allocated for a man and one position allocated for a woman with one additional member representing diving interests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tennis Committee, Men’s and Women’s</td>
<td>8, consisting of three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two unallocated positions</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Track and Field, Men’s and Women’s</strong></td>
<td>8, four members shall represent men’s track and field interests and four members shall represent women’s track and field interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II track and field regions*.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Volleyball Committee, Women’s</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wrestling Committee</td>
<td>4</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

*The Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee shall be responsible for the Division II cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.)
Currently, the committee oversees all aspects of Division II men's and women's cross country and Division II men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, which can require members to spend up to 24 days away from their campus/conference jobs in order to attend championships and meetings. Separating the Cross Country Committee would decrease the time commitment for those members and potentially increase interest in serving on the committee, as well as improve the health and well-being and work-life balance for the committee members. The immediate effective date would allow for nominations and selection of committee members in preparation for the new committees to operate in the 2017-18 academic year.

Review History:

- Jun 29, 2016: Recommends Approval - Championships Committee
- Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Title: EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- DAYS OF COMPETITION -- NOON START TIME -- EXCEPTION -- MEN’S AND WOMEN’S FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP

Proposal Number: NC-2017-24

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: In fencing, to specify that competition conducted on Sunday in the men’s and women’s fencing championships may begin prior to noon.

Bylaws: Amend 31.1.4.4, as follows:

31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin before noon, local time.

[31.1.4.4.1 and 31.1.4.4.2 unchanged.]

31.1.4.4.3 Exception -- Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships. **Competition conducted on Sunday in the men’s and women’s fencing championships may begin prior to noon.**

Additional Information:

Currently, the Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships are conducted Thursday through Sunday, with competition starting at 9 a.m. local time. Given the number of bouts that must take place over this four-day period for each gender and each weapon, this proposal will allow the approved format to continue without budgetary ramifications. If competition could not start until noon on Sunday, a number of teams would have to stay an additional day in the host city, thus increasing per diem expenses. Finally, this format and early start time is familiar to institutions that are competing, as they routinely start competition at this time, if not earlier, during the regular season. In addition, fencing is a National Collegiate Championship sport and Division I adopted this exception in October 2015. Because institutions from all three divisions participate in the championship, it is imperative that the legislation is consistent among divisions.

Review History:

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Proposal Number: NC-2017-25

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Noncontroversial

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

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

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Intent: To specify that institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sport-sponsorship requirement for earned access in football.

Bylaws: Amend 31.3.5.1, as follows:

31.3.5.1 Requirements. To be eligible for earned access to the football championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[31.3.5.1-(a) and 31.3.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Have at least six members that sponsor football at the varsity intercollegiate level that are eligible for the NCAA championship and have had at least six members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines possible earned access. **Institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for earned access in football.**

[Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for earned access set forth in Bylaws 31.3.5.1-(a) through 31.3.5.1-(c), the conference must also meet the following criteria.]

[31.3.5.1-(d) through 31.3.5.1-(f) unchanged.]

Additional Information:

Allowing football-playing conferences to use affiliate member institutions to count toward the sport-sponsorship requirement for earned access is consistent with a proposal the membership adopted at the 2016 NCAA Convention to amend the automatic qualification (AQ) legislation. Division II Proposal No. 2016-8 (executive regulations -- selection of teams and individuals for championships participation -- automatic qualification) permits institutions that are affiliate members of a conference in a particular sport to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for AQ in that sport. The Division II Football Committee is currently reviewing whether AQ should be used to select teams for the championship and is supportive of football-playing conferences using affiliate members to meet the earned access legislation during this review.

Review History:

Jun 29, 2016: Recommends Approval - Championships Committee

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Attached is an administrative proposal. Proposal No. ADM-2017-1 is new for you to review in legislative form. This proposal was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council in concept, but has yet to be approved in legislative form.
Title: ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- NOTICE OF ALLEGATIONS -- DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL -- 30 DAYS

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: ADM-2017-1

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Topical Area: Enforcement

Category: Administrative Regulations

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

Intent: To increase the deadline for receipt of written material to be considered by the NCAA Committee on Infractions from 10 days to 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Bylaws: Amend 32.6.8, as follows:

32.6.8 Deadline for Submission of Written Material. Unless specifically approved by the Committee on Infractions for good cause shown, all written material to be considered by the committee at the infractions hearing must be received by the committee, the enforcement staff, the institution and any involved individuals attending the hearing not later than 30 days prior to the date of the hearing. Information may be submitted at the hearing, but subject to the limitations set forth in Bylaw 32.8.7.4.

Rationale: In some recent Division II and Division III infractions cases, there has been a flood of "last-minute" submissions that have been burdensome for the committees. A deadline of 30 days in advance of the hearing for submission of written material allows the infractions committee members a more reasonable amount of time to collect, read and evaluate material prior to hearings. Division I adopted this change in 2013. The amendment is also being proposed in Division III.

Review History:

Jun 29, 2016: Recommends Approval - Committee on Infractions

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Aug 4, 2016: Approved in Concept - Presidents Council
MODIFICATION OF WORDING

Attached is a modification of wording based on intent. NCAA Proposal No. M-2017-1 was previously reviewed and approved by the NCAA Division II Management Council in legislative form.

The NCAA Division II Management Council, pursuant to its authority per NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.1.1, has determined that the proposal is consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and that sufficient documentation and testimony exist to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that of the intent.

The Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, shall have the authority to adopt intent-based legislation. Any proposal ratified by the Management Council shall be effective as of the date the proposal is posted on LSDBi.

The proposal will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2017 NCAA Convention.
Modification of Wording

Title: ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT-HOUR REQUIREMENTS AFTER DESIGNATION OF DEGREE -- CREDITS EARNED IN A VOLUNTARY OR OPTIONAL MINOR -- REGULAR ACADEMIC TERMS

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: August 1, 2016

Proposal Number: M-2017-1

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

Topical Area: Eligibility

Category: Modification of Wording

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Intent: To clarify that a student-athlete may use a maximum of six credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor per regular academic term to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree; further to clarify that credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor during the summer may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.7.9, as follows:

14.4.3.7.9 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program may use credits earned in a minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has designated a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may use a maximum of six credit hours per regular academic term earned in the minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree. Credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor during the summer may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements.

Additional Information: Proposal No. 2016-3 (eligibility -- progress-toward-degree requirements -- eligibility for competition -- fulfillment of credit-hour requirements after designation of degree -- credits earned in a voluntary or optional minor) was adopted by the membership at the 2016 NCAA Convention. The membership sponsors of the proposal did not intend to permit credit hours earned toward a voluntary or optional minor during the summer to be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. The wording of the original proposal does not reflect the sponsors' intent. This change will clarify that summer hours earned in an optional minor may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. This change is also consistent with the intent of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, NCAA Division II Management Council and the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee, which noted in their formal position statement in support of the proposal that placing limits on the number of hours reduces the opportunity for abuse of the legislation.

Review History:

Feb 18, 2016: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Attached are legislative drafts of interpretations issued by the NCAA Division II Management Council, Legislation Committee and Interpretations Subcommittee of the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee that have been recommended for incorporation into the NCAA Division II Manual. NCAA Proposal No. I-2017-12 is new for you to review in legislative form. This proposal was previously reviewed and approved by the Management Council in concept, but has yet to be approved in legislative form.

Once ratified, the proposals will be submitted by the Management Council as legislation at the 2017 NCAA Convention.
Title: RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- I-20 RELATED EXPENSES

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-1

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility status:

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete’s official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) Actual and necessary expenses related to the issuance of an international student-athlete’s Form I-20 (e.g., expenses to obtain necessary documents, express mail charges).

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the provision of expenses related to the issuance of a Form I-20.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility status:

(a) a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete’s official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) Expenses to obtain a prospective student-athlete’s transcript (e.g., transcript fee, express mail charges). An institution may not pay an outstanding balance to the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution in order to release a hold on the transcript.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the precollege expense legislation regarding permissible expenses to evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete.
Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to determine eligibility status:

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete’s official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) Expenses to obtain a translation of an international prospective student-athlete’s transcript (e.g., translation fee, express mail charges).

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the precollege expense legislation regarding permissible expenses to determine the academic standing of an international prospective student-athlete.
Title: RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- EXPENSES TO SEND TRANSCRIPTS TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-4

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores

Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) Expenses required by the prospective student-athlete's educational institution (e.g., transcript fee, express mail charges) to send a prospective student-athlete's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An institution may not pay an outstanding balance to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution in order to release a hold on the transcript.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the payment of permissible fees for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written commitment to attend the institution.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- FEES TO SEND TEST SCORES TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-5

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Recruiting

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ACT and SAT Scores Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status. An institution may pay the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:

(a) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to send a prospective student-athlete’s official ACT or SAT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

Additional Information: Incorporating the April 6, 1994, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the payment of permissible fees for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written commitment to attend the institution.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE/SECOND BACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-6

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Eligibility

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1, as follows:

14.1.8.1 Transfer Exception. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program at an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining.

14.1.8.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers from a collegiate institution and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.1.1, as follows:

14.5.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student (including a student enrolling in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program per Bylaw 14.1.8.1) who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the disciplinary suspension legislation to graduate student transfers.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION EXCEPTION -- APPLICATION TO JUNIOR LEVEL COMPETITION

Convention Year: 2017
Effective Date: Immediate
Proposal Number: I-2017-7
Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).
Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Eligibility
Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2.2 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted if the competition is senior-level national or international competition that includes participation in:

(a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition;

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

This exception does not extend to junior-level competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Team) that may be associated with the events listed above.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the national/international competition exception to the organized competition legislation for junior level competition.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS -- RETURN TO ORIGINAL INSTITUTION EXCEPTION

Convention Year: 2017
Effective Date: Immediate
Proposal Number: I-2017-8
Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).
Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Eligibility
Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.6.4, as follows:

14.5.4.6.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. **The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3.7, as follows:

14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. **The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.**

Additional Information: Incorporating the February 18, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes who transfer and return to the certifying institution using the return to original institution exception.

Review History:

Feb 18, 2016: Recommends Approval - Academic Requirements Committee
Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: ELIGIBILITY -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- GENERAL RULE -- ATTENDANCE AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION FOR LESS THAN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOLLOWING TRANSFER FROM A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION

Convention Year: 2017
Effective Date: Immediate
Proposal Number: I-2017-9
Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).
Category: Incorporation
Topical Area: Eligibility
Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.1, as follows:

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.11).

[14.5.5.1.1 through 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

14.5.5.1.2.1 Attendance at Four-Year Institution for Less Than One Academic Year Following Transfer from a Two-Year Institution. A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a two-year college, transfers to another four-year institution and attends the four-year institution for less than one full academic year before transferring to a Division II institution (e.g., '2-4-4 transfer') is not eligible to use a four-year college transfer exception unless the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for competition under the Division II two-year college transfer regulations had the student-athlete transferred directly from the two-year college to the Division II institution.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3, as follows:

14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete’s first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for “qualifiers” (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. See Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2.1 for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the four-year college transfer legislation for student-athletes who initially enroll at a two-year institution and attend a four-year college for less than one academic year before transferring.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENTS -- PERMISSIBLE OPPONENTS

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-10

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.6.3, as follows:

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

- [17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

- (j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event in which:
  
  (1) Two or more conferences from the same region (or institutions from two or more conferences in the same region) organize contests at one or more site(s) under the following conditions:
    - and
  
  (i) Contests played between teams from the same conference may not be exempted; and

  (ii) Participation of an out-of-region institution in an event makes the event no longer a conference challenge event and an institution may not exempt any contests played as a part of that event under the conference challenge exemption.

  (2) Contests must be played during the weekend (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) of the first permissible contest date.

Additional Information: Incorporating the November 19, 2015, official interpretation into the Manual, will clarify the application of the conference challenge event legislation.

Review History:

- Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
- Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council
- Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENTS AND CONTIGUOUS STATES PRINCIPLE

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-11

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Ratification Convention Vote

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.6.3, as follows:

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution’s maximum number of contests:

[17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event in which:

(1) Two or more conferences from the same region (or institutions from two or more conferences in the same region) organize contests at one or more site(s) under the following condition; and

(i) Contests played against an out-of-region opponent from a contiguous state may not be exempted.

(2) Contests must be played during the weekend (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) of the first permissible contest date.

Additional Information: Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the conference challenge event legislation as it relates to competition against opponents from contiguous states.

Review History:

Mar 8, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee

Apr 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Legislative Format - Management Council
Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- POSTPONED OR CANCELED CONTEST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Convention Year: 2017

Effective Date: Immediate

Proposal Number: I-2017-12

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

Category: Incorporation

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Status: Ready for Consideration by Management Council

Bylaws: Amend 17.02, as follows:

17.02 Definitions and Applications.
[17.02.1 through 17.02.11 unchanged.]

17.02.12 Postponed or Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather. A contest that is postponed or canceled due to inclement weather or a comparable factor only counts against an institution’s or student-athlete’s maximum limitations if the results are considered final under the applicable playing rules of the sport in question.

[17.02.12 through 17.02.17 renumbered as 17.02.13 through 17.02.18, unchanged.]

Additional Information:

Incorporating the December 18, 1986, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation in situations where competition is cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather.

Review History:

Jul 19, 2016: Approved in Concept - Management Council

Jun 30, 2016: Recommends Approval - Legislation Committee
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

   a. Noncontroversial Legislation - NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3– Eligibility – Transfer Regulations - Two-Year College Transfers - Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid – All Others Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers – English, Math and Science Credit Hours – Credit Hours Earned While Enrolled Part Time at a Previous Institution.

      (1) **Recommendation.** Adopt noncontroversial legislation to permit a student-athlete who earned transferable English, math, or science credits while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to use those credit hours to satisfy the two-year college transfer English, math and science credit-hour requirements.

      (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** Current legislation does not permit a two-year college transfer student to use credits earned while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to meet the English, math and science credit-hour requirements at the certifying institution. This change would prevent student-athletes from having to retake courses they have already successfully completed while part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements.

      (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.

      (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** Prospective student-athletes will have additional flexibility to use credits earned while enrolled part time at a previous two-year or four-year institution to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements for English, math and science.

   b. Incorporation of Interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual.

      (1) **Recommendation.** Incorporate the following official interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual:

      Application of Admissions Requirement for Graduate Students.
The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that a nonmatriculating graduate student-athlete is eligible for competition while enrolled full time as a nondegree seeking graduate student, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied (e.g. enrolled full time, in good academic standing).

[References: NCAA Bylaws 14.1.6.1 (admission requirement), 14.1.8 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate participation), 14.1.8.1 (transfer exception)]

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Incorporating the September 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding admissions requirements for graduate student-athletes.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.

(5) **Estimated Student-Athlete Impact.** None.

c. **Incorporation of Interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Incorporate the following official interpretation into the NCAA Division II Manual:

**Application of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements When Certifying Designation of Degree Program.**

The Division II Academic Requirements Committee determined that an institution would not incur a violation if a student-athlete did not designate a degree program prior to the fifth semester or seventh quarter, provided the student-athlete designates a degree prior to competing.

[Reference: Bylaw 14.4.3.6 (designation of degree program)]

(2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** Incorporating the September 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the timing of the required designation of a degree.

(4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
2. Nonlegislative Items.
   
   - None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Discussion of the Academic Portal.** The committee received an update regarding the new academic portal. Staff noted that while the portal is designed to replace the NCAA Division II Academic Tracking System, the launch has been delayed until late September in an effort to resolve technical concerns. Staff recommended that a deadline extension be granted to institutions to give institutional staff enough time to familiarize themselves with the new system and accurately complete the data-submission process. The committee approved extending the Academic Performance Census data-submission deadline to February 1, 2017, for all institutions, noting that the extension only applies to the 2016-17 academic year.

2. **Update on 2017 NCAA Convention Proposals.** The committee reviewed two 2017 NCAA Convention proposals that impact student-athlete eligibility. Specifically, the committee reviewed the academic misconduct proposal that it recommended for sponsorship in June 2016 (see Division II SPOPL No. 2-2). Additionally, the committee reviewed a proposal that would permit a student-athlete to miss class for competition during the nonchampionship segment once every four years, providing institutions flexibility to pursue competitive opportunities in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Canada during the nonchampionship segment. It would also permit institutions located in those states, territory or country with the flexibility to travel to the United States for competition during the nonchampionship segment. (See Division II SPOPL No. 2-16.)

3. **Discussion of Enforcement Issues and Penalty Structure Related to Academic Misconduct Proposal.** The committee was provided an update on the projected enforcement issues and penalty structure that will result with the proposed academic misconduct legislation that will be voted on at the 2017 NCAA Convention. Staff noted that among other things, consideration will be given to each case in regard to the nature of institutional staff member involvement and their proximity to the athletics department.

4. **Review of the Q&A Document Related to Academic Misconduct.** The committee reviewed the current 2017 NCAA Convention Question and Answer document related to the proposed academic misconduct legislation. The document will be made available to the membership as a resource leading up to the 2017 NCAA Convention.
5. **Update on Impact of Redesigned SAT.** The committee received an update on the operational changes that took effect this summer in response to the redesigned SAT. Staff noted that the concordance established by the College Board in May was used by the NCAA Eligibility Center for operational purposes this summer, with only a small percentage of student-athletes impacted. The committee will revisit the issue to determine the appropriate operational process for the 2017-18 academic year at a future meeting.

6. **Review of Four-Year College Transfer Requirements.** The committee began a comprehensive review and discussion regarding the current four-year college transfer legislation. At its March 2016 meeting, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee requested that a detailed review of the four-year college transfer legislation be referred to the committee. The committee requested that staff identify available research data on four-year college transfer student-athletes. In addition, the committee directed staff to seek feedback on the current legislation from the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Council. The committee will review the requested information and continue its discussion during its February 2017 meeting.

7. **Issuance of Official Interpretation.** The committee issued the following official interpretation [See Legislative Action No. 1-b]:

   **Application of Admissions Requirement for Graduate Students.**

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9. **Update on Academic Research Data.** The committee received a preview of the Federal Graduation Rate and Academic Success Rate for the upcoming year. Staff projected no significant changes. The general expectation is for the rolling four-year rates to increase moving forward as the 2006 cohort, which contributed to an artificially low rate, will drop out of the calculation.

10. **Discussion of NCAA Division II Degree-Completion Award Criteria and Process.** The committee received an update about the Division II Degree-Completion Award Program. Staff noted that while the NCAA Division II Planning and Finance Committee has approved additional funds to be used for the upcoming year, there have been unused funds for this program in the previous three fiscal years. Therefore, the committee asked that a comprehensive review of the program occur over the 2016-17 academic year to ensure the program is meeting the original intent and is benefiting as many student-athletes as possible. The committee will review final recommendations of possible changes to the program during its June 2017 teleconference.

11. **Review of Waiver Volume Related to Path to Graduation Legislation.** The committee received an update on the number of progress-toward-degree and two-year college transfer waivers filed as a result of the NCAA Division II Path to Graduation legislation taking effect August 1, 2016. Staff noted the numbers were minimal with no significant increases in the number of waivers typically filed by institutions. More specific data will be provided at a future in-person meeting.

12. **Professional Development Session on Unconscious Bias.** The committee engaged in a professional development session on unconscious bias provided by representatives from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

13. **Update on Foundation for the Future Funding Requests.** The committee received an update on the progress of requests that were granted funding through the NCAA Division II Foundation for the Future Initiatives. Additional updates will be provided at future meetings.

14. **Review of the NCAA Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee reviewed a progress report on the implementation of the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan.

15. **Update on NCAA Division II Priorities.** The committee received an update on the 2016-17 Division II priorities.

16. **Demonstration of Division II Pages on NCAA.org.** The committee received a demonstration of the updated pages dedicated to Division II on the ncaa.org website.
17. **Demonstration of the NCAA Division II Institutional Performance Program.** The committee received a demonstration of the Division II Institutional Performance Program portal.

18. **Update on NCAA Division I Topics.** The committee received an update on current academic topics being discussed by the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics.

19. **Update on Path to Graduation Toolkit.** The committee reviewed data about usage of the educational materials on ncaa.org related to the Path to Graduation legislative changes.

20. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee Report.** The committee reviewed and approved its June 2016 committee report.

21. **Review of the Academic Requirements Committee Roster.** The committee welcomed two new members: Paul Leidig, faculty athletics representative at Grand Valley State University, and Patrick Wempe, faculty athletics representative at Henderson State University.

22. **Review of the July and August 2016 NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council Summary of Actions.** The committee reviewed the summary of actions from the July and August 2016 meetings of the Management Council and the Presidents Council.

23. **Future Meeting Schedule.** The committee agreed to conduct its winter in-person meeting February 23-24, 2017; its summer teleconference in June or July 2017 (date to be determined); and its fall in-person meeting September 14-15, 2017.

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**Committee Chair:** Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive  
**Staff Liaisons:** Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Gregg Summers, Research

| NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee  
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Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia.
Dene Thomas, Fort Lewis College.
Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College (by teleconference).
Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University.
Christina Whetsel, Angelo State University.

**Absentees:**
Joseph Kissell, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

**Guests in Attendance:**
Amanda Bonilla, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.
Gary Brown, Division II Governance Contractor.
Alice Jones, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.

**NCAA Liaisons in Attendance:**
Susan Britsch and Gregg Summers.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
## Division II Federal Graduation Rates vs. Academic Success Rates

Four-Year Rate  
(2006 through 2009 Entering Cohorts)

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## Division II Federal Graduation Rates vs. Academic Success Rates

**Single-Year Rate**
(2009 Entering Cohort Only)

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Single-Year Division II Academic Success Rates for Male Student-Athletes

By Ethnicity

- White
- Other
- All Males
- Hispanic
- African-American
Single-Year Division II Academic Success Rates for Female Student-Athletes

By Ethnicity
Single-Year Federal Graduation Rates for African-American Student-Athletes and Student Body

By Gender

![Graph showing single-year federal graduation rates by gender for African-American student-athletes and student body from 2009 to 2016. The graph compares female and male students across four years: Student-Athletes (SA) and Student Body (SB).]
Technical Advisory Panel on Standardized Test Scores
--Discussion Document--

Goal for the Discussion:

- Approve operational approach to using test scores from redesigned SAT for initial-eligibility certification.

Background.

In June 2016, the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee received a report about the formation of a technical advisory panel of representatives from member institutions and external organizations to discuss, evaluate, and analyze several topics regarding standardized test scores, including concordance values, predictive validity, impacts on student-athlete subgroups and the role of standardized test scores in initial eligibility.

Discussion.

During its September 7-8, 2016, in-person meeting, the technical advisory panel discussed several topics, including:

- Concordance values between SAT scores from previous (pre-March 2016) and redesigned (March 2016 and beyond) test versions;
- Concordance values between the redesigned SAT and the ACT; and
- NCAA’s approach to using ACT/SAT scores for initial eligibility.

The technical advisory panel agreed the NCAA Eligibility Center should continue to certify prospective student-athletes based on the concordance established by the College Board. Further, it identified options for considering redesigned SAT scores in the initial-eligibility waiver process during the transition period (2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) while further research is conducted.

Initial-Eligibility Certification and Waiver Policy – Redesigned SAT Score Options for Consideration.

**Option 1.**
Evaluate initial-eligibility waivers using College Board’s concordance (most restrictive). [Attachment A]

**Option 2.**
Evaluate initial-eligibility waivers using the raw (nonconcorded) redesigned score, similar to the operational approach implemented for 2016-17 (most flexible). [Attachment B]

**Option 3.**
Evaluate initial-eligibility waivers using an NCAA-developed conversion (middle ground). [Attachment C]

Next Steps.

1. Projected timeline for reviewing current initial-eligibility standards.
2. Follow up technical advisory panel teleconference/in-person meeting.
3. Membership education.
Academic Certification Procedure
Redesigned SAT Scores

The College Board began administering a redesigned SAT version in March 2016 and provided a table demonstrating the concordance between redesigned and previous SAT scores. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use the following process to certify students who took the redesigned SAT.

**Step I – Apply Initial-Eligibility Standards**

Apply Divisions I and II initial-eligibility standards using College Board’s concordance table, which converts redesigned SAT scores to the pre-March 2016 test version, to assess redesigned SAT scores.

**Step II - Evaluate the Academic Record**

Is the prospective student-athlete a final qualifier for Divisions I and II or does the prospective student-athlete meet automatic waiver criteria for both divisions?

a. If yes, release the final certification status based on College Board’s concordance table and note automatic waiver relief, if applicable, in the account.

b. If no, proceed to Step III.

**Step III – Release the Final Certification Status**

Release the prospective student-athlete’s final certification status based on College Board’s concordance table. If the school believes relief from legislated requirements is warranted, it may submit an Initial-Eligibility Waiver via Requests/Self-Reports Online.

If you have questions regarding how a redesigned SAT score will impact a prospective student-athlete’s academic certification, please contact the NCAA Customer Service Center at 877/544-2950. Additional information regarding the redesigned SAT may be found on the [College Board website](https://www.collegeboard.org).
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Apply Divisions I and II initial-eligibility standards using College Board’s concordance table, which converts redesigned SAT scores to the pre-March 2016 test version, to assess redesigned SAT scores.

**Step II - Evaluate the Academic Record**

1. Is the prospective student-athlete a final qualifier for Divisions I and II or does the prospective student-athlete meet automatic waiver criteria for both divisions?
   a. If yes, release the final certification status based on College Board’s concordance table and note automatic waiver relief, if applicable, in the account.
   b. If no, proceed to No. 2.

2. Would the prospective student-athlete meet qualifier, automatic waiver, academic redshirt or partial qualifier standards using the raw (non-concorded) redesigned SAT score?
   a. If yes, release the final certification status based on College Board’s concordance table and note automatic waiver relief (equal to the highest standard that would be met for each division) in the account.
   b. If no, proceed to Step III.

**Step III – Release the Final Certification Status**

Release the prospective student-athlete’s final certification status based on College Board’s concordance table. If the school believes relief from legislated requirements is warranted, it may submit an Initial-Eligibility Waiver via Requests/Self-Reports Online.

If you have questions regarding how a redesigned SAT score will impact a prospective student-athlete’s academic certification, please contact the NCAA Customer Service Center at 877/544-2950. Additional information regarding the redesigned SAT may be found on the [College Board website](http://www.collegeboard.org).
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Academic Certification Procedure
Redesigned SAT

The NCAA Eligibility Center will use the following process to certify prospective student-athletes who took the redesigned SAT, which the College Board began administering in March 2016.

**Step I – Apply Initial-Eligibility Standards**

Apply Divisions I and II initial-eligibility standards using the College Board's concordance table (Table 1), which converts scores on the redesigned test to scores on the previous test version.

**Step II - Evaluate the Academic Record**

1. Is the prospective student-athlete a final qualifier for Divisions I and II or does the prospective student-athlete meet automatic waiver criteria for both divisions?
   a. If yes, release the final certification status based on the College Board's concordance table (Table 1) and note automatic waiver relief, if applicable, in the account.
   b. If no, proceed to No. 2.

2. Would the prospective student-athlete meet qualifier, automatic waiver, academic redshirt or partial qualifier standards using the NCAA conversion table, which is based on a study of how NCAA student-athletes performed on redesigned and previous SAT versions (Table 2)?
   a. If yes, release the final certification status based on the College Board’s concordance table (Table 1) and note automatic waiver relief (equal to the highest standard that would be met using the NCAA conversion table [Table 2] for each division) in the account.
   b. If no, proceed to Step III.

**Step III – Release the Final Certification Status**

Release the prospective student-athlete's final academic certification status based on College Board's concordance table (Table 1). If the school believes relief from legislated requirements is warranted, it may submit an Initial-Eligibility Waiver via Requests/Self-Reports Online.

If you have questions regarding how a score on the redesigned SAT will impact a prospective student-athlete’s academic certification, please contact the NCAA Customer Service Center at 877-544-2950. Additional information regarding the redesigned SAT may be found on the College Board website.
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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   a. Selection procedures in cross country.
      (1) Recommendation. That the selection procedure for at-large teams to the NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Championships be changed to allow the top three finishers in a region to automatically advance to the championships and the remaining eight teams to be selected based on defined criteria.
      (2) Effective date. September 1, 2017.
      (3) Rationale. For team selections, the current selection procedure takes into account only the prior year’s championship performance for teams that do not automatically qualify for the championships by finishing in the top three of their respective region. By moving to a selection process with defined criteria, only performances from the current season will be evaluated and rewarded. The new selection process would include the following selection criteria: regional finish; head-to-head competition between teams under consideration; results against common Division II opponents; regional meet point gap ratio; and late-season meet point gap ratio. For individual selections, the top two individuals from each regional not part of a qualifying team will automatically advance. Any individual who finishes in the top five at the regional not on a qualifying team will also automatically advance. The remaining eight individuals would be selected by comparing regional place and strength of each region (see Attachment A for full description).
      (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
      (5) Student-athlete impact. Since the current selection procedures rely on historical data, a successful and winning season for a team has no bearing on postseason advancement. The new process rewards the current year’s performance.
b. Seeding the regional champions in softball.

(1) **Recommendation.** That the eight regional winners be seeded after the super regionals using the regional Rating Percentage Index (RPI), which is one of the current selection criteria for softball.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.

(3) **Rationale.** Seeding the eight teams that advance to the finals site increases the likelihood that the top teams will advance through the championship. The regional RPI is the most reliable criteria to seed the teams since it takes strength of schedule into account.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Seeding the teams at the finals site provides the most competitive matchups for the student-athletes at the championship.

c. Preliminary-round date formula in softball.

(1) **Recommendation.** That the date formula for the regionals and super regionals be adjusted as follows: Regionals will be held the Thursday through Saturday before super regionals, and super regionals will be held the Thursday and Friday before finals. This moves the regionals and super regionals one day earlier.

(2) **Effective date.** 2017 Division II softball championship.

(3) **Rationale.** Last year, the softball committee received approval for a date formula change in Festival years to accommodate the best-of-three championship series and travel requirements. At that time, the committee noted it would evaluate the midweek regionals and super regionals to determine if that timing worked better for the championship overall. After receiving feedback from teams and hosts, the committee learned that this date formula makes travel easier between rounds and also increases hotel availability, since more competition occurs during the week. The current date formula dictates that regionals will be either Thursday through Saturday or Friday through Sunday (depending on no-Sunday play institutions) and that super regionals will be the Friday and Saturday before finals.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** In some cases, student-athletes will be able to attend graduation in person due to this date formula.
d. Preliminary-round date formula in men’s and women’s tennis.

(1) Recommendation. That the date formula for the Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships regionals be adjusted to Saturday-Sunday (Friday may be used for a three-day regional) and Monday-Tuesday two weekends prior to finals.

(2) Effective date. 2017 Division II men’s and women’s tennis championships.

(3) Rationale. Currently, the men’s and women’s tennis regional dates overlap, with competition rounds Saturday-Tuesday. A growing number of institutions employ one head coach for both men’s and women’s tennis. In an instance where one such institution qualifies both its men’s and women’s teams for the regionals, the head coach is forced to split time between the two regional sites or choose which gender to coach for the entirety of the regional competition. The regional start days for each gender will mirror the national championship start days for each gender. As such, men’s and women’s regional competitions may be held several states away from one another during a given year, making travel between the two sites nearly impossible for a head coach. This proposal aims to improve the experience for those men’s and women’s tennis student-athletes who, under the current date formula, may not have their head coach on site with them at the regional competition. (See Attachment B for the proposed schedule of events.)

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Student-athletes in both men’s and women’s tennis will be positively impacted by this change, as institutions with one head coach for both genders will no longer experience having a team at a regional site without their head coach for the duration of the event due to overlapping schedules.

e. Seeding the regional champions in women’s volleyball.

(1) Recommendation. That the regional winners be seeded before the Elite Eight.

(2) Effective date. 2016 Division II women’s volleyball championship.

(3) Rationale. Seeding will allow for the top teams to be placed on opposite sides of the bracket. The volleyball committee will use current selection criteria, along with a national RPI, to seed teams one through eight after the regionals have been completed.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Seeding the teams at the finals site provides the most competitive matchups for the student-athletes at the championship.
f. **Regional adjustments in wrestling.**

   (1) **Recommendation.** That Drury University and Bellarmine University, both of which have added wrestling as a varsity sport, be placed in the Central Super Region (Super Region III) and Midwest Super Region (Super Region II), respectively. In addition, that Ouachita Baptist University move from the Central Super Region to the West Super Region.

   (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.

   (3) **Rationale.** The recommended placements are the most logical fit for Drury and Bellarmine, and moving Ouachita Baptist would allow all four super regions to have 15 members apiece. (See Attachment C for the proposed super regional composition.)

   (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

   (5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

g. **Live video streaming at the super regionals in wrestling.**

   (1) **Recommendation.** That live video streaming be required at the four super-regional sites.

   (2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2016.

   (3) **Rationale.** This recommendation mitigates the potential competitive advantage super-regional sites may gain by not live streaming. The wrestling committee wants to negate any perceived incentive not to live stream, since live streaming at the super-regional sites is a key element in marketing and promoting the sport. The committee also believes the recommendation helps ensure a consistent experience for participants at all super regionals. Because super-regional sites are predetermined, the committee believes there is ample time for hosts to adequately plan for the live-streaming requirement.

   (4) **Estimated budget impact.** Minimal, if any, as most super-regional sites already provide live streaming. Most, if not all, hosts selected also would already have the technical capability, since live streaming has become a standard practice. Since these sites are predetermined, this also allows for ample planning.

   (5) **Student-athlete impact.** The recommendation standardizes live streaming among the four super-regional sites, thus ensuring more exposure for the sport and competitive fairness at the super-regional sites.

h. **Committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport committee and playing rules committee appointments.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Lisa Sweany welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.

2. **June 2016 meeting report.** The committee approved the report from its June 28-29, 2016, meeting as submitted.

3. **Nominating committee report.** In addition to the sport and rules committee appointments in Nonlegislative Item 2h, the nominating committee noted that it is seeking additional nominations to fill several September 1, 2016, vacancies, including one on the Division II Women’s Soccer Committee. The Championships Committee had identified a recommendation for the Atlantic Region vacancy at its June meeting, but that person left the institution soon afterward, and the Championships Committee did not forward the recommendation. The Management Council asked the nominating committee to either consider its second choice or seek additional nominations. Given that the second choice had no RAC experience, the nominating committee agreed to seek additional nominations.
4. **Sport committee reports.**

   a. **Baseball.** The Championships Committee approved Mark Clements, associate athletics director at Northwest Missouri State University, as chair of the Division II Baseball Committee for 2016-17.

   b. **Softball.** Championships Committee members approved Jen Starek, head softball coach at the University of New Haven, as chair of the Division II Softball Committee for 2016-17.

   c. **Men’s and women’s swimming and diving.** Championships Committee members noted the ongoing discussion in the swimming community to modify selection procedures to ensure that the fastest swimmers are chosen to participate in the championships. The swimming and diving committee believes that given the participant cap, particularly on the men’s side, the current selection model does not permit the committee to fill rows of individual events. This leaves the individual events open to already selected student-athletes who may not be the fastest individuals in specific individual events. Occasionally, even with selected swimmers entered into their optional events, the events are not being filled and points are being left unearned. The sport committee received approval to survey the membership about modifying the swimming selection model. Based on those survey results, the swimming and diving committee may submit a formal proposal to the Championships Committee in September.

   d. **Women’s volleyball.** The Championships Committee approved requiring regional hosts to allocate at least 100 tickets to each participating team for the preliminary rounds of the championship, similar to the requirement in place for men’s and women’s basketball. The Championships Committee did ask the volleyball committee to consider a protocol to be in place should a top seed be unable to meet the additional criteria.

5. **Live streaming report.** Championships Committee members reviewed an updated report that includes data from the spring championships.

6. **Membership fund liaison.** Staff provided a follow-up from the committee’s discussion of the membership fund at its June meeting when the committee agreed to support not only continuing the fund, but also amending the fund’s guiding principles and using the budget to strengthen the division overall (not necessarily membership). Staff noted the Management Council’s identity subcommittee also supported those enhancements and that they would be submitted to the Planning and Finance Committee for review, along with a review of the Membership Fund Selection Committee composition. That review, which should be completed this fall, is expected to determine whether a Championships Committee representative will serve on the selection committee in the future.

7. **Other business.** The committee acknowledged outgoing members Lisa Sweany and Greg Gilbert, as this was their last teleconference before their terms expire August 31.

8. **Adjournment.** Ms. Sweany adjourned the teleconference at 2:55 p.m. Eastern time.
Committee Chair: Lisa Sweany, Armstrong State University; Peach Belt Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.
Katie Willett, Academic and Membership Affairs.

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**NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championships Selection Procedure Proposal**

**Team Selections**
A total of 32 teams and 24 individuals will be selected. The process for allocating the berths is outlined below.

**Automatic Qualification**
The top three teams from each regional meet will automatically advance to the championship finals (24 teams).

**At-large Selection**
Eight at-large teams will be selected by the NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country Committee using the below outlined selection criteria (in priority order). **There is no limit to the number of at-large teams that may be selected from the same region.**

The following are the criteria used by the committee to select at-large teams:

1. Regional place order/performance. A team cannot be selected ahead of a team that placed in front of them at their respective regional championship meet.

2. Head-to-head competition versus other teams under consideration for at large selection.
   
   a. Each of the eight teams under consideration in the current comparison will be viewed one duo at a time, 1 vs 1 (i.e. 1vs2, 1vs3, 1vs4, etc).

   b. For each of the 1 vs 1 comparisons, either there will be a tie, and the committee will move on, or, one team will be eliminated from consideration in the current selection comparison if that team emerges as having a direct losing record to the other team in consideration. (Rationale: The team with a losing record to any of the other 8 teams cannot be the best of the 8 teams, because at least that one team was better).

   c. An overall win-loss record of the full 8 teams is not to be used. (Rationale: a team that amasses a great quantity of wins over weak opponents is not necessarily better than a team with quality head to head wins.)

3. Results against common Division II opponents (through second tier).
   
   a. Each of the eight teams under consideration in the current comparison will be viewed one duo at a time, 1 vs 1 (i.e. 1 vs. 2, 1 vs. 3, 1vs4, etc).

   b. **Second Tier:** For each two team consideration, either there will be a tie, or one team will be eliminated from the current selection round if it has fewer net wins, to be calculated as follows:
• Each team will get a win for any direct victory against a common competitor.
• Each team will get a loss for any direct loss against a common competitor.
• Each team will get a win for any victory against a second degree common competitor (i.e. team A beats team B, team B beats team C, team C beats team D, so team A gets a win against team D).
• Each team will get a loss for any defeat against a second degree common competitor (i.e. team A loses to team B, team B loses to team C, team C loses to team D). If there are both wins and losses in the common competitor chain, this will not be counted for or against a team.
• The total number of losses as calculated above will be subtracted from the total number of wins, which will be the total “Net Wins”.
• Net Wins = (Direct wins + 2nd-Degree Wins) – (Direct losses + 2nd-Degree Losses)

Rationale for Second Tier:
• Net wins provides a more accurate assessment of a record rather than winning percentage, where 1-0 would be better than 10-1.
• Net wins rewards a team for winning against common competitors, but also penalizes a team for losing against a common competitor. If only wins were counted, 4-2 would be worse than 8-12.
• Net wins, when combined with 2nd degree comparisons, rewards a team for beating a very strong team, as that team is likely to generate many 2nd degree “wins” for the team in question.
• Including common comparisons to the 2nd degree allows for more data in a situation where limited data is often a sticking point in making good decisions.
• Including common comparisons to the 2nd degree allows teams that do not travel outside of their region to benefit from beating teams inside their region who have done well against their own common competitors.

4. Results against common non-Division II opponents.

• Each of the eight teams under consideration in the current comparison will be viewed one duo at a time, 1 vs. 1 (i.e. 1 vs. 2, 1 vs. 3, 1 vs. 4, etc).

5. Regional meet point gap ratio - Comparing the team being considered for an at-large bid to the team that placed directly in front of them in the regional results.

a. Example: In Region A, 2nd Place Team scores 80 points, 3rd place team (under consideration) scores 100 points. 80/100 = 0.8 ratio. In Region B, 2nd Place Team scores 180 points and 3rd place team scores 200 points. 180/200=0.9 ratio. A higher ratio will be deemed the closer performance, so in this example, Region B's 3rd place team would go over Region A's 3rd place team.

b. Each of the eight teams under consideration in the current comparison will be viewed one duo at a time, 1 vs. 1 (i.e. 1 vs. 2, 1 vs. 3, 1 vs. 4, etc).
6. Late season (last seven (7) weeks of season including regional meet, Festival years would be the last nine (9) weeks of season including regional meet) meet point gap ratio, to be calculated as team score of the team immediately in front of the team under consideration divided by the score of the team under consideration.

- Each of the eight teams under consideration in the current comparison will be viewed one duo at a time, 1 vs. 1 (i.e. 1 vs. 2, 1 vs. 3, 1 vs. 4, etc).

*Finishing times will not be looked at due to differences in courses, altitudes, actual distances of races, etc. which cannot be compared head to head like a track performance.

Late-season Performance
The committee will use data (via regulation from TFRRS / Direct Athletics) from regular-season meets starting with the date that is seven weeks out from the NCAA Division II Regional Championships (with the exception of a Fall Sports Festival year when it will be nine weeks) that have at least four of the seven runners represented on a team that competed for a team in the regional championships (minimum race distance for women is 5k/3mile and for men 7k). Meaning no “B” team results can count against a team being considered for selection. For example a team cannot be penalized for running a split squad or having non-varsity runners competing at a meet.

Breaking Team Ties
In the case of a tie-breaker when comparing teams under consideration at a regular season meet/race that includes NCAA Division I, NCAA Division III, NAIA or NJCAA schools, then those schools must be taken out of the scoring comparisons by the committee unless used as a common opponent. For example, a team could lose to another team in a large meet with various non-Division II schools factored into the scoring, but still beat them head-to-head if the two teams were scored only against each other as a dual meet.

Additional Individual Selections:
After the 32 selected teams have been determined, a minimum 24 additional individuals per gender are selected to compete at the NCAA Championships.

1. The top two individuals who are not part of a qualifying team will automatically advance to the championship finals (16 individuals).

2. All individuals who finish in the top five at the regional meet and are not part of a qualifying team will automatically advance to the championship finals.

3. The remaining individuals will be selected at-large. **There is no limit to the number of at-large individuals that may be selected from the same region.** The top individual from each region not receiving an automatic qualifying spot, and not on a qualifying team, will be compared head to head using the same model utilized in the at-large team selection process. Place at the regional meet as well as strength of region are factored into the formula by the committee when comparing at-large individuals, using the following equation:

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\frac{\text{# of team qualifiers from the region}}{\text{Individual regional placing}} = \text{Individual score ratio}
\]
The individual with the highest score using the above equation will be selected first. This will account for and reward individuals competing well in particularly strong regions, as judged by the number of teams that region qualifies to NCAAs. When an individual receives an at-large selection, the next non-qualifying individual from that region will move up to the consideration round of eight individuals.

- Example:

  Region A Individual:
  • Individual finishes 15th
  • 5 teams qualify
  • \( \frac{5}{15} = 0.33 \)

  Region B Individual:
  • Individual finishes 12th
  • 3 teams qualify
  • \( \frac{3}{12} = 0.25 \)

Individual from Region A would qualify.

**Breaking Individual Ties**

If a situation occurs where two or more individuals are vying for the last qualifying spot, the tie will be broken by selecting the individual with the highest individual placement at his or her regional championship.
Monday, May 8
Noon – 1:25 p.m. – men’s practice.
1:30 – 2:55 p.m. – men’s practice.
7 p.m. – banquet with coaches meeting following banquet.

Tuesday, May 9
8 – 9:25 a.m. – women’s practice.
9:30 – 10:55 a.m. – women’s practice.
Noon – men’s matches (4).
4 p.m. – men’s matches (4).

Wednesday, May 10
8 a.m. – women’s matches (4).
Noon – women’s matches (4).
4 p.m. – men’s matches (4).

Thursday, May 11
9 a.m. – women’s matches (4).
1 p.m. – men’s matches (2).

Friday, May 12
9 a.m. – women’s matches (2).
1 p.m. – men’s championship and awards ceremony.

Saturday, May 13
9 a.m. – women’s championship and awards ceremony.

*Match times will take precedence over practice times in the case of inclement weather.
### DII Wrestling Recommended Regionalization for 2016-17

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### Institutions adding
- Drury University
- Bellermine University

### Institution dropping
- Anderson

### Institution moving super regions
- Ouachita Baptist
- From Super Region III to Super Region IV

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**Note:**
- Access Ratio refers to the number of teams per region.
- DII Wrestling Recommended Regionalization for 2016-17 was submitted by the DII Mgmt Council on 10/16.
DII Wrestling Recommended Regionalization Map for 2016-17

Regionalization Map Key

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*Plus sign (➕) is Anderson University (SC) which is dropping the wrestling program.

** Stars indicate future super regional host sites.
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   a. Regionalization working group.
      (1) Recommendation. Appoint a working group to explore alternative models that apply Division II’s regionalization principles to bracketing in team-sport championships and enhance the championships experience for participants. Composition of the group is yet to be determined.
      (2) Effective date. Immediate.
      (3) Rationale. The Division II Championships Committee and sport committees have examined regionalization issues as they apply to bracketing in the postseason for the past year and have yet to reach a consensus on an optimal, cost-effective approach. In addition, the Division II Presidents Council has identified regionalization’s effect on Division II championships as a priority for 2016-17. Research from the last five years shows that first-round conference matchups occur, on average, about 25 percent of the time in most team sports. Division II stakeholders in multiple sports continue to express this as a primary concern. Accordingly, the Championships Committee believes it is appropriate to assemble a small group of subject-matter experts to delve into this issue further. The working group would focus only on how the Division II regionalization principles apply to bracketing in the postseason, not on how they apply to the regular season (as in their effect on scheduling, for example). The 2013 Division II Census indicated overwhelming membership support for regionalization as an identifying Division II attribute; thus, the working group would operate specifically as it relates to bracketing in the postseason. The Championships Committee anticipates the working group to collaborate with the membership and produce initial recommendations to the Championships Committee in 2017. If approved, the recommendations would be effective for championships in 2018-19.
      (4) Estimated budget impact. Travel, lodging and meals for one or two in-person meetings, though one of those could be conducted at the NCAA Convention. The working group
would conduct the remainder of its work via teleconference and electronic correspondence.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** Reaching a Division II championship is among the pinnacle moments for student-athletes. However, playing a conference opponent in the first round, that a team may have faced multiple times in regular-season and conference tournament play, only deflates that experience. The goal is to apply a bracketing model that reduces the likelihood of those conference rematches and protects championships participation as the ultimate athletics experience for Division II student-athletes.

b. **Charter travel program.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve the continuation of the charter travel program for Division II championships travel.

(2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

(3) **Rationale.** In 2015, the NCAA initiated a pilot program for charter travel that charges institutions a flat fee ($350 each way per person) for all personnel beyond the official travel party. The program is designed to increase efficiencies in charter use. The committee will assess an additional year of the charter travel program and determine whether to implement as a permanent program in Division II.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** Potential cost savings for institutions.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

c. **Date formula for men’s golf regionals.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve the adjustment of the date formula for the Division II men’s golf regionals to Thursday-Saturday, two weeks before finals, rather than the current Monday-Wednesday, two weeks before finals.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2018.

(3) **Rationale.** Currently, the men’s and women’s golf regional dates overlap, with Sunday practice rounds and competition rounds Monday-Wednesday. A growing number of institutions employ one head coach for both men’s and women’s golf. In an instance where one such institution qualifies both its men’s and women’s teams for the regionals, the head coach is forced to split time between the two regional sites or choose which gender to coach for the entirety of the regional competition. The Division II Women’s Golf Committee also supports this recommendation.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.
(5) **Student-athlete impact.** This proposal aims to improve the experience for those men’s and women’s golf student-athletes who, under the current date formula, may not have their head coach on site with them at the regional competition.

d. **Regional adjustment in women’s rowing.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve moving the University of Central Oklahoma from the South region to the West region.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2017.

(3) **Rationale.** The recommendation is logistically beneficial to Central Oklahoma and will help balance sponsorship among regions.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** None.

e. **Automatic qualification in women’s golf.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve implementing automatic qualification (AQ) for the Division II Women’s Golf Championships.

(2) **Effective date.** September 1, 2017, for the 2018 Women’s Golf Championship.

(3) **Rationale.** Adding AQ acknowledges recent sponsorship growth and will make women’s golf more competitive, as well as exciting regionally. Finally, adding AQ will reward teams that win their conference championships.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** The recommendation provides more incentive and meaning for student-athletes in conferences who previously would not have had a chance to automatically qualify for the championship.

f. **Revised selection model in men’s and women’s swimming.**

(1) **Recommendation.** Approve revisions to the swimming selection model to identify and select the fastest swimmers in each event as follows:

   Coaches may enter an individual student-athlete in a maximum of 4 individual events to be considered for selections.

   Either the fastest aggregate or the fastest actual relay time achieved by the individuals who swam the events in bona fide competition will be allowed for entering relays for entry/selection. **Relays will not be selected.**
An uninvited relay alternate is a student-athlete who has not qualified for the championships in any event (i.e., he or she is neither a member of a four-person relay team identified and named on the submission of results that achieved the qualifying standard nor a swimmer who achieved a qualifying standard in an individual event). Any swimmer is eligible to swim relays as an uninvited relay alternate in invited and optional entry relay events, provided at least one of the institution’s relay teams is officially invited to the championships. An institution with one or more selected student-athletes may bring uninvited relay-only swimmers to swim only in relays in which the institution has achieved a provisional standard (“B” cut).

An uninvited relay alternate (a competitor who was not a member of the four-person relay team that achieved his or her institution’s relay entry time) -only swimmer will not be considered part of the institution’s official travel party. As such, reimbursement for travel and per diem, banquet tickets and participation awards will not be provided for those individuals.

However, the uninvited relay alternate -only swimmer will receive a participant credential.

(2) Effective date. Immediate, although the new relay standards formula implementation would be delayed until 2017-18.

(3) Rationale. The proposed selection model will select student-athletes to individual events only. It then provides the opportunity for institutions with four or more selected student-athletes to swim in any of the relays. The proposed model received overwhelming response and support from Division II swimming coaches.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Selecting the fastest swimmers in each individual event will make the meet much more competitive and thus provide a positive championships experience for the student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and review of agenda. Championships Committee Chair Jim Johnson welcomed the group, particularly new members Tonya Charland from the Great Lakes Valley Conference and vice-chair of the Management Council; Sue Willey, the vice president for intercollegiate athletics at the University of Indianapolis; and Kristen Mort, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator at Colorado Mesa University. Mr. Johnson also reviewed the agenda and schedule of speakers and presenters for the meeting.
2. **August teleconference report.** The committee approved the report from its August teleconference, as submitted.

3. **Sport committee information.** Committee members reviewed sport committee contact information, including sport committee chairs, staff liaisons and Championships Committee liaisons, and annual meeting dates as information only. Staff noted that assignments may be adjusted slightly once the remaining vacancy on the committee is filled.

4. **Budget review.**
   a. **Championships budget update.** The committee reviewed budget-to-actuals for the 2015-16 fiscal year.
   b. **Triennial budget timeline.** Committee members were reminded of the timeline for the 2018-21 budget triennium. Preliminary budget requests from sport committees will be reviewed at the February 2017 Championships Committee’s in-person meeting and discussed in more detail during a meeting with sport committee chairs in September 2017 (see Informational Item 6).

5. **Committee updates.**
   a. **Membership Committee.** Staff reviewed the Division II Membership Committee’s most recent actions from its July meeting, during which decisions were rendered on moving institutions along in the membership process and applications from potential new members were considered.
   b. **Legislation Committee.** The Division II Legislation Committee is noting instances, particularly in wrestling, in which institutions are paying actual and necessary expenses for eligible student-athletes to travel to the championship to serve as practice partners for qualifying participants. As such, the Legislation Committee asked the Championships Committee whether noncontroversial legislation should be proposed to allow this practice. Championships Committee members are not opposed to the idea as long as it is wrestling-specific and not proposed for all individual sports, and as long as it is clear that these practice partners are not eligible to receive other championships benefits (awards, mementos, etc.).
   c. **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.** The committee reviewed recent PROP reports as information only.

6. **State of the sport reports.** Committee members reviewed reports from sport committee chairs and staff liaisons as a way to provide updates during the years in which the Championships Committee does not conduct an in-person meeting with sport committee chairs. The review included some of the budget requests that can be anticipated for the 2018-21 budget triennium. The committee noted it will conduct an in-person meeting with sport committee chairs in September 2017 to discuss these budget requests more formally.
7. **Selection criteria timeline.** Staff updated the committee on an editorial change made to the timeline for recommending modifications to team selection criteria. Proposals for such changes would come forward in June the year before implementation (for example, June 2017 for implementation in September 2018).

8. **Principles of nullification.** The committee noted the following addition/clarification to the principles of nullification document regarding penalties for using an ineligible student-athlete (new language noted in italics): “Nullifications do not carry over to the next academic year for eligibility violations detected after the season is complete. However, the application of Bylaw 31.2.1.7. (Notification of Ineligibility) and its subsections could impact future championships.” The committee noted that the addition was necessary because, while the ability for nullification penalties to be imposed in future years is not new, it was never included in the nullification principles document. As such, many institutions delayed notification of an ineligible player until after the championship, thinking there would be no penalty.

9. **Regionalization.**

   a. **First-round conference matchups.** The committee continued its review of regionalization, particularly as it relates to exploring ways to mitigate conference matchups in the preliminary rounds of Division II team-sport championships. The committee had asked staff to compile data tracking the frequency of first-round conference matchups in team championships over the last five years and found that they occur on average about 25 percent of the time. Those results only added to the committee’s belief that alternative bracketing models should be explored. To help in that regard, the committee agreed with a Division II Presidents Council suggestion to create a working group to delve into the matter further and report back to the Championships Committee with recommendations. While the composition of the working group is yet to be determined, the committee did make it clear that this group’s focus would be limited to finding the best overall approaches to bracketing teams once they are selected, not to change the principles of regionalization. (See Nonlegislative Item 2-a.)

   b. **Conference regional alignment.** As part of the regionalization discussion, the committee reviewed whether conferences are currently aligned correctly by region and agreed that no changes should be made at this time.

   c. **Regional placement for Salem International.** The committee noted that Salem International University is no longer a member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference and is now classified as an independent institution. Given that many institutions likely have scheduled competition with Salem International based on the G-MAC’s placement in the Midwest region, the Championships Committee voted to align Salem International in the Midwest region for the 2016-17 academic year. However, if Salem International continues to classify as an independent in 2017-18, the Championships Committee will place the institution in the Atlantic region for championship selection purposes to more appropriately align with the school’s location in Salem, West Virginia.
10. **Sport committee reports.** In addition to the Nonlegislative Items from sport committee reports noted above, the Championships Committee took action on the following:

a. **Men’s golf.**
   - Chair appointment. Approved Ken Badylak, head men’s and women’s golf coach and sports information director at Saint Joseph’s College (Indiana), as chair for 2016-17.
   - Scheduling policy. The Championships Committee considered a recommendation from the golf committee to create a policy designed to discourage institutions from changing their competition schedules during the season. The golf committee’s recommendation would not only require teams to submit any schedule changes to the committee for approval, but also state that any team withdrawing from a regularly scheduled tournament or canceling a scheduled tournament will incur losses to each team in the field, unless the cancelation is for reasons beyond the control of the team. The Championships Committee supports the intent of the recommendation but wants the golf committee to consider clarifying that institutions would be required to report changes to the golf committee only in cases of withdrawal or cancelation, not an addition.

b. **Men’s lacrosse.** Approved Dan Blair of Franklin Pierce University as chair for 2016-17.

c. **Men’s and women’s track and field and cross country.** Approved Preston Grey, head cross country and women’s track and field coach at Azusa Pacific University, as chair for 2016-17.

d. **Women’s rowing.** Approved Brian Lang, associate director of athletics at Assumption College, as chair for 2016-17.

e. **Women’s golf.** Approved Val Verhunce, head men’s and women’s golf coach at Sonoma State University, as chair for 2016-17.

f. **Women’s lacrosse.** Approved Jesse Balcer, associate director of athletics at Chestnut Hill College, as chair for 2016-17.

11. **Sport issues and updates.**

a. **Division II calendar.** Staff noted that columns for AQ due date and the selection date have been added for each sport in the championships future dates and sites chart.

b. **National Championships Festival.** Staff provided updates on renovations to the CrossPlex in Birmingham and other administrative improvements made since the festival was first held there in 2013. Staff also noted an effort to develop an app for fans and participants to use at the 2017 festival.
c. **Soccer length-of-season proposals.** The committee continued its discussion of proposals from the men’s and women’s soccer committees to extend the preseason practice period and modify the championship date formula. The Championships Committee had forwarded the proposals to the Division II Management Council in February, but the Council in April referred them to the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) for comment. CSMAS noted that it was unable to take a position on the preseason acclimatization component of the proposal because the data the group needs to inform a decision is not sufficient, due to the lack of information from Division II institutions via the Datalys system. As such, the Championships Committee voted not to support the preseason proposal at this time, noting, however, that it will encourage Division II members to provide more data in order to facilitate revisiting this proposal in the future. As for the proposals to modify the championship date formulas, the Championships Committee asked the soccer committees to draft alternative models for the Championships Committee’s February meeting that outline the effects of moving the championships later, adjusting the time between contests for rest and recovery purposes, etc.

d. **Minimum sports sponsorship.** The Championships Committee asked sport committees and the Division II Membership Committee to examine the minimum number of contests for selections and sponsorship in various sports to ensure alignment. The Membership Committee recommended increases for women’s lacrosse (from nine to 15 contests) and women’s volleyball (from eight to 10 dates of competition). The membership will vote on those proposals at the 2017 NCAA Convention.

e. **Membership-sponsored legislative proposals.** Staff reviewed membership-sponsored proposals for the 2017 Convention that the Presidents Council referred to the Championships Committee for comment.

- **Recruiting calendar in football.** **Intent:** To revise the recruiting calendar to begin the winter contact period on the Monday after Thanksgiving. **Championships Committee’s position:** The Championships Committee agreed to take no position, noting that the proposal does not directly affect NCAA Championships and was referred as a procedural matter, since the Division II Football Committee, which has supported the proposal, reports to the Championships Committee.

- **Playing and practice seasons in tennis.** **Intent:** To expand the playing and practice season, as specified. **Championships Committee position:** No position. Similar to the football proposal above, the Championships Committee noted that the proposal does not directly affect NCAA Championships, but the Division II tennis committee had reviewed and agreed to oppose the proposal, preferring instead to support the nonchampionship segment proposal that expands the nonchampionship segment window from 45 days to 60 days while providing two additional days off for student-athletes.
f. **Officials’ fees: ArbiterSports update.** Per the committee’s request, staff provided a summary of officials’ fees in all sports from all three divisions. Committee members noted a number of disparities when comparing the three divisions and agreed to ask the Division II Conference Commissioners Association to provide information on the fees conferences pay their officials for regular-season contests and conference tournaments to help inform future decisions. The committee also appointed a subcommittee composed of Sue Willey, Barbara Dearing, Mike Anderson, Julie Ruppert and Jim Johnson to review these data further and make preliminary recommendations for the full committee to discuss at its February in-person meeting. In a related matter, Dan Calandro, from the playing rules staff, updated the committee on the NCAA officiating program administered through ArbiterSports, including progress on conducting background checks on officials in various sports.

g. **Anthony Travel update.** Staff noted that having Anthony Travel secure hotel arrangements at final sites has been successful, and individuals within the membership have suggested the program be extended to include regional rounds. Staff noted a pilot program will be conducted for the men’s and women’s basketball regionals this year to determine whether such expansion is feasible.

12. **Staff updates.**

a. **Legal update.** Donald Remy and Scott Bearby from the legal affairs staff updated the committee on a decision the NCAA Board of Governors issued September 12 to relocate all seven previously awarded championship events from North Carolina during the 2016-17 academic year due to the cumulative actions taken by the state concerning civil rights protections. Of the seven championships affected, one is a Division II event (baseball in Cary). Mr. Remy noted that all predetermined championships sites (including those that have already been awarded as well as those in the 2018-22 bid cycle) are following newly established protocols for the NCAA to evaluate whether their championships environments can comply with NCAA standards regarding fairness and inclusion. However, the situation in North Carolina required a more timely response because that state’s legislation is such that it precludes any host community within the state from providing an environment that is consistent with NCAA values and principles. Mr. Remy said the Board of Governors’ decision applies only to championships in the 2016-17 academic year. He also noted that, given the additional protocols for institutions bidding on future championships, the original December deadline for submitting bids for the 2018-22 cycle has been moved to spring or summer of 2017. With regard to the 2017 Division II Baseball Championship, staff noted that bids will be solicited through September 27 and that the Championships Committee will recommend a new site during its October 6 teleconference.

b. **Governance.** Staff updated the group on the priorities the Presidents Council agreed upon for 2016-17, and on a new online site for the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan. Staff also noted updates to Division II-specific content on NCAA.org and NCAA.com.
c. Institutional Performance Program. Staff demonstrated a pilot program that allows conferences to access the IPP.

13. Future meetings and teleconferences.
   - October 6 teleconference, 2-3 p.m. Eastern time.
   - November 3 teleconference, 2-3 p.m. Eastern time.
   - December 1 teleconference, 2-3 p.m. Eastern time.
   - January 5, 2017 teleconference, 2-3 p.m. Eastern time
   - In-person meeting, February 13-14, 2017.


15. Adjournment. Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
                 Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances
                 Katie Willett, Academic and Membership Affairs

| Division II Championships Committee          |
| September 13, 2016, Meeting                  |
| Attendees:                                  |
| Michael Anderson; Gulf South Conference.    |
| Pat Britz; South Atlantic Conference.       |
| Tonya Charland; Great Lakes Valley Conference (Management Council vice chair). |
| Barbara Dearing, Western Oregon University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference. |
| Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus; California Collegiate Athletic Association. |
| Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. |
| Jake Long, Regis University (Colorado); Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (via teleconference; substituting for Ty Dennis as SAAC representative). |
| Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. |
| Julie Ruppert; Northeast-10 Conference.     |
| Tom Shirley, Philadelphia University; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. |
| Kim Vinson, Cameron University; Lone Star Conference. |
| Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference. |
**Absentees:**

- Ty Dennis, University of Minnesota, Mankato; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.
- Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Management Council chair).
- Mike Scales, Nyack College; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (Presidents Council liaison).

**Guests in Attendance:**

- Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**

- Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances.
- Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances.
- Katie Willett, Academic and Membership Affairs.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**

- Scott Bearby, Legal Affairs.
- John Baldwin, Championships and Alliances.
- Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances.
- Dan Calandro, Championships and Alliances.
- Joni Comstock, Championships and Alliances.
- Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs.
- Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances.
- Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance.
- Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances.
- Ryan Jones, Division II Governance.
- Faith Morrison, Division II Governance.
- Donald Remy, Legal Affairs.
- Marie Scovron, Championships and Alliances.
- Juanita Sheely, Administrative Services.
- Stephanie Quigg Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs.
- Alex Stanley, Championships and Alliances.
- Rachel Stark, Strategic Communications.
- Ali Teopas, Championships and Alliances.
- Kelly Whitaker, Championships and Alliances.
- Karen Wolf, Academic and Membership Affairs.
- Andrea Worlock, Administrative Services.
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 6, 2016, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and review of agenda. Championships Committee Chair Jim Johnson welcomed
   the group to the call and reviewed the agenda.

2. September meeting report. The committee approved the report from its September in-person
   meeting as amended (correction of the February 2017 in-person meeting dates to February 14-15).

3. Sport committee reports.
   a. Baseball. The Championships Committee approved Grand Prairie, Texas, as the host site
      for the 2017 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship. Given the decision in September
      from the NCAA Board of Governors to relocate seven NCAA championships in 2016-17
      out of North Carolina, including the Division II Baseball Championship in Cary, it became
      necessary to re-solicit bids. The Division II Baseball Committee believes Grand Prairie is
      the optimum choice based on factors such as geographic location, competition venue
      (stadium), amenities (practice facilities, hotels, etc.) and a budget that is consistent with the
      championship’s past operations. The facility also has played host to previous Division II
      regular-season competition. Angelo State University and Texas Airhogs Professional
      Baseball will serve as co-hosts.

   b. Men’s golf. Per the Championships Committee’s recommendation from its September
      meeting, the men’s golf committee clarified the language requiring institutions to submit
      competition schedules and report changes to the golf committee only in cases of withdrawal
      or cancellation, and not additions, as originally stated. This policy is designed to
      discourage institutions from changing their competition schedules during the season.
c. Men’s and women’s soccer. Championships Committee members heard an update from the men’s and women’s soccer committees’ September 28 teleconference, during which they revisited potential changes in the playing and practice season. The Championships Committee, at its September meeting, voted not to support a proposal to extend the preseason and referred another proposal to adjust the start of the championship back to the soccer committees for further review. In that vein, the soccer committees are now considering the following proposal in which the preliminary rounds would be played over four weeks instead of the current three, with selections occurring a week later in November:

- First/second-round games would be Thursday/Saturday or Friday/Sunday after selections (16 host sites for the women, 14 host sites for the men).
- Third-round games would be the Saturday after Thanksgiving (eight host sites).
- Quarterfinals would be the following Saturday (four host sites).
- Semifinals and final would be the following Thursday/Saturday (one championship site), which is one week later than the current championship date.
- The soccer committees will review a travel analysis before proceeding with a formal recommendation.

d. Men’s and women’s track and field. The Championships Committee noted an informational item regarding adjustments in the average range the track and field committee uses when determining strength of events.

4. Other business. Staff provided an update regarding a recent decision from the Division II Planning and Finance Committee to discontinue the Division II Membership Fund, which was established in 2008 as a resource to retain current active institutions and help attract new schools or conferences to the division. The committee had recently asked various governance groups, including the Championships Committee, for feedback regarding future use of the fund. The Planning and Finance Committee ultimately determined that as Division II membership has stabilized in recent years, the fund had accomplished its intent and that the dollars should be reallocated to meet more pressing priorities. The committee will determine how the funds will be reallocated this spring.

5. Adjournment. Mr. Johnson adjourned the teleconference at 2:40 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Staff Liaison(s): Roberta Page, Championships and Alliances
Molly Simons, Championships and Alliances
Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs
| Division II Championships Committee  
| October 6, 2016, Teleconference |
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| **Attendees:** |  |
| Michael Anderson; Gulf South Conference. |  |
| Pat Britz; South Atlantic Conference. |  |
| Barbara Dearing, Western Oregon University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference. |  |
| Ty Dennis, University of Minnesota, Mankato; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. |  |
| Kim Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus; California Collegiate Athletic Association. |  |
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| Kristin Mort, Colorado Mesa University; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. |  |
| Tom Shirley, Philadelphia University; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. |  |
| Kim Vinson, Cameron University; Lone Star Conference. |  |
| Sue Willey, University of Indianapolis; Great Lakes Valley Conference. |  |
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| Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (Management Council chair). |  |
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| Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs. |  |
| Terri Steeb Gronau, Division II Governance. |  |
| Leslie Havens, Championships and Alliances. |  |
| Alex Stanley, Championships and Alliances. |  |
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE RELIEF
SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • Guidelines for Waivers Involving NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment) and Assertions of Minimal Competition.
      (1) **Recommendation.** To update the minimal competition thresholds for the review of waiver requests seeking relief of NCAA Bylaw 14.2.4.2 (organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) for assertions of minimal competition, as follows. Increase the minimal competition thresholds calculation from 10 percent to 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum.
      (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate, for prospective student-athletes requesting final amateurism certification on or after April 1, 2017.
      (3) **Rationale.** Based on a referral from the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed the minimal competition threshold for organized competition waivers. In its discussion, the committee reviewed amateurism data from the last two academic years. Specifically, the committee noted 105 prospective student-athletes over the past two years participated in more than 10 percent but less than 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum. Based on this data, the committee believed these individuals did not receive a meaningful participation opportunity, warranting the application of the organized competition legislation and the loss of an entire season.
      (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
      (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** The minimal competition threshold calculation of 20 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximums will be applied consistently for all prospective student-athletes, regardless of sport.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review Committee for Legislative Relief Cases Decided from February 1 through July 31, 2016, by the NCAA Staff and Committee. The Committee for Legislative Relief reviewed cases decided by the NCAA staff and the committee from February 1 through July 31, 2016. A total of 181 cases were submitted in Division II, and 86 cases were decided by the staff during this time period. Of the 86 cases decided, staff approved 41 cases, 11 of which were approved with conditions. Two of the 86 cases were approved based on the totality of the circumstances. The committee reviewed the cases approved based on totality of the circumstances and noted that one of the cases should be archived. Additionally, the staff denied 22 cases, 19 of which were appealed to the committee. The committee affirmed the staff decision in 18 cases.

2. Review of NCAA Division II Proposals for 2017 NCAA Convention. The committee reviewed NCAA Division II Proposal Nos. 2-3 (amateurism – competition-related expenses from an outside sponsor), 2-6 (amateurism – promotional activities – permissible – institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions – monetary and educational requirements), 2-7 (recruiting – contacts and evaluations – contactable prospective student-athletes – four-year college prospective student-athletes – removal of requirement to obtain permission from NAIA institution), 2-12 (financial aid – maximum limits on financial aid – team limits – institutional athletics aid only), 2-13 (financial aid – terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid award – one-year – limit – requirement to provide athletically related financial aid for one academic year) and 2-14 (financial aid – terms and conditions of awarding institutional financial aid – reduction and cancellation during period of award – increase permitted – increase for any reason at any time) and discussed the impact each proposal would have on legislative relief waivers. Specifically, it was noted that should the proposals be adopted, Proposal No. 2-13 may result in an increase in waiver requests and Proposal Nos. 2-3, 2-6, 2-7, 2-12 and 2-14 may result in a reduction in waiver requests in the respective areas.

3. Review of Committee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures. The staff referenced the committee’s policies and procedures and noted the conflict of interest policy, reiterating the importance of committee members recusing themselves if a conflict exists.

4. Review of the March 2016 Committee for Legislative Relief Report to the NCAA Division II Management Council. The committee reviewed the March 2016 report and approved it as written.

5. Review of the July/August 2016 Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council Summary of Actions. The committee received an update on the actions taken at the most recent Management Council and Presidents Council meeting that impact legislative relief.
6. **Review of NCAA GOALS Study.** NCAA research staff presented findings from the 2015 GOALS study (experiences of current student-athletes) that relate specifically to Division II.

7. **Review of Certification Data from the NCAA Eligibility Center.** The committee reviewed organized competition certification outcomes from the 2014-15 and 2015-16 certification cycles. Based on the review of the data and referral from the Division II Legislation Committee, the committee agreed to recommend an increase to the minimal threshold from 10 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum to 20 percent. (See Nonlegislative Action Item).

8. **Discussion Regarding Competition in Year of Transfer Guideline.** The committee engaged in discussion regarding the creation of a competition in year of transfer guideline and instructed staff to create a sample guideline and revisit the matter during its March 2017 meeting.

9. **Discussion Regarding Appeal Requirements for Applicant Institutions.** The committee reviewed a recent change to the NCAA Division I Committee for Legislative Relief policies and procedures, which requires Division I institutions seeking an appeal to receive a signature from outside of the athletics department prior to submission of the appeal request. The committee agreed that a similar change was not necessary in Division II.

10. **Update Regarding the 2016-17 Division II Priorities.** The committee received an overview of the 2016-17 Division II Priorities as approved by the Division II Presidents Council in August 2016.

11. **Future Meetings.** The staff informed the committee an in-person meeting is anticipated for March 2017. Additional information will be provided to the committee at a later date.

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*Committee Chair: Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association*

*Staff Liaison(s): Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs*

*Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs*
**NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief**  
**September 16, 2016, Teleconference**

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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Action Items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Approval of the June 2016 NCAA Division II Legislation Committee Meeting Report. The committee reviewed and approved the June 2016 in-person meeting report.

2. Review of the July/August 2016 NCAA Division II Presidents Council and NCAA Division II Management Council Summary of Actions. The committee received an update on the actions taken at the July/August 2016 Presidents Council and Management Council quarterly meetings.

3. Discussion Regarding Legislation Committee Position on 2017 NCAA Convention Division II Proposal No. 1-2. In August, the Presidents Council and Management Council referred the following membership-sponsored proposal to the Legislation Committee for review [Attachment]. The committee agreed to take the following position on the proposal:
   - Proposal No. 1-2 Recruiting -- Recruiting Calendars -- Football -- Contact Period -- Monday After Thanksgiving. The committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that this change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the Division I FBS and FCS football recruiting calendars.

   [Note: Molly Belden, associate commissioner for compliance, Northeast-10 Conference; and Natasha Oakes, associate director of athletics for compliance/senior woman administrator, Missouri Western State University, recused themselves from voting on this item.]

4. Future Meetings Dates.
   a. November 7-8, 2016, Indianapolis, Indiana; and
Committee Chair: Natasha Oakes, Missouri Western State University, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Staff Liaisons: Amanda Conklin, Academic and Membership Affairs
Stephanie Smith, Academic and Membership Affairs
Angela Tressel, Academic and Membership Affairs
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Title: RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- CONTACT PERIOD - MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Convention Year: 2017

IPOPL Number: 3

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Topical Area: Recruiting

Source: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northeast-10 Conference.

Status: SPOPL

Intent: In football, to revise the recruiting calendar to begin the winter contact period on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Football. The following contact and evaluation periods apply to football:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) December 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.3-(d)-(1) through 13.17.3-(g) unchanged.]

Rationale: Currently, the winter contact period begins on December 1. In most years, December 1 falls in the middle or end of week. The Monday following Thanksgiving is a more appropriate day to begin this contact period as both collegiate institutions and secondary schools have resumed classes following the Thanksgiving break.

Co-sponsorship - Conference:
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Northeast-10 Conference
ACTION ITEMS.

• None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of Request for Appeal by Purdue University Northwest Regarding its Application to Enter the Membership Process. The NCAA Division II Membership Committee reviewed an appeal submitted by Purdue Northwest regarding the denial of its application to enter the membership process. At its July 12-14, 2016, meeting, the committee agreed to not accept the institution’s application for membership. The committee reviewed additional information that was submitted as part of Purdue Northwest’s appeal to the NCAA Division II Management Council Subcommittee and agreed to uphold its initial decision to not accept the institution’s application for membership. Specifically, the committee noted its original rationale and that the additional information provided by the institution did not impact its decision, as the institution did not demonstrate that it had functioned as a unified institution or athletics program or that it has a structure in place to support a Division II intercollegiate athletics program.

2. Review of Request for Appeal by Emmanuel College (Georgia) Regarding Its Status in the Membership Process. The committee reviewed an appeal submitted by Emmanuel regarding its status in the membership process. At its July meeting, the committee agreed to remove Emmanuel from the membership process, effective September 1. The committee reviewed additional information that was submitted as part of Emmanuel’s appeal to the Division II Management Council Subcommittee and agreed to reverse its initial decision to remove the institution from the membership process and denying the institution’s request to advance to provisional status for the 2016-17 academic year. Specifically, the committee noted that the institution provided new information clarifying its financial situation. The committee agreed to advance the institution to provisional status with conditions.

[Note: Jeffrey Eisen, director of athletics, University of Mount Olive, recused himself from voting on this item.]
Committee Chair: Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University
Staff Liaisons: Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs
               Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs
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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Update of Random Sports-Sponsorship Audits and Financial Aid Audits from 2015-16 and Selection of For-Cause Institutions. Staff provided an update regarding the internal process used to determine how institutions are selected for the random sports-sponsorship and financial aid audits. Staff reported that nine institutions were randomly selected for the financial aid audit with two institutions selected for the sports-sponsorship audit. The NCAA Division II Membership Committee requested staff to randomly select additional institutions for the sports-sponsorship audit for the 2015-16 cycle.

   The committee further directed staff to provide an update at its November in-person meeting regarding the results from the random sports-sponsorship and financial aid audits, and to review current policies and procedures regarding the number of random audits conducted on an annual basis. The committee was also provided an update regarding the four institutions selected for “for-cause” financial aid and sports-sponsorship audits.

2. Review of Results of Random NCAA Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) Audits from ISSG Class 1 Due June 1, 2016. The committee received an update on the results of the ISSG audits from Class 1. Seven institutions were randomly selected for the audit. Staff noted no issues from the audits. Institutions identifying a “no” response provided action plans.

3. Update on Appeals of NCAA Division II Membership Decisions. The committee was provided with information regarding the appeals submitted by Emmanuel College and Purdue University Northwest. The committee noted that it reversed its decision regarding Emmanuel on a previous teleconference in which it agreed to advance the institution to the provisional year with conditions. Staff also shared the timeline for the Purdue Northwest appeal.
4. **Update on the ISSG Waiver Appeals.** Staff provided an update regarding the action of the NCAA Division II Management Council Subcommittee associated with ISSG waiver appeals from three institutions. The subcommittee agreed to uphold the committee decisions denying the waivers with conditions for California State University, San Bernardino and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The two institutions have been placed on probation for one year and will be ineligible to receive NCAA Division II Enhancement Funds during the 2016-17 academic year; however, the institutions will not be required to complete the ISSG during the probation year. The subcommittee also agreed to uphold the committee decision to deny the waiver request from Queens University of Charlotte. The institution has been placed on probation for one year and will be ineligible to receive Division II Enhancement Funds proceeds during the 2016-17 academic year. Queens (North Carolina) is also required to complete the ISSG during the probationary period.

5. **Review of the 2016-17 ISSG Questions.** Staff provided an overview of potential issues regarding the current questions for the 2016-17 ISSG. The committee agreed to several changes to the questions prior to releasing the guide to Class 2 institutions. Staff requested that the committee provide any additional feedback prior to release of the guide to Class 2 institutions.

6. **Discussion Regarding 2017 NCAA Division II Membership Application.** The committee discussed necessary updates and changes to be made to the 2017 membership application, and directed staff to make such updates. Staff provided the timeframe for when the 2017 application would be posted on the NCAA Program Hub.

7. **Update on Simon Fraser University Accreditation Process.** Staff provided an update noting that Simon Fraser University completed its accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and that the institution would be fully accredited as of September 1, 2016.

8. **Discuss 2016-17 Candidacy and Provisional Annual Reports.** The committee agreed to continue the current process for reviewing annual reports from provisional member institutions during the 2016-17 academic year.

9. **Review 2017 NCAA Convention Membership Sessions.** The committee reviewed the agendas for the 2017 Convention membership sessions with provisional year-one, provisional year-two, and provisional year member institutions. The committee provided feedback on the agendas and scheduled programming, and directed staff to contact institutions that are in, or have gone through, the membership process to identify potential roundtable topics. Staff requested information on committee member availability at Convention to assist in conducting each of the membership meetings.
10. **Review the 2017 NCAA Convention Question and Answer Guide for Sport-Sponsorship Proposal.** Staff reviewed the questions and answers drafted for the sports-sponsorship proposal, and provided the committee the opportunity to share feedback. The proposal would increase the minimum number of contests for sports sponsorship in women’s lacrosse and women’s volleyball [see 2017 NCAA Convention Division II Second Publication of Proposed Legislation Proposal No. 2-18 (division membership – membership requirements – sports sponsorship – minimum contests and participants requirements for all sports sponsorship – women’s lacrosse and women’s volleyball)].

11. **Update on the NCAA Division II Compliance Blueprint Program.** Staff provided the committee with an update regarding the compliance blueprint program. It was noted that 11 institutions are confirmed to participate in the program during the 2016-17 academic year.

12. **Update from the August 29 Provisional Year-One Orientation.** The committee received an update from the provisional year-one orientation that occurred at the NCAA national office in August. Staff shared positive feedback regarding the format and programming associated with the orientation.

   - **Identify Active Member Host Institutions for Provisional Year-One.** The committee selected the University of Alabama in Huntsville as the host institution for Auburn University at Montgomery, Azusa Pacific University as the host institution for Biola University, and the University of Indianapolis as the host institution for Davenport University for the required provisional year-one active member campus visit.

13. **Discuss NCAA Division II Institutional Performance Program (IPP) Convention Session.** Staff provided an update on the status of the IPP system, and discussed the structure of the 2017 Convention education session.

14. **Approval of the July 2016 Report to the NCAA Division II Management Council.** The committee reviewed and approved the July 2016 in-person meeting report.

15. **Review the July/August 2016 Management Council and NCAA Division II Presidents Council Summary of Actions.** Staff provided an update on the Management Council and Presidents Council meetings from July and August, respectively.

16. **Review of the Division II Membership Committee Roster.** The committee reviewed and made updates as necessary to the committee members’ contact information.
17. **Future Meeting Dates.**

   a. November 8-9, 2016, in-person meeting; Indianapolis.

   b. December 14, 2016, teleconference; and

   c. February 7-8, 2017, in-person; Indianapolis.

18. **Other Business.**

   - **Update on Institutions in the Membership Process.** Staff updated the committee on staffing changes at the University of Auburn Montgomery and Westminster University. The committee agreed to continue monitoring these issues.

*Committee Chair:* Kevin Schrifer, Southwest Baptist University  
*Staff Liaisons:* Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Chelsea Crawford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Angela Tressel Academic and Membership Affairs
# NCAA Division II Membership Committee
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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   a. Division II Membership Committee (one September vacancy; one interim vacancy replacing Tonia Walker).
(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Please note that all of the above appointments were made by the Division II Administrative Committee. See Supplement No. 4 for specific actions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Solicitations for Additional Nominations. The committee recommended that the following vacancies be reposted to solicit additional nominations:

   a. Division II Baseball Committee -- Midwest region; coach or administrator.

   b. Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committee – West region; administrator.


3. NCAA GOALS Study. Tom Paskus, NCAA principal academic research scientist, and Lydia Bell, NCAA associate director of research, provided a summary of the results from the 2015 GOALS Study. The full study report is available on NCAA.org/Research.

4. Division II Update. Maritza Jones, NCAA director of Division II, provided an update on the 2016-17 Division II priorities.

5. Committee Nominations from Individuals at Provisional and Reclassifying Institutions. The committee discussed whether it is appropriate to accept a committee nomination from an individual whose institution is in its final year of the membership process. The committee determined that individuals should not submit nominations until their institutions have attained active membership status. The committee will review an amended policy during its next conference call to formally adopt the restriction on submitting nominations. The committee also recommended that the nomination form be revised to include a box to indicate whether an institution is an active member.

6. Informational Documents. The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.

7. Future meetings.

   a. The committee will schedule a conference call for early October.
b. The committee’s next in-person meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Nashville. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn by 6 p.m.

Committee Chair: David Brunk, Peach Belt Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Sharon Tufano, Governance

| Division II Nominating Committee |
| September 14, 2016, Teleconference |
| **Attendees:** |
| David Brunk, Peach Belt Conference |
| Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Molloy College, East Coast Conference |
| Bob Fortosis, Eckerd College, Sunshine State Conference |
| Lynn Griffin, Coker College, South Atlantic Conference |
| David Hagland, Great Northeast Athletic Conference |
| Kathleen Heitzman, Bloomsburg State University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference |
| Felicia Johnson, Virginia Union University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association |
| Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Todd Thurman, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Great American Conference |
| Alex Tiseo, Northern Michigan University, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Griz Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University, Heartland Conference |
| **Absentees:** |
| None. |
| **Guests in Attendance:** |
| None. |
| **NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:** |
| Gloria Roseman, Sharon Tufano |
| **Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:** |
| Lydia Bell, Maritza Jones, Tom Paskus |
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.
ITEMS.

1. **Report of Previous Meeting.** The committee approved the report from its September 14, 2016, conference call.

2. **Policies and Procedures Document.** The committee approved the Policies and Procedures document, as amended, to prohibit acceptance of committee nominations from individuals whose institutions have not achieved active-member status.

3. **Informational Documents.** The committee reviewed the informational documents. No action was taken.

4. **Future meetings.**
   
a. The committee will schedule a conference call, if needed, to review several pending committee vacancies. If there are limited nominees, the review will be conducted via email.

   b. The committee’s next in-person meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Nashville. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and adjourn by 6 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* David Brunk, Peach Belt Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Sharon Tufano, Governance
### Division II Nominating Committee  
**October 7, 2016, Teleconference**

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REPORT OF THE
DIVISION II PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 3, 2016, Meeting

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. April 2016 Committee Report. The committee reviewed and approved the report from the April 27 Planning and Finance Committee meeting.

2. Division II Conference Grant Program Guidelines and Principles. The committee reviewed the guidelines and principles for the conference grant program. This document governs the grant program and is used to evaluate each conference’s report. Decisions made by the committee are final.

3. Report on Uses of Carry-Over Dollars from 2014-15 Funding. The committee reviewed the listing of requests for carry-over dollars from 2014-15 to 2015-16. The committee noted that all carry over dollars from 2014-15 were used and the committee requested additional follow-up, where necessary. Per the conference grant program guidelines and principles, conferences are required to use their carry-over funds within the next 12-month period. Additionally, if a conference has unused carry-over funds after the 12-month period, it must provide a rationale for future use of the funds or the unused amount will be deducted from the next year’s grant allocation.

4. 2015-16 Conference Grant Reports. The committee reviewed the 2015-16 annual reports from the 24 Division II conferences. When the committee had a question concerning a report, staff was directed to follow up with the conference concerning the subject matter. The committee approved nine reports with no changes and 14 reports pending clarification by the conference on minor items contained within the reports that will be reviewed by the Division II staff.

   Mountain East Conference. The Mountain East Conference’s report was considered incomplete by the committee, lacking detail and pertinent information. The committee expressed significant concerns with this conference’s report due to the fact that this is the second year that a rewrite is required. The committee took the following actions:

   a. The conference’s grant funds for 2016-17 will be reduced by $1,715 for impermissible use of grant dollars.
b. The conference will be selected for an audit in the upcoming cycle.

c. The conference will be placed on conference ‘watch’ and the conference president will be copied on all correspondence to the commissioner with regard to the conference grant program. Further, that the chair of the Planning and Finance Committee will conduct a teleconference with the conference’s president to make him/her aware of the severity of the situation and that, if changes and improvements are not made, dollars will be withheld in future years.

d. A site visit that focuses on a review of the prior year and current year conference grant information will be conducted by NCAA staff to offer education and assistance regarding grant program expectations.

The committee asked to review the updated Mountain East Conference’s report during its teleconference in September, after which a final determination will be made.

The committee asked staff to contact the Division II commissioners to let them know the status of their reports and to advise them on necessary actions to ensure funding for the 2016-17 academic year.

5. Requests for Carry-Over Dollars from 2015-16 Funding. The committee reviewed the amounts requested as carry-over from 2015-16 funding to the 2016-17 grant cycle, as follows:

**East Coast Conference** $1,386

The committee approved the carry-over amount for this conference, as requested, with the request that staff track on making sure that the amount is used in the next fiscal year.

In addition to the amount above that was requested as carryover, there were two other conferences whose total amounts spent did not equal the total allocation.

a. Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference—The conference did not report the use of $1,500, nor did it request to carry over the amount for the following year. The conference grant guidelines state that if the conference does not request to carry over any unspent dollars, those dollars will be deducted from the next year’s allocation.

b. Mountain East Conference—In the strategic positioning outcome area of Academics and Life Skills, the conference entered a strategy titled, “Carryover
“Request” in the amount of $1,544. This dollar amount was needed to take the conference to its 10 percent minimum in the SPO area. This should have been accounted for as carry over funds in the overall summary of funds spent and, had it been accounted for in this manner, the conference would have fallen under its 10 percent minimum in this area.

The committee approved that these funds be withheld from the September 2016 allocation to these conferences.

6. **Special Recognition for Conference Grant Reporting and Uses.** The committee reviewed the history of special recognition awards, as well as those strategies that had been submitted by the conference and committee and staff members as exemplary for 2015-16. The committee approved the following conferences to be recognized for exemplary grant reporting and/or exemplary programs in 2015-16:

**For Outstanding Improvement in Report Submission ($1,500 Recognition Award):**
- Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
- Gulf South Conference
- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

**For Exemplary Strategies ($1,000 Recognition Award per Strategy):**
- Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
  - Academic & Life Skills—Tutorial Expenses
- Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference
  - Athletics Operations and Compliance—Compliance Workshop
- Conference Carolinas
  - Diversity and Inclusion—Internships
- East Coast Conference
  - Diversity and Inclusion—Funds for Minority/Female Positions
- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
  - Academics and Life Skills—GLIAC Summer SAAC Retreat
- Great Lakes Valley Conference
  - Diversity and Inclusion—“GLVC is Me” PSAs
- Great Northwest Athletic Conference
  - Membership and Positioning Initiatives—Conference Magazine

With the three $1,500 awards and the seven $1,000 awards, the total funds for exemplary reports or initiatives is $11,500.

The committee approved increasing the amount of funds used for exemplary report writing or initiatives from a maximum of $5,000 per year to $10,000 per year.
7. **Fines for Late Submissions.** The committee noted that all conferences submitted their grant reports by the deadline. No fines were levied against conferences for this grant cycle.

With the request from several conferences to have the system open for a longer period of time each year, the staff developed a timeline from this year’s reports that showed the experience for each conference concerning the first date/time that each conference had logged in to the system, as well as the date/time that the report was submitted. Staff will attempt to get any enhancements that need to be done to the system completed early and open the system next year in early February.

8. **Conference Audit Selections.** The committee selected three conferences to be audited in the upcoming fiscal year—Conference Carolinas, Mountain East Conference and Peach Belt Conference. Conferences to be audited, unless they are selected for specific reasons, are selected randomly. Audits will be performed by an internal NCAA auditor and completed in the December to February timeframe.

9. **Affiliate Organizations’ Reports and Requests.** The committee reviewed the reports from the five affiliated organizations that receive Division II grants. The committee approved a $50,000 grant to each of the following organizations: Division II Athletics Directors Association; Division II Conference Commissioners Association; Division II Faculty Athletics Representative Association; and the National Association of Collegiate Women’s Athletic Administrators. The committee approved a $49,000 grant to the Minority Opportunities and Athletics Association, due to a $1,000 amount that was left unspent in 2015-16.

10. **Division II Foundation for the Future Initiative.** The committee received an update on Helper Helper, which was one of the initiatives that received funding from the Foundation for the Future initiative.

11. **Division II Budget Information.** The committee received the budget-to-actual document for the period ending May 31, 2016, a verbal update on 2016-17 budget requests and information on the updated long-range budget.

12. **Division II 2015-2021 Strategic Plan.** The committee received an update on the implementation of the Division II strategic plan, as well as a demonstration on how the plan is displayed on the NCAA website.

13. **Division II Enhancement Fund Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed and approved the changes that had been made to the enhancement fund policy.
The committee also discussed the issue of a conference neglecting to report a sport that it sponsors, whether by omission or because the conference was uninformed about whether the sport was permissible. In some cases, conferences had requested to receive funds retroactively, once the omission or error was discovered.

The committee noted that conferences receive several communications throughout the year with regard to their sports-sponsorship and revenue distribution forms and that conferences have a responsibility to double check the information provided. Staff will attempt to do more in-depth education with conferences; however, the committee determined that the onus is on the conference to return complete and accurate information. The committee agreed to not provide any type of retroactive pay for these funds.

14. **Division II Membership Fund.** The committee tabled the discussion on the Division II Membership Fund until its September teleconference.

15. **Update on New Media Agreement.** The committee was updated on the new media agreement, which runs 2025-2032. Specific details of the agreement were discussed and, the committee noted that, overall, the agreement is very good and provides stability for the NCAA and Division II.

16. **Future Meetings and Teleconferences.** The committee reviewed the upcoming teleconference dates. No action was necessary.

17. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

*Committee Chair: Glen Jones, President, Henderson State University*
*Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones and Andrea Worlock*

*Attendees:*

Curtis Campbell, Tuskegee University
Mike Fiorentino, Lock Haven University
Debbie Ford, University of Wisconsin, Parkside
Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Glen Jones, Henderson State University, chair
Bridget Lyons, Barry University
Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association
Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University
Les Wong, San Francisco State University
Others in Attendance:

Gary Brown, Division II Contractor
Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA
Maritza Jones, NCAA
Ryan Jones, NCAA
Ann Martin, NCAA
Kathleen McNeely, NCAA
Faith Morrison, NCAA
Ruth Reinhardt, NCAA, Recording Secretary
Andrea Worlock, NCAA
ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. August 2016 Planning and Finance Committee Report. The committee approved the report from the August 3, 2016, meeting, as presented.

2. Division II Conference Grant Updates.

a. Discussion with Mountain East Conference’s President. The committee was updated on a discussion that the chair conducted with the chair of the Mountain East Conference’s presidential body, which centered around the conference’s grant report.

   The chair reiterated the actions of the committee with regard to the conference (see report from August 3, 2016, Planning and Finance Committee meeting).

b. Mountain East Conference’s 2015-16 Conference Grant Report Rewrite. The committee reviewed the rewrite of the 2015-16 report from the Mountain East Conference. The rewrite was accepted by the committee. The committee was reminded that the actions noted in the August 3 meeting report would remain and that the conference’s payment for 2016-17 would be reduced by $1,715 for impermissible use of grant dollars.

c. Conferences’ Follow Up.

(1) Withholdings. The committee noted that the staff had completed teleconferences and/or sent emails to the other 23 Division II conferences with regard to their 2015-16 reports. Conferences that were asked to edit certain areas of their reports or explain specific items within complied with the committee’s requests, as determined at the August meeting. With the exception of the Mountain East Conference, funds were scheduled to be disbursed the week of September 19. Conferences receiving less than the full allocation for 2016-17 follow:

   (a) Great Lakes Valley Conference--$250 was withheld from the conference’s 2016-17 disbursement for impermissible use of funds,
which included the use of conference grant dollars for professional dues.

(b) Great Northwest Athletic Conference--$200 was withheld from the conference’s 2016-17 disbursement for impermissible use of funds, which included the use of conference grant dollars for professional dues.

(c) Pacific West Conference--$800 was withheld from the conference’s 2016-17 disbursement for impermissible use of funds, which included commissioner travel.

(2) Carry Over Funds. The committee noted carry over funds from 2015-16 to 2016-17 for one conference, as follows:

- East Coast Conference--$1,386 in the Strategic Positioning Outcome area of Athletics Operations and Compliance.

3. Division II Membership Fund. The committee discussed the information with regard to the Division II Membership Fund, which was established in 2007 as a means of strengthening the Division II membership. The fund has evolved over the years, with the selection committee considering over 100 applications in the past seven years.

The committee also reviewed the recommendations from the Championships Committee and Membership Committee, which consisted of maintaining the fund for membership-related expenses and grants related to positioning initiatives. Ultimately, the Committee noted that priorities for the division are changing; therefore, the committee voted to discontinue the fund as it is currently outlined. The Committee agreed that it will include in the Division II Conference Grant Program, as a permissible expense, the ability to use grant dollars, particularly in the area of member stabilization.

In addition, the Committee will make determinations at its April 2017 meeting on how the funds that have been annually allocated to the Membership Fund will be used.

4. Future Meetings and Teleconferences. The committee noted future teleconferences and meetings.

Committee Chair: Glendell Jones Jr., Henderson State University

Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau and Maritza S. Jones, Division II Governance.
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### The National Collegiate Athletic Association

#### 2015-16 Division II Budget-to-Actual Results as of August 31, 2016

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Excess Revenue/Trust Allocation over Expense | 3,326,836 | (1,089,034) | 2,944,152 |

Prior Year Membership Trust Balance | 32,102,870 | 35,429,706 | 35,429,706 |

Membership Trust Balance (Note 1 and 2) | 35,429,706 | 34,340,672 | 38,373,858 |

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
REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 15-16, 2016, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Orientation. The National SAAC executive board and liaisons met in person with the new members before the start of the meeting to provide an overview of Division II National SAAC and the committee’s responsibility in serving as the voice of Division II student-athletes.

2. Team IMPACT® Update. The committee was visited by Amy VanRyn and Ellen Augsburger, who provided an update regarding the partnership with Team IMPACT. As of July 2016, Team IMPACT has matched 216 participants with Division II institutions since the partnership began last year. Doug Blais, faculty athletics representative, Southern New Hampshire University and Management Council liaison to SAAC, presented his research to the committee on the benefits of the partnership for student-athletes.

3. Make-A-Wish® Update. The committee was visited by Jennifer Peterson, who provided an update on Division II’s partnership with Make-A-Wish®. Information was shared regarding the wish reveal process and chapter model in which the organization operates. The committee discussed the option of not awarding each conference a wish reveal during the 2016-17 academic year. The majority of the committee believed that each conference should not receive a reveal if it was not earned and agreed to revisit the process at its November meeting. The future of the partnership was also discussed. In addition, it was confirmed that Week of Wishes will be held October 1-16, 2016.

4. Review of Proposed Division II Legislation for the 2017 NCAA Convention and Legislative Process. The committee reviewed the legislative process and procedures in preparation for its evaluation of the Division II Presidents Council-sponsored proposals and concepts, as well as membership-sponsored proposals for the 2017 Convention. The committee spent time reviewing the intent and rationale of the proposed legislation and concepts and developed pro-con lists, which were later shared with the Management Council during the annual Division II Management Council/SAAC Summit.
5. **SAAC Super Region Convention.** The committee received an update on the planning of the convention. The planning committee discussed logistics, such as the time of year and the location of the 2017 convention, in addition to topics. The convention will be further discussed at the November meeting.

6. **Erik Qualman Partnership Discussion.** The committee discussed the partnership with Erik Qualman, and it was joined by Mr. Qualman via videoconference to update the committee on the first year of the partnership and answer questions. The committee recommended that the partnership be renewed and provided goals for year two of the agreement.

7. **Sexual Assault Prevention Summit.** The committee received an update from Mary Wilfert from the Sport Science Institute regarding the Sexual Violence Prevention Tool Kit that is being drafted, as a result of the Sexual Assault Prevention Summit. The committee supported the white paper on student-athlete education and bystander intervention, as well as protocols regarding mental health issues and support for student-athletes and coaches.

8. **Brand Enhancement Update.** The committee provided feedback regarding Phase One of the “Make It Yours” rollout and ideas for Phases Two and Three to Blacktop Creative representatives Emily Esparza and Megan Pudenz. The committee expressed a feeling of being proud of and taking pride in the new moniker, and it expressed an appreciation for being part of the decision process.

9. **CoSIDA Update.** Incoming CoSIDA President Andy Seeley visited the meeting. The committee was encouraged to develop a relationship with the sports information director on their campus in an effort to promote student-athlete stories and experiences. The committee was informed of opportunities within CoSIDA if they are interested in pursuing a career in athletic communications.

10. **Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.** The committee was reminded that the deadline to submit applications for the Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award is September 1, 2016. The honors subcommittee will choose the recipient during the November 2016 meeting and the award will be presented at the 2017 NCAA Convention in Nashville.

11. **Division II Community Engagement.** The committee received an update from Jill Willson of Double L Consulting regarding community engagement held in conjunction with Division II championships during the 2015-16 year. The committee discussed the Award of Excellence and the process in which individuals are nominated and how winners are selected.

12. **Championships Update.** The committee received an update on the 2016 NCAA Division II National Championships Spring Festival, held in May in Denver. Six national champions were crowned in the sports of men’s and women’s golf, women’s lacrosse, softball, and men’s and women’s tennis. The committee was also informed that the Division II
Championships Committee will continue to discuss current championship issues, such as regionalization and the extension of the men’s and women’s soccer preseason.

13. NCAA Division II Committee Reports. The committee was provided with updates on various NCAA Division II committees. The Division II committees represented were the Academic Requirements Committee, Championships Committee, Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Legislation Committee. Members serving on these committees discussed the most recent developments from their respective committees.

14. NCAA Association-Wide Committee Reports. The committee was provided with updates on various NCAA Association-wide committees. The Association-wide committees represented were the Committee on Women’s Athletics, Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, and Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

15 Other Reports. The committee received information on the 2016 NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum, application process for the NCAA Postgraduate Intern Program and other opportunities encouraging SAAC participation.

16. April 2016 SAAC Meeting Report. The April 2016 meeting report was reviewed and approved by the committee.

17. Future meeting schedule.

   a. Fall 2016 conference call, date TBD.


Committee Chair: Christopher Pike, Gannon University, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Staff Liaison(s): Ryan Jones, Law, Policy and Governance.
Chris Brown, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Mark Strothkamp, Enforcement.
Payton Williams, Academic and Membership Affairs.
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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

   a. Independent Medical Care for Divisions II and III institutions.

      (1) **Recommendation.** In Divisions II and III, sponsor legislation to specify that an active member institution shall establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; further, an active institution shall designate an Athletics Healthcare Administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery.

      (2) **Effective date.** August 1, 2017.

      (3) **Rationale.** The NCAA Principle of Health and Safety makes it the responsibility of institutions to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for, their student-athletes. As a continuum of Inter-Association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines, this proposal supports this principle and requires further administrative controls in the delivery of integrated sports medicine and athletic training services. Specifically, this proposal addresses the issue of medical providers at institutions having unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions of student-athletes. Further, the administrative structure should ensure that no coach serves as the primary supervisor for any medical provider, nor have hiring, retention, and dismissal authority over that provider. Current legislation gives some authority to the sports medicine staff member to be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons, but it does not address medical management of student-athletes. This is an issue facing institutions that directly impacts the health and well-being of student-athletes, and this proposal will help ensure that appropriate medical care controls and authority exist.
(4) **Estimated budget impact.** Minimal.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** This legislation will improve athletics healthcare administration by affirming that medical care is being delivered in an independent manner.


(1) **Recommendation.** In Division II, sponsor legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to amend NCAA Constitution 3.34.10 (drug-testing program and consent form) to specify that Division II institutions must designate an individual (or individuals) as the athletic department resource for questions related to NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements; further, to specify that an institution must educate athletics department staff members who have regular interaction with student-athletes that:

(a) The NCAA maintains a list of banned drug classes provides examples of banned substances in each drug class on the NCAA website;

(b) Any nutritional supplement use may present risks to a student-athlete’s health and eligibility; and

(c) Questions regarding NCAA banned drugs and the use of nutritional supplements should be referred to the institution’s designated athletics department resource individual (or individuals).

(2) **Effective date.** August 1, 2018.

(3) **Rationale.** The committee has heard a half-dozen positive drug-test appeals in the past two years in which Division II student-athletes tested positive after claiming use of nutritional/dietary supplement products. Many more DII student-athletes test positive each year and do not seek an appeal. Research has shown that supplement products, which are not well-regulated, may contain NCAA banned substances and are at high risk for contamination with such. Despite the nutritional supplement risk warning on the Banned Drug List that is attached to every NCAA Drug Testing Consent Form, Division II student-athletes have declared in their appeal that they purchased these products on their own, without consultation with
athletics staff. The NCAA subscribes to the Resource Exchange Center, the only authoritative resource supported by the NCAA to provide review of these products vis-à-vis banned drugs to our membership; by designating staff for and communicating to student-athletes about this role, Division II will provide an identified staff to whom student-athletes can check out any supplement product and receive accurate feedback via the REC, thereby reducing their risk of testing positive for use of these products, which tests results in loss of eligibility.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. By providing an on-campus designee for student-athletes to easily reach will positively impact student-athletes and make it easier to make informed decisions.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Independent Medical Care for Division I Autonomy.

(1) Recommendation. Refer a recommendation to Division I Autonomy to editorially revise Constitution 3.2.4.17 (Independent Medical Care). The revision will reflect a modification to the title director of medical services to athletics healthcare administrator.

(2) Effective date. August 1, 2017.

(3) Rationale. “CSMAS proposes this change to the language to clarify the position. The committee determined the name director of medical services implied the person holding the role should have medical background (i.e., physician or athletic trainer). In addition, feedback from member institutions indicated confusion about differences between the director of medical services position and the medical director position, which is established elsewhere in NCAA bylaws. The proposed change from director of medical services to athletics healthcare administrator denotes an administrative role that could be assigned to a variety of positions already established in an athletic department or another area on campus.” The language will also clarify the role as more of a designation rather than a new position.

(4) Estimated budget impact. No budgetary impact.
(5) **Student-athlete impact.** As noted in the rationale, this amendment will provide institutions additional clarification on the role of athletics healthcare administrator to address health and safety needs of student-athletes.

b. **Independent Medical Care for Division I Non-Autonomy Schools.**

(1) **Recommendation.** The committee recommends that Division I non-autonomy institutions opt-in to Constitution 3.2.4.17 (Independent Medical Care).

(2) **Effective date.** August 1, 2017 or August 1, 2018.

(3) **Rationale.** The committee believes that non-autonomous Division I institution would benefit from the legislation adopted by Autonomy in 2016. The NCAA Principle of Health and Safety makes it the responsibility of institutions to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for its student-athletes. As a continuum of Inter-Association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines, this proposal supports this principle and requires further administrative controls in the delivery of integrated sports medicine and athletic training services. Specifically, this proposal addresses the issue of medical providers at institutions having unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions of student-athletes. Further, the administrative structure should ensure that no coach serve as the primary supervisor for any medical provider, nor have hiring, retention, and dismissal authority over that provider. Current legislation gives some authority to the sports medicine staff member to be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons, but it does not address medical management of student-athletes. This is an issue facing institutions that directly impacts the health and well-being of student-athletes and this proposal will help ensure that appropriate medical care controls and authority exists.

(4) **Estimated budget impact.** No budgetary impact.

(5) **Student-athlete impact.** This legislation will provide institutions the role of an athletics healthcare administrator to address health and safety needs of student-athletes.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Sport Science Institute Strategic Priorities and Plan.** Members of the Sport Science Institute presented the SSI’s strategic priorities and strategic plans to the committee. The final plan will be presented to the committee during its December 2016 meeting, and will address the SSI’s nine strategic priority areas.

2. **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Report.** The committee received a general update from Bob Colgate of the NFHS.

3. **Datalys Report.** The committee received a general update on the work of the Datalys Center from Zack Kerr. Dr. Kerr is the outgoing director of the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program. He also introduced his replacement, Dr. Erin Wasserman, who will be assuming responsibilities for the injury surveillance program in mid-July 2016. Dr. Kerr emphasized the continued need to promote member institution participation in the injury surveillance program. Higher levels of participation will allow more sophisticated and robust analysis of injury data that can inform critical questions, such as the impact of certain rule changes on the health and safety of student athletes.

4. **Office of Legal Affairs Update.** The committee received a general update from the Office of Legal Affairs.

5. **Sexual Assault Prevention Report and Tool Kit.** The committee received an update on the sexual assault prevention meeting and the tool kit that is currently being developed. The committee discussed different distribution strategies, and approved the tool kit. The tool kit is scheduled to be released in a mailing to the membership in the fall 2016.

6. **Division III Baseball Two-Period Model.** The Division III Management Council referred a request to CSMAS to comment on the health and safety implications of establishing a two-period model in baseball. The committee issued the following statement:

   The committee recognizes this is a complicated issue, and one for which definitive scientific data does not exist. The committee notes the following considerations:

   a. The unknown impact on the throwing shoulder of baseball athletes, especially pitchers, gearing up for two competitive seasons.

   b. The proposal creates an unconventional periodization schedule that could predispose athletes to injury.
c. The proposal is disconnected from any coordinated, association-wide strategy for the consideration of competitive season reconfigurations. Without such coordination, it is difficult for the committee to consider the time-demands implications of the proposal.

d. There may be benefit arising from warmer temperatures in the fall season.

e. The committee requests that if the proposal is ultimately passed that it be consulted to help facilitate the formal evaluation of the impact of the proposal on the health of student-athletes.

7. **Division III standardized contest exemptions across all sports.** Division III Management Council requested CSMAS comment on a legislative concept that would maintain the conference championship exemption and the NCAA championship exemption, while eliminating all other exemptions (both standard and sport-specific) and would permit each sport two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices against any opponent. The committee had no comment.

8. **Inclement Weather Statement.** In the committee’s December 2015 meeting, committee members raised concern with common campus practices during inclement weather. The committee formed a working group to craft a statement on the issue. The following statement was considered and approved:

*Inclement weather poses unique challenges to athletics operations, partly because of the seasonal and geographic frequency of such events, and because of the disparate impact on members of the athletics team. Student-athletes, most of whom live on or very close to campus, are impacted differently than coaches, support staff, and athletics administrators, who may live at some distance from campus, and who are, therefore, subject to weather conditions that may be very different than those occurring on campus. They may also have the additional difficulty of a commute.*

*In recent years, the committee has fielded complaints from athletics support staff who report having to journey to campus during inclement weather to attend practices or other non-competition events, even when the campus has been effectively shut down and classes canceled. These complaints become more pronounced when athletics personnel believe themselves to be exposed to personal risks to attend what are perceived as non-essential activities, and especially for practices and other obligations for sports outside of the traditional season. Consequently, the committee provides member institutions the following guidance for inclement winter weather conditions:*
Athletics department personnel must recognize that decisions affecting the broader institutional community also apply to them. Serious consideration should be given to the appropriateness of requiring student-athletes, coaches, and support staff to come to campus when the campus is otherwise closed and classes canceled. Local traffic authorities should be consulted about the safety of local roadways.

a. Decisions about continued athletics activity should be centrally made, preferably by the athletics director or his/her designee. Coaches should not make such decisions for their own sports in isolation and independent of athletics administrators.

b. Decisions should be made with the ultimate goal of protecting the well-being and safety of all athletics personnel and student-athletes. A full accounting of the disparate impact of inclement weather on athletics personnel and participating student-athletes should be made as part of the decision-making process.

c. When a decision is made to open athletic or recreational facilities and to conduct athletics activities, standardized steps should be taken to ensure the safe access to those facilities and those parts of campus in which the activities will take place.

d. Athletics personnel who determine that their personal safety might be jeopardized by commuting to campus in inclement and/or hazardous weather should be excused from all responsibilities without fear of reprisal or punishment, and reasonable accommodations for their absence should be made.

9. **Air Quality Statement.** An unusually active 2015 wildfire season in parts of northern California and the Pacific northwest lead to significant air quality challenges for many member institutions located in those regions, especially with the onset of late summer practices and competitions and the start of the 2015-16 sport seasons. As a result, the Sport Science Institute and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport fielded several calls from athletics healthcare professionals at these schools who were inquiring about available information to help guide their decisions about practice or competition modification.

There are three reasons why otherwise healthy athletes are at special risk for inhaling pollutants. First, as physical activity increases so does minute ventilation, which increases the number of pollutants that are inhaled relative to when the athlete is at rest. Second, during activity, a larger proportion of air is inhaled through the mouth, which bypasses the body’s built-in nasal filtration system. Third, pollutants are inhaled more deeply and may diffuse into the bloodstream more quickly during physical activity. These concerns
are exacerbated in those athletes with pre-existing pulmonary or cardiac conditions (Carlisle and Sharp, 2001).

An important and standardized national air quality resource is the National Weather Service’s (NWS) Air Quality Forecast System. This system “provides the US with ozone, particulate matter and other pollutant forecasts with enough accuracy and advance notice to take action to prevent or reduce adverse effects.” (Accessed 6/14/16; http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/air_quality/).

A key component of this forecast system is the NWS Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI is provides real-time monitoring and alerts in response to changing air quality levels. The AQI accounts for five different pollutants, including 1) ground-level ozone; 2) particle pollution (also known as particulate matter); 3) carbon monoxide; 4) sulfur dioxide; and 5) nitrogen dioxide. Of these, ground-level ozone and particulate matter are the most common and most concerning pollutants for outdoor physical activity. The AQI is a single number, presented on a scale of 0 – 500, where 0 indicated no air quality problems and 500 indicates the most hazardous levels of air pollution.

When threatening or dangerous air quality levels are present the AQI is adjusted upward, and the National Weather Service (NWS) will issue a corresponding air quality alert. Those alerts and their corresponding behavioral modification recommendations can be found here.

The committee offers the following general guidance to member institutions trying to make decisions about the appropriateness of practice or competition in extreme air quality situations:

a. Attentive monitoring of local AQI and associated air quality alerts, especially during times of extreme environmental conditions, is recommended. This monitoring is best performed by the primary athletics healthcare providers trained to monitor environmental impacts on student-athlete health and safety. However, schools may choose to delegate this responsibility to another staff member with knowledge and training about environmental monitoring.

b. Member schools should consider modifying or canceling outdoor athletic events (practices and competitions) in accordance with AQI guidance. Exposure should be managed more conservatively for student athletes with pre-existing pulmonary or cardiac conditions, which may exacerbate the complications of these conditions and could lead to an acute medical emergency. Specifically, schools should consider removing athletes with pre-existing pulmonary or cardiac conditions from outdoor practice or competition venues at an AQI over 100. At AQIs of over 150,
all athletes should be closely monitored. All athletes should be removed from outdoor practice or competition venues at AQIs of 200 or above.

c. School emergency action plans should guide the emergency care response in these circumstances, and staff should rehearse the plan at a minimum of once a year.

10. **Experimental Kick-off Rule.** At the request of the Football Rules Committee, the committee considered an experimental rule proposal from the Ivy League. After examining the proposal, the committee issued the following statement:

   While the committee has not seen any evidence to suggest that the terms of the proposal are likely to result in a decrease in concussion or other football kick-off related injury, it can identify no reason why the proposed experimental rule should not be allowed. The experimental rule will likely generate important data that should lead to a more definitive answer to the question of additional benefit resulting from further adjustment to the point of kickoff. The committee respectfully requests that the Ivy League and the NCAA Football Rules Committee share any data arising from the experimental period for its review.

11. **Division I Men’s Basketball Championship testing.** The committee addressed a request from the Division I Basketball Committee to allow a special accommodation to the “10-10” testing protocol, which allows a team to defer post-game championships drug testing to the next morning at the same venue if the contest commences 10 p.m. or later local time. The committee discussed the request and approved a modification of the protocol to “10-12”, allowing an extra two hours the next morning for the student-athlete to return to the arena for testing. The committee declined to support the accommodation of moving testing to the hotel, which would present additional logistical testing complications.

12. **Recording drug testing collections.** The committee determined that there should be no recording—video or otherwise—of NCAA drug-testing collection events, noting that these are group testing events and recording would capture more than just the individual making the recording, creating a confidentiality concern.

13. **Safety in College Football Summit.** The committee received an overview of the summit, which occurred in February 2016, and reviewed the voting statements and the documents that stemmed from the statements. The following statement was approved by the committee:

   The committee supports the foundational statements of the four inter-association consensus documents from the Second Safety in College Football Summit (Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes; Diagnosis and Management of Sport-Related Concussion; Independent Medical Care in the Collegiate Setting; Preventing Catastrophic Injury in College Athletes). In particular, the committee applauds the data-
driven nature of these documents, and supports all efforts to continue to update these
documents in a science-driven manner.

14. **US Lacrosse headgear rule request.** CSMAS recommend that the Lacrosse Playing
Rules committee adopt a modification to Rule, Section 10, to read:

*Close-fitting gloves and soft headgear may be worn by all field players. Beginning on January 1, 2017, any field player choosing to wear headgear will only be allowed to wear headgear that meets the ASTM F313 standard for women’s lacrosse. Further protective devices necessitated on genuine medical grounds may be used by players, providing that the umpires agree that they do not endanger other players. All protective devices used should be close-fitting, padded where necessary, and not be of excessive weight. No equipment, including protective devices, may be used unless it complies with the rules or manufacturers specifications and is deemed not dangerous to other players by the officials.*

The committee also urges some caution in the decision-making process as an actual product
does not exist in market.

15. **Substance Use Survey.** The committee reviewed and provided feedback on the substance
use survey instrument, to be administered to the membership during the 2016-17 academic
year. Committee members Abby Miklitsch, Megan Warren, Randy Bird, and Roger Kruse,
and consultants Zack Kerr and Lara Gray volunteered to assist with language updates.

16. **THC Research project.** NCAA research provided the committee with an overview of the
research project that explored the relationship between institutional drug education and
testing, and student-athlete year-round testing samples that contained tetrahydrocannabinol, THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The preliminary analysis of the data indicated that student-athlete samples from institutions that conduct institutional testing and drug education were less likely to test positive for THC. Additional analysis of this data will be presented to the committee at its December meeting.

17. **Banned drugs and medical exceptions.** The committee reviewed several items related to
banned drugs and determined the following:

a. The committee recommended that staff make an editorial revision to the banned
drug class currently named “street drugs” to “illicit drugs”. The committee noted
that the “street drug” term was outdated and inappropriate. The revised drug class
will continue to include marijuana, synthetic cannabis and heroin, and other related
drugs of abuse.
b. The committee will explore the potential to program the electronic drug-testing consent form so that the student-athlete must acknowledge receipt of the banned drug educational document prior to final signature of the consent. Current practice allows the student-athlete, in many cases, to electronically sign the drug testing consent form without ever seeing the educational attachment that identifies banned drugs and provides the advisory on the risk of using nutritional/dietary supplements.

c. On the topic of ADHD reporting forms, the committee members do not recommend making any changes to the current requirement to submit documentation of a comprehensive evaluation. The committee established a reasonable deadline (i.e., 90 days) for paperwork to be submitted for a medical exception review.

d. At this time, the committee declined to create a new banned drug class to include meldonium, banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and will continue to monitor WADA developments.

e. The committee confirmed that a medical exception for treatment with anti-estrogens does not require pre-approval through the medical exception process, but can be submitted upon notice of a positive drug test.

18. **Nutritional supplement certification.** The committee received a presentation from Amy Eichner, US Anti-Doping Agency, on third party testing of nutritional supplement products, and confirmed its recommendation not to endorse supplement product certification. The committee directed Drug Free Sport in its NCAA Resource Exchange Center responses, to identify that certified products are available and may reduce the risk presented by contamination of these products.

19. **Recreational drug use deterrence tool kit.** The committee heard a presentation regarding an SSI drafted drug use deterrence tool kit that is tentatively scheduled to be released after the December 2016 CSMAS meeting and final review. The committee recommended the name of the tool kit change to “Substance Abuse Prevention toolkit”.

20. **Testing Division I College Football Playoffs.** The committee directed Drug Free Sport to schedule testing of the College Football Playoffs to occur onsite prior to the semi-final game to facilitate expedited results reporting so that confirmation occurs before the championship game.

21. **Beach volleyball testing plan.** The committee approved a championship testing plan for the newly sanctioned championship sport of beach volleyball.
22. **Drug test appeals.** The committee supported a plan to provide training to committee members interested in serving on drug test appeal panels, requiring that new panel members sit through two appeals prior to voting on the outcome of an appeal.

23. **Medical observer.** The committee received a presentation from Dr. Brock Schnebel with the University of Oklahoma about emerging trends in the use of a medical observer in the press box for the purpose of monitoring on-field injuries, especially concussion. Dr. Schnebel presented preliminary research on the key operational features of the use of a medical observer, including the logistic issues, the role of replay technology, and the institutional affiliation of the medical observer. The committee will continue to monitor developments in this new area.

24. **Medical decision-making authority in NCAA Championship events.** The committee recommends a comprehensive review and revision where necessary of health and safety sections of existing championships operations manuals, especially to clarify the relationship between team physicians and tournament medical directors.

25. **CSMAS subcommittees.** The committee determined that beginning with the December 2016 meeting, the subcommittees will no longer meet separately during the scheduled biannual committee meeting, but rather will convene to address specific tasks as needed.

26. **Future meetings.**
   
   
   b. June 7 – 9, 2017, Indianapolis.
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ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   • None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Call to Order. Committee chair, Sherard Clinkscales, welcomed those on the call. NCAA staff conducted the roll.

2. Review of Student-athlete Sportsmanship Award Nominees. The committee reviewed the nominees for each division and gender. There was detailed discussion pertaining to several student-athletes and teams nominated for each of the divisional awards. Following the discussion for each division and gender, the following nominees were selected by the committee as the 2016 recipients of the NCAA Sportsmanship Award:

   a. Division I Student-Athlete Award Recipients
      b. Female. Minden Miles, Texas Christian University.
      c. Team. University of Georgia Football Team.

   b. Division II Student-Athlete Award Recipients
      a. Male. The committee felt that those nominated for the award did not meet the award’s qualifications. Specifically, the committee noted that nominees were submitted with a lack of a specific extraordinary act(s) of sportsmanship.
      b. Female. Imke Oelerich, Nova Southeastern University.

   c. Division III Student-Athlete Award Recipients
a. **Male.** There were no nominations that were submitted for this division and gender.

b. **Female.** The committee felt that those nominated for the award did not meet the award’s qualifications. Specifically, the committee noted the nominee’s specific extraordinary act(s) occurred in previous seasons and did not meet the timeframe requirement of the sportsmanship award.

3. **Review of Bob Frederick Award Nominees.** The committee discussed the nominees for the Bob Frederick Award from 2015-16, as well as nominees from 2013-14 and 2014-15. After review, the committee selected Dr. Don Lyle, Athletic Director (retired), Grove City College (PA) as the 2016 Bob Frederick Award recipient.

4. **Committee Annual Meeting.** NCAA staff discussed the dates for the committee annual meeting and noted initial agenda items that the committee would plan to discuss. Staff requested any additional agenda items be sent to staff no later than September 15, 2016 for addition to the meeting agenda.

5. **RESPECT Campaign.** NCAA staff provided a final update to the committee regarding the launch of the RESPECT campaign and the distribution of the RESPECT booklet. [Attachment] The NCAA will provide four (4) hard copies of the RESPECT booklet to each member institution and one (1) copy to each member conference. The booklet, video and audio public service announcements, templates for print and digital program ads and templates for in-venue signage is available for free download on the NCAA sportsmanship website following the link to the RESPECT resources.

6. **Future meeting dates.**
   
   - Monday and Tuesday, October 3-4, 2016 in Indianapolis.

7. **Adjournment.** The teleconference was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

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Committee Chair: Sherard Clinkscales, North Carolina State University, Atlantic Coast Conference.

Staff Liaison: Ben Brownlee, Championships and Alliances

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IF I LOSE, I’LL RESPOND WITH RESPECT.
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DON’T UNDO MY HARD WORK WITH POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

The NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct is working to increase awareness of and commitment to sportsmanship across the Association.
STEP 1
BEST PRACTICES

Through this initiative, the committee’s goal is to advance the commitment to sportsmanship by providing best practices that campus leaders can use as they implement sportsmanship programs.
APPOINT
a sportsmanship coordinator or committee
The best person(s) will depend on the size of your school but should be an administrator (assistant athletics director, facilities staff member, etc.) or faculty member, such as the faculty athletics representative.

CREATE
a policy consistent with NCAA and conference guidelines
The policy should include acceptable behavior for athletes, coaches and fans. It should also include potential incentives for good sportsmanship behavior and consequences for bad behavior.

DEVELOP
an implementation plan
Some items to consider include naming a game manager, identification of fan management procedures, and public address announcements and venue signs. The plan should also include launch tactics and ways to communicate information to key audiences. The NCAA has many resources available for use in planning activities at sporting events that encourage good sportsmanship.

LAUNCH
the campaign with key administrators
Successful programs are those with campus involvement, oversight and commitment. For a sportsmanship program to have an impact on your athletes, coaches and fans, your school's athletics director and other key administrators should launch the campaign. During meetings with coaches or game management staff, encourage the sportsmanship coordinator or committee to share information about the NCAA’s RESPECT campaign to increase awareness of available resources.

WORK
with your Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
As a key audience for a sportsmanship program, your school’s athletes will have insight into what might work and what might be challenging. Additionally, they can help publicize your efforts to their peers.
STEP 2
PROGRAM RESOURCES

The NCAA offers resources for use as part of your sportsmanship program.

To download these resources, visit ncaa.org/respect.
TIPS
to help implement a sportsmanship program
The guide includes ideas for who could serve as committee members; an example of a sportsmanship policy, target audiences and channels for reaching them; and items to include in a launch plan – all designed to engage athletes, coaches and fans.

VIDEO PSA
for in-venue broadcast
This 30-second spot encourages fans to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and can be played on video boards before or during a sporting event.

AUDIO PSA
for in-venue broadcast
This 30-second audio version is similar in content to the video announcement but available for events without a video board.

SCRIPT
for public address announcers
The script template provides messaging for announcers to remind fans to behave in a sportsmanlike manner.

TEMPLATES
for in-venue signage and program ads
The templates – in various sizes – feature the NCAA RESPECT campaign logo and the tagline, “It’s the name of the game.” All are able to be customized with your school or conference logo.

AWARDS
to highlight acts of sportsmanship
Annually, the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct highlights instances of extraordinary sportsmanship. If your program yields an act that fits this description, nominate the individual, team or coach for an award.
CASE STUDY
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

PHOTO COURTESY MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO
The “Don’t Cross the Line” initiative at Minnesota State University, Mankato, takes a unique approach to game management with its use of bright yellow floor decals that instruct fans not to cross the line.

“It didn’t put a physical barrier between our fans and the basketball floor, but it had a unique way of communicating expectations and the message. It was literally and figuratively, ‘Don’t cross the line, and we won’t have a problem,’” Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman said. The initiative was well-received and has been used as a model for Division II sportsmanship initiatives.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

• How can you use creative solutions to address game management issues?
• In what ways could a similar campaign have a wide-ranging multimedia strategy?
• How can you include your school or conference’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in the planning of a sportsmanship program?
CASE STUDY
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA WRESTLERS TAKE DOWN BULLYING
Beginning with the 2015-16 season, University of Oklahoma wrestlers broke stereotypes by pinning a common issue for students of all ages: bullying. The Sooners visit local elementary schools to explain the harms associated with bullying and steps that others can take to end intimidation in their schools. The effect has not only helped community youth, it has instilled a role-model effect in Mark Cody’s wrestlers.

“This type of program is so important because we want these kids to be kind and considerate citizens,” said Sooners Head Coach Mark Cody.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- Do people who regularly volunteer as role models show a greater aptitude for behavior that reflects sportsmanship?
- What associations will the local community have with a team, school or conference that encourage inclusive behaviors?
- Do leadership opportunities for individuals increase positive behaviors toward team goals?
CASE STUDY
MINNESOTA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

PHOTO COURTESY JIM CELLA, CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD
In 2013, the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference launched its “Respect Your Rivals” campaign with a promotional video, an updated conference-wide sportsmanship plan and signs on all 13 member campuses.

The MIAC’s commitment to sportsmanship extends beyond the “Respect Your Rivals” campaign, as the conference has named an All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team for the past decade. Selected by coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the field, the MIAC honors one nominee from each team in each of its 22 championship sports.

What types of programs could you develop with your team, school or conference that regularly reward sportsmanship?

What can you do to make sure your sportsmanship program targets appropriate audiences (fans, student-athletes, coaches and others)?

How does increasing attention for positive acts of sportsmanship affect the overall program?
IF I FAIL
I’LL RISE UP WITH HONOR.
IF I WIN
I’LL BACK IT UP WITH HUMILITY.

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NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 11-12, 2016, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Previous meeting report. The committee approved the report from the May 5-6, 2016, Postgraduate Scholarship Committee meeting.

2. Conference call with regional committee chairs. The committee and chairs had a healthy discussion with regard to increasing the visibility of the scholarship and scholarship winners to the membership and the public. The committee chairs discussed various ways to collect qualitative data to demonstrate how invaluable the funds are to the scholarship recipients. The committee decided to continue the discussion and develop a method(s) for increased visibility approved by the end of the 2016-17 academic year.

3. Review of correspondence sent to the committee.
   a. The committee considered an extension request for Mr. Michael Hedgepath, a 2011-12 awardee. The committee denied his extension request due to the scholarship expiring in 2015.
   b. The committee considered an extension request for Mr. Alexander Longi, a 2013-14 awardee. The committee granted an extension to allow Mr. Longi to pursue a Masters of Business Administration degree, provided he is enrolled by August 2018.
   c. The committee considered an extension request for Mr. Jeff Locke, a 2012-13 awardee. The committee granted an extension to allow Mr. Locke to pursue a Masters of Business Administration degree, provided he is enrolled by August 2017.
   d. The committee considered an extension request for Ms. Alicia Nelson, a 2012-13 awardee. The committee granted an extension to allow Ms. Nelson for pursuit of a graduate degree, provided she is enrolled by August 2017.
4. **Committee chair.** The committee elected Mattie White as chair of the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, effective January 2017.

5. **Future of the scholarship.** The committee will consider changes to the scholarship to improve its success by demonstrating the program’s validity. The committee is considering removing the deferral option to improve utilization and to gather improved data on the recipients’ progress toward graduation.

6. **Review of nominations.** The committee reviewed 96 winter sports nominations (41 men and 55 women). The committee awarded 29 postgraduate scholarships for men’s sports and 29 postgraduate scholarships for women’s sports.

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**Committee Chair:** Rich Loosbrock, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference  
**Staff Liaisons:** Jeff O’Barr, Administrative Services, Accounting  
Lori Thomas, Administrative Services, Accounting

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| NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship  
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Bert Carter, Sunbelt Conference.  
Gail Cummings-Danson, Skidmore College, Liberty League.  
Rich Loosbrock, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.  
Neil Norton, Creighton University, Big East Conference.  
Kimberly Ross-Watkins, Morgan State University, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.  
Mattie White, Indiana University, Big Ten Conference.

**Absentees:**  
Samantha Mitchell, The Ohio State University Big Ten Conference.

**Guests in Attendance:**  
None.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**  
Lori Thomas

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**  
None.
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   - Postgraduate Scholarship Committee (Public member vacancy).
     - Recommendation. To appoint Aaron Braun, past recipient from Adams State University.
     - Effective Date. Immediate.
     - Rationale. The committee recommends the appointment of Aaron Braun to fill its public member vacancy. The committee believes that in addition to Aaron replacing the member who stepped down, he will be successful in utilizing his knowledge of the criteria, along with his continued work in the field of athletics.
     - Estimated Budget Impact. None.
     - Student-Athlete Impact. None.

Committee Chair: Rich Loosbrock, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Jeff O’Barr, Administrative Services, Accounting
               Lori Thomas, Administrative Services, Accounting

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship
August 24, 2016, ELECTION

Participants:
Bert Carter, Sun Belt Conference.
Gail Cummings-Danson, Skidmore College, Liberty League.
Rich Loosbrock, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review of University of Wisconsin, Parkside’s Appeal Regarding its Late Submission of the NCAA Division II Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG). The NCAA Division II Management Council Subcommittee reviewed information submitted as part of the University of Wisconsin, Parkside’s appeal, and agreed to overturn, in part, and uphold, in part, the NCAA Division II Membership Committee’s decision to deny the institution’s waiver requesting an extension of the deadline to submit the completed ISSG. The subcommittee noted that the institution did not submit mitigating and/or extenuating circumstances to remove the institution from probation or to make the institution eligible for enhancement funds. Therefore, the institution will be placed on probation during the 2016-17 academic year and will not be eligible to receive enhancement funds. However, the subcommittee noted that since the institution met the intent of the self-study guide legislation, it would not be required to complete the ISSG during the probationary year.

2. Review of Queens University of Charlotte’s Appeal Regarding its Late Submission of the ISSG. The subcommittee reviewed information submitted as part of Queens University of Charlotte’s appeal, and agreed to uphold the Membership Committee’s decision. Specifically, the subcommittee noted that the institution’s failure to complete the ISSG, with the appropriate signatures by the legislated deadline, was within the institution’s control. The subcommittee further noted a lack of documented mitigating and extenuating circumstances as administrative changes in the athletics department did not justify relief from the legislation. The institution will be placed on probation during the 2016-17 academic year and will not be eligible to receive NCAA Division II Enhancement Funds. In addition, the institution must complete the ISSG during the probationary period.

[Note: Lynn Griffin, director of athletics, Coker College, recused herself from voting on this item.]

3. Review of California State University, San Bernardino’s Appeal Regarding its Late Submission of the ISSG. The subcommittee reviewed information as part of California State University, San Bernardino’s appeal, and agreed to overturn, in part, and uphold, in part, the Membership Committee’s decision to deny the institution’s waiver requesting an extension of the deadline to submit the completed ISSG. The subcommittee noted that the institution did not submit mitigating and/or extenuating circumstances to remove the institution from probation or to make the institution eligible for Division II Enhancement
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Committee Chair: Stan Williamson, University of West Alabama
Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, vice president of Division II
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REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, TELECONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- Review of Appeal Request Submitted by Purdue University Northwest Regarding its Application for the Membership Process. The NCAA Division II Management Council Subcommittee reviewed an appeal request submitted by Purdue University Northwest regarding its application to enter the NCAA Division II membership process. During its July 2016 meeting, the NCAA Division II Membership Committee did not accept Purdue Northwest’s application for membership. During the teleconference, representatives from Purdue Northwest and the committee presented information to the subcommittee. The subcommittee agreed to overturn the committee’s decision to deny the institution’s application for membership. The subcommittee noted that the committee’s decision was “clearly erroneous” based on the totality of the circumstances and that the institution was prepared to enter the membership process for the 2016-17 academic year. Purdue Northwest will immediately enter provisional year one of the membership process.

[Note: Paul Leidig, faculty athletics representative, Grand Valley State University, recused himself from participating in the teleconference.]

Subcommittee Chair: Stan Williamson, University of West Alabama
Staff Liaisons: Terri Steeb Gronau, vice president of Division II
Maritza S. Jones, director of Division II
### NCAA Division II Management Council Subcommittee
#### September 27, 2016, Appeal Call

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Association-Wide Funding

In Areas of Academics, Diversity & Inclusion and Health & Safety

ACADEMICS
- NCAA Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program
- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Program
- Jim McKay Scholarship
- NCAA Graduate Student Research Grant Program

HEALTH & SAFETY
- Drug Testing at National Championships
- APPLE Conferences
- Catastrophic Injury Insurance
- CHOICES Grant
- NCAA Innovations in Research and Practice Grant Program
- Step UP! Bystander Intervention Program
- MyPlaybook

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
- NCAA Inclusion Forum
- Diversity education workshops
- NCAA on-campus diversity training
- Ethnic Minority and Women’s Enhancement Graduate Scholarship
- Leadership Institutes for Ethnic Minority Males and Females
- Pathway Program
- Women’s Leadership Symposium
- NCAA Postgraduate Internship Program
- Football Coaches Academy
- NCAA and NACWAA Women’s Leadership Symposium
- Leadership Institute
Division II Funding
In Areas of Academics, Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Safety

ACADEMICS $568,500
Degree Completion Award Program $529,000
Academic All-America Program $39,500

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION $1,305,500
Strategic Alliance Matching $600,000
Coaching Enhancement $370,000
Ethnic Minorities and Women's Internship $150,000
Mentor Program $85,500
Governance Academy (MOAA) $50,000
Governance Academy (NACWAA) $50,000

HEALTH & SAFETY $556,000
APPLE Conference $415,000
Year-Round Drug Testing $141,000
Division II Conference Funding
In Areas of Academics, Diversity and Inclusion and Health and Safety

ACADEMICS

$405,689

- Academic Initiatives $160,100
- Academic Enhancement and Life Skills $66,406
- Degree Completion $64,846
- Academic Sub-Grants $40,566
- Technology/Equipment $34,910
- Tutorial Expenses $25,911
- Summer School $8,500
- Student-Athlete Assistance Fund $2,450
- Academic Advising $2,000

- Internships $157,577
- SWA Meetings and Travel $115,451
- Minority/Female Positions $47,285
- Professional Development $46,213
- Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Grants $26,468
- Workshops $16,532
- Speakers $14,534
- NACWAA Convention $11,302
- Gender Equity and Issues Forum $7,707
- Public Service Announcements $6,950
- Inclusion Forum $1,000

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

$451,021

HEALTH & SAFETY

$259,942

- Professional Development $27,919
- Concussion Testing and Software $15,550
- Training Equipment $14,607
- Telement Weather System Tracking $11,500
- Drug Testing $10,445
- Health and Safety Subgrant $9,000
- Athletic Training $6,061
- I-Strike $3,800
- First Aid/CPR Training $2,970
- Portable AED Units $2,160
- Sickle Cell Trait Testing $230
## NCAA DIVISION II MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee and Project Team Assignments for 2016

Assignments that will be coming open in January 2017 are in Bold Typeface

*Mentor assignments are listed in italics below new Management Council members’ names*

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                                          | NCAA Honors Committee |
| Julia Beeman                               | NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics 
                                          | Division II Management Council Subcommittee |
| Doug Blais                                 | **Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee** 
                                          | **Division II Committee on Infractions** 
                                          | **Division II Convention Planning Project Team** |
| Carrie Bodkins                             | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee 
                                          | Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee 
                                          | Division II Management Council Subcommittee |
| Tom Bullock                                | Division II Management Council Subcommittee 
                                          | Division II Management Council Liaison to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) 
                                          | NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee |
| Curtis Campbell                            | Division II Management Council Liaison to the Minority Opportunities Athletics Administrators Association (MOAA) 
                                          | Division II Planning and Finance Committee |
| Tonya Charland, *vice chair*              | Division II Administrative Committee 
                                          | Division II Championships Committee (ex officio) 
                                          | Division II Planning and Finance Committee 
                                          | Division II Management Council/Championships Committee Appeals Subcommittee |
| Kim Duyst *(Lindsay Reeves)*              | Division II Convention Planning Project Team 
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Division II Legislation Committee |
| Lindsay Reeves                             | Division II Academic Requirements Committee  
Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
Division II Convention Planning Project Team  
Division II Military Pilot Project Team |
| Eric Schoh (Griz Zimmermann)               | Division II Committee for Legislative Relief  
Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
Division II Management Council Subcommittee |
| Kevin Schriver                             | Division II Convention Planning Project Team (Chair)  
Division II Membership Committee (Chair) |
| Scott Swain                                | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee  
Division II Convention Planning Project Team |
| Kim Vinson                                 | Division II Championships Committee  
Division II Management Council Subcommittee (Chair) |
| Stan Williamson                            | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
Division II Management Council Subcommittee (Chair) |
| Cherrie Wilmoth (Tonya Charland)           | Division II Finder of Fact Group  
Division II Legislation Committee |
| Griz Zimmermann                            | Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee  
Division II Nominating Committee  
Division II Management Council Liaison to Division II Athletics Directors Association (ADA) |

Management Council Subcommittee chairs:
- Membership Committee Appeals: Stan Williamson
- Amateurism Certification Finder of Fact Group: Kim Vinson
- Championships Committee Appeals: Paul Leidig
Background.

In April 2006 and following interest received by a school in Canada seeking NCAA affiliation and membership, the then-NCAA Executive Committee (now NCAA Board of Governors) formed a working group to study the issue of international membership from an Association-wide perspective. The working group used the following guiding principle in its review:

“The expansion of NCAA membership to include international colleges and universities must benefit the Association generally, and student-athletes specifically, and advance the Association’s strategic mission.”

The following January 2007, the working group recommended and the Executive Committee (Board of Governors) approved to establish a 10-year pilot program to assess the benefits, as well as the challenges, of Canadian membership and to determine how seamlessly international colleges and universities could integrate into the NCAA system.

Rationale for the recommendation and approval:

“Discussions have centered primarily on Canadian institutions, with the recognition that future policy also must account for potential interest from other countries. The benefits of international membership include a significant cultural benefit for student-athletes and may strengthen some conferences and provide more reasonable travel circumstances for institutions within certain regions of the country. Further, higher education has expanded worldwide, with many American colleges and universities forming partnerships with international institutions or establishing branch campuses in foreign countries to provide a more global education. Intercollegiate athletics, as an integral part of higher education, also may benefit from some limited expansion that would permit greater interaction and collaboration with international institutions.

With the adoption of the 10-year pilot program, the Executive Committee (Board of Governors) endorsed the concept from an Association-wide perspective, but agreed that each division has the authority and autonomy to determine whether to open its membership process to Canadian institutions.

At the conclusion of the pilot program, a multidivisional working group should be formed to assess the success of the program and to determine whether further expansion to include additional Canadian members would be appropriate. Finally, the overall assessment of the pilot program also should account for potential interest from other countries.”
With the approval of a pilot program, in January 2008, the Division II membership adopted enabling legislation at the NCAA Convention to permit Division II membership for schools in Canada; and in July 2008, the Division II Membership Committee approved Simon Fraser University’s application to start the Division II membership process.

During the next several years, Division II worked through various legislative issues and policy matters, including regional accreditation, passports and visas, playing and practice season changes and championships hosting. Additionally, the NCAA received inquiry from the Mexican Minister of Sports and Recreation regarding interest in NCAA membership.

Ultimately, the Executive Committee (Board of Governors) approved expanding the current Canadian pilot to include Mexico, and Division II sponsored enabling legislation to permit Division II membership from schools in Mexico. However, the legislation to permit membership to schools in Mexico was defeated by the Division II membership at the 2013 NCAA Convention.

Finally, Simon Fraser became an active Division II member in September 2012 and has remained an active member and a member of the Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference since that time.

Division II continues to be the only NCAA division to have legislation to permit international membership.

[Please reference the attachment for a more comprehensive timeline.]

The 10-year pilot is coming to a close; thus, Division II is facilitating a review of the international pilot on behalf of the Board of Governors to assess the success of the pilot and not whether Division I, II or III want to sponsor legislation to permit active membership for schools outside of the United States.

At this time, Division II is seeking feedback from the other divisions. The Board of Governors is expected to act on a policy for the Association at its April 2017 meeting.

**Recommendation – Draft Policy for International Membership.**

Based on the success of the international pilot program, it is recommended that the NCAA Board of Governors end the pilot program and establish the following Association-wide policy related to international membership in the NCAA:
International membership, at this time, in the NCAA is limited to schools in Canada and Mexico. Legislation must be sponsored and adopted by a division in order to permit membership for schools outside of the United States.

Each division, acting separately by a federated vote(s), has the authority and autonomy to determine whether (if ever) to open its membership to Canadian and Mexican institutions (and, possibly, in the future, other countries).

Additional countries shall be reviewed and approved/denied by the NCAA Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall assess future countries with the following standard:

“The country shall include a significant cultural benefit for student-athletes and shall strengthen current NCAA conferences and provide more reasonable travel circumstances for institutions within certain regions of the country.”

International members shall meet all NCAA and divisional legislative requirements of the constitution and bylaws, including regional accreditation.

Interested international member schools shall complete the division's membership process.

The respective division shall annually review the eligibility of international member institutions to host NCAA postseason competition in their respective countries. Additionally, in instances where an international institution is not eligible to host NCAA postseason competition, that institution would be provided the opportunity to host in the United States.
Timeline for NCAA International Pilot Program

1998—Canadian institution (Simon Fraser University) seeks membership in Division II. Division II conferences sponsor legislation for 1999 NCAA Convention.

January 1999—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) rules proposal “out of order” as an issue with Association-wide impact.

2005—Second Canadian institution (University of British Columbia) seeks membership in the NCAA.

April 2006—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) establishes working group to study the issue of international membership from an Association-wide perspective.

Executive Committee Working Group on International Membership Guiding Principle—The expansion of NCAA membership to include international colleges and universities must benefit the Association generally, and student-athletes specifically, and advance the Association’s strategic mission.

January 2007—Working group recommends, and the Executive Committee (Board of Governors) adopts, a 10-year pilot program to include a limited number of Canadian institutions.

Recommendation: Establish a 10-year pilot program to assess the benefits, as well as the challenges, of Canadian membership and to determine how seamlessly international colleges and universities could integrate into the NCAA system.

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assessment of the pilot program also should account for potential interest from other countries.

April 2007—Division II Presidents Council sponsors enabling legislation to permit Division II membership for schools in Canada.

January 2008—Division II membership adopts Proposal No. 2008-3 (vote: 258-9-2) that established enabling legislation to permit Division II membership for schools in Canada.

July 2008—Division II Membership Committee approves Simon Fraser’s application to start the Division II membership process and reviews the following areas:

**Areas Reviewed by the DII Membership Committee with International Members**

- Accreditation standards and U.S. regional accreditation status.
- Organization structure—institution overall and athletics department structure.
- Budget Structure—institution overall and athletics department.
- Financial aid, including the awarding of athletics aid.
- Sports sponsored.
- Current scheduling of competition—with U.S. and home country, how travel to and from is accomplished.
- Academic calendar—credits earned, degree offerings, how degrees earned.
- Admissions standards—GPA, ACT, SAT.

January 2011—Mexican Minister of Sports and Recreation contacts NCAA regarding membership opportunities for one institution.

January 2012—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) agrees that Division II Presidents Council should review accreditation requirement for pilot program.

July 2012—Division II Membership Committee approves Simon Fraser University for active status in Division II.

July 2012—Division II Presidents Council recommends the Executive Committee (Board of Governors) expand the international pilot to include schools from Mexico.

August 2012—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) approves policy related to accreditation requirements for international members.
Accreditation.

1. Prior to commencing the provisional process, Canadian institutions must begin the accreditation process with one of the six regional accrediting bodies, preferably the regional accrediting body closest in proximity to the institution.

2. Canadian institutions must:
   
a. Apply for accreditation to a United States regional accrediting agency prior to being considered for acceptance into provisional year one. The accrediting agency should be the closest geographically to the Canadian institution; and

b. Achieve "candidacy status" with one of the six U.S. regional accrediting agencies and be in good standing with its country’s national, regional or provincial accreditation agency prior to being considered for acceptance into active membership, as proven by written documentation from the accrediting body; or

c. Achieve full accreditation prior to being considered for approval as an active institution.

August 2012—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) approves expansion of international pilot to include schools from Mexico.

August 2012—Division II Presidents Council sponsors enabling legislation for the 2013 NCAA Convention to permit Division II membership for schools in Mexico.

September 1, 2012—Simon Fraser is an active member of Division II.

January 2013—Division II membership defeats (vote: 133-137-14) a proposal to permit Division II membership for schools in Mexico.

August 2013—Executive Committee (Board of Governors) endorses a provision within the international membership pilot program to annually review the eligibility of international member institutions to host NCAA postseason competition in their respective countries. Additionally, in instances where an international institution is not eligible to host NCAA postseason competition, that institution would be provided the opportunity to host in the United States. The committee noted that challenges exist with regard to issuance of international visas, which could impact the ability of student-athletes to be able to equally compete in NCAA postseason competition outside of the United States.

Spring 2016—Division II conferences (e.g., California Collegiate Athletic Association; Pacific West Conference; Great Northwest Athletic Conference) form a presidential working group to explore potential membership with school(s) in Mexico.
AGENDA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Joint CCA/ADA Officers’ Meeting

Summit/Wooden Room, Brand Building

September 26, 2016

1 to 4:30 p.m.

1. Update from John Parsons, Director, Sports Science Institute.
   a. Health and Safety Update.
   b. Injury Surveillance System. [Supplement No. 1]

2. Update from Donald Remy, Executive Vice President of Law, Policy and Governance/Chief Legal Officer.

3. Update from David Lafiosca, Managing Director of Finance/Controller. [Supplement No. 2]

4. 2016-17 Division II priorities; Terri Steeb Gronau. [Supplement No. 3]

5. Division II long-range budget; Steeb Gronau. [Supplement No. 4]

   a. Convention schedule and education sessions; Maritza Jones. [Supplement No. 5]
   b. Joint ADA/CCA meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 from 3:30 to 4:45 pm.; ADA and CCA Officers.
   c. Review of Convention proposals; Amanda Conklin, Stephanie Quigg Smith and Karen Wolf. [Supplement No. 6]
      • Financial aid educational resources. [Supplement No. 7 will be distributed at the meeting.]

7. Regional compliance seminars; Quigg Smith. [Supplement No. 8]

8. Inclusion initiatives; Sonja Robinson. [Supplement No. 9]

9. Other items of interest.

10. Adjournment.
Division II CCACA Fall In-Person Meeting

Timeline

September 20-21, 2016

NCAA Headquarters

TUESDAY
9:00 am to 10:55 am  CCACA Meeting with NCAA Staff: 
9:00 am  Division II Governance (Maritza Jones) 
9:15 am  Legal Update (Chris Termini) 
9:45 am  Enforcement (Kelly Groddy) 
10:00 am  Make-A-Wish Update (Mark Strothkamp) 
10:15 am  CCA Update (Jim Naumovich) 
10:30 am  Academic Portal (Gregg Summers) 
10:40 am to 11:30 pm  Open Discussion with NCAA AMA Staff 
11:30 pm to 12:00 pm  SAR – Review MHWs (Danielle Teetzal) 
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm  Lunch (CCACA on their own//CCACA Co-Chairs with DII Staff) 
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  CCACA Meeting 
6:00 pm  Optional – CCACA//NCAA Staff Drinks & Apps – CCACA Dinner

WEDNESDAY
8:45 am to 3:00 pm  CCACA Meeting with NCAA DII AMA Staff: 
8:45 am to 9:00 am  Welcome (Jane Teixeira and Kirsten Ford) 
9:00 am to 9:45 am  NLI Update (Susan Peal) 
9:45 am to Noon  2017 NCAA Convention DII SPOPL Review 
Noon to 12:45 pm  Lunch 
12:45 pm to 3:00 pm  Staff Announcements 
IPP Update 
ISSG Information and Communication 
Regional Rules Seminars//Regional Compliance Seminars
Proposed Divisions II and III Legislation: Independent Medical Care

A white paper submitted by:
The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports
NCAA Sport Science Institute

October 2016
What is the purpose of the white paper?
The white paper explains the origins, rationale and key components of the proposed independent medical care legislation. It also discusses the potential impact of the legislation on athletics health care delivery at Divisions II and III member schools.

Who should read this document?
This white paper is intended for individuals who will vote on the 2017 NCAA Division II [No. 2-1 (1-1)] and Division III [No. 2-1] proposed legislation on independent medical care.

What is Independent Medical Care and why is it important?
Independent medical care refers to an environment in which primary athletics health care providers, defined as the team physician and athletic trainer, may make medical decisions for student-athletes free of pressure or influence from non-medical factors. This approach empowers team physicians and athletic trainers to have final decision-making authority with regard to the diagnosis, management and return-to-play determinations for student-athlete care without influence exerted by non-medical professionals, such as a coach or director of athletics.

What are the proposed legislative requirements?
The proposed independent medical care legislation includes two primary requirements:

- **Administrative Structure:** The proposal requires an administrative structure that provides for the “unchallengeable autonomous authority” of primary athletics health care providers (defined as the team physicians and athletic trainers) to have final decision-making authority with regard to the diagnosis, management and return-to-play determinations for student-athlete care.

- **Athletics Health Care Administrator:** The proposal also requires the designation of an “athletics health care administrator” to oversee a school’s athletic health care administration and delivery. While primary athletics health care providers will retain unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions, the athletics health care administrator will play an administrative role serving as the primary point of contact to assure schools are compliant with NCAA health and safety legislation and interassociation recommendations.

What considerations are there for implementation?
To implement the proposed legislation, schools must provide an administrative structure that ensures there is no interference with medical decision-making, and specifically ensures that “no coach serve as the sole supervisor for any medical provider, nor have sole hiring, retention and dismissal authority over the provider” and that schools designate an “athletics health care administrator.”
INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE: A WHITE PAPER

Purpose
The primary purpose of this white paper is to explain the origins and rationale for the proposed Divisions II [No. 2-1 (1-1)] and III legislation [No. 2-1] on independent medical care, and to clarify the main components of the proposal.

The secondary purpose is to discuss the potential impact of the legislation on both the structure and process of athletics health care delivery in Divisions II and III member institutions.

Who Should Read This?
This paper is intended primarily for those who will vote on the proposals at the 2017 NCAA Convention. However, it is also written for those with responsibility to comply with the legislation in the event the proposals are adopted.

Stakeholders include:
- Presidents and Chancellors
- Directors of Athletics
- Senior Woman Administrators
- Head Coaches
- Primary Athletics Health Care Providers (i.e., athletic trainers and team physicians)
- Other Medical Providers (e.g., psychologists, dieticians, medical specialists)
- Compliance Staff
- Faculty Athletic Representatives
- Student-Athletes

What is Independent Medical Care and Why Is It Important?
Independent medical care occurs in an environment in which medical professionals make reasoned and appropriate decisions for the medical management of patients, free of complication, pressure or influence from non-medical factors. In such an environment, medical providers are more capable of practicing “patient-centered care,” which refers to care that is solely focused on the needs of the patient, and which is the gold standard of medical care. Patient-centered care delivered to student-athletes in an athletic environment has been called “athlete-centered medicine.” Consequently, independent medical care is important to member institutions because it facilitates the delivery of athlete-centered medicine, which maximizes the opportunity for quality medical care, and by extension, student-athlete health and well-being.

Independent medical care is also important because in recent years, the public has grown more aware of, and more concerned with, conflicts of interest in the medical decisions made for student-athletes. Conflict arises when influence is exerted by non-medical professionals (e.g.,
coach, athletics directors) on the medical decisions of primary athletics health care providers. This conflict is enhanced when those non-medical personnel have supervisory authority over medical personnel, and use that authority to either influence medical decision-making, or to punish for unpopular medical decisions.

For example, the Chronicle of Higher Education\textsuperscript{2} published the results of a survey of team physicians and athletic trainers, which demonstrated that nearly half of athletic trainers polled reported being pressured by a coach to return a concussed athlete to participation prematurely. In 2014, the Journal of Athletic Training published interassociation consensus recommendations on best practices for sports medicine management, which called for institutions to establish a clear line of unchallengeable authority for team physicians and athletic trainers.\textsuperscript{1} A subsequent 2015 survey\textsuperscript{3} documented higher levels of pressure from coaches on athletic trainers and team physicians when athletics health care departments were directly supervised by the athletics department. At the same time, some have called for a reconsideration of the organizational and administrative structure of athletic health care units and their relationship to athletics departments.\textsuperscript{3-5}

**History of Independent Medical Care Policy and Legislation**

The NCAA and its partner sports medicine organizations formerly established their commitment to principles of independent medical care in the 2014 document, \textit{Inter-association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athletes Guidelines}, which was the product of the first Safety in College Football Summit held in January of 2014.\textsuperscript{6} That document was recently reviewed during the Second Safety in College Football Summit (February 2016), and an updated and endorsed interassociation document is expected for public distribution in the fall of 2016 or early 2017.

At the 2016 NCAA convention in San Antonio, the five NCAA Division I conferences with autonomy passed Proposal 2015-15 (independent medical care), which reflected the interassociation guidelines referenced in the previous paragraph. Division I Constitution 3.2.4.17 (independent medical care) became effective for the Division I conferences with autonomy on August 1, 2016, while the 27 non-autonomy Division I conferences are currently considering its adoption. At its June 2016 meeting in Dallas, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) recommended sponsorship of similar independent medical care legislation to both Divisions II and III.

Existing Division II legislation (Constitution 17.01.2) gives unchallengeable authority to the sports medicine staff, in preseason practice and regular and postseason activities, and allows sports medicine staff to cancel or modify workouts for health and safety reasons. But that legislation does not address the day-to-day medical management of student-athletes. Additional Divisions II (Constitution 3.3.4.17) and III legislation (Constitution 3.2.4.18) mandates the designation of a team physician, who “shall be authorized to oversee the medical services for injuries and illnesses incidental to a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics,” but this legislation contains no other provisions in support of independent medical care.
Proposed Independent Medical Care Legislative Requirements

The primary focus of the legislation is on two related but distinct issues: 1) an administrative structure conducive to independent medical care; and 2) the designation of an athletics health care administrator.

**Administrative Structure**

The proposed legislation requires an administrative structure that both provides for independent medical care and “affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of the ‘primary athletics health care providers,’” which is defined as the team physician and athletic trainer. This designation reflects the central role the physician and athletic trainer play as the foundation of health care delivery for college athletes.

This role reflects the training and credentialing of physicians and athletic trainers, as well as their duty to the daily management of student-athlete health and safety. Such responsibility must be coupled with clear authority with regard to the diagnosis, management and return-to-play determinations for student-athlete care. There are other members of the sports medicine team (e.g., strength and conditioning coach, dietician, psychologist) who work with the primary athletics healthcare providers in an integrative and consultative manner. However, the primary athletics health care providers should ultimately be empowered to make final decision-making to both ensure appropriate medical controls and to avoid confusion.

The legislation is silent as to the specific nature or characteristics of the administrative structure. Implementation considerations will be discussed below.

**Athletics Health Care Administrator**

The proposed legislation also requires the designation of an “athletics health care administrator.” Per the proposal, this individual will “oversee the institution’s athletic health care administration and delivery.” As the proposal has no budgetary impact, compliance with the proposal would not require the creation of a new position. Designation of an existing employee of the institution is acceptable.

The athletics health care administrator position is, as the name implies, administrative in nature. It is intended that this position become the primary point of contact for communication and
dissemination of health and safety legislation, educational material and interassociation guidelines and best practices. The designation of such a position will, for the first time, provide a primary point of contact within a member school to work directly with the NCAA Sport Science Institute. This also means that the athletics health care administrator will have some responsibility for helping to ensure that the administrative structure allows for the delivery of independent medical care.

A real-world analogy for this position is that of a medical office manager who works in a physician’s office. The typical medical office manager has administrative and clinical knowledge, skills in business and administration and clinical management. The medical office manager is also responsible for the operations of the medical practice. Importantly, medical office managers are not dictating the care delivered by the physician. Instead, they are ensuring that the care is being delivered in an organizational environment that reflects relevant laws, rules and regulations. This analogy is not meant to suggest a standard set of responsibilities for the athletics health administrator, but instead; to clarify how that role integrates with existing health care operations.

It is also important to note that the athletics health care administrator position lies outside of the normal medical hierarchy required for the lawful delivery of medical care. Physicians sit atop of that hierarchy, and a team physician/medical director is ultimately responsible for the care being delivered at all member institutions. In fact, existing legislation in all three divisions requires the designation of a team physician who “shall be authorized to oversee the medical services for injuries and illnesses incidental to a student-athlete’s participation in intercollegiate athletics” (NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.16 (Division I), Constitution 3.3.4.17 (Division II), Constitution 3.2.4.18 (Division III)). Team physician authority is the linchpin for independent medical care of student-athletes (cite Interassociation Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines).

In this way, the athletics health care administrator is a necessary complement to the team physician. Where the team physician has responsibility for providing medical services, the athletics health care administrator will have responsibility for administration and delivery of those medical services. One position doesn’t necessarily answer to the other as they have separate but related responsibilities to the whole of athletics health care services.

Considerations for Legislative Implementation

To implement this proposed legislation, schools must ensure that primary athletics healthcare providers have unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions of student-athletes. This means that the institutions must ensure that
there is no interference with medical decision-making from coaches or other members of the athletics staff.

**Administrative Structure**

Member institutions would have flexibility to determine the best strategies for “establishing an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers.”

The only explicit requirement, as stated in the proposal rationale, is that “no coach serve as the sole supervisor for any medical provider, nor have sole hiring, retention and dismissal authority over the provider.” In other words, the coach must be completely de-coupled from medical decision-making, and primary athletics healthcare providers must be in an environment in which making such decisions are free of any threat from coaches. This may pose a challenge for some schools with athletics directors who also serve as coaches, and to whom a primary athletics health care provider solely reports. Effective solutions to this particular challenge may focus on the development of shared supervisory relationships for athletics health care providers, or on the creation of appeal or oversight mechanisms, external to the athletics department, for the evaluation of the merits of negative employment decisions against athletics health care providers.

Additional considerations can be found in the Inter-association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines. For example, schools may evaluate their administrative structure to ensure that an athletic trainer’s professional qualifications and performance evaluations, especially performance in the delivery of care and medical decision-making, are not primarily or solely judged by administrative personnel without health care knowledge or expertise. Ensuring such an arrangement may imply that lines of supervisory authority should reflect both administrative and medical responsibilities, and that where medical responsibilities exist, team physicians play the central role.

**Athletics Health Care Administrator**

The proposal does not specify who must or can be designated as the athletics healthcare administrator. As stated above, the proposal has no budgetary impact, so member schools may choose to designate an existing employee. Appropriate professionals to serve in this role include physicians, athletic trainers, other health care professionals with administrative backgrounds or administrative personnel who have experience managing health care matters.

Importantly, the designation of the athletic health care administrator must be made in a manner that respects the stated administrative requirements structure.

For example, athletic trainers deliver health care under the direction of a licensed physician. However, an athletic trainer could serve as the athletics healthcare administrator, which is an administrative position. While primary athletics health care providers will retain unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions, the athletics healthcare administrator will play an administrative role in the delivery of athletics
health care. This administrative role may include assuring that schools are compliant with all pertinent NCAA health and safety legislation and with interassociation consensus statements and education that impact student-athlete health and safety.
REFERENCES


2017 NCAA® Division II
Award of Excellence

Each Division II institution and conference is eligible to submit its best activity and/or event that exemplifies excellence in any of the areas covered by the six Division II attributes: learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service. The entries can be focused on more than one of the attributes. A few initiatives schools may consider include involvement with Make-A-Wish®, Team IMPACT®, military appreciation, community engagement, game-environment enhancement, student-athlete leadership development and educational programming.

Digital submissions telling the story of the event must be received not later than Friday, November 18, 2016. The submissions should include the following items in one PDF document:

1. An overview of the activity or event. Identify the theme for the activity or event, and note the means in which the theme was used. Within the overview, explain how the activity or event has made an impact on the campus or in the community.

2. Still photos (not more than 10) or video links highlighting the activity or event.

3. Any fliers or other promotional materials related to the activity or event (including any newspaper or online articles).

In order to be eligible for consideration, the activity or event must have occurred between December 2015 and November 2016.

The 24 conference winners and the winning independent institution will be announced on NCAA.org in late December. The 2017 Division II Award of Excellence national winners will be recognized January 21, 2017, at the NCAA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Submit your nomination for receipt not later than NOVEMBER 18, 2016, to:

Lisa Rogers,
administrative assistant for Division II
Email: D2Award@ncaa.org
Phone: 317-917-6776

THE PRIZES

Each conference winner and winner among independent institutions:

$500

Third-place national finalist:

$1,000
(conference prize plus additional $500)

National runner-up:

$1,250
(conference prize plus additional $750)

The 2017 Division II Award of Excellence winner:

$1,500
(conference prize plus additional $1,000)

Plus, one of the winner’s football or basketball games will be included in the 2017 Division II national media agreement.

Past winners:

2016 – Lee University for “Volley for a Cure”

2015 – Bellarmine University for “Chance of a Lifetime”

2014 – Lindenwood University for “Sellout for Sterling”
AGENDA

National Collegiate Athletic Association
Division II FAR Fellows Institute

NCAA national office
Indianapolis, Indiana

September 30-October 2, 2016

(All activities will be held in the Theodore Roosevelt Room, located in the Brand Building of the NCAA national office, unless otherwise noted.)

Friday, September 30, 2016

3 p.m. Welcome. Diane Husic, project coordinator, 2016 FAR Fellows Institute.

- Division II update and priorities. Terri Steeb Gronau, vice president of Division II.

- Institute kick-off plenary speaker. Scott Bearby, vice president of legal affairs and General Counsel.

- Formal Introductions/Icebreaker.

- Opening Work.

5:45 p.m. Academic and Membership Affairs update. Susan Britsch, assistant director, Academic and Membership Affairs.

6 p.m. Dinner (Grant Atrium).

7:15 p.m. Exploring the role and responsibilities of a Division II faculty athletics representative.

9:30 p.m. Close.
Saturday, October 1, 2016

7 a.m.   Breakfast. (Fairfield Inn and Suites)

8 a.m.   FAR Institute sessions begin.

➢ DiSC Workplace.
   *Justin Paysinger, leadership development, NCAA.*

➢ Putting the DiSC Assessment into Practice.

➢ Case study: Missed class time (and related issues).

Noon   Lunch and group photo. (Grant Atrium)

1 p.m.   FAR Institute sessions resume.

➢ Best practices and ideas to engage faculty and other college employees in conversations about college sports.
   *Amy Dunham, strategic communications, NCAA.*

➢ Discussion: The role of FARs in shaping conversations about college athletics.

3 p.m.   Break.

3:15 p.m. NCAA Research Presentation.
   *Michael Miranda, research, NCAA*

4:15 p.m. Group discussion

➢ Case study: The FAR’s role in communicating the needs of concussed student-athletes.

➢ Case study: The FAR’s role in communicating the needs of student-athletes with mental health issues.

➢ The evolving role of the FAR. Can you really do it all?

➢ Sharing of effective practices.

6:30 p.m. Close.

7:30 p.m. Group dinner. (Bucca di Beppo Italian Restaurant)
Sunday, October 2, 2016

7 a.m.  Breakfast.  (Fairfield Inn and Suites)  
(Bring your luggage if you plan to depart for airport from the NCAA national office)

8 a.m.  FAR Institute sessions resume.

  ➢ Panel:  The role of FAR in addressing concussion awareness.
    Timothy Briles, Georgian Court University.
    Cynthia Williams Brown, Winston-Salem State University.
    Kathy Ferrell, Western Oregon University.
    Faith Morrison, University of Washington, former student-athlete.
    Stephen Russo, Nova Southeastern University.

9 a.m.  Institutional Performance Program (IPP).
         Chelsea Crawford, academic and membership affairs, NCAA.

  ➢ Discussion:  How can FARs utilize IPP?

9:45 a.m.  FAR as leader.

10:15 a.m.  Action plan development.

  ➢ Discussion: Post-Institute expectations.

11:30 a.m.  Closing activity and evaluation completion.

**Note:** Attire at the NCAA national office is business casual. The meeting rooms tend to be chilly so bring a jacket or sweater. We will ask you to put your cell phones on vibrate during the sessions.
ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Item.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   - NCAA Academic Performance Census Deadline. The NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee reviewed an update on the new NCAA Academic Portal. Due to technical issues with the new Portal, the committee considered extending the Academic Performance Census data deadline to minimize the impact on the Division II membership. The committee agreed to extend the Academic Performance Census deadline to July 1, 2017, for the 2016-17 academic year only. In addition, the Portal will open for Division II users not later than February 1, 2017. This gives users approximately 21 weeks to submit their data, including part of summer break.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- None.

Committee Chair: Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas
Staff Liaisons: Susan Britsch, Academic and Membership Affairs
               Gregg Summers, Research

| Attendees: | NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee  
| October 10, 2016, Electronic Communication |
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| Brenda Cates, University of Mount Olive, Conference Carolinas |
| Joseph Kissell, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference |
| Paul Leidig, Grand Valley State University; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference |
| Perry Massey, Fayetteville State University, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association |
| Dene Thomas, Fort Lewis College; Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference |
| Shawn Ward, Le Moyne College, Northeast-10 Conference |
| Patrick Wempe, Henderson State University; Great American Conference |
| Christina Whetsel, Angelo State University; Lone Star Conference |

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Congressional Overview

Following an extended recess, which included the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, lawmakers returned to Washington on September 6, 2016. With a significant focus on the upcoming general election, Congress is scheduled to again recess at the end of September and will not return to Washington until November 14th. Before departing for the campaign trail, lawmakers are expected to approve a three-month continuing resolution to fund the government until December 9, 2016. Congress must pass this stopgap measure by September 30th, when the current fiscal budget is scheduled to end.

Members of Congress and staff have continued their interest in college athletics. In addition to inquiring on a variety of eligibility matters, policymakers have continued to express a desire to stay informed about research and related efforts to enhance the overall health and safety of student-athletes.

Federal Issues

Medical Professional Liability Insurance

On February 12, 2015, Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) introduced H.R. 921, the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. H.R. 921 clarifies medical liability rules and ensures that sports medicine professionals who travel outside their primary licensed state to provide care for athletes will be covered by their medical malpractice insurance. When addressing liability, health care services provided by a covered athletic trainer or sports medicine professional to an athlete in a secondary state will be deemed to have occurred in the professional’s primary state of licensure. A companion measure, S. 689, was introduced by Sen. John Thune (R-SD) on March 10, 2015. The NCAA, along with the professional sports leagues, have pledged their support for this legislation.

H.R. 921 was passed by the House Energy and Commerce Committee on July 13, 2016, by voice vote. On September 12, 2016, the proposal was approved by the House of Representatives by voice vote and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. With a limited number of days remaining in the 2016 legislative calendar, the NCAA office of government relations will continue to support these important proposals and closely monitor future movement.

The Standardization of Collegiate Oversight of Revenues and Expenditures Act (SCORE) Act

On July 14, 2016, Rep. David Price (D-NC) introduced H.R. 5791, the Standardization of Collegiate Oversight of Revenues and Expenditures Act (SCORE Act). The proposal would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and require public and private colleges and universities, athletic conferences and the NCAA to make public, standardized revenue and expenditure reports. Institutions would be prohibited from being a member of an intercollegiate athletics association or
participating in any national intercollegiate athletics competition, if an association or a university fails to make public the requested revenue and expenditure information.

H.R. 5791 does not currently have any cosponsors and has been referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. NCAA government relations staff will continue to monitor this proposal and the movement of any related legislation that would be a part of the process to reauthorize the Higher Education Act.

**Better On-line Ticket Sales (BOTS) Act of 2016**

On April 28, 2016, Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) introduced H.R. 5104. This bill, titled the Better On-line Ticket Sales Act of 2016, seeks to prevent the use of software applications—known as “bots”—that are designed to buy tickets to events in large quantities so they can later be resold at a premium. This software circumvents ticket vendor software that limits the number of tickets a single user can purchase. The legislation would make using this software, or knowingly selling tickets that were obtained using this software, an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act. A person injured as a result of another violating these prohibitions may also bring a civil action.

Currently, H.R. 5104 has 18 cosponsors—nine Democrats and nine Republicans. On September 12, 2016, the bill passed the House of Representatives and was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. The NCAA office of government relations will continue to monitor this legislation going forward.

**Congressional College Football Caucus (CCFC)**

On September 14, 2016, Rep. Roger Williams (R-TX) and Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) partnered with the National Football Foundation (NFF) to launch the Congressional College Football Caucus (CCFC). CCFC was created to promote the values and principles developed through participating in football—hard work, teamwork, discipline and perseverance, among others. The goal of the caucus is to educate Congress and the public on the vital role college football plays in the United States and promote college football academic scholarships. The CCFC will work to raise awareness of the overall good that the sport offers America’s youth and the game’s ability to bring people together.

**State Issues**

**Daily Fantasy Sports**

Daily fantasy sports remains an area of interest in the states. Throughout the last several months, the legality of the activity has been a subject that many states have examined with little federal intervention. State action has included prohibiting the contests due to questions surrounding its
legality, taxing the activity or regulating it. Due to concern that these contests impact the integrity of athletic competitions and the well-being of student-athletes, the NCAA has worked with the membership and other interested parties to ensure legislative proposals include a carve-out that prohibits the inclusion of contests that involve college, high school or youth athletes.

In total, around 35 states have introduced legislation to regulate the industry. Thus far, eight states have enacted bills regulating daily fantasy sports (Colorado, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Tennessee, Virginia). Out of the enacted bills, all but Virginia contain a student sports carve-out prohibiting daily fantasy sports involving youth, high school and/or collegiate athletics. Although we foresee limited activity on this matter for the remainder of the year, we can expect states to reintroduce and consider regulation in next year’s session.

The NCAA office of government relations will continue to work with NCAA member institutions and other interested parties to ensure that daily fantasy sports regulations provide proper protections for college, high school and youth athletes.

**Higher Education Associations**

NCAA government relations staff continues to build strong relationships with various higher education associations. The American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), among others, continue to provide guidance and support on issues of common interest. The NCAA government relations staff looks forward to continuing these mutually beneficial relationships to better formulate and further the NCAA’s legislative goals.