Division III December 2017 Webinar

2018 Proposed Legislation

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Agenda

• Review the 2018 Division III proposed legislation.
• Answer questions after each proposal.
• Helpful Links.
  o Legislative process:
    • ncaa.org/sites/default/files/d3.jpg
  o Legislative documents webpage:
    • ncaa.org/governance/legislative-actions-and-issues
2018 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide

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Please note this is the first edition of the 2018 NCAA Convention Division III Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide. Future editions may be developed as questions are presented to the NCAA staff or the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee. On release of subsequent editions of this guide, newly approved questions and answers will be shaded in gray.
2018 NCAA Division III Proposals
Proposal No. 2018-1

Title: Eligibility – ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AND IMPERMISSIBLE ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE.

Intent: To define pre-enrollment and post-enrollment academic misconduct, clarify the individuals and activities to which the legislation applies, and clarify when an institution must report an academic misconduct violation.

Current Legislation: 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. Any extra academic assistance could be an extra benefit. Also, an institutional determination only informs academic misconduct finding.

Sponsors: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Proposal No. 2018-1 (cont.)

How is the proposed legislation different from the current legislation?

• The proposed legislation requires an institution to have policies and procedures that address issues of academic integrity for all students.

• The proposed legislation defines "institutional staff member" and expands a reportable academic misconduct to include when an institutional staff or booster is involved.
How is the proposed legislation different from the current legislation?

• The proposed legislation eliminates an academic integrity issue from being processed as an extra benefit and substitutes an impermissible academic assistance analysis.

• Conduct that would constitute both academic misconduct and an extra benefit under the current legislation would, pursuant to the proposed legislation, be either academic misconduct or impermissible academic assistance but not both.
Proposal No. 2018-1 (cont.)

Did conduct violate the institution’s academic misconduct policies & procedures?

If Yes:
- Alteration or Falsification of Transcript or Academic Record
- Institutional Staff or Booster Involvement?
- Competed based on Erroneous Declaration of Eligibility?

If No:
1. Substantial academic assistance or exception;
2. Not generally available to institution’s students;
3. Not permissible under Bylaw 16.3;
4. Provided by current or former institutional staff or representative of athletics interests; and
5. Results in certification of eligibility.

Yes to any? -or- No to all?
- NCAA Academic Misconduct Violation
- No NCAA Violations

Yes to all?
- NCAA Impermissible Academic Assistance Violation

No to any?
- No NCAA Violations

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Proposal No. 2018-2

Title: ETHICAL CONDUCT – SPORTS WAGERING – SANCTIONS – ELIMINATION OF LEGISLATED SANCTIONS.

Intent: To eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering activities.

Current Legislation: A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity, through the internet, a bookmaker or a parlay card, shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one year from the date of the institution’s determination that a violation has occurred and shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility.

Sponsor: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: Immediate.
Proposal No. 2018-2 (cont.)

Example:

- A lacrosse student-athlete pays $5 and fills out a March Madness bracket online with a bookie to try and win a $10,000 prize.

- The student-athlete’s institution finds out five days later and explains to the student-athlete that he or she just engaged in sports wagering and will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one year and shall be charged with a loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility in lacrosse.

- If this legislation is adopted, the student-athlete will have an opportunity to go through student-athlete reinstatement process and receive an appellate opportunity.
Proposal No. 2018-3

Title: DIVISION III COMMITTEES – ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP – STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHANGE OF COMPOSITION.

Intent: Allow for each conference and the group of independents to have a representative on NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Current Legislation: One student from each conference has a unit represented in the SAAC committee partnership program. A unit consists of two partnered conferences. Independent institutions collectively represent as one additional unit.

Sponsors: AMCC, GNAC and SUNYAC.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Proposal No. 2018-3 (cont.)

**Current Structure:** There are a total of 43 Division III conferences and one unit to represent the independent units. Therefore, there are a total of 44 units divided by two, making the national SAAC a committee of 22 student-athletes.

**Proposed Structure:** This proposal will increase the conference and independent unit structure from 22 student-athletes to 44 student-athletes.

**Budget Impact:** This proposal will have an approximate budget impact of $115,000 to account for the increase of approximately 20-23 student-athletes for attendance at three in-person meetings and attendance at the NCAA convention.
Title: DIVISION III COMMITTEES – ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP – STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PARTNER CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON.

Intent: To create a Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison structure as opposed to increasing the size of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Sponsors: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Proposed Structure:

- Current SAAC structure will stay the same (i.e., 22 SAAC representatives).
- Partner conference SAAC liaisons will be selected.
- Partner liaisons may attend the in-person July meeting, the October teleconference and the January meeting.
- Will have an estimated budget impact of $20,000.
Proposal No. 2018-4

Title: ELIGIBILITY – GRADUATE AND POSTBACCALAUREATE ELIGIBILITY – STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM DIVISION III INSTITUTIONS.

Intent: Sponsor legislation to permit a student that has graduated from an NCAA Division III institution to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division III institution of his or her choice provided: (1) the student is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; (2) the student has eligibility remaining; and (3) the participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2.

Current Legislation: A student-athlete may pursue a second baccalaureate or graduate degree at any institution, but will only be athletically eligible at the same institution he/she graduated.

Sponsor: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: Immediate.
Proposal No. 2018-4 (cont.)

Scenario: Student-athlete graduated from Institution A in May 2018. The student-athlete would like to pursue a graduate degree. The student has a season of participation remaining and two semesters remaining.

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<td>May only attend Institution A and participate in intercollegiate athletics.</td>
<td>May attend Institution A or any other Division III institution and participate in intercollegiate athletics.</td>
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Proposal No. 2018-5

Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – ESTABLISHING PRESEASON START DATE 25 DAYS FROM FIRST PERMISSIBLE SATURDAY CONTEST.

Sponsors: NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.

Current Legislation: May not commence official preseason football practice before the date that will permit a maximum of 25 practice opportunities before its first game or before the Friday after first contest if the contest is scheduled for a Thursday.
Proposal No. 2018-5 (cont.)

**Intent:** In football, to amend the football legislation as follows:

- The first permissible practice date shall be 25 days before the first permissible Saturday contest date (regardless of the institution's actual first contest date). Expenses may not be provided before this date;
- A day off shall be provided during the first six days of preseason which includes the five-day acclimatization period;
- A day off shall be provided during each remaining week of the preseason practice period (prior to the week of the first contest);
Proposal No. 2018-5 (cont.)

Intent: In football, to amend the football legislation as follows:

- On-field activity (a practice session and a walk-through session) shall be limited to a combined total of four hours in length per day with a practice session not to exceed three hours; and
- Footballs may be used during walk-through sessions following the five-day acclimatization period.
## Proposal No. 2018-5 (cont.)

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<td><strong>On-Field Sessions (practices and walk through sessions)</strong></td>
<td>One on-field practice, not to exceed three hours in length and a one-hour walk-through session.</td>
<td>One on-field practice and walk-through session, limited to a total of four hours per day. Practice sessions may not exceed three hours in length.</td>
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<td><strong>Use of footballs during the walk-through session following the five-day acclimatization period.</strong></td>
<td>Does not permit the use of footballs during the walk-through sessions after the five-day acclimatization period (except for the blanket waiver provided in 2017).</td>
<td>Permits the use of footballs during the walk-through sessions after five-day acclimatization period.</td>
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<td><strong>Day off</strong></td>
<td>No day off required during the preseason period.</td>
<td>One day off from physical athletically related activity while classes are not in session.</td>
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<td><strong>Redefining a week in the playing season</strong></td>
<td>May only redefine a week if a holiday, vacation period, final exam period, takes place and take seven days off.</td>
<td>May redefine its week after the acclimatization period or at the conclusion of the preseason practice, but not both and if a holiday, vacation period, final exam period takes place.</td>
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<td><strong>Equipment Issue and Team Pictures</strong></td>
<td>May occur the day before the beginning of preseason practice.</td>
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<td>August 30, 2018</td>
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<td>First Practice Date</td>
<td>August 8, 2018</td>
<td>August 7, 2018</td>
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<td>First Date to Report/Move onto campus</td>
<td>August 6, 2018</td>
<td>August 7, 2018</td>
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Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – ANNUAL CONTEST EXEMPTIONS – ALUMNI CONTEST.

Intent: To permit the stand-alone annual exemption of one alumni contest per sport during any segment/period, with the exception of football.

Current Legislation: An alumni contest counts either as a standard contest or date of competition or as one of the two exhibition, scrimmages, or joint practices annual exemptions.

Sponsors: MAC, GNAC, LEC, OAC and MIAA.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Proposal No. 2018-6 (cont.)

Current Annual Exemptions:

• Conference Championship.
• Season-Ending Tournament.
• Up to Two Exhibitions, Scrimmages or Joint Practices.

Proposal: one alumni contest or date of competition during any segment/period, with the exception of football.
Proposal No. 2018-6 (cont.)

Example:

• A soccer team may play a total of 20 contests during the traditional segment and one date of competition during the nontraditional segment.

• In addition to the 20 contests, a team may compete and exempt (not count towards the 20 contests) in a conference championship, a season-ending tournament and up to two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices.

  • This proposal would add an alumni contest to the list of annual contest exemptions and the alumni contest would not count towards the 20 total contests or the two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices.
Proposal No. 2018-7


Intent: to establish the first permissible contest date as November 8, when November 8 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a member institution may play its first contest on the Friday immediately preceding November 8.

Current Legislation: The first contest may be conducted on November 15. When November 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, a member institution may play its first men's or women's basketball contest on the Friday immediately preceding November 15.

Sponsors: MIAC and SUNYAC.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Examples:

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<th>2018-19 Season</th>
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<td>First practice date</td>
<td>October 15, 2018</td>
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<td>First competition date</td>
<td>November 15, 2018</td>
<td>November 8, 2018</td>
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<th>2020-21 Season</th>
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<td>First practice date</td>
<td>October 15, 2020</td>
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<td>First competition date</td>
<td>November 13, 2020</td>
<td>November 6, 2020</td>
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Title: PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – ICE HOCKEY – FIRST PERMISSIBLE ON-ICE PRACTICE DATE – SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER.

Intent: In ice hockey, to establish the first permissible on-ice practice date as the second Monday in October.

Current Legislation: Ice hockey shall not commence on-ice practice sessions before the third Monday in October.

Sponsors: MIAC, MAC.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
Proposal No. 2018-8 (cont.)

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<td>October 15, 2018</td>
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<td>First permissible contest</td>
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Proposal No. 2018-9

Title: AMATEURISM – PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES – INSTITUTIONAL, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL OR NONPROFIT PROMOTIONS – EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT.

Intent: To replace the requirement that an authorized representative of a charitable, educational, or nonprofit agency sign a release statement with a requirement that the institution provides educational material to the charitable, educational or nonprofit 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 promotional activities legislation.

Sponsors: NCAA Division III Management Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2018.
This proposal will replace the signature requirement and require an institution to provide educational material to the charitable, educational or nonprofit 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 promotional activities legislation.
Questions?