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2016-17 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Publication of Proposed Legislation

The Council-Governance POPL presents all proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly sponsored for the 2016-17 legislative cycle.

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Division I Council-Governance Legislative Process for the 2016-17 Legislative Cycle

1. All 32 multisport conferences submit proposals in Council-governance areas no later than September 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time). Proposals may be introduced by the Council no later than October 14 (5 p.m. Eastern time).
2. Decisions regarding whether a proposal should be placed in the autonomy legislative process or the Council-governance legislative process are initially determined by the staff after consultation with the sponsoring conference. If agreement is not reached, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.2.2-(j), has the authority to determine whether a particular proposal is "out of order."
3. The conference-sponsored proposals will be provided to the liaisons of the applicable NCAA Division I Council standing committees (e.g., Football Oversight, Men's Basketball Oversight, Women's Basketball Oversight, etc.) or committee that reports to the Council (e.g. Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports). The committees (including the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee) will discuss the conference-sponsored proposals during teleconferences/meetings and provide comments to the Legislative Committee by September 26. The Legislative Committee will review all-conference-sponsored proposals and standing committee comments at its October meeting and provide feedback to the sponsors.
4. The NCAA staff will publish an initial publication of legislative proposals (POPL) no later than October 1 and an updated publication of all legislative proposals (conference-sponsored and Council-sponsored proposals) no later than November 15.
5. January Voting Process - The Council may vote on specifically identified Council-governance proposals (e.g., time sensitive proposals) during its January meeting. Such proposals will be identified by the Council (or the Council Coordination Committee) and notice will be provided to the membership no later than December 1. Sponsors of proposals identified for a January Council vote may refine/adjust their own proposals until December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time). Amendments to all proposals identified for a January Council vote that do not expand the scope of the original proposals may be submitted until December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time).
6. Membership comment period for all proposals begins October 1 and concludes February 1.
7. Legislative Forum conducted at the NCAA Convention to permit robust discussion of Division I membership proposals currently submitted in the legislative cycle as identified in the updated POPL.
8. Sponsors of all proposals may refine/adjust their own proposals until February 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time). (Sponsor modification period – all modifications permissible, provided they are germane to the concept of the original proposal.)

9. Amendment-to-amendment period for all proposals until February 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time). (Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.)
10. Official Notice posted no later than February 8. Proposals available for additional membership review and comment.
11. Mid-to-late February – Legislative Committee conducts an in-person meeting to review and discuss feedback related to proposals and develop preliminary positions. Positions will be codified in a chart and provided to all 32 multisport conferences to assist in preparation for their April vote. All proposals will be voted on by the Council at its April meeting unless otherwise identified for a January vote.

COUNCIL-GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS IN THE 2016-17 LEGISLATIVE CYCLE

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in ~~italics and strikethrough~~ are to be deleted and those letters and words that appear in **bold** face and are underlined are to be added. Some proposals may be considered in October 2016 as emergency or noncontroversial. All other proposals are for consideration in January and April 2017.]

Athletics Personnel

No. 2016-11 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Intent: In men's water polo and women's water polo, to increase, from two to three, the number coaches who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.

Bylaws: Amend 11.7.6, as follows:

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit
Water Polo, Men's	2 3
Water Polo, Women's	2 3

[All other sports unchanged.]

[11.7.6.1 and 11.7.6.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Increasing the number of countable coaches will enhance student-athlete safety during practice and enhance student-athlete experience and development by increasing coaching opportunities during practice. This proposal aligns water polo with other "goalie-specialty" position sport limits.

Estimated Budget Impact:

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 30, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Amateurism

No. 2016-12 AMATEURISM -- EXPENSES, AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PAYMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE -- INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Intent: To specify that an individual may accept funds directly from his or her country's national governing body for a particular sport based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2.1, as follows:

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. "Pay," as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

[12.1.2.1.1 through 12.1.2.1.3 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency.

[12.1.2.1.4.1.1 unchanged.]

~~12.1.2.1.4.1.2 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program.~~

12.1.2.1.4.1.3³² Incentive Programs ~~for International Athletes~~. An ~~international~~ **individual** (prospective student-athlete or ~~international~~ student-athlete) may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (~~equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee~~) **or national governing body for a particular sport** based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

[12.1.2.1.4.2 through 12.1.2.1.4.4 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, 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.

~~12.1.2.1.5.1 Operation Gold Grant. An individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) may accept funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold program.~~

12.1.2.1.5.2²¹ Incentive Programs ~~for International Athletes~~. An ~~international~~ **individual** (prospective student-athlete or ~~international~~ student-athlete) may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (~~equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee~~) **or national governing body for a particular sport** based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

[12.1.2.1.5.3 renumbered as 12.1.2.1.5.2, unchanged.]

[12.1.2.1.6 and 12.1.2.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: Currently, prospective student-athletes and student-athletes may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (U.S. Olympic Committee or the equivalent international committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. The application of the current legislation requires that the national Olympic governing body be involved at least to the extent of approving the receipt of funds from other national governing bodies for other elite level competitions such as the World Championships, World University Games, World University Championships, Pan American Games and World Cup. This proposal would allow incentive funds for place finish in designated international competition to be provided directly from a national governing body for a particular sport without the approval or involvement of a country's Olympic governing body.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 27, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-13 AMATEURISM -- EXPENSES, AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PAYMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE -- INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES -- SOCCER WORLD CUP

Intent: In soccer, to permit an international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete to accept funds directly from his or her country's governing body for soccer based on place finish in the FIFA World Cup or junior level equivalents (e.g., U-17 World Cup, U-20 World Cup).

Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2.1, as follows:

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. "Pay," as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

[12.1.2.1.1 through 12.1.2.1.3 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency.

[12.1.2.1.4.1.1 and 12.1.2.1.4.1.2 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4.1.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. **In soccer, an international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds directly from his or her country's governing body for soccer based on place finish in the FIFA World Cup or junior level equivalents (e.g., U-17 World Cup, U-20 World Cup).**

[12.1.2.1.4.2 through 12.1.2.1.4.4 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, 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.

[12.1.2.1.5.1 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body. **In soccer, an international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds directly from his or her country's governing body for soccer based on place finish in the FIFA World Cup or junior level equivalents (e.g., U-17 World Cup, U-20 World Cup).**

[12.1.2.1.5.3 unchanged.]

[12.1.2.1.6 and 12.1.2.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: In the past, international student-athletes and prospective student-athletes have been precluded from accepting awards for place finish in World Cup events because the entity distributing the funds was not a national Olympic governing body. Some countries may not have a national Olympic governing body that is the equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee, which precludes them from utilizing existing bylaws to receive the funds. While domestic athletes do not have problems receiving funds for placing in these competitions, international student-athletes and prospective student-athletes are often unfairly precluded from receiving the same funds. Additionally, institutions continue to recruit top-level athletes who are competing in the highest levels of international competition at a growing rate. This legislation will support international student-athletes and prospective student-athletes who strive to compete at the highest levels of competition. Overall, the legislation will support the health and well-being of international student-athletes and prospective student-athletes and promote equality between domestic and international student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 27, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-14 AMATEURISM - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS RELATED TO SPORT SKILL INSTRUCTION -- COMPENSATION

Intent: To permit a student-athlete who participates in a sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instructional video to receive compensation at an hourly rate commensurate with the going hourly rate for similar services.

Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.5, as follows:

12.5.1.5 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete's name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided:

- (a) Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;
- (b) There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;
- (c) The student-athlete does not receive, ~~under any circumstances, any~~ remuneration for such participation, **other than compensation for participation in a sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instructional video at an hourly rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services**; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to his or her participation; and
- (d) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section and has filed a copy of the statement with the student-athlete's member institution.

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: This proposal seeks to allow student-athletes to receive compensation for work performed at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services when they participate in sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instructional videos. This proposal does not seek to fundamentally alter the amateurism principles but, rather, allow student-athletes to receive compensation for the work they perform relative to these sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instructional videos in which they are occasionally asked to participate by institutional staff members or others. For instance, if a student-athlete devotes three hours toward participation in one of these instructional video tapings, he or she should be permitted to receive compensation for those hours like other nonstudent-athletes would be if they pursue similar opportunities. Student-athletes should have the same opportunity as other nonstudent-athletes to receive hourly compensation for instructional video activities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 27, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Athletics Eligibility

No. 2016-15 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION -- WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL, WOMEN'S LACROSSE, SOFTBALL, MEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Intent: In women's beach volleyball, women's lacrosse, softball, men's volleyball and women's water polo, to specify that a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete remains academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.1, as follows:

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3 and 12.8.3.1.4. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[12.8.3.1.1 and 12.8.3.1.2 unchanged.]

12.8.3.1.3 Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Women's Beach Volleyball, Women's Lacrosse, Softball, Men's Volleyball and Women's Water Polo. In women's beach volleyball, women's lacrosse, softball, men's volleyball and women's water polo, a student-athlete may engage in intercollegiate competition during the segment of the playing season that does not conclude with the NCAA championship without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete remains academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship.

[12.8.3.1.3 and 12.8.3.1.4 renumbered as 12.8.3.1.4 and 12.8.3.1.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: An exception currently applies to field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo to allow a student-athlete to engage in intercollegiate competition during the spring nonchampionship segment without using a season of competition, provided the student-athlete was academically eligible during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship. This proposal would provide a student-athlete who participates in the proposed spring NCAA championship sports with the same exception during the fall nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 27, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-16 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- PRESEASON EXHIBITION CONTESTS AND PRACTICE SCRIMMAGES

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete (beyond his or her initial year of enrollment at the certifying institution) may participate in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.1, as follows:

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3 and 12.8.3.1.4. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[12.8.3.1.1 and 12.8.3.1.2 unchanged.]

12.8.3.1.3 Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice Scrimmages ~~During Initial Year. During a student-athlete's initial year of enrollment at the certifying institution, he or she~~ **A student-athlete** may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition.

[12.8.3.1.4 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, only a student-athlete in his or her initial year of enrollment at the certifying institution may compete in preseason exhibitions or practice scrimmages without using a season of competition. In addition, participation in either one alumni game, one fundraising activity or one celebrity sports activity during a season does not count as a season of competition. This proposal would enhance student-athlete well-being by providing equal opportunities to student-athletes in sports that permit preseason exhibitions and scrimmages as compared to sports that schedule other applicable exempt contests. Additionally, in sports such as men's basketball, the rate of transfer due to minimal playing time continues to increase, particularly after the second year of enrollment. Allowing participation in additional contests would provide student-athletes the opportunity to evaluate their role on the team by participating in preseason games without using a season of competition. This engagement with the team and additional information about their role improves student-athlete well-being by helping them make informed decisions before a potential transfer, while

potentially improving retention rates. It is not anticipated that this exception would increase tryouts or run-offs as coaches already have ample opportunity to evaluate the abilities of a student-athlete who is a member of the program for multiple years.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-17 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE -- ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES WAIVER

Intent: To eliminate the opportunity for a waiver of the five-year period of eligibility for participation in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts and officially recognized tryouts involving national teams sponsored by a national governing body 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).

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.1, as follows:

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student's home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

[12.8.1.1 through 12.8.1.3 unchanged.]

12.8.1.4 Athletics Activity Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in: **official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition.**

- ~~(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).~~

12.8.1.4.1 Athletics Activity Waiver Criteria. Extensions of the five-year period of eligibility for student-athletes by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, shall be based on the following criteria: The member institution in which the student-athlete is enrolled must establish to the satisfaction of the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (by objective evidence) that the student-athlete was unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of participation in one of the activities listed in the above legislation for a specific period of time. Further, such an

extension shall be limited to one time and for a period not to exceed one year per student-athlete, per sport.

[12.8.1.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: The original intent of the athletics activities waiver was to provide an extension of a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility in situations in which he or she is required to spend a significant amount of time engaged in elite international competition. Over the years, it has become common for national governing bodies to "officially recognize" training and tryouts that do not meet the spirit of the original legislation and should not warrant an extension of the five-year period of eligibility. This proposal will restrict the athletics activities waiver to participation in the appropriate level of tryouts and competition related to the appropriate elite-level international events.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-18 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- TENNIS -- ONE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD

Intent: In tennis, to specify a student-athlete who does not initially enroll full-time in a collegiate institution within one year or the next opportunity to enroll following his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, and participates in organized events after the specified time period shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition for each year of participation and shall fulfill an academic year in residence on matriculation at the certifying institution before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.2, as follows:

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, **and** Skiing ~~and Tennis~~. In sports other than men's ice hockey, **and** skiing ~~and tennis~~, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.1-(a) and 12.8.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.1.2 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

(a) The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate tennis competition for each calendar year after his or her 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying

institution during which the student-athlete has participated in organized tennis competition per Bylaw 12.02.8. [Note: This includes participation in intercollegiate tennis while enrolled full-time in another two-year or four-year institution; however, this provision replaces the season of competition counted in Bylaw 12.8 (only one season is used in any one year).]

(b) Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis, unless the student transfers to the certifying institution with a minimum of 24 semester hours (or equivalent) of transferable degree credit. (Note: All other NCAA transfer and academic eligibility requirements apply.)

12.8.3.2.1.2~~3~~ Track and Field and Cross Country. A student-athlete who has participated in organized competition after the one-year time period (the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during a cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field season (as opposed to general road racing events) shall be charged with a season of competition in the sport in which the student has participated for each calendar year after the one-year time period in which he or she participated in organized competition.

12.8.3.2.1.2.1 Exception -- Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2.

12.8.3.2.1.2.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2.1.

[12.8.3.2.1.3 renumbered as 12.8.3.2.1.4, unchanged.]

~~12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:~~

~~(a) The student athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the six-month period has elapsed (or the next opportunity to enroll) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.8.~~

~~(b) After the six-month period, if the student athlete has engaged in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.8, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.~~

~~12.8.3.2.2.1 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2:~~

~~(a) Official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships competition;~~

~~(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games, World University Championships and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or~~

~~(c) Official competition involving a national team sponsored by the appropriate national governing body of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation.)~~

~~12.8.3.2.2.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.1.~~

~~12.8.3.2.2.2 Matriculation After 20th Birthday — Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:~~

~~(a) The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate tennis competition for each calendar year after his or her 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying institution during which the student athlete has participated in organized tennis competition per Bylaw 12.02.8. [Note: This includes participation in intercollegiate tennis while enrolled full-time in another two-year or four-year institution; however, this provision replaces the season of competition counted in Bylaw 12.8 (only one season is used in any one year).]~~

~~(b) Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis, unless the student transfers to the certifying institution with a minimum of 24 semester hours (or equivalent) of transferable degree credit. (Note: All other NCAA transfer and academic eligibility requirements apply.)~~

~~12.8.3.2.2.2.1 Exception — Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games and World University Championships is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2.~~

~~12.8.3.2.2.2.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2.1.~~

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: It is a trend that tennis prospective student-athletes are given opportunities to participate in competition as amateurs for more than just six months following the completion of their high school education. It is appropriate to allow tennis prospective student-athletes the same "gap" year that prospective student-athletes in other sports are permitted. As long as tennis prospective student-athletes continue to maintain their eligibility and only receive necessary and actual expenses for participation in events, it is appropriate to provide a year-long opportunity to determine if they desire to pursue professional careers or enroll in college and participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-19 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MALE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE WITH WOMEN'S TEAMS

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a male student who practices with an institution's women's team on a regular basis must be certified as eligible for practice in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations and specify that such a student must be enrolled full-time and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule; further, to permit a male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team.

Bylaws: Amend 12.7.5, as follows:

12.7.5 Eligibility Requirements for Male Students to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student may engage in practice sessions with women's teams subject to the following conditions:

(a) A male student who practices with an institution's women's team ~~on an occasional basis~~ must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8.1);

~~(b) A male student who practices with an institution's women's teams on a regular basis must be certified as eligible for practice in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations (e.g., must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, must sign a drug testing consent form, must be included on the institution's squad list);~~

[12.7.5-(c) and 12.7.5-(d) renumbered as 12.7.5-(b) and 12.7.5-(c), unchanged.]

~~(e d)~~ It is ~~not~~ permissible for a male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team; and

[12.7.5-(f) renumbered as 12.7.5-(e), unchanged.]

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: This proposal seeks to provide institutions greater discretion regarding the management of the eligibility of male students who practice with women's teams. Current eligibility requirements (e.g., must be placed on a squad list, sign a drug testing consent form) for such students are cumbersome and often lead to innocuous violation reports. Removing these administrative burdens but maintaining the full-time enrollment and five-year clock eligibility requirements will reduce the number of innocent violations. An institution will still need to certify eligibility of male students but will have greater discretion in how it manages the certification process. Additionally, the concern with allowing a male student-athlete who is a nonqualifier in his first year of collegiate enrollment to practice with a women's team is overstated. Allowing such student-athletes to engage in practice activities on campus on an occasional or regular basis does not undermine the intent of the nonqualifier practice restriction, namely that such students need to focus on their studies during the initial year on campus. Such students can voluntarily choose to engage in other recreational

activities that are unrelated to academics. Practicing with a women's team during the initial year of enrollment should be a similar voluntary recreational choice.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-20 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MALE STUDENTS TO PRACTICE WITH WOMEN'S TEAMS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that a male student may participate in summer athletic activities, provided he was enrolled full-time at the conclusion of the regular academic term immediately preceding the institution's summer term (e.g., spring semester or quarter).

Bylaws: Amend 12.7.5, as follows:

12.7.5 Eligibility Requirements for Male Students to Practice With Women's Teams. A male student may engage in practice sessions with women's teams subject to the following conditions:

- (a) A male student who practices with an institution's women's team on an occasional basis must be verified as eligible for practice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.1 and must have eligibility remaining under the five-year rule (see Bylaw 12.8.1);
- (b) A male student who practices with an institution's women's teams on a regular basis must be certified as eligible for practice in accordance with all applicable NCAA eligibility regulations (e.g., must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, must sign a drug-testing consent form, must be included on the institution's squad list);
- (c) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student financial assistance (room and board, tuition and fees, and books) in return for practicing with a women's team. A male student who is receiving financial aid or any compensation for serving in any position in the athletics department may not practice with a women's team. A male student-athlete who is a counter in a men's sport may not engage in practice sessions with an institution's women's team in any sport;
- (d) It is not permissible for an institution to provide a male student room and board to remain on campus during a vacation period to participate in practice sessions with a women's team;
- (e) It is not permissible for a male student-athlete who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women's team; *and*
- (f) It is permissible for an institution to provide practice apparel to a male student for the purpose of practicing with a women's team.; **and**
- (g) A male student who practices with an institution's women's basketball team may participate in required summer athletic activities, provided he was enrolled full-time at the conclusion of the regular academic term immediately preceding the institution's summer term (e.g., spring semester or quarter).**

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Male students who practice with women's teams are not required to meet academic eligibility standards during the academic year. However, a current interpretation requires that male students who practice with a women's team be held to the same academic standards as those that apply to a student-athlete during the summer (i.e., summer school enrollment or exception to enrollment). This interpretation significantly limits the number of male students who are eligible to participate during the summer access period. The enrollment requirement and academic exception are rooted in academic success, which is not tracked for male students who practice with women's teams. Such students are not held to the same APR or progress-toward-degree benchmarks as student-athletes. Therefore, applying the summer access requirements to these male students seems unreasonable. In addition, because male students who practice with women's teams are not on athletics aid, many do not enroll in summer school. Finally, requiring these students to meet academic requirements applicable to student-athletes puts an increased burden on administrators who certify student-athletes for participation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 8, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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Recruiting

No. 2016-21 RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- RECRUITING PERSON DAYS -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXCEPTION -- AFTER COMMITMENT

Intent: In basketball, to specify that off-campus recruiting activity involving only 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 shall not be counted as a recruiting-person day.

Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows:

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.8 unchanged.]

13.02.9 Recruiting-Person Days -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a men's basketball prospective student-athlete, *including a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid)*, on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days during the academic year.

13.02.9.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only 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 shall not be counted as a recruiting person-day.

[13.02.9.1 renumbered as 13.02.9.2, unchanged.]

13.02.10 Recruiting-Person Days -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a women's basketball prospective student-athlete, *including a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent (or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid)*, on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in

recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year.

13.02.10.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only 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 shall not be counted as a recruiting person-day.

[13.02.10.1 renumbered as 13.02.10.2, unchanged.]

[13.02.11 through 13.02.18 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In basketball, off-campus interactions with committed prospective student-athletes count toward the limits on recruiting-person days despite the fact such activity is not counted against the total number of recruiting opportunities for the specific prospective student-athlete once he or she has formally committed to the institution. Exempting such activity from the limits on recruiting-person days will provide more consistency to recruiting legislation as it relates to formally committed prospective student-athletes. In addition, exempting such contacts from the limits on recruiting-person days will provide greater flexibility for coaches continue to build and foster relationships with incoming student-athletes and their families to assist in the transition to college, which promotes the commitment to student-athlete well-being.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in costs to institutions for additional travel related to off-campus contact with formally committed prospective student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-22 RECRUITING -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- RECRUITED PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: To eliminate, for purposes of Bylaw 13, initiating or arranging a telephone contact with a prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians on more than one occasion as an action that causes the prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.02.14, as follows:

13.02.14 Recruiting. Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospective student-athlete or a prospective student-athlete's relatives (or legal guardians) by an institutional staff member or by a representative of the institution's athletics interests for the purpose of securing the prospective student-athlete's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program.

13.02.14.1 Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete. Actions by staff members or athletics representatives that cause a prospective student-athlete to become a recruited prospective student-athlete at that institution are:

- (a) Providing the prospective student-athlete with an official visit;
- (b) Having an arranged, in-person, off-campus encounter with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents, relatives or legal guardians; **or**

~~(e) Initiating or arranging a telephone contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians on more than one occasion for the purpose of recruitment; or~~

(d ~~c~~) Issuing a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of athletically related financial aid to the prospective student-athlete. Issuing a written offer of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete to attend a summer session prior to full-time enrollment does not cause the prospective student-athlete to become recruited.

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, there are two separate definitions of a recruited prospective student-athlete, one for Bylaw 13 purposes and one for Bylaw 15 purposes. Having two different definitions can be confusing. Establishing one definition that is applicable to all bylaws will help coaches and financial aid personnel understand the appropriate terms. The Bylaw 13 definition of recruited should be consistent with the financial aid definition. It is a rare occurrence that the only action to cause a prospective student-athlete to become recruited is telephone contact on more than one occasion. Therefore, it should be eliminated as an action that causes a prospective student-athlete to become recruited.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-23 RECRUITING -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS -- EXCEPTION -- FENCING

Intent: In fencing, to specify that off-campus contact may occur with a prospective student-athlete (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) after the prospective student-athlete has completed participation in the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge at the completion of his or her junior year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 and 13.1.1.1.2 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.3 Exception -- Fencing. In fencing, off-campus recruiting contacts may occur with a prospective student-athlete (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) after he or she has completed participation in the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge at the completion of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 renumbered as 13.1.1.1.4, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge traditionally occur in late June or early July. Depending on the event schedule, some prospective student-athletes will complete their participation in the event before July 1. The event provides a convenient and efficient opportunity for coaches to have contact with many prospective student-athletes who are preparing to begin their senior years. Under current legislation, rising seniors would need to remain in the locale of the event to have contact with Division I coaches on July 1. Prior to July 1, it would not be permissible to have contact with a prospective student-athlete who has competition remaining, even on a day when he or she is not competing. The sponsor has previously requested and received legislative relief blanket waivers to allow the proposed contact.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-24 RECRUITING -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- ELIMINATE FALL CONTACT WITH JUNIORS AND ADD SPRING CONTACT PERIOD

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before March 1 of her junior year in high school; further, to modify the recruiting calendar to create an additional contact period from the Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through April 30.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before ~~September 1 at the beginning~~ **March 1** of her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

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

(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday and an additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April for evaluations at nonscholastic events [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Periods (evaluations during additional weekend permissible at nonscholastic events only)

(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.

(2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the five-day evaluation period or if the evaluation period conflicts with Easter, the period shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday.

(g) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through ~~July 5~~ **April 30** [except when Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)-(1) or (2) applies]: ~~Quiet~~ **Contact** Period

(h) May 1 through July 5 [except when Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)-(1) or (2) applies]: Quiet Period

[13.17.3-(h) through 13.17.3-(m) renumbered as 13.17.3-(i) through 13.17.3-(n), unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation permits a women's basketball coaching staff member to have off-campus contact with prospective student-athletes starting September 1 of the junior year in high school. This proposal would move the first date for contact to the next contact period (March 1), thus eliminating contact with juniors in the fall and delaying the first contact until the spring. Delaying the first contact will allow coaches and prospective student-athletes to develop a relationship via correspondence and telephone calls and will allow prospective student-athletes to begin to narrow the list of schools in which they are interested, allowing for more efficiency in the recruiting process. Further, this proposal will reduce the burdens on prospective student-athletes and coaches during a time that is already busy due to the start of a new school year, off-campus recruiting contacts, campus visits, and team workouts. Finally, it would allow coaches to spend more time on campus, particularly as incoming student-athletes acclimate to the institution and the current team begins to prepare for the upcoming season. This proposal would not change the annual limit on the number of recruiting-person days. It is the sponsor's understanding that the WBCA has expressed support for this recommendation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-25 RECRUITING -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- FIELD HOCKEY

Intent: In field hockey, to specify that: (1) Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school and that contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence; and (2) An unofficial visit with athletics

department involvement shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball **and Field Hockey**. In women's basketball **and field hockey**, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Field Hockey. In field hockey, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admissions) shall not occur with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently there is no restriction on when unofficial visits with athletics department involvement may begin to occur. This proposal simplifies the legislation by making the start date for off-campus contacts and unofficial visits consistent with the start date that is already in place for telephone calls and recruiting materials and electronic correspondence. This proposal will help address the issue of early recruiting in field hockey.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-26 RECRUITING -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS, TELEPHONE CALLS AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- LACROSSE

Intent: In lacrosse, to specify that: (1) off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school and that contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence; (2) telephone calls may not be received from an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school; and (3) an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball **and Lacrosse**. In women's basketball **and lacrosse**, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or **his or** her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of **his or** her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- **Sports Other Than Lacrosse**. ~~Institutional~~ **In sports other than lacrosse, institutional** staff members may receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

13.1.3.2.2.1 Telephone Calls Initiated by Prospective Student-Athlete at His or Her Expense -- Lacrosse. In lacrosse, institutional staff members may not receive telephone calls placed by a prospective student-athlete (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) at his or her expense before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Lacrosse. In lacrosse, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admissions) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is intended to simplify the legislation by making September 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year the starting date for all communications and contacts. Without a restriction on the receipt of telephone calls, the other recruiting restrictions fall short of curtailing early recruiting. Currently, an institution's coach may ask a club coach to have the prospective student-athlete contact him or her. This proposal will simplify the application of recruiting communication legislation and address the issue of early recruiting. Currently there is no initial date for unofficial visits with athletics department involvement to begin.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-27 RECRUITING -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR -- WRESTLING

Intent: In wrestling, to specify that: (1) Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his junior year in high school and that contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence; and (2) An unofficial visit with athletics department involvement shall not occur with an individual (or his relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.1, as follows:

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Women's Basketball **and Wrestling**. In women's basketball **and wrestling**, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or **his or** her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of **his or** her junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

[13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Wrestling. In wrestling, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admissions) shall not occur with an individual (or his relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his junior year in high school.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently there is no restriction on when unofficial visits with athletics department involvement may begin to occur. This proposal simplifies the legislation by making the start date for off-campus contacts and unofficial visits consistent with the start date that is already in place for telephone calls and recruiting materials and electronic correspondence. This proposal will help address the issue of early recruiting in wrestling.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-28 RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS -- GENERAL EXCEPTIONS -- ON-CAMPUS CONTACT WITH FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To permit on-campus contact between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2, as follows:

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

13.1.2.1 General Rule. All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. [D]

[13.1.2.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:

[13.1.2.2-(a) through 13.1.2.2-(h) unchanged.]

(i) Former Student-Athletes. On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians accompanying the prospective student-athlete.

[13.1.2.3 through 13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Similar to the provision that allows for contact between the families of enrolled student-athletes and prospective student-athletes and their families, this proposal allows former student-athletes to engage in recruiting contact on the campus of the institution. Former student-athletes are some of the best suited individuals to share their personal experiences with prospective student-athletes to help them make informed decisions. In addition, the current prohibition on allowing former student-athletes and prospective student-athletes to interact creates frequent uncomfortable situations on campus, especially during home competitions.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-29 RECRUITING -- PERMISSIBLE RECRUITERS -- GENERAL EXCEPTIONS -- ON-CAMPUS CONTACT WITH FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To permit on-campus contact between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete and his or her relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians, provided the contact is not made for recruiting purposes and is not initiated by an institutional staff member.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2, as follows:

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

13.1.2.1 General Rule. All in-person, on- and off-campus recruiting contacts with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians shall be made only by authorized institutional staff members. Such contact, as well as correspondence and telephone calls, by representatives of an institution's athletics interests is prohibited except as otherwise permitted in this section. [D]

[13.1.2.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:

[13.1.2.2-(a) through 13.1.2.2-(h) unchanged.]

(i) Former Student-Athletes. On-campus contacts between a former student-athlete and a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives (traditional or nontraditional) or legal guardians accompanying the prospective student-athlete, provided the contact is not made for recruiting purposes and is not initiated by an institutional staff member.

[13.1.2.3 through 13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal would permit greater flexibility for interactions between prospects and former student-athletes when such contact takes place on campus, provided the contact is not made for recruiting purposes and is not initiated by an institutional staff member. Contact between former student-athletes and prospective student-athletes is often unavoidable while prospective student-athletes and their families are on campus. When such contact occurs, the interactions should not be limited to the exchange of a greeting. It is natural for additional dialogue to occur, such as requests for autographs and photographs with the former student-athletes. The former student-athletes should not have to refuse to have normal conversations with prospective student-athletes in these situations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-30 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: To specify that (1) Institutional staff members may receive telephone calls from a prospective student-athlete, provided the calls are placed not earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete; and (2) an athletic department staff member or student-athlete shall not have in-person, on-campus contact with an individual before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls ~~initiated by~~ **From a** Prospective Student-Athlete ~~at His or Her Expense.~~ Institutional staff members may receive telephone calls ~~placed by~~ **from** a prospective student-athlete, ~~at the prospective student-athlete's own expense at any time, including before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school~~ **provided the calls are placed not earlier than the date on which an institution may begin placing telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete.**

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 **First Opportunity to Visit and** Number Permitted. **An athletics department staff member or student-athlete shall not have in-person, on-campus contact with an individual before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.** ~~A~~ **Thereafter, a** prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. ~~A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.~~

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: The Ivy League

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The recruiting process has become overly burdensome for both prospective student-athletes and coaches. The culture of early recruiting has significantly intensified and soliciting recruits to verbally commit as early as possible is being orchestrated despite rules that prohibit most recruiting activities until the junior year of high school in most sports. Through club and nonscholastic coaches, camps and clinics, correspondence, social media and phone calls, access to prospective student-athletes has altered the timeline for recruiting and exacerbated it in ways that are not beneficial for prospective student-athletes or coaches. The purpose of this proposal, and others submitted by the sponsor, is to close loopholes in recruiting legislation that are making it possible for institutional staff members/coaches to develop relationships with prospective student-athletes (and their families) for the purpose of recruitment prior to the first permissible date to initiate communication with them. In an attempt to preserve the integrity of the recruiting process/landscape, these loopholes (third party communication, calls initiated by the prospective student-athlete, unlimited unofficial visits, etc.) must be regulated to further the Division I commitment to responsible recruiting standards.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-31 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- PERMISSIBLE CALLERS FIVE DAYS BEFORE OFFICIAL VISIT -- ANY ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBER

Intent: To permit a noncoaching staff member or coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches to make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 and 13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

13.1.3.3.1 Official-Visit Exception. Institutional ~~coaching~~ staff members (~~see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1~~) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (**or those individuals accompanying him or her**) during the five days immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's official visit (per Bylaw 13.6) ~~to the institution~~ **and during the official visit**. If more than the otherwise permissible number of calls occur under this exception and a scheduled official visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the official visit and the reasons for such cancellation.

~~13.1.3.3.1.1 Telephone Calls in Conjunction With Official Visit. Athletics department staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation and during his or her official visit. (See Bylaw 11.7.2.2.)~~

[13.1.3.3.2 and 13.1.3.3.3 unchanged.]

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. [D]

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) as specified:

[13.1.3.4.1.1-(a) through 13.1.3.4.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Official Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the ~~prospective student-athlete's official visit transportation~~ **five days immediately preceding the official visit** and during his or her official visit.

[13.1.3.5 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Permitting any athletics staff member to make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete five-days prior to his or her official visit would promote increased efficiency in the official visit process. For example, academics personnel or any other individual in the athletics department would be permitted to make unlimited calls about necessary documentation (e.g., transcripts, enrolled classes, etc.) prior to the official visit so that the institution can be fully prepared.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-32 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS AND ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT

Intent: To specify that an athletics department staff member may make telephone calls and send electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete beginning the day immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 and 13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

[13.1.3.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3.2 Unofficial-Visit Exception. Institutional staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying him or her) beginning the day immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit (per Bylaw 13.7) until the conclusion of the visit. If more than the otherwise permissible number of calls or otherwise impermissible calls occur under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such calls shall not be considered institutional violations. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the unofficial visit and the reasons for such cancellation.

[13.1.3.3.2 and 13.1.3.3.3 renumbered as 13.1.3.3.3 and 13.1.3.3.4, unchanged.]

13.1.3.4 Permissible Callers.

13.1.3.4.1 Institutional Coaching Staff Members -- General Rule. All telephone calls made to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents, legal guardians or coaches) must be made by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6 (see Bylaw 11.7.2). In bowl subdivision football and women's rowing, such telephone calls also may be made by a graduate assistant coach, provided the coach has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1. [D]

13.1.3.4.1.1 Exceptions -- Before Commitment. Before a prospective student-athlete signs a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, the following institutional staff members may make telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's parents or legal guardians) as specified:

[13.1.3.4.1.1-(a) through 13.1.3.4.1.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Noncoaching Staff Members and Noncountable Coaches -- Telephone Calls in Conjunction with Unofficial Visit. A noncoaching staff member or a coach who does not count toward the numerical limitations on head and assistant coaches in Bylaw 11.7.6 may initiate telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit.

[13.1.3.5 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general

correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.1 through 13.4.1.3 unchanged.]

13.4.1.4 Exception -- Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. Electronic Correspondence may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit. If otherwise impermissible correspondence occurs under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such correspondence shall not be considered institutional violations. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the unofficial visit and the reasons for such cancellation.

[13.4.1.4 through 13.4.1.8 renumbered as 13.4.1.5 through 13.4.1.9, unchanged.]

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In many cases of unofficial visits, the prospective student-athlete may not be familiar with the locale of the institution, resulting in confusion concerning meeting locations or delay in arrival. Allowing telephone and electronic communication with an athletic department staff member will prevent any unnecessary concern by the prospective student-athlete (or the individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) during travel to the institution's campus. Providing additional flexibility to permit any athletics department staff member to make or receive telephone calls during this specified time period will permit institutions to be more responsive to the needs of prospective student-athletes while on unofficial visits or while in transit for such visits.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 16, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-33 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- COUNTING EVALUATIONS --
SEPTEMBER 1-MAY 31

Intent: To specify that evaluations that occur September 1 through May 31 shall count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities (except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact) and that evaluations that occur June 1 through August 31 shall not count.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.5, as follows:

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.5 unchanged.]

13.1.5.6 Counting Contacts and Evaluations. Evaluations that occur ~~during the academic year~~ **September 1 through May 31** count against the permissible number of recruiting opportunities, except for evaluations that occur on the same day as a permissible contact (see Bylaw 13.1.5.3.1). ~~Outside the academic year~~

From June 1 through August 31, evaluations do not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities. Contacts (see Bylaw 13.02.4) count against the permissible number of total recruiting opportunities regardless of the time period (~~e.g., academic year or outside the academic year~~). All contacts and evaluations are subject to recruiting calendar restrictions.

[13.1.5.7 through 13.1.5.9 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation states that outside the academic year, evaluations do not count against the annual number of permissible recruiting opportunities. The "academic year" refers to the prospective student-athlete's academic year. The application of this rule is difficult to monitor due to the varying dates of each prospective student-athlete's academic year. In instances in which prospective student-athletes from multiple educational institutions are participating in the same event, evaluations may count for some but not for others. In situations in which prospective student-athletes participating on the same team are from different educational institutions, one may still be completing his or her academic year while another may be finished. For consistency and effective monitoring, evaluations that occur from June 1 through August 31 should not count against the annual number of recruiting opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 29, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-34 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- FIBA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
OUTSIDE RECRUITING AND EVALUATION PERIODS

Intent: : In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may attend regional championships (e.g., FIBA U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.) that are approved, sponsored or conducted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) outside permissible recruiting and evaluation periods.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.5, as follows:

13.1.7.5 Evaluations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.3, 13.1.5.3.1 and 13.1.5.6). Men's basketball coaching staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.7.5.1 through 13.1.7.5.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.5.5 FIBA Regional Championships. A coaching staff member may attend regional championships (e.g., FIBA U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.) that are approved, sponsored or conducted by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) outside permissible recruiting and evaluation periods.

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The Division I membership recently adopted legislation to allow coaches to attend the junior-level equivalent of a select group of elite international competitions (e.g., Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, etc.) outside contact and evaluation periods (and recruiting periods in men's basketball). While this legislation has increased opportunities for coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at international junior-level competitions, its overall impact on the recruiting process is limited given the infrequency with which these elite events take place (e.g., once every four years). Expanding this legislation in men's basketball to include regional FIBA championships will provide coaches with additional opportunities to evaluate international prospective student-athletes in a cost efficient manner. As FIBA is the international governing body of basketball and conducts events throughout the world, the scheduling of such events occurs with little regard for the Division I recruiting calendar. As such, these events can take place during dead or quiet periods. Since the majority of these junior-level events take place during the summer, this proposal will have a minimal impact on the time coaches spend off campus during the academic year.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-35 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may attend national team training and tryout events conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 National Team Training and Tryouts. A coaching staff member may attend national team training and tryout events conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods.

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: National team coaches obtain a significant recruiting advantage with the opportunity to contact and evaluate elite prospective student-athletes who are participating in national team programs. This proposal would allow other coaches to attend and observe such training and tryout events when they are conducted outside a contact or evaluation period.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-36 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- ELIMINATION OF FALL NONSCHOLASTIC EVALUATION WEEKEND

Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate the nonscholastic evaluation weekend during the fall contact period.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

13.1.7.6.1 Academic Year Evaluation Period. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year shall be limited to: [D]

[13.1.7.6.1-(a) and 13.1.7.6.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during ~~the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period;~~ the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period; and an additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [as determined by Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)].

[13.1.7.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.6.2 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) September 9-29 ~~[except for (1) and (2) below]:~~ Contact Period

~~(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered.~~

~~(2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period.~~

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

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is intended to benefit prospective student-athletes, current student-athletes, and coaches. Reducing the emphasis on nonscholastic competition during the fall will allow prospective student-athletes to focus on the start of a new school year, participate on their scholastic team or play a second

sport, and engage in other parts of the recruiting process, including campus visits and off-campus contacts. Further, this proposal will enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing coaches to spend more time on campus with current team members at the beginning of the academic year. Lastly, this proposal will provide life balance for coaches by reducing the amount of time spent evaluating at nonscholastic events. Women's basketball coaches have expressed concern that the fall nonscholastic weekend is burdensome on both coaches and prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-37 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- ELIMINATE ADDITIONAL APRIL WEEKEND

Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate the additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April for evaluations at nonscholastic events.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

13.1.7.6.1 Academic Year Evaluation Period. Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year shall be limited to: [D]

[13.1.7.6.1-(a) and 13.1.7.6.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the last full weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period; **and** the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the spring evaluation period; ~~and an additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [as determined by Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)].~~

[13.1.7.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.6.2 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

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

(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday ~~and an additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April for evaluations at nonscholastic events~~ [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation ~~Periods~~ **Period** ~~(evaluations during additional weekend permissible at nonscholastic events only)~~

[13.17.3-(1) and 13.17.3-(2) unchanged.]

[13.17.3-(g) through 13.17.3-(m) unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Women's basketball coaches have expressed concern that the additional weekend is burdensome on both coaches and prospective student-athletes and is unnecessary. There is overwhelming support from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association for this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-38 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS, CAMPS AND CLINICS, AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- SOFTBALL

Intent: In softball, (1) to eliminate evaluation days; (2) to specify that employment in a camp or clinic that involves prospective student-athletes is limited to the recruiting calendar periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible; and (3) to modify the recruiting calendar, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.7.2, as follows:

13.02.7.2 Evaluation Days -- Football, ~~Softball~~, Women's Volleyball and Women's Beach Volleyball. An evaluation day is defined as one coach engaged in the evaluation of any prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight). Two coaches making evaluations on the same day shall use two evaluation days. See Bylaws 13.1.7.4.4, ~~13.1.7.9~~, 13.1.7.10 and 13.1.7.11.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.8 unchanged.]

~~13.1.7.9 Evaluation Days -- Softball. In softball, each institution is limited to 50 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2, which do not include employment of coaches in instructional camps/clinics or the observation of prospective student-athletes participating in high school softball competition. [D]~~

[13.1.7.10 through 13.1.7.18 renumbered as 13.1.7.9 through 13.1.7.17, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2.3, as follows:

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.5 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.6 Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Softball. In softball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to the recruiting calendar periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible. [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.7, unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.7 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Softball** and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **softball** and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Participation in such camps or clinics is not subject to the location restriction in Bylaw 13.12.1.2. [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 and 13.12.2.3.9 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.9 and 13.12.2.3.10, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.7, as follows:

13.17.7 Softball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to softball:

(a) August 1 through the 10th Sunday following the completion of the NCAA Division I Softball Championship: Contact Period

~~(a)~~ **(b) August 1 through the 10th Monday following the completion of the Division I Softball Championship** through the ~~day~~ **Sunday** prior to Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) **and (2)** below]: ~~Contact~~ **Evaluation** Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(2) Evaluations at nonscholastic practice or competition activities shall not occur except on Saturdays and Sundays during the six weekends prior to Thanksgiving.

~~(b)~~ **(c) The Monday prior to** Thanksgiving Day through January 1 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) The first official day of the national convention of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association through the day of adjournment of the convention: Dead Period

~~(c)~~ **(d) January 2 through ~~July 31~~ the Monday prior to the Division I Softball Championship** [except for (1) and (2) below]: ~~Contact~~ **Evaluation** Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(2) ~~Tuesday prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Softball Championship to noon on the day after the championship game: Dead Period~~ **Evaluations at nonscholastic practice and competition activities are prohibited.**

(e) Tuesday prior to the start of the Division I Softball Championship to the day after the championship game: Dead Period

(f) The day after the completion of the Division I Softball Championship through July 31: Contact Period

~~(f)~~ **(g) During high school regional and state championship competition that does not occur during a dead period: Evaluation Period**

~~(g) The following state-specific contact/evaluation periods are permissible:~~

~~(1) In those states that play the high school softball season in the fall, evaluations shall be permissible during those seasons, except during dead periods.~~

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Date Printed: 10/18/2016

Rationale: The culture surrounding nonscholastic softball recruiting activities needs improvement. This proposal would limit nonscholastic event recruiting during the academic year to only a few weekends during the fall period. This limitation will allow softball coaches to focus on their own institutional teams in the fall and encourage softball prospective student-athletes to focus on academic commitments instead of traveling extensively for nonscholastic tournaments. Similar to baseball, this proposal would preclude institutional staff members from working noninstitutional camps that do not occur during a recruiting period in which a coach is permitted to observe nonscholastic activity. This legislation is necessary to prevent the circumvention of the recruiting calendar by institutional staff members who become employed at nonscholastic private camps outside the permissible nonscholastic recruiting periods. Finally, this proposal would eliminate evaluation days in softball (currently only one of only four sports with a limitation on evaluation days). Due to the fact that the evaluation day only applies to evaluation of nonscholastic activities in softball, the adoption of limited periods in which nonscholastic evaluations may occur during the academic year renders this limitation unnecessary. A survey by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association of Division I head coaches reflected more than 80% support for this recruiting model/proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-39 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL TEAM ACTIVITIES

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training, tryouts competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U19 national team), outside an evaluation period or a recruiting period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball).

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.5, as follows:

13.1.7.5 Evaluations -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.3, 13.1.5.3.1 and 13.1.5.6). Men's basketball coaching staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.7.5.1 through 13.1.7.5.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.5.5 National Team Activities. A coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training, tryouts competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U19 national team), outside an evaluation or recruiting period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball). [D]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 National Team Activities. A coaching staff member may attend a live organized athletic activity (e.g., training, tryouts competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams

(e.g., U19 national team), outside a contact or evaluation period, provided the team is coached by a Division I institution's coach (head or assistant) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball). [D]

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Under current legislation, coaches who have been selected as staff members for U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC)/National Governing Body (NGB) programs have additional opportunities outside of the designated contact, evaluation or recruiting periods to evaluate prospective student-athletes who are participating in such programs. A USOC or NGB appointment is outside institutional control, but has a substantial impact on opportunities for institutions to have access to prospective student-athletes who are participating on national teams. Specific to basketball, current recruiting calendar restrictions allow for attendance, and evaluation of prospective student-athletes, at national team events only during contact, evaluation and recruiting periods. Quiet and dead periods currently serve as an inconvenience for coaches who would like to attend the full duration of national team events.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 16, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-40 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL VISITS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- JANUARY 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: In women's volleyball, to permit an institution to provide an expense-paid visit to a prospective student-athlete on or after January 1 of her junior year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions, with not more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved.

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. In sports other than basketball **and women's volleyball**, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. In men's basketball **and women's volleyball**, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1 of his **or her** junior year in high school. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Similar to the legislation applicable to men's basketball, this would permit earlier and increased access to prospective student-athletes by Division I coaches. The proposal represents a logical progression in the recruiting process to empower coaches, prospective student-athletes, and parents to make the best informed recruiting decision, while minimizing the influence from third parties.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-41 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Intent: In women's gymnastics, to specify that a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and to prohibit arranged unofficial visits until July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school; further, to specify that if a prospective student-athlete makes an unarranged visit before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school, she must be informed that recruiting conversations may not take place before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school and future visits before July 1 following her sophomore year may not include contact with athletics department staff members.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions, with not more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved.

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. In sports other than basketball **and women's gymnastics**, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1 of his junior year in high school. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **In women's gymnastics, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.** [D]

[13.6.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Women's Gymnastics. In women's gymnastics, an individual may not make an unofficial visit arranged by the athletics department (e.g., no contact with athletics department staff, no athletics-specific tour, no complimentary admissions) until July 1 following her sophomore year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete makes an unarranged visit before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school, she must be informed that recruiting conversations may not take place before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school and future visits before July 1 following her sophomore year may not include contact with an athletics department staff member.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The advancement of early recruiting in women's gymnastics has created undue pressure on prospective student-athletes and coaches. Prospective student-athletes are often pressured to visit campus for athletics purposes early in the recruitment process to avoid other recruiting contact prohibitions. This practice can place an undue financial burden on the prospective student-athlete and her family. Similarly, coaches are pressured to arrange and organize unofficial visits for prospective student-athletes who may only be freshmen in high school, or younger in some cases. Eliminating the opportunity for arranged athletically-related visits to occur until the conclusion of the sophomore year will alleviate these pressures and burdens. In turn, allowing official visits to occur as of the opening day of classes of the junior year will help develop a more appropriate recruiting timeline and environment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-42 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- SOFTBALL

Intent: In softball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and to prohibit arranged unofficial visits until July 1 following the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school; further, to specify that if a prospective student-athlete makes an unarranged visit before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school, she must be informed that recruiting conversations may not take place before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school and future visits before July 1 following her sophomore year may not include contact with athletics department staff members.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2, as follows:

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation. A prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions, with not more than one permitted to any single institution. This restriction applies regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved.

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. In sports other than basketball **and softball**, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than January 1 of his junior year in high school. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Thursday following the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. **In softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.** [D]

[13.6.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Softball. In softball, an individual may not make an unofficial visit arranged by the athletics department (e.g., no contact with athletics department staff, no athletics-specific tour, no complimentary admissions) until July 1 following her sophomore year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete makes an unarranged visit before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school, she must be informed that recruiting conversations may not take place before July 1 following her sophomore year in high school and future visits before July 1 following her sophomore year may not include contact with an athletics department staff member.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The advancement of early recruiting in softball has created undue pressure on prospective student-athletes and coaches. Prospective student-athletes are often pressured to visit campus for athletics purposes early in the recruitment process to avoid other recruiting contact prohibitions. This practice can place an undue financial burden on the prospective student-athlete and her family. Similarly, coaches are pressured to arrange and organize unofficial visits for prospective student-athletes who may only be freshmen in high school, or younger in some cases. Eliminating the opportunity for arranged athletically-related visits to occur until the conclusion of the sophomore year will alleviate these pressures and burdens. In turn, allowing official visits to occur as of the opening day of classes of the junior year will help develop a more appropriate recruiting timeline and environment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-43 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL VISIT -- NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
-- 24 VISITS DURING A ROLLING TWO-YEAR PERIOD

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that an institution may provide official visits to up to 24 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period [up to 30 for national service academies (limit of 12 before the initial NLI signing date)].

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2.6, as follows:

13.6.2.6 Number of Official Visits -- Institutional Limitation. The total number of official visits a member institution may provide prospective student-athletes in the following sports on an annual basis (August 1 through July 31) shall be limited to: [D]

[13.6.2.6-(a) unchanged.]

~~(b) Women's Basketball — 12.~~

[13.6.2.6-(c) renumbered as 13.6.2.6-(b), unchanged.]

13.6.2.6.1 ~~Men's~~ Basketball. In ~~men's~~ basketball, an institution may provide official visits to up to 24 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period.

13.6.2.6.2 Exception -- National Service Academies -- Football, Basketball and Baseball. The national service academies may provide 70 official visits in football, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date, ~~15 official visits in women's basketball, 12 of which may be provided prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date,~~ and 31 official visits in baseball, 25 of which may be provided prior to the National Letter of Intent signing date. In ~~men's~~ basketball, a national service academy may provide official visits to up to 30 prospective student-athletes in a rolling two-year period; however, the institution shall not exceed 12 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date each year. [D]

[13.6.2.6.3 through 13.6.2.6.7 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current rules limit an institution to providing 12 official visits to women's basketball prospective student-athletes on an annual basis. There are circumstances in which this legislation unnecessarily limits the opportunities for an institution to replenish its roster. This restriction also has the impact of limiting the options of prospective student-athletes as they evaluate where they may enroll. This proposed change would not only alleviate pressures on institutions but also on prospective student-athletes who may wish to visit a particular campus and, under current rules, may have to find alternative funding for the visit if the institution has reached its limitation. This proposal is similar to the rule that currently exists in men's basketball.

Estimated Budget Impact: May result in increase or decrease to recruiting expenses in a given year, but no impact over the two-year period.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-44 RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS -- SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: In women's gymnastics, to specify that an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement shall not occur with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 Number Permitted. A prospective student-athlete may visit a member institution's campus at his or her own expense an unlimited number of times. A prospective student-athlete may make unofficial visits before his or her senior year in high school.

[13.7.1.1 and 13.7.1.2 unchanged.]

13.7.1.3 Exception -- Women's Gymnastics. In women's gymnastics, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admissions) shall not occur with an individual (or her relatives or legal guardians) before September 1 at the beginning of her junior year in high school.

[13.7.2 and 13.7.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently there is no restriction on when unofficial visits with athletics department involvement may begin to occur. This proposal simplifies the legislation by making the start date for unofficial visits consistent with the start date that is already in place for telephone calls and recruiting materials and electronic correspondence. This proposal will help address the issue of early recruiting in women's gymnastics.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-45 RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL VISIT -- OFF-CAMPUS CONTACT WITHIN ONE MILE OF CAMPUS BOUNDARIES

Intent: To permit in-person, off-campus contact between an institutional staff member and a prospective student-athlete or an enrolled student-athlete (or other student) and a prospective student-athlete to occur during an unofficial visit at a noninstitutional facility within one mile of campus boundaries.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2.5, as follows:

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.5.2, 11.7.5.2 and 11.7.6, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, **within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit** or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. [D]

[13.1.2.5.1 and 13.1.2.5.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.5, as follows:

13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 Sports Other Than Football, Basketball and Men's Ice Hockey. In sports other than football, basketball and men's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 **or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4**. [D]

13.1.5.2 Football. In football, each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete at any site and shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 **or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4**. [D]

13.1.5.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.6). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 **or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4** does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Men's basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.5.3.1 unchanged.]

13.1.5.4 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.1.5.6). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 **or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4** does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days during the academic year. [D]

[13.1.5.4.1 and 13.1.5.4.2 unchanged.]

13.1.5.5 Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.6). Beginning June 15 at the conclusion of a prospective student-athlete's sophomore year of high school (or the day after the conclusion of the sophomore year for a prospective student-athlete who attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar), not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 **or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4** does not count as a recruiting opportunity. [D]

[13.1.5.6 through 13.1.5.9 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

[13.7.1 through 13.7.3 unchanged.]

13.7.4 Off-Campus Contact Within One Mile of Campus Boundaries. Off-campus contact between an institutional staff member and a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) and off-campus contact between an enrolled student-athlete and a prospective student-

athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) may occur during an unofficial visit within one mile of campus boundaries.

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation generally restricts contact during unofficial visits to on-campus locations. The reality is that areas adjacent to and within the immediate vicinity of the institution's campus (generally within walking distance) are as much a part of the campus community and student experience as the actual facilities, dorms and classrooms on institutionally-owned property. This proposal would provide coaches, staff and enrolled student-athletes an appropriate level of flexibility when touring campus and also provides prospective student-athletes a more accurate representation of campus life and the student experience at the institution. Finally, assigning a specific distance from campus boundaries provides a consistent standard and greater probability that the rule will be enforceable.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-46 RECRUITING -- FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- NO ORAL OFFERS OF AID BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: To specify that an institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide an oral offer (or indicate that it will or may provide such an offer) of athletically related financial aid, other institutional financial aid or admissions assistance before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school; further, to specify that a violation occurs if a prospective student-athlete publicly declares his or her commitment to attend the institution before September 1 of his or her junior year of high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements **and Offers of Financial Aid.**

13.9.1 Oral Offer of Financial Aid or Admissions Assistance. An institution shall not, directly or indirectly, provide an oral offer (or indicate that it will or may provide such an offer offer) of athletically related financial aid, other institutional financial aid or admissions assistance before September 1 at the beginning of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. A violation of this provision occurs if a prospective student-athlete publicly declares his or her commitment to attend the institution before September 1 of his or her junior year of high school.

[13.9.1 and 13.9.2 renumbered as 13.9.2 and 13.9.3, unchanged.]

Source: The Ivy League

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The recruiting process has become overly burdensome for both prospective student-athletes and coaches. The culture of early recruiting has significantly intensified and soliciting recruits to verbally commit as early as possible is being orchestrated despite rules that prohibit most recruiting activities until the junior year of high school in most sports. Through club and nonscholastic coaches, camps and clinics, correspondence, social media and phone calls, access to prospective student-athletes has altered the timeline for recruiting and exacerbated it in ways that are not beneficial for prospective student-athletes or coaches. The purpose of this proposal, and others submitted by the sponsor, is to close loopholes in recruiting legislation that are making it possible for institutional staff members/coaches to develop relationships with prospective student-athletes (and their families) for the purpose of recruitment prior to the first permissible date to initiate communication with them. In an attempt to preserve the integrity of the recruiting process/landscape, these loopholes (third party communication, calls initiated by the prospective student-athlete, unlimited unofficial visits, etc.) must be regulated to further the Division I commitment to responsible recruiting standards.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-47 RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY BEFORE COMMITMENT -- PHOTOGRAPH OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on providing a prospective student-athlete a photograph of him or her that is taken during a campus visit for the purpose of the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities.

Bylaws: Amend 13.10.2, as follows:

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

[13.10.2.1 through 13.10.2.6 unchanged.]

13.10.2.7 Photograph of Prospective Student-Athlete. It is permissible for an institution to photograph a prospective student-athlete during a campus visit to be used in the institution's permissible publicity and promotional activities (e.g., press release, media guide), ~~but~~ **and** the photograph may ~~not~~ be provided to the prospective student-athlete. [D]

[13.10.2.8 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Removing the restriction on providing a photograph taken during a campus visit to the prospective student-athlete would make the publicity legislation consistent with the recruiting materials legislation. The recruiting materials legislation regarding size and other restrictions would continue to apply; however, the simple act of providing a photograph of the prospective student-athlete to the prospective student-athlete should not be considered publicity of his or her visit to campus.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-48 RECRUITING -- ON-CAMPUS EVALUATIONS -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than football, to permit an institution to conduct an on-campus evaluation of a prospective student-athlete, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

13.11.2.1 On-Campus Evaluations -- ~~Basketball~~ **Sports Other Than Football**. In ~~basketball~~ **sports other than football**, an institution may conduct an evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on its campus or at a site where it normally conducts practice or competition **beginning June 1 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school**, under the following conditions: [D]

- (a) For a high school or preparatory school ~~senior~~ **prospective student-athlete**, the evaluation may be conducted only ~~after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and after he or she has exhausted high school or preparatory school eligibility in basketball~~ **outside his or her high school or preparatory school's traditional season in the applicable sport (beginning with the first official team practice and concluding with the team's final competition)**;
- (b) For a two-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after ~~the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season and~~ he or she has exhausted his or her two-year college eligibility in ~~basketball~~ **the applicable sport**;
- (c) For a four-year college prospective student-athlete, the evaluation may be conducted only after the conclusion of the prospective student-athlete's season. (See Bylaw 13.1.1.3);
- (d) The on-campus evaluation may be conducted only during the prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit;
- (e) The on-campus evaluation shall be conducted not later than the opening day of classes of the institution's fall term;
- (f) Not more than one on-campus evaluation per prospective student-athlete per institution shall be permitted (applied separately to the time period in which a prospective student-athlete completes high school or preparatory school eligibility and to the time period after the prospective student-athlete enrolls full time in a collegiate institution);
- (g) Before participating in an on-campus evaluation, 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 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 either within six months before participation in the on-campus evaluation or within six months before the prospective student-athlete's initial participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities during his or her immediately completed season. In addition, the medical examination or evaluation may

be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the on-campus evaluation;

- (h) The institution's ~~basketball~~ student-athletes may participate in an on-campus evaluation, provided such participation is counted toward the applicable hourly and weekly limitations on countable athletically related activities (e.g., four hours per day and 20 hours per week during the playing season, two hours of skill instruction and eight hours per week outside the playing season). [See Bylaws 17.1.7.2-(a) and 17.1.7.2.2];
- (i) The duration of the on-campus evaluation activities (other than the medical examination or evaluation) shall be limited to two hours; and
- (j) The institution may provide equipment and clothing to a prospective student-athlete on an issuance-and-retrieval basis.

[13.11.2.2 through 13.11.2.6 unchanged.]

[13.11.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is designed to facilitate sound recruiting decisions by both institutions and prospective student-athletes through the opportunity of an on-campus evaluation process. An on-campus evaluation, which might involve several prospective student-athletes, may provide valuable information for both the prospective student-athlete and the institution to make a better informed decision.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-49 RECRUITING AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ELIMINATION OF DEPARTMENT-WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a strength and conditioning coach must have department-wide duties in order to conduct voluntary summer and vacation period workouts; further, to specify that a noncoaching athletics staff member who does not have sport-specific responsibilities (as opposed to having department-wide responsibilities) may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated under the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

[13.2.1 through 13.2.6 unchanged.]

13.2.7 Medical Expenses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in:

[13.2.7-(a) unchanged.]

(b) A voluntary summer workout conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ **who is not a countable coach in basketball** (see Bylaw 13.11.3.8); or

[13.2.7-(c) unchanged.]

[13.2.8 unchanged.]

13.2.9 Medical Expenses -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ **who is not a countable coach in any sport** (see Bylaws 13.11.3.7 and 13.11.3.8).

[13.2.10 and 13.2.11 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.2.8, as follows:

[Federated provision FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.2.8 Medical Expenses -- Football.

13.2.8.1 Medical Expenses -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ **who is not a countable coach in football** (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.1) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10).

13.2.8.2 Medical Expenses -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution may finance medical expenses (including rehabilitation and physical therapy expenses) for a prospective student-athlete who sustains an injury while participating in voluntary summer conditioning activities that are conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach (see Bylaw 13.11.3.7.2) or while participating in required summer athletic activities (see Bylaw 13.11.3.10).

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3.7, as follows:

[Federated provision FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.11.3.7 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Football.

13.11.3.7.1 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ **who is not a countable coach in football** and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

13.11.3.7.2 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ or a countable coach who is a certified strength and conditioning coach, and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

[13.11.3.7.3 and 13.11.3.7.4 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3.8, as follows:

13.11.3.8 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach ~~with department-wide duties~~ **who is not a countable coach in any sport** and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

[13.11.3.8.1 and 13.11.3.8.2 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2.3.8, as follows:

13.12.2.3.8 Noncoaching Athletics Staff Members ~~With Department Wide Responsibilities~~. A noncoaching athletics staff member ~~with department-wide~~ **who does not have sport-specific** responsibilities may present an educational session at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp/clinic that is not operated under the restrictions applicable to institutional camps/clinics, provided the staff member does not make a recruiting presentation. [D]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches ~~and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis~~ **in the student-athlete's sport** may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.7.2.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Athletics department staffs, particularly strength and conditioning coaching staffs, have grown and become specialized to the point that it is no longer realistic to require that strength and conditioning or performance coaches have "department-wide" responsibilities. This proposal would remove unnecessary limitations and instead, in sports other than championship subdivision football, shift the focus to whether the staff member is a countable coach to ensure that any voluntary strength and conditioning activity is not just a practice being run by a countable coach.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-50 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- RECRUITING CALENDAR EXCEPTIONS --
RECRUITING CONVERSATIONS

Intent: To specify that recruiting conversations between an institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics are permissible only if it is permissible to initiate telephone calls or provide recruiting materials and electronic correspondence (whichever occurs earlier, if different dates) to the prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.2.2). ~~but does not include recruiting~~ **Recruiting** conversations between the certifying institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics **are permissible only if it is permissible to initiate telephone calls or provide recruiting materials and electronic correspondence (whichever occurs earlier, if different dates) to the prospective student-athlete.** Other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period.

[13.12.1.5.1 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 and 13.12.3 unchanged.]

Source: The Ivy League

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The recruiting process has become overly burdensome for both prospective student-athletes and coaches. The culture of early recruiting has significantly intensified and soliciting recruits to verbally commit as early as possible is being orchestrated despite rules that prohibit most recruiting activities until the junior year of high school in most sports. Through club and nonscholastic coaches, camps and clinics, correspondence, social media and phone calls, access to prospective student-athletes has altered the timeline for recruiting and exacerbated it in ways that are not beneficial for prospective student-athletes or coaches. The purpose of this proposal, and others submitted by the sponsor, is to close loopholes in recruiting legislation that are making it possible for institutional staff members/coaches to develop relationships with prospective student-athletes (and their families) for the purpose of recruitment prior to the first permissible date to initiate communication with them. In an attempt to preserve the integrity of the recruiting process/landscape, these loopholes (third party communication, calls initiated by the prospective student-athlete, unlimited unofficial visits, etc.) must be regulated to further the Division I commitment to responsible recruiting standards.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-51 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- CAMPUS TOURS DURING INSTITUTIONAL CAMPS OR CLINICS

Intent: To specify that an institution's athletics department may arrange and/or conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office).

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1.5, as follows:

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.2.2), but does not include recruiting conversations between the certifying institution's coach and a participating prospective student-athlete during the institution's camps or clinics. Other coaches wishing to attend the camp as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period.

13.12.1.5.1 Campus Tours During Institutional Camps or Clinics. An institution's athletics department ~~shall not~~ **may arrange and/or** conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, ~~but may conduct a tour of facilities that are used during the camp or clinic (e.g., residential hall, cafeteria, training room)~~ **provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office).** ~~A prospective student-athlete may participate in a campus tour generally available to all prospective students, provided the athletics department is not involved in conducting or arranging the tour.~~

Source: Western Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal seeks to more appropriately recognize a campus tour as a benign element of a camp and clinic, similar to recruiting conversations that may currently occur between coaches and prospective student-athletes. This proposal also supports the goals of the Rules Working Group by revising an unenforceable and impractical rule. In addition, this proposal does not significantly change the overall prohibition on recruiting at camps and clinics, including extending written offers of athletics aid to prospective student athletes. Institutional control safeguards will be in place, as athletics departments would be required to have the format of such tours approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office). Similarly, allowing for this practical change would not offer any advantage outside the already acknowledged variability that currently exists between institutions as it pertains to facilities, geographic location and available resources.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 19, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (pursuant to the current definition for men's basketball) at the institution's camp or clinic.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate.

13.12.1.1.1 Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, for purposes of Bylaw 13.12, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade.

13.12.1.1.1.1 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. In ~~men's~~ basketball, for purposes of applying Bylaw 13.12, a recruited prospective student-athlete is a prospective student-athlete who has been recruited pursuant to the definition of recruiting in Bylaw 13.02.13 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.13.1. In addition, a ~~men's~~ basketball prospective student-athlete is considered a recruited prospective student-athlete if any of the following conditions have occurred:

- (a) The prospective student-athlete's attendance at any institutional camp or clinic has been solicited by the institution (or a representative of the institution's athletics interests);
- (b) The institution has provided any recruiting materials to the prospective student-athlete;
- (c) An institutional coaching staff member has had any recruiting contact [including in-person or electronic contact (e.g., telephone calls, video conference, electronic correspondence)] with the prospective student-athlete (including contact initiated by the prospective student-athlete);
- (d) The prospective student-athlete has received a verbal offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or
- (e) The prospective student-athlete has verbally committed to attend the institution.

[13.12.1.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.8 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: [R]

[13.12.2.2-(a) and 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 and 13.12.2.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.3 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. In ~~men's~~ basketball, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic.

[13.12.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Numerous women's basketball coaches have expressed concern that individuals associated with recruited prospective student-athletes are being hired by institutions at exorbitant salaries based on the promise of bringing their recruited prospective student-athletes to the institution's camp. The purpose of such employment is to gain favor with these individuals and gain access to the prospective student-athletes who these individuals influence and, oftentimes, control. This issue has become a national issue and the women's basketball community would like to adopt the same legislation that has been applicable to men's basketball for several years. This proposal will promote greater integrity in the women's basketball recruiting process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

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No. 2016-53 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC --
NONINSTITUTIONAL, PRIVATELY OWNED CAMPS/CLINICS DURING QUIET PERIOD --
SPORTS OTHER THAN BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In sports other than baseball, basketball, football and women's volleyball, to specify that during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 and 13.12.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 unchanged.]

~~13.12.2.3.2 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics—Baseball. In baseball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics. [D]~~

[13.12.2.3.3 through 13.12.2.3.6 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.2 through 13.12.2.3.5, unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.76 **Institutional or** Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than ~~Baseball~~, Basketball, Football and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than ~~baseball~~, basketball, football and women's volleyball, an institution's ~~athletics department personnel~~ **an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities** may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). Participation in such camps or clinics is not subject to the location restriction in Bylaw 13.12.1.2. **However, during a quiet period, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics.** [D]

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Athletics Personnel Other Than Coaches and Noncoaching Staff With Sport-Specific Responsibilities. Athletics department personnel other than coaches and noncoaching staff with sport-specific responsibilities may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 and 13.12.2.3.9 unchanged.]

Source: The Ivy League

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The recruiting process has become overly burdensome for both prospective student-athletes and coaches. The culture of early recruiting has significantly intensified and soliciting recruits to verbally commit as early as possible is being orchestrated despite rules that prohibit most recruiting activities until the junior year of high school in most sports. Through club and nonscholastic coaches, camps and clinics, correspondence, social media and phone calls, access to prospective student-athletes has altered the timeline for recruiting and exacerbated it in ways that are not beneficial for prospective student-athletes or coaches. The purpose of this proposal, and others submitted by the sponsor, is to close loopholes in recruiting legislation that are making it possible for institutional staff members/coaches to develop relationships with prospective student-athletes (and their families) for the purpose of recruitment prior to the first permissible date to initiate communication with them. In an attempt to preserve the integrity of the recruiting process/landscape, these loopholes (third party communication, calls initiated by the prospective student-athlete, unlimited unofficial visits, etc.) must be regulated to further the Division I commitment to responsible recruiting standards.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-54 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- DONATION OF ATHLETICS EQUIPMENT -- WOMEN'S ROWING -- TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT

Intent: To specify that, on an occasional basis, an institution may transport a local junior club rowing team's equipment to an out-of-state competition, provided the equipment is transported to the same competition in

which the institution is participating and no additional costs are incurred due to the transportation of the equipment.

Bylaws: Amend 13.15, as follows:

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

[13.15.1 unchanged.]

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

[13.15.2.1 through 13.15.2.5 unchanged.]

13.15.2.6 Transportation of Equipment -- Women's Rowing. On an occasional basis, an institution may transport a local junior club rowing team's equipment to an out-of-state competition, provided the equipment is transported to the same competition in which the institution is participating and no additional costs are incurred due to the transportation of the equipment.

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Rowing is a growing sport that is commonly added by institutions to fulfill Title IX requirements. This proposal helps align legislation with the current culture of this growing sport. Providing transportation of equipment for local junior rowing teams would not constitute an inducement to attend the institution and does not provide an unfair recruiting advantage in relation to prospective student-athletes on the teams. In addition, there is no recruiting advantage gained by transporting a local junior team's equipment because prospective student-athletes are typically not involved in the transportation of equipment and they are not familiar with the process by which transportation is arranged. Waivers have been previously provided to allow an institution to provide such transportation. This legislation will alleviate the need to submit a waiver each year. Finally, the restrictions in the proposal (transported to the same competition, no additional costs, occasional basis) will prevent abuse of the opportunity to provide the transportation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-55 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- DEAD PERIODS SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DATES

Intent: To specify that the dead periods surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent (Monday through Thursday) shall apply only to prospective student-athletes who are eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; further, to specify that for all other prospective student-athletes, the days surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent (Monday through Thursday) shall be quiet periods.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

13.17.1 Baseball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to baseball:

[13.17.1-(a) and 13.17.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) March 1 through the Sunday immediately before the fourth Monday of August [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

13.17.2 Men's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.2-(c) through 13.17.2-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Noon on the Thursday immediately after the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship game through seven days following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Recruiting Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

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

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.3-(a) and 13.17.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) September 30 through the last day of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.3-(2) unchanged.]

[13.17.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Friday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through ~~the~~ Thursday ~~of the week that includes~~ **immediately prior to** the initial date for spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) ~~and (2)~~ below]: Dead Period

[13.17.3-(1) unchanged.]

~~(2) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Quiet Period~~

(f) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Quiet Period

(g) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.

[13.17.3-(f) through 13.17.3-(m) renumbered as 13.17.3-(h) through 13.17.3-(o), unchanged.]

[13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Men's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men's lacrosse:

[13.17.5-(a) and 13.17.5-(b) unchanged.]

(c) March 1 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.5-(d) through 13.17.5-(h) unchanged.]

(i) November 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.5-(j) through 13.17.5-(l) unchanged.]

13.17.6 Women's Lacrosse. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's lacrosse:

(a) January 3 through the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship [except for (1) below]: Contact Period (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(1) Monday through Thursday of the initial week for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.6-(b) through 13.17.6-(f) unchanged.]

(g) September 1 through November 30 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period (See Bylaw 13.1.7.3.1.)

(1) Monday through Thursday of the initial week of the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.6-(2) and 13.17.6-(3) unchanged.]

[13.17.6-(h) and 13.17.6-(i) unchanged.]

13.17.7 Softball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to softball:

(a) August 1 through the day prior to Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.7-(b) unchanged.]

(c) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.7-(2) unchanged.]

[13.17.7-(d) and 13.17.7-(e) unchanged.]

13.17.8 Cross Country/Track and Field. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to cross country and track and field:

[13.17.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The day after the second Saturday in August through the second Sunday in December [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.8-(2) unchanged.]

[13.17.8-(c) unchanged.]

(d) January 3 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.8-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date of the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.8-(3) unchanged.]

13.17.9 Women's Volleyball and Women's Beach Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball:

(a) August 1 through the first Sunday of December [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.9-(b) and 13.17.9-(c) unchanged.]

(d) January 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.9-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.9-(3) unchanged.]

[13.17.9-(e) unchanged.]

[13.17.10 unchanged.]

13.17.11 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.11.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.11.1.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent.**

[13.17.11.1.1.1 and 13.17.11.1.1.2 unchanged.]

[13.17.11.1.2 through 13.17.11.1.5 unchanged.]

13.17.11.2 **Quiet Periods -- Other Sports.**

13.17.11.2.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport for prospective student-athletes who are not eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent.

13.17.11.2.2 Quiet Period -- Women's Ice Hockey. Monday prior to the American Hockey Coaches Association Convention through May 31.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.4.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.17.4.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to bowl subdivision football:

[13.17.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) ~~and (2)~~ **through (3)** below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: Contact Period

(1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable only to junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): Quiet Period

(2) Monday **through Thursday** of the week that includes the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Wednesday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)]: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

(3) Friday of the week that includes the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Wednesday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)]: Dead Period

[13.17.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.4.1-(e) through 13.17.4.1-(g) unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.4.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.17.4.2 Championship Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to championship subdivision football:

[13.17.4.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) through (7) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: Contact Period

- (1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable only to junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): Quiet Period
- (2) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period [applicable only to junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)]: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.4.2-(3) through 13.17.4.2-(7) unchanged.]

[13.17.4.2-(c) unchanged.]

- (d) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period **for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.**

[13.17.4.2-(e) through 13.17.4.2-(g) unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The dead periods for prospective student-athletes who are eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent should be preserved. Making the periods surrounding the initial signing of the National Letter of Intent quiet periods for all other prospective student-athletes would allow those prospects to visit campuses during those periods. As such, coaches still would not be permitted to recruit off campus during the period surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-56 RECRUITING -- EVALUATION DAYS AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women's beach volleyball, to establish a separate recruiting calendar and specify that 50 evaluation days shall be available for evaluations of prospective student-athletes engaged in beach volleyball practice and/or competition.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.11, as follows:

13.1.7.11 Evaluation Days -- Women's Beach Volleyball. ~~An institution that sponsors only~~ **In** women's beach volleyball, **an institution** is limited to ~~80~~ **50** evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. ~~An institution that sponsors both women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball is limited to 80 evaluation days for women's volleyball and 20 additional evaluation~~ **Evaluation** days **are** specific to **academic evaluations, beach volleyball practice and** beach volleyball competition only (no evaluations of ~~practice or~~ other athletics activities, ~~no academic evaluations~~). ~~If an institution sponsors both women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball, a~~ **A** coach's involvement outside a **beach** volleyball contact or evaluation period with a local sports club (volleyball or beach volleyball) per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 shall count toward the limit. [D]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.3 unchanged.]

13.17.4 Women's Beach Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's beach volleyball:

(a) August 1 through the first Sunday of December [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(b) Monday following the first Sunday of December through the Tuesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship: Evaluation Period

(c) Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through December 31 [except for (1) below]: Dead Period

(1) Coaches attending the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) annual awards banquet may have incidental contact with two-year college prospective student-athletes being honored at the banquet. (See Bylaw 13.02.5.5.1.)

(d) January 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

(1) January 1 through the Friday prior to Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Evaluation Period

(2) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(3) May 1 through the Friday prior to Memorial Day: Evaluation Period

[13.17.4 through 13.17.8 renumbered as 13.17.5 through 13.17.9, unchanged.]

13.17.~~9~~**10** Women's Volleyball ~~and Women's Beach Volleyball~~. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball ~~and women's beach volleyball~~:

[13.17.~~9~~**10**-(a) through 13.17.~~9~~**10**-(e) unchanged.]

[13.17.10 and 13.17.11 renumbered as 13.17.11 and 13.17.12, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, the combined women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball recruiting calendar has three quiet periods that would become evaluation periods for women's beach volleyball. The current quiet periods do not allow women's beach volleyball coaches to effectively recruit during a critical time in the beach volleyball season. Contact periods will remain the same for both sports. In order to avoid a competitive advantage for women's volleyball programs, women's beach volleyball recruiting will remain confined to beach volleyball competitions and practices. Currently, nearly 50% of institutions that sponsor both sports have separate staffs for each sport. The increase of youth play in beach volleyball allows beach volleyball coaches to recruit exclusively at beach volleyball events. Evaluation activities by a coach who is both a women's volleyball coach and a women's beach volleyball coach at a volleyball event (not beach volleyball) would be subject to the women's volleyball recruiting calendar and count toward the women's volleyball limitations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-57 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMIES

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to specify that, for the national service academies, the week (Sunday through Saturday) following the annual Army vs. Navy football game shall be a contact period and that the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately before the contact period resumes in January shall be a quiet period.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.4.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.17.4.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to bowl subdivision football:

[13.17.4.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The Sunday following the last Saturday in November through the Saturday prior to the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent except for (1) and (2) below. Six in-person off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete shall be permitted during this time period with not more than one permitted in any one calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) or partial calendar week: Contact Period

(1) The Sunday prior to the dead period surrounding the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period (applicable only to junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear): Quiet Period

(2) Monday of the week that includes the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Wednesday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention [applicable to all prospective student-athletes (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)] **except for (i) and (ii) below**: Dead Period

(i) For national service academies, the calendar week (Sunday-Saturday) following the Army vs. Navy game: Contact Period (Monday-Thursday of the initial week of the midyear junior college NLI signing period remains a dead period for junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear.)

(ii) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately before the contact period resumes in January: Quiet Period

[13.17.4.1-(c) through 13.17.4.1-(g) unchanged.]

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Due to the late date of the storied Army vs. Navy game in December, service academy coaches lose a week of recruiting. This proposal would replace the missed week with another week, so that the coaches may have off-campus contact with prospects prior to the National Letter of Intent signing date. In addition, the service academies are afforded additional official visits due to the volume of recruiting. With the compressed recruiting timeframe, it is often difficult to allow for all visits and provide for adequate and meaningful interactions. Adding another weekend for visits in January would allow each prospective student-athlete to be given the necessary information to make an informed decision.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 16, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-58 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- EXCEPTIONS SPECIFIC TO HAWAII

Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate from the recruiting calendar the evaluation exceptions specific to Hawaii.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

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

(m) The following state-specific evaluation times are permissible:

~~(1) In the state of Hawaii, evaluations shall be permissible only between July 8 and July 31 and between March 1 and May 31.~~

(~~2~~ 1) In those states that play the high school basketball season in the spring, ~~except for Hawaii~~, evaluations shall be permissible only between July 8 and July 31 and between April 8 and April 28.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current state-specific legislation was established at a time when Hawaii was the only state where high school girls' basketball was played in the spring. Since the 2008-09 season, girls' basketball has been played in Hawaii as a winter sport, rendering the exceptions unnecessary.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-59 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL -- DEAD PERIOD DURING CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: To specify that the Wednesday before through the Sunday of the NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship shall be a dead period; further, to specify that an institution's authorized coaching staff members may evaluate on one day and may attend one event on that day within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.9, as follows:

13.17.9 Women's Volleyball and Women's Beach Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball:

[13.17.9-(a) through 13.17.9-(c) unchanged.]

(d) January 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

(1) January 1 through the Friday prior to Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Quiet Period

(2) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(3) May 1 through the Friday prior to Memorial Day: Quiet Period

(4) The Wednesday before through the Sunday of the NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship [except for (i) below]: Dead Period

(i) An institution's authorized coaching staff members (see Bylaw 11.7.6) may evaluate on only one day and may attend only one event on that day during this period. Such an event shall occur within a 30-mile radius of the site of the championship. Coaches from the same institution who attend such an event shall attend the same event on the same day. Coaches shall not attend events that occur at the same time that any intercollegiate competition in conjunction with the NCAA championship occurs.

[13.17.9-(e) unchanged.]

Source: ASUN Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Establishing a dead period during the NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship will ensure that the teams participating in the championship are not at a recruiting disadvantage and will encourage other coaches to attend the championship. The exception to allow for recruiting at an event held in conjunction with the championship is an outcome of a blanket legislative relief waiver that was approved for the 2016 and 2017 championships.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-60 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING PERIODS -- OTHER SPORTS -- DEAD PERIODS -- NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DATE -- EXCEPTION -- RIFLE

Intent: In rifle, to specify that during any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.11, as follows:

13.17.11 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.11.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.11.1.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the fall or spring signing of the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport.

[13.17.11.1.1.1 and 13.17.11.1.1.2 unchanged.]

13.17.11.1.1.3 Exception -- Junior Olympic Rifle Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

[13.17.11.1.2 through 13.17.11.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.17.11.2 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In certain years the Junior Olympic Rifle Championships coincide with the dead period surrounding the National Letter of Intent. In previous years waivers were granted to permit college coaches to attend the event. To avoid the need for future waivers, this change would provide a permanent exception. Additionally, this proposed exception is similar to the exceptions that exist for the U.S. Diving National Championships and the North American Cup Fencing Championships.

Estimated Budget Impact: Limited additional recruiting costs.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-61 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING PERIODS -- OTHER SPORTS -- DEAD PERIODS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER

Intent: In women's soccer, to establish a dead period from December 15 through January 5.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.11, as follows:

13.17.11 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.11.1 Dead Periods.

[13.17.11.1.1 through 13.17.11.1.5 unchanged.]

13.17.11.1.6 Women's Soccer. December 15 through January 5.

[13.17.11.2 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference and Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal will provide women's soccer coaches a dead period in conjunction with the winter break holiday following the conclusion of their season. The number of recruiting events during this period of time has increased in recent years, which has created increased pressure on coaches and prospective student-athletes to attend and participate in these events. Establishing a dead period during this time promotes the well-being of prospective student-athletes and coaches by allowing them to spend more time with their families during the holiday season and has the potential to promote prospective student-athlete health and safety by significantly reducing physical demands.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential reduction in recruiting travel costs.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 27, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-62 RECRUITING -- BASKETBALL EVENT CERTIFICATION -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL --
ADJOINING STATES RULE

Intent: In women's basketball, to eliminate from the basketball event certification criteria the limit on the number of prospective student-athletes who may be from states that adjoin the state in which a nonscholastic team is located.

Bylaws: Amend 13.18, as follows:

13.18 Basketball Event Certification. In basketball, in order for an event (e.g., camp, league, tournament or festival) to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office 45 days before the start of the event. An event review form for each event also must be submitted to the national office by the deadline established by the Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group. The following criteria must be met by each event in order to be certified:

[13.18-(a) through 13.18-(j) unchanged.]

(k) Participants on nonscholastic teams must reside in the state in which the team is located or a geographically adjoining state and, in men's basketball, not more than a total of three prospective student-athletes from adjoining states may participate on any one nonscholastic team;

[13.18-(l) through 13.18-(q) unchanged.]

[13.18.1 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation specifies that a nonscholastic team participating in a certified event may have no more than three members who reside in states that adjoin the state in which the team is located. The current limit can unnecessarily restrict a prospective student-athlete's opportunity to participate on a team with better coaching, a more convenient commute, or is otherwise more appropriate. It has also been reported that prospective student-athletes and teams have manipulated addresses to circumvent the rule. The current rule has resulted in many nuanced exceptions and a process by which the NCAA may review waiver requests. This proposed change would allow a prospective student-athlete a greater opportunity to participate on the team of her preference and would reduce any unnecessary bureaucracy associated with

the waiver process. Finally, the proposal maintains the original intent of the rule to preclude prospective student-athletes from participating on teams that are far removed from their primary residences (home state or an adjoining state).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Academic Eligibility

No. 2016-63 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- VALIDITY OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS -- PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Intent: To define and clarify pre-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified.

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~~ **a member institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record.** ~~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, preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.~~

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

- (a) ~~Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts~~ **Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores)** for a prospective student-athlete; **or**
- (b) ~~Failure to provide complete and accurate~~ **Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete** information to the NCAA, ~~the NCAA Eligibility Center~~ or an ~~institution's admissions office~~ **institution** regarding ~~an individual's~~ **a prospective student-athlete'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.~~

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Following a review of post-enrollment academic misconduct, the membership reviewed pre-enrollment academic misconduct. Current process permits reviewing high schools, programs and courses (NCAA High School Review Committee), as well as the validity of academic credentials (NCAA Student Records Review Committee). In addition, current process permits investigating potential institutional involvement in violations of NCAA legislation. This proposal extends the application of pre-enrollment academic misconduct to representatives of athletics interests, similar to post-enrollment academic misconduct, emphasizing institutional accountability and the importance of academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Further, it clarifies which academic credentials are subject to the pre-enrollment academic misconduct analysis, recognizing that misconduct may involve any component of a prospective student-athlete's academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-64 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE -- EXCEPTION -- U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE/NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY

Intent: To permit a student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete to participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions without a waiver, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [D]

[14.2.1.1 through 14.2.1.6 unchanged.]

14.2.1.7 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended;

(b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;

(c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;

(d) The institution receives confirmation that the U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

(e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;

(f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic Games; and

(g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever occurs earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

[14.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.3 Waivers. Waivers may be granted to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter hour enrollment requirement as follows:

[14.2.3.1 unchanged.]

~~14.2.3.2 U.S. Olympic Committee/National Governing Body—Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) The practice sessions take place at the institution the individual previously attended as an undergraduate or currently attends or previously attended as a graduate student, except that a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining may participate in practice sessions at an institution other than the one he or she previously attended;~~

~~(b) In the case of a former student-athlete, the practice sessions involve an individual sport or women's rowing;~~

~~(c) In the case of a current student-athlete with eligibility remaining, the practice sessions involve an individual or team sport;~~

~~(d) The U.S. Olympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;~~

~~(e) The individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;~~

~~(f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic Games; and~~

~~(g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.~~

~~14.2.3.2.1 Administration. This waiver shall be approved by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of independent institutions, by the Progress-Toward-Degree-Waivers Committee. A member institution shall submit a waiver request that includes documentation that demonstrates that the conditions of Bylaw 14.1.7.3.2 have been met for each individual who wishes to participate in the institution's practice sessions.~~

[14.2.3.3 through 14.2.3.5 renumbered as 14.2.3.2 through 14.2.3.4, unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, if institutions confirm that student-athletes and former student-athletes meet the parameters of the waiver conditions and obtain documentation from the USOC or NGB, waivers essentially receive "rubber stamp" approval. This proposal provides a way to reduce unnecessary procedures for institutions, conferences and the NCAA. Institutions will remain responsible for ensuring appropriate documentation is maintained on campus and is available for review if necessary.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

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No. 2016-65 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- HOURS EARNED OR ACCEPTED FOR DEGREE CREDIT -- OPTIONAL MINORS

Intent: To specify that credit hours earned or accepted toward a minor (optional or required) may be used to satisfy the 18 semester/27 quarter credit-hour requirement after the first two years of enrollment, provided the student-athlete meets all other progress-toward-degree requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.1.7, as follows:

14.4.3.1.7 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be met as follows:

[14.4.3.1.7-(a) through 14.4.3.1.7-(d) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.7.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.7.2 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward **a minor, including** a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may ~~not~~ be used to satisfy the credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, ~~even if the student athlete must complete the requirements of the voluntary or optional minor to graduate~~ **provided the student-athlete satisfies all other progress-toward degree requirements (percentage of degree, grade-point average) at the time of certification.** ~~A student-athlete may use credits earned in a minor only if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree.~~

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Some student-athletes are enrolling in majors that they do not intend to complete but only want as a minor in an effort to maintain their progress toward degree eligibility and full time enrollment. Allowing a student-athlete, after the first two years of enrollment, to utilize hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor would permit the student-athlete to explore other educational avenues outside his or her major (e.g., a communications major with a minor in philosophy). Minor classes would only be permitted to count toward

credit-hour requirements if the student-athlete were to meet all other progress-toward-degree criteria (GPA, percentage of degree).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-66 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- HOURS EARNED OR ACCEPTED FOR DEGREE CREDIT -- OPTIONAL MINORS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Intent: To specify that credit hours earned or accepted toward a minor may be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the minor is officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete by the beginning of the applicable term; further, to specify that credit hours earned or accepted toward an undergraduate certificate program may be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the program requires a minimum of nine credit hours to complete, is only available to regular, degree-seeking undergraduate students and student-athlete officially designates the program (pursuant to institutional policy) by the beginning of the applicable term.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.1.7, as follows:

14.4.3.1.7 Hours Earned or Accepted for Degree Credit. The provision that the calculation of credit hours under the progress-toward-degree regulation shall be based on hours earned or accepted for degree credit at the certifying institution in a student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree program (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1) shall be met as follows:

[14.4.3.1.7-(a) through 14.4.3.1.7-(d) unchanged.]

[14.4.3.1.7.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.1.7.2 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. Credit hours earned or accepted toward **a minor, including** a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may ~~not~~ be used to satisfy the credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, ~~even if the student-athlete must complete the requirements of the voluntary or optional minor to graduate~~ **provided the minor is officially designated (pursuant to institutional policy) by the student-athlete by the beginning of the applicable term.** ~~A student-athlete may use credits earned in a minor only if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree.~~

14.4.3.1.7.3 Hours Earned or Accepted Toward an Undergraduate Certificate Program. Credit hours earned or accepted toward an undergraduate certificate program may be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the first two years of enrollment, provided the following conditions are met:

(a) Completion of the certificate requires a minimum of nine credit hours;

(b) Enrollment in the program is only available to regular, degree-seeking, undergraduate students; and

(c) The student-athlete officially designates the program (pursuant to institutional policy) by the beginning of the applicable term.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Current legislation does not permit credit hours earned toward a minor to be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements after the student-athlete's second year of enrollment unless the minor is a required element of the student-athlete's designated baccalaureate degree. Similarly, credits that apply towards a certificate program may not be used to be used to satisfy credit-hour requirements. As a result, some student-athletes may forego or delay the pursuit of a desired minor or certificate program to avoid an unintended impact on their athletics eligibility. Progress-toward-degree requirements are not intended to deter student-athletes from pursuing legitimate academic opportunities in order to maintain their athletics eligibility. While this proposal will allow credit hours towards a designated minor or undergraduate certificate program to be used to meet credit-hour requirements, student-athletes will still be required to meet percentage of degree benchmarks using degree credit towards the student-athlete's designated baccalaureate degree. As a result, student-athletes will continue to maintain progress towards graduation within five years while being afforded the flexibility to pursue available minors and certificate programs without jeopardizing their future athletics eligibility.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-67 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTIONS TO PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE RULE -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE EXCEPTION -- SIX HOURS OF DEGREE-APPLICABLE CREDIT

Intent: To specify that, in order to maintain eligibility, a graduate student-athlete must successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit from course work that meets graduate program requirements during each regular academic term in which he or she is enrolled full time as a graduate student; further, to specify that a graduate student-athlete or a postbaccalaureate student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward his or her designated degree program.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.6, as follows:

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.

[14.4.3.6-(a) and 14.4.3.6-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Graduate Student/~~Postbaccalaureate~~ Exception. A graduate student-athlete ~~or a student athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or who is taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree~~ who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester or quarter hours of academic credit **from course work that meets graduate program requirements** during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time as a graduate student ~~at any collegiate institution or as a student who has graduated and is seeking a second baccalaureate or taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree at the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree~~ **A graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward his or her designated degree program.** (see See Bylaw 14.6.)-

(d) **Postbaccalaureate Exception. A student-athlete who graduates and returns for a second baccalaureate degree or is taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree who is otherwise eligible for regular-season competition shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation, except the student-athlete shall successfully complete a minimum of six semester**

or quarter hours of academic credit during each regular academic term in which the student is enrolled full time. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a specific degree program must earn six hours of academic credit applicable toward his or her designated degree program. (See Bylaw 14.6.)

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Under the current legislation, graduate and postbaccalaureate student-athletes, including those enrolled in specific degree programs, may use credits acceptable toward any of an institution's degree programs (graduate and undergraduate) to meet the six-hour academic eligibility requirement. Recent data, however, indicates that a significant number of these student-athletes do not complete their chosen graduate or postbaccalaureate degree programs. Low degree-completion rates are common for student-athletes who remain at their undergraduate institutions as well as among student-athletes who transfer to a new institution after graduating. While several factors likely impact graduate and postbaccalaureate degree completion rates, current academic eligibility requirements may not adequately measure or incentivize degree-specific work and progress. This proposal will encourage graduate and postbaccalaureate student-athletes who are enrolled in specific degree programs to make meaningful academic progress toward a degree while completing their athletics eligibility.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-68 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTIONS TO PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE RULE --
ACCELERATED ACADEMIC PROGRESS EXCEPTION

Intent: To specify that in order to maintain eligibility for competition, a student-athlete who has completed at least 85 percent of his or her undergraduate degree program and presents a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 3.000 at the conclusion of his or her sixth semester (or ninth quarter) of full-time collegiate enrollment is only required to complete six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit, which may apply to any degree program offered by the institution, during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.6, as follows:

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.

[14.4.3.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Accelerated Academic Progress Exception. An undergraduate student-athlete who has completed at least 85 percent of his or her undergraduate degree program and presents a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 3.000 at the conclusion of his or her sixth semester (or ninth quarter) of full-time collegiate enrollment is only required to complete six semester or six quarter hours of academic credit, which may apply to any degree program offered by the institution, during the preceding regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time.

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: This proposal seeks to reward accelerated academic progress with greater flexibility in academic scheduling during a student-athlete's fourth and, possibly, fifth academic years of collegiate enrollment. Additionally, this proposal will incentivize student-athlete academic performance during the first three years of collegiate enrollment in order to obtain flexibility to enroll in classes of academic and personal interest that are not required to be degree-applicable during the final academic year(s) at the institution.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-69 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- EXCEPTIONS -- COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE AND STUDY-ABROAD PROGRAMS

Intent: To specify that the 18 semester or 27 quarter hour requirement may be prorated at nine hours for each term the student-athlete is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching) or institutionally approved study-abroad program, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.6, as follows:

14.4.3.6 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Rule.

[14.4.3.6-(a) through 14.4.3.6-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Cooperative Educational Work Experience and Study Abroad Programs. The provisions of Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(b) may be prorated at nine hours for each term the student-athlete is enrolled in a cooperative educational work experience (e.g., co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching) or an institutionally approved study-abroad program, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The institution considers the student-athlete to be a full-time student while participating in the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program;**
- (2) The student-athlete satisfactorily completes the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program; and**
- (3) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaw 14.4.3) for the terms in which the student-athlete has been in regular full-time attendance.**

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Under current legislation, student-athletes involved in cooperative educational work experience and study-abroad programs are not required to complete six credits during the terms they are enrolled in these programs. Student-athletes who pursue such opportunities during the academic year, however, are generally required to earn 18-semester or 27-quarter hours of academic credit. Many times, student-athletes participating in these cooperative educational work experience programs are considered full-time students by their institutions but receive no, or minimal, academic credit for the experience. As a result, these student-

athletes must complete 18 semester or 27 quarter credit hours during the remainder of the academic year to remain academically eligible to compete the following academic year. These student-athletes must balance increased course loads, often in conjunction with demanding athletics participation schedules. As a result, some student-athletes are discouraged from participating in these programs because of the potential impact on their future academic eligibility. Currently, waiver requests in which the student-athletes meet the criteria recommended in this proposal are approved because the student-athletes still meet percentage-of-degree requirements despite receiving no credit for the terms they participated in the cooperative educational work experience or study-abroad program.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-70 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- COMPLETION OF GRADUATE DEGREE WITHIN TWO-YEAR PERIOD -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that a student-athlete who enrolls in a graduate program at the certifying institution shall complete a graduate degree within a two-year period unless additional time is required as specified by the official degree program; further, to specify that the institution shall provide financial aid to the student-athlete until the graduate degree is completed.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.4).

[14.6.1 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

14.6.5 Completion of Graduate Degree -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a student-athlete who enrolls in a graduate program at the certifying institution shall complete a graduate degree within a two-year period unless additional time is required as specified by the official degree program. In addition, the institution shall provide financial aid to the student-athlete until the graduate degree is completed.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.8, as follows:

14.8 Academic Performance Program.

14.8.1 Calculation of the Academic Progress Rate.

14.8.4~~2~~ Penalties, Rewards and Access to Postseason Competition.

14.8.1.1 Completion of Graduate Degree -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, if a student-athlete who enrolls in a graduate degree program at the certifying institution does not complete a graduate degree within a two-year period (unless additional time is required as specified by the official degree program), the institution shall lose an Academic Progress Rate point.

[14.8.1.1 and 14.8.1.2 renumbered as 14.8.2.2 and 14.8.2.3, unchanged.]

[14.8.2 through 14.8.4 renumbered as 14.8.3 through 14.8.5, unchanged.]

Source: Big South Conference

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Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Recent data indicate that men's basketball has one of the lowest overall rates of graduate degree completion (35%). This proposal does not restrict nor deter a student-athlete from transferring. Coaches would be encouraged to make more informed recruiting decisions.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-71 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- RESTRICTION ON TRANSFERS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that not more than four transfer student-athletes from other Division I institutions may participate with an institution's team in a rolling four-year period.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

[14.5.5.1 through 14.5.5.5 unchanged.]

14.5.5.6 Limit on Division I Four-Year College Transfers -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, not more than four transfer student-athletes from other Division I institutions may participate with an institution's team in a rolling four-year period.

Source: Big South Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Recent data indicate that men's basketball transfer rates have increased over the years. This proposal does not restrict nor deter a student-athlete from transferring. Coaches would be encouraged to make more informed recruiting decisions.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

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No. 2016-72 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL -- MIDYEAR ENROLLEE

Intent: In baseball and basketball, to specify that a graduate midyear transfer student-athlete who meets the one-time transfer exception may be immediately eligible.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.5, as follows:

14.5.5.5 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the ensuing academic year. **(See Bylaw 14.6.1.1 for the application to graduate transfer student-athletes.)**

[14.5.5.5.1 and 14.5.5.5.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.6.1, as follows:

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if the student fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

[14.6.1-(a) through 14.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

14.6.1.1 Baseball and Basketball -- Midyear Enrollee. In baseball and basketball, a graduate transfer student-athlete who initially enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for the one-time transfer exception may be immediately eligible for competition, provided he or she satisfies all other applicable eligibility requirements.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Relief has been provided through the waiver process to midyear baseball or basketball transfer student-athletes who do not meet the one-time transfer exception for graduate student participation. Such relief has been granted for both the graduate student transfer legislation and the midyear enrollee legislation. As a result, student-athletes who meet the one-time transfer exception (and, therefore do not need a waiver) are disadvantaged. Student-athletes who do not need a waiver are not eligible until the ensuing academic year and the student-athlete who has previously transferred and needs a waiver is granted immediate eligibility. Although an institution could submit a legislative relief waiver for relief of the midyear enrollee legislation, absent extenuating circumstances, approval of such a request would be directly contrary to the legislation and an official interpretation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-73 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE PROGRAM -- TRANSFER ADJUSTMENT CALCULATIONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that if a transfer student-athlete with a cumulative grade-point average of less than 2.600 becomes a member of an Academic Progress Rate cohort, the certifying institution shall lose an Academic Progress Rate point (as opposed to the institution from which the student transferred); further, to specify that the lost point may be regained if the student-athlete graduates from the certifying institution.

Bylaws: Amend 14.8, as follows:

14.8 Academic Performance Program.

14.8.1 Calculation of the Academic Progress Rate.

14.8.4~~2~~ Penalties, Rewards and Access to Postseason Competition.

14.8.1.1 Transfer Student-Athletes -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, if a transfer student-athlete with a cumulative grade-point average of less than 2.600 becomes a member of an Academic Progress Rate cohort, the certifying institution shall lose an Academic Progress Rate point. In such a case, the institution from which the student-athlete transferred shall not lose an Academic Progress Rate point. The lost point may be regained if the student-athlete graduates from the certifying institution.

[14.8.1.1 and 14.8.1.2 renumbered as 14.8.2.2 and 14.8.2.3, unchanged.]

[14.8.2 through 14.8.4 renumbered as 14.8.3 through 14.8.5, unchanged.]

Source: Big South Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, an institution loses a retention point when a student-athlete transfers with a grade-point average below 2.600. The primary purpose of the Academic Performance Program (APP) is not to penalize teams, but instead to encourage academic improvement. The current high volume of transfers directly impacts institutions and their efforts to maintain APP standards. This proposal shifts the accountability of academic performance by penalizing the institution receiving the transfer student instead of the original institution. The institution has the opportunity to regain the retention point, provided the transfer student graduates. In addition, this concept does not deter or restrict transfers.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Financial Aid

No. 2016-74 FINANCIAL AID -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- YELLOW RIBBON G.I. PROGRAM

Intent: To specify that contributions made by an institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program are exempt and are not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations or the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete.

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.02.4, as follows:

15.02.4 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.)

[15.02.4.1 through 15.02.4.3 unchanged.]

15.02.4.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

[15.02.4.4-(a) through 15.02.4.4-(e) unchanged.]

(f) ~~Matching~~ **Contributions made by the institution and matching** payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program [see Bylaw 15.2.5.1-(e)].

[15.02.4.5 and 15.02.4.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.2.5, as follows:

15.2.5 Government Grants. Government grants for educational purposes shall be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance for a student-athlete, except for those listed in Bylaw 15.2.5.1.

15.2.5.1 Exempted Government Grants. The following government grants for educational purposes shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of the cost of attendance of a student-athlete:

[15.2.5.1-(a) through 15.2.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Benefits received under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, including matching payments made by the Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program. ~~[Contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program are institutional financial aid (see Bylaws 15.02.4.2 and 15.02.4.4)];~~

[15.2.5.1-(f) through 15.2.5.1-(k) unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Under the current legislation, contributions made by the institution pursuant to the Yellow Ribbon Program must be considered institutional aid. Because the Yellow Ribbon Program does not include an academic merit component, the institutional aid becomes countable toward a team's scholarship limit and toward the student-athlete's cost of attendance. Many teams award athletic aid up to institutional limits. In such cases, there is no room for other institutional aid to be provided to student-athletes. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs will only match the amount of aid awarded by the institution, the practical effect of the current legislation is to preclude the student-athlete from receiving both the funds issued by the institution as well as the potential matching funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This proposal promotes student-athlete well-being by making it easier for institutions to provide student-athlete recipients of the Yellow Ribbon Program consistent access to scholarship funds issued pursuant to the program.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-75 FINANCIAL AID -- ROOM AND BOARD -- TRAINING TABLE MEALS

Intent: To eliminate training table meals from the financial aid legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 15.2.2, as follows:

15.2.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete financial aid that includes the cost of room and board, based on the official allowance for a room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board allowance that consists of three meals per day or the institution's maximum meal plan that is available to all students, whichever is greater.

15.2.2.1 Room and Board Stipend. An institution may provide the student-athlete an amount equal to the institution's official on-campus room allowance as listed in its catalog, the average of the room costs of all of its students living on campus or the cost of room as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students. The institution also may provide the student-athlete an amount that is equivalent to the value of the maximum meal plan that is available to all students or the cost of meals as calculated based on its policies and procedures for calculating the cost of attendance for all students, ~~excluding those meals provided as part of the training table. Meals provided on the training table shall be deducted at the regular cost figure from such a student athlete's board allowance.~~

[15.2.2.1.1 through 15.2.2.1.4 unchanged.]

~~15.2.2.1.5 Training-Table Meals. The cost of meals provided on the institution's training table shall be deducted from a student athlete's board allowance. In determining the cost figure to be deducted, the institution may use the actual meal costs listed in the institution's catalog or the average meal costs of its student athletes living on campus.~~

[15.2.2.1.6 renumbered as 15.2.2.1.5, unchanged.]

[15.2.2.2 through 15.2.2.4 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Due to the deregulation of legislation regarding meals and snacks incidental to participation, a separate bylaw for training table meals is unnecessary. A meal provided by the athletics department (outside of an occasional meal or pre- or post-game meal) can be classified as a meal incidental to participation or a meal provided by athletics that is not intended to replace a meal that is normally provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend. Given the varying institutional resources devoted to meals (frequency, facilities, timing), it should be within each institution's discretion to determine whether a meal is considered incidental to participation or is subject to institutional financial aid policies, regardless of how the meal is titled. The rationale of the legislation that established meals incidental to participation included a statement that "meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics are not intended to replace meals that would normally be provided through a dining plan or off-campus board stipend." Institutions should already be consulting their financial aid offices to determine the proper classification of meals to ensure compliance with federal and institutional financial aid guidelines and must continue to do so with the elimination of the training table legislation.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 30, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-76 FINANCIAL AID -- SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT -- ATHLETICS AID -- THREE CREDITS

Intent: To reduce, from six to three, the number of credit hours in which a prospective student-athlete is required to enroll in order to receive athletically related financial aid to attend an institution's summer term prior to the prospective student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

Bylaws: Amend 15.2.8.1.4, as follows:

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution -- Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) to attend an institution in the summer prior to the prospective student's initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see also Bylaw 13.02.12.1):

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The recipient is enrolled in a minimum of ~~six~~ **three** hours of academic course work (other than physical education activity courses) that is acceptable degree credit toward any of the institution's degree programs. Remedial, tutorial and noncredit courses may be used to satisfy the minimum ~~six~~ **three**-hour requirement, provided the **course or** courses are considered by the institution to be prerequisites for specific courses acceptable for any degree program and are given the same academic weight as other courses offered by the institution;

[15.2.8.1.4-(c) through 15.2.8.1.4-(e) unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: With the adoption of Proposal Nos. 2015-73, 2015-74-FBS and 2015-74-FCS, a student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete before initial summer school attendance) who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration is now permitted to engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks during the summer vacation period. Reducing the six-hour requirement to three hours will align the financial aid legislation with the summer conditioning legislation, facilitate the application of the legislation and result in a reduction of summer tuition costs. As this is permissive legislation, institutions wishing to enroll their incoming prospective student-athletes in more than three hours could continue to do so.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential reduction in summer tuition costs.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 24, 2016: Submitted to National Office

No. 2016-77 FINANCIAL AID -- COUNTERS -- AID AFTER DEPARTURE OF HEAD COACH --
NONCOUNTER

Intent: In sports other than men's basketball, to specify that a student-athlete who receives athletically related institutional financial aid in academic years following the departure of a head coach from the institution is not a counter, provided: (1) The student-athlete participated in the applicable sport and received athletically related institutional financial aid during the coach's tenure at the institution; and (2) The student-athlete does not participate in the applicable sport during subsequent academic years at the institution; further, to specify that if the student-athlete subsequently participates in the applicable sport at the institution, the student-athlete shall become a counter for all years during which he or she received athletically related institutional aid.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) and 15.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

[15.5.1.1 through 15.5.1.5 unchanged.]

15.5.1.6 Aid After Departure of Head Coach—~~Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a~~ **A** student-athlete who receives athletically related institutional financial aid in subsequent academic years after the departure of a head coach from the institution is not a counter, provided:

- (a) The student-athlete participated in ~~basketball~~ **the applicable sport** and received athletically related institutional financial aid during the coach's tenure at the institution; and
- (b) The student-athlete does not participate in ~~basketball~~ **the applicable sport** during subsequent academic years at the institution.

15.5.1.6.1 Subsequent Participation. If the student-athlete subsequently participates in ~~basketball~~ **the applicable sport** at the institution, the student-athlete shall become a counter for all years during which athletically related institutional aid was received.

[15.5.1.7 through 15.5.1.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: This proposal would provide additional flexibility to a student-athlete who may not want to transfer when his or her coach leaves the institution, particularly for a student-athlete who is in his or her final two or three semesters of a degree program. A student-athlete who wishes to remain at an institution to complete his or her degree will be much more likely to be able to do so with the opportunity to continue to receive athletically related financial aid. This legislation has applied to men's basketball since 2010.

Estimated Budget Impact: Will vary based on the number of scholarships provided to noncounters.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

No. 2016-78 FINANCIAL AID -- BASEBALL LIMITATIONS -- MINIMUM EQUIVALENCY VALUE AND TOTAL COUNTER LIMIT

Intent: In baseball, to eliminate the annual limit of 27 on the total number of counters at each institution and to eliminate the minimum equivalency value requirement.

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.4, as follows:

15.5.4 Baseball Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters ~~and an annual limit of 27 on the total number of counters~~ in baseball at each institution.

[15.5.4.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.4, as follows:

15.5.4 Baseball Limitations. There shall be an annual limit of 11.7 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters and an annual limit of 27 on the total number of counters in baseball at each institution.

~~15.5.4.1 Minimum Equivalency Value. An institution shall provide each counter athletically related and other countable financial aid that is equal to or greater than 25 percent of an equivalency.~~

~~15.5.4.1.1 Exception — Need Based Athletics Aid Only. In baseball, an institution that awards athletically related financial aid based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines (including institutional financial aid that is considered athletically related financial aid based on the intervention of athletics department staff), is not subject to the 25 percent minimum equivalency value per counter.~~

~~15.5.4.1.2 Exception — Final Year of Eligibility and Not Previously Aided. An institution may provide less than 25 percent of an equivalency to a student athlete, provided the student athlete is in the final year of eligibility and has not previously received athletically related financial aid in baseball at any collegiate institution.~~

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: With the recent enactment of the nonrenewal limitations and accompanying conference multiyear aid requirements, and the complexities associated with the baseball draft (e.g., open draft, includes prospective student-athletes, mid-July signing deadline), baseball coaches have unique difficulty managing their rosters as compared to other sports. The original minimum aid and limit on counters rules were enacted, at least in part, to address transfer-related APR concerns, but a year-of-residence requirement for baseball transfers has since been established, along with an enhanced APR penalty structure. Those changes should sufficiently address the academic concerns and warrant elimination of the additional financial aid requirements. Baseball coaches should have the same amount of flexibility as other equivalency sports in awarding aid in smaller increments. The total counter provision and the minimum equivalency value provision of the proposal have been placed in separate sections in order to facilitate potential separate votes on each section.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)
None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-79 FINANCIAL AID -- TEAM LIMITS -- HEAD COUNT SPORTS -- REPLACEMENT OF AN INELIGIBLE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: In head count sports, to specify that an institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g. fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

[15.5.1 unchanged.]

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

[15.5.2.1 through 15.5.2.4 unchanged.]

15.5.2.5 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g. fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.3 and 15.5.4 unchanged.]

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

[15.5.5.1 and 15.5.5.2 unchanged.]

15.5.5.3 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g. fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.6 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

[15.5.1 through 15.5.5 unchanged.]

15.5.6 Football Limitations.

[15.5.6.1 through 15.5.6.3 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4 Exceptions.

[15.5.6.4.1 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4.2 Replacement of an Ineligible Student-Athlete. An institution may replace a counter whose aid is canceled because the student-athlete rendered himself or herself ineligible for intercollegiate competition during a particular academic term (e.g. fall semester, winter quarter) by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.6.4.2 renumbered as 15.5.6.4.3, unchanged.]

[15.5.7 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Current legislation does not permit the financial aid of an ineligible student-athlete to be awarded to another student-athlete if the institution has reached its team limit. This prohibition prevents another deserving student-athlete from receiving aid until the following academic year. It is in the best interests of student-athletes to allow reallocation of the canceled aid of an ineligible student-athlete. This legislation will not provide a competitive advantage since the reallocated aid is still within the overall institutional limit. The reallocation simply provides the previously awarded aid to another deserving student-athlete.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2016-80 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- OUT OF SEASON AND SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- WALK-THROUGHS -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that outside the playing season during the academic year and during summer athletic activities an institution may conduct walk-throughs as part of the eight hours per week of permissible activities; further, to specify that no more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing film and in conducting walk-throughs combined.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.02, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

[17.02.1 through 17.02.18 unchanged.]

17.02.19 Walk-Through -- Football. In football, a walk-through is a countable athletically related activity dedicated to reviewing plays and formations. During a walk-through, it is permissible for student-athletes to simulate positioning and offensive and defensive alignments, provided no conditioning or contact activities occur. Further, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, should pads) or use any equipment related to the sport (e.g., football, blocking sleds).

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

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17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

[17.1.7.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Bowl Subdivision Football. Activities between the institution's last contest and January 1 are limited to required weight training, conditioning, ~~and the~~ review of game film **and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.19)**. 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 the viewing of film **and participating in walk-throughs**. All activities beginning January 1 and outside the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.10.6.

(c) Championship Subdivision Football. Activities between the institution's last contest and the start of summer conditioning are limited to required weight training, conditioning, ~~and the~~ review of game film **and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.19)**. 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 the viewing of film **and participating in walk-throughs**. All activities beginning with the start of summer conditioning and outside the playing season shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaws 17.10.6.2 and 17.10.6.4.

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches and who perform such duties on a department-wide basis may design and conduct specific workout programs for student-athletes, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.7.2.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.2 Football. In football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review **and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.19)**.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.2 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.7 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.10 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Practice.

[17.10.2.1 through 17.10.2.3 unchanged.]

17.10.2.4 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. In football, preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-

athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice or who begin practice at any other point in the playing season, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) During the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length.

(1) Exception -- During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session per day of the acclimatization period, ~~provided protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur~~ **pursuant to Bylaw 17.02.19**. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions (testing, practice or walk-through) occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time. If an institution conducts only a walk-through on a particular day during the acclimatization period, that day does not count toward the required five days of acclimatization, but the walk-through counts toward the limit of 29 on-field practices for the preseason practice period.

[17.10.2.4-(c) and 17.10.2.4-(d) unchanged.]

[17.10.2.4.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.2.5-(a) through 17.10.2.5-(d) unchanged.]

17.10.2.5.1 Exception -- "Walk-Throughs." During the preseason practice period only and after the five-day acclimatization period, a walk-through is not considered to be an on-field activity for purposes of the limits on the number of practice sessions per day or the limits on the number of hours of on-field practice activities, provided ~~protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not worn, equipment related to football (e.g., footballs, blocking sleds) is not used and conditioning activities do not occur~~ **it is conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.02.19**. If a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 29 on-field practices for the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day on the days one practice is conducted and one hour per day on the days multiple practice sessions are conducted.

[17.10.3 through 17.10.5 unchanged.]

17.10.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2):

17.10.6.1 Conditioning Activities -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2 as follows:

17.10.6.1.1 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice. In bowl subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its out-of-season conditioning period as follows:

[17.10.6.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Required conditioning, weight-training activities and review of game films shall remain permissible during the academic year outside the eight weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time. 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 the viewing of game film **and participating in walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.19).**

[17.10.6.1.1-(c) through 17.10.6.1.1-(f) unchanged.]

[17.10.6.1.1.1 unchanged.]

[17.10.6.2 and 17.10.6.3 unchanged.]

17.10.6.4 Spring Practice. Fifteen postseason practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.10.5.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 15 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, ~~and/or~~ review of game film **and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.19).** Practice sessions must meet the following conditions:

[17.10.6.4-(a) through 17.10.6.4-(h) unchanged.]

[17.10.6.5 unchanged.]

[17.10.7 and 17.10.8 unchanged.]

[17.11 through 17.19 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, legislation prohibits an institution's football team from conducting walk-throughs as an activity during the offseason and summer athletic activities period. However, walk-throughs are a valuable way for student-athletes who have varying learning styles to learn plays and schemes to improve their overall understanding of the sport beyond sitting in a film room. Permitting walk-throughs in addition to film review incorporates the same teaching principles while maintaining physical contact restrictions for out-of-season activities. Finally, this proposal would not increase time demands as it would require walk-through activities to be included in the current two-hour-per-week limitation that is applicable to film review.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2016-81 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTION TO SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT -- ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NONSCHOLARSHIP STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: In basketball and football, to specify that a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks without being enrolled in summer school, provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

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[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 and 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.3 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements **for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid** -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete **who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year** may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.3-(l) unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.4 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Have Not Received Athletically Related Financial Aid – Basketball and Football. In basketball and football, a student-athletes who has not received athletically related financial aid may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5 or Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 respectively) without being enrolled in summer school provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 and 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.3 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements **for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid** -- Football. In football, a student-athlete **who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year** may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.3-(l) unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.4 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Have Not Received Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football In football, a student-athletes who has not received athletically related financial aid may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Pursuant to current legislation, student-athletes who are not receiving athletically related financial aid and do not satisfy the more stringent eligibility requirements of the exception to summer school enrollment must take on additional costs for summer enrollment (e.g., tuition, books, living expenses) to take part in summer athletic activities although they have met the requirements to compete for the following fall

term. This proposal would continue to ensure that these student-athletes are meeting progress-toward-degree requirements while reducing their financial burden related to enrolling in summer school courses in order to be involved in summer athletic activities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-82 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- FOOTBALL -- EXCEPTION TO SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT -- FINAL TERM

Intent: In football, to specify that for a student-athlete to qualify for the exception to summer school enrollment for participation in required summer athletic activities after eight semesters or 12 quarters of enrollment, the student-athlete shall have completed his or her specific baccalaureate degree requirements or the institution shall certify that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree applicable credit hours necessary to graduate in the ensuing fall term.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

17.1.7.2.1.5.1 Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on skill-related instruction.

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

(a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;

(b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;

(c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;

(d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

(f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;

- (g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or
- (l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required).

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until he or she has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

17.1.7.2.1.5.2 Football. In football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review.

17.1.7.2.1.5.~~32.1~~ Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements -- ~~Basketball and~~ Football. In ~~basketball and~~ football, a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to ~~Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1 or~~ Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2, ~~respectively~~) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.~~32.1~~(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.~~32.1~~(k) unchanged.]

- (l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements **or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing fall term** (no minimum grade-point average required).

[17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1 renumbered as 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1, unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Football student-athletes who are meeting eligibility requirements entering their fifth year of college enrollment and final season of competition have made significant progress toward attaining their undergraduate degrees while demonstrating a commitment to academic progress. Requiring these student-athletes to complete their undergraduate degrees in order to take part in required summer athletic activities holds them to a standard that is significantly higher than the continuing eligibility standard adopted by the Division I membership (i.e., successful completion of at least 80 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program prior to the start the fifth year of collegiate enrollment). Student-athletes in the advanced stages of their academic careers often face limited options for summer school

enrollment as the upper-level courses the student-athletes need to complete are not offered during the summer. As a result, waivers are submitted on behalf of student-athletes who have made significant academic progress but have yet to attain their degrees. In other cases, student-athletes are enrolling in unnecessary summer classes in order to participate in required summer athletic activities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Reduction in summer tuition expenses.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Reduction in student-athlete time demands.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 29, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-83 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- MISSED CLASS TIME -- CROSS COUNTRY WITHOUT TRACK

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on missed class time in conjunction with nonchampionship competition for an institution that sponsors cross country but not indoor or outdoor track and field.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.6.1, as follows:

17.1.7.6.1 No Class Time Missed in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, ~~Cross Country~~, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Women's Beach Volleyball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball. In baseball, ~~cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field)~~, field hockey, lacrosse, women's beach volleyball, soccer, softball and volleyball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).

[17.1.7.6.1.1 and 17.1.7.6.1.2 unchanged.]

Source: ASUN Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The prohibition against missed class time in conjunction with competition in the nonchampionship segment presents several challenges unique to cross country. Cross country is the only individual sport included in this prohibition. While team sports need only to find one other institution to agree on a competition date, cross country is typically conducted against multiple institutions at one time. Geographic disparity of institutions that only sponsor cross country and not track and field makes it highly difficult to schedule a competition. In lieu of direct cross country competition, most institutions participate in track and field for their permissible 5 dates of competition in the nonchampionship segment. Those institutions are at the mercy of schedules for track competitions. Institutions may be forced to bypass local events on weekdays to travel long distances for competition on weekends, often at additional costs, and place athletes in running events that are not ideal for training. This legislation would allow institutions the discretion to select competitions that are the best fit for their athletes. It should be noted that cross country has significantly fewer dates of competition than most sports.

Estimated Budget Impact: Possible reduction due to lower travel costs.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time demands may be reduced by participation in local competition.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-84 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COMPUTING PLAYING SEASONS APPLICABLE TO ALL SPORTS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- SWIMMING AND DIVING

Intent: In swimming and diving, to specify that practice and competition for the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational shall be exempt from the institution's declared playing and practice season limitations; further, to specify that the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational shall be an annual exemption from the maximum dates of competition limitations.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.8, as follows:

17.1.8 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.8-(a) through 17.1.8-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, **College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational** and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitations in those sports;

[17.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

[17.1.8.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.21.5.3, as follows:

17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following:

[17.21.5.3-(a) and 17.21.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

[17.21.5.3-(1) and 17.21.5.3-(2) unchanged.]

(3) College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational. Competition in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational;

[17.21.5.3-(c) through 17.21.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, the CSCAA Invitational must be counted within the declared playing season and participation in the meet must be counted against institutional and individual dates of competition. The CSCAA Invitational has provided an opportunity for student-athletes who achieved the NCAA B time standard, but did not qualify for the NCAA championships, to compete in a highly competitive post-season

meet. Since institutions must currently include CSCAA National Invitational within their playing seasons, there is a concern that the meet will cease to exist due to the application of current playing seasons. Currently, institutions are also required to withhold a date of competition in order to send qualifying student-athletes to the CSCAA National Invitational. Over the past several years, the number of NCAA men and women swimming and diving student-athletes who achieved NCAA B time standards, but did not qualify for the NCAA championships has been significant. The inclusion of the CSCAA Invitational as an exempted event will support the effort to enhance the student-athlete experience and promote their achievements by providing greater postseason access.

Estimated Budget Impact: Costs for additional student-athletes to participate in a championship event.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Could extend the overall season for involved student-athletes, but similar to those athletes competing in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-85 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- SQUAD SIZE LIMITATION -- REPLACEMENTS

Intent: In baseball, to specify that (1) an institution may replace a varsity squad member who sustains a season-ending injury prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment; (2) an institution may replace a declared varsity squad member who withdraws from the team due to circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment; and (3) the student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term.

Bylaws: Amend 17.2.8.3, as follows:

17.2.8.3 Varsity Squad Size Limitation -- Championship Segment. An institution shall declare a varsity squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season. Only those student-athletes who are declared as varsity squad members at that time shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities with the varsity squad during the remainder of the championship segment. Declared varsity squad members shall not participate in countable athletically related activities with an institution's subvarsity team (e.g., freshman, junior varsity). A student-athlete who is a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) must be included in the varsity squad limit.

17.2.8.3.1 Exception -- Season-Ending Injury. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who sustains a season-ending injury prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term.

17.2.8.3.2 Exception -- Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily withdraws from the team due to circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete prior to the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term. The replaced student-athlete's financial aid may not be awarded to the replacement student-athlete for an ensuing term in the same academic year (e.g., spring quarter) [see Bylaws 15.3.4.2-(d) and 15.3.5.1-(d)].

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, the squad size is fixed even if a counter becomes injured or withdraws from the team. This application denies nonscholarship student-athletes the opportunity to fill the vacated spot. Allowing replacements for these situations will not result in a competitive advantage to the institution but does enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing additional student-athletes to be a part of the team during the championship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-86 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST DATE

Intent: In basketball, to specify that (1) an institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 40 days (women) or 42 days (men) before the date of the second Friday of November; and (2) an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest until the Friday that is 21 weeks prior to the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I basketball championship games.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 unchanged.]

17.3.2 Preseason Practice -- On-Court Practice.

17.3.2.1 Men's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 42 days before the ~~date of the institution's first regular season contest~~ **second Friday of November**. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before ~~its first regular season contest~~ **the second Friday of November**. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) that occur within the 42-day period shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities.

17.3.2.2 Women's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 40 days before the ~~date of the institution's first regular season contest~~ **second Friday in November**. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before ~~its first regular season contest~~ **the second Friday in November**. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) that occur within the 40-day period shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities.

[17.3.2.3 and 17.3.2.4 unchanged.]

17.3.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball ~~prior to the second Friday of November~~ **until the Friday that is 21 weeks prior to the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I basketball championship games** (see Figure 17-2).

[17.3.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.3.4 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

Source: Missouri Valley Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, the length of the basketball season is inconsistent from year to year. For example, there are 20 weeks between the first contest date and Final Four weekend in some years (e.g., 2017-18, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23) and 21 weeks between the first contest date and Final Four weekend in other years (e.g., 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2023-24). In the 20-week years, there is significant compression of the nonconference scheduling window that results in a variety of negative impacts on student-athlete time during critical periods (e.g., more midweek contests and travel late in the fall term, contests scheduled near exam periods, shorter holiday break). In addition, compression in 20-week years adversely impacts the opportunity for institutions and conferences to schedule efficiently and effectively. These challenges can be alleviated by implementing a competition window of consistent length. Finally, in order to ensure that there is no adverse impact on student-athletes from a time demands perspective, the proposal would not change the practical application of the current legislation regarding the first permissible practice date.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 8, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-87 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in women's basketball during the playing season to 29 contests.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5, as follows:

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. ~~An institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):~~

~~(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1; or~~

~~(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.~~

17.3.5.1.1 Men's Basketball. An institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in men's basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

[17.3.5.1.1 renumbered as 17.3.5.1.2, unchanged.]

17.3.5.1.2 Women's Basketball. An institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in women's basketball during the playing season to 29 contests (games or scrimmages, (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3).

[17.3.5.1.2 renumbered as 17.3.5.1.4, unchanged.]

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. ~~An~~ **In men's basketball, an** individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than either 27 basketball contests and one regular-season qualifying multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1 or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. **In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 29 contests.** This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete 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. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation provides two methods to calculate the maximum number of contests in which a women's basketball team may participate in a given year. However, the methods result in a different number of total games played if the team plays the maximum of four games in a multiple team event. This proposal would promote competitive equity by establishing a consistent number of games for all women's basketball teams. The proposal would create a single straightforward method for counting contests, and will also eliminate the need to verify the conditions of a multiple team event since all contests will be counted toward the limit.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies depending on institution's specific competition schedule.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): May provide additional time on campus and less missed class depending on institution's specific competition schedule.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-88 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- LOCATION OF QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT -- NORTHERN IRELAND

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in Northern Ireland.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5.1.1, as follows:

17.3.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. A qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

- (a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active or affiliated member or a member conference of the Association and must take place in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, **Northern Ireland**, Mexico or the United States or one of its territories;

[17.3.5.1.1-(b) through 17.3.5.1.1-(d) unchanged.]

[17.3.5.1.1.1 unchanged.]

Source: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal provides institutions additional opportunities to compete in multiple-team events at neutral sites. It would not adversely affect student-athlete missed class time or interfere with other student-athlete academic responsibilities, as it would not increase the number of contests per season. The proposal would maintain the original intent of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event by maintaining the limit participation to one team per conference and one appearance per institution every four years while allowing more student-athletes the opportunity to participate. Europe, specifically Northern Ireland, is a location where the influence of basketball is rapidly expanding. The purpose of hosting an event in Belfast is to further grow within the youth culture of Northern Ireland an awareness that through sport a young person can achieve both athletic and academic success. It is also designed to introduce NCAA student-athletes to Northern Ireland, help them understand the history and culture of the region and how the country has overcome much adversity to become an example of how to settle differences and forge a modern society based on mutual respect. It would also provide a limited, but rewarding, foreign experience for many NCAA students who oftentimes, because of their sport schedules and academic commitments, cannot take advantage of study abroad learning experiences while undergraduates. It is consistent with the commitments to the Division I collegiate model and is of national significance. The proposal will not create additional monitoring responsibilities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

May 11, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-89 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL -- DATE OF FIRST COMPETITION AND FOUR DATES OF COMPETITION IN NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In women's beach volleyball, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday that is 10 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship; further, that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted; finally, to specify that travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women's. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 and 17.4.2 unchanged.]

17.4.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's beach volleyball prior to the following dates:

[17.4.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Championship Segment. The ~~first Thursday in March~~ **that is 10 weeks before the Thursday immediately preceding the start of the National Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Championship** (see Figure 17-2).

[17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's beach volleyball during the institution's women's beach volleyball playing season to 16 dates of competition **during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted, including not more than two and four dates of competition** during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4. **Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.**

17.4.5.1.1 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.

[17.4.5.1.1 renumbered as 17.4.5.1.2, unchanged.]

[17.4.5.2 through 17.4.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.4.6 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, women's beach volleyball has half the championship segment length of other sports and is limited to 16 total dates of competition with not more than two dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. This proposal extends the championship segment competition season by one week but will provide women's beach volleyball student-athletes with competition opportunities that are comparable to other single semester women's sports. The overall length of the combined championship and nonchampionship segments remains 132 days.

Estimated Budget Impact: Expenses related to two potential additional nonchampionship dates of competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time associated with two additional nonchampionship dates of competition.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-90 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST PRACTICE DATE -- EXCEPTION
-- CLASSES BEGIN AFTER FOURTH SATURDAY IN AUGUST

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution that begins classes for the fall term after the fourth Saturday in August may begin preseason practice on the date that will permit a maximum of 45 units prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.10.2.1 First Practice Date. An institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, prior to the date that will permit a maximum of 40 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game. During the preseason practice period, institutions may not engage in more than 29 on-field practice sessions (see Bylaw 17.10.2.5.1).

17.10.2.1.1 Exception -- **Practice Prohibitions Due to Religious Reasons**. An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined by the practice unit formula.

17.10.2.1.2 Exception -- Classes Begin After the Fourth Saturday in August. An institution that begins classes for the fall term after the fourth Saturday in August may commence official preseason football practice sessions on a date that will provide a maximum of 45 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game.

[17.10.2.1.2 and 17.10.2.1.3 renumbered as 17.10.2.1.3 and 17.10.2.1.4, unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current application of the first practice date legislation potentially pressures institutions that commence the academic year after the fourth Saturday in August to conduct more than one practice on numerous days in order to have equal practice opportunities as the remainder of the Division I membership that sponsors football. Allowing institutions that begin the academic year in late August or early September to start their preseason on a nominally earlier date (approximately 3-5 days) will provide their student-athletes with the adequate preparation afforded by 29 on-field practice sessions while minimizing the number of times multiple practice sessions are conducted on the same day. Any perceived competitive advantage gained by an earlier start date is vastly outweighed by the institution's ability to adequately prepare student-athlete for the rigors of the season with 29 on-field practice sessions while attempting to optimize student-athlete well-being, health and safety through a reduction in the number instances in which multiple practices are conducted on the same day.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in preseason expenses based on an earlier start date.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Student-athletes could report for preseason practice approximately 3-5 days earlier.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-91 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -- FCS

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to increase, from 95 to 105, the number of participants who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever is earlier.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.10.2.1 First Practice Date. An institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, prior to the date that will permit a maximum of 40 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game. During the preseason practice period, institutions may not engage in more than 29 on-field practice sessions (see Bylaw 17.10.2.5.1).

[17.10.2.1.1 and 17.10.2.1.2 unchanged.]

17.10.2.1.3 Limit on Number of Participants -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of ~~95~~ **105** student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

[17.10.2.1.3.1 through 17.10.2.1.3.4 unchanged.]

Source: Missouri Valley Football Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs are limited to a maximum of 105 student-athletes who may engage in preseason practice activities, whereas Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) programs are limited to a maximum of 95 student-athletes during the same time period. Allowing FCS programs to have up to 105 preseason participants would eliminate the gap between FBS and FCS programs in this regard, which is important in light of the number of early season games between FBS and FCS programs. In addition, with the recent implementation of the summer access legislation, increasing numbers of student-athletes are on campus during the summer at many FCS institutions, which may reduce the incremental costs and student-athlete time impact for some institutions. Finally, allowing additional student-athletes to participate throughout the preseason practice period should increase the quality of acclimatization for a greater number of student-athletes from a health and safety perspective and potentially lessen the impact of injuries/attrition on the quality of an institution's preseason practice time.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential incremental costs for meals and lodging up for up to 10 additional student-athletes at the institution's discretion.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Additional time associated with preseason practice activities for the additional student-athletes.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 8, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-92 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON -- FOOTBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- FCS

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to permit an institution to compete annually in 12 regular-season contests; further, to specify that in years in which there are 12 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, the first permissible contest date shall be the Saturday before the Thursday preceding Labor Day and in years in which there are 13 Saturdays between the Thursday

preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, the first permissible contest date shall be the Thursday preceding Labor Day.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.10 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.10.1 and 17.10.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3 First Contest. ~~An~~ **In bowl subdivision football, an** institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition ~~in football~~ prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day (see Figure 17-2). **In championship subdivision football, in years in which there are 12 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, the first permissible contest date shall be the Saturday before the Thursday preceding Labor Day. In years in which there are 13 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, the first permissible contest date shall be the Thursday preceding Labor Day.**

[17.10.3.1 unchanged.]

17.10.3.2 Exception -- Nationally Televised Contest -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, **in years in which there are 13 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day,** an institution may participate in a nationally televised (broadcast or cable; not Internet only) contest against a nonconference opponent during the weekend (Saturday-Sunday) before the Thursday preceding Labor Day. Participation in such a contest is limited to one institution per conference per year. An institution that participates in such a contest for two consecutive years may not participate in such a contest in the following year.

[17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Contests.

17.10.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. In ~~bowl subdivision~~ football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 12 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.28.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.10.5.2. ~~In championship subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 11 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.28.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.10.5.2. Twelve football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019).~~

[17.10.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.10.5.1.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. In ~~bowl subdivision~~ football, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 12 football contests. ~~In championship subdivision football, an individual student athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 11 football contests, except that 12 football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019).~~ This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete 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.

[17.10.5.2 unchanged.]

[17.10.6 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

[17.11 through 17.19 unchanged.]

Source: Southland Conference and Ohio Valley Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal permits Football Championships Subdivision (FCS) institutions additional opportunities for nonconference contests, including games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents, and a better opportunity for scheduling six home games in a season. Additionally, this proposal allows more flexibility in nonconference scheduling for leagues that have recently expanded and have more conference games. This proposal also provides more potential nonconference FCS games for the Division I NCAA Football Committee to better determine berths and seeding for the FCS playoffs. Current legislation provides an exception for years in which there are 14 Saturdays through the last playing date in November. Institutions in automatic-qualifying conferences conclude regular-season play before Thanksgiving Day and normally have 12 Saturdays for an 11-game regular-season schedule, or in rare occurrences, a season with 13 Saturdays for 12 games. From the 2016 through 2030 seasons, FCS will only have four 12-game schedules under the current rule. Therefore, in years in which there are 12 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, this proposal would permit an additional playing opportunity on the Saturday prior to Labor Day weekend. In years in which there 13 Saturdays between the Thursday preceding Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, when 12 games could be presumed, there would be no contests on the Saturday prior to Labor Day weekend, except for the nationally televised contests as currently permitted.

Estimated Budget Impact: Possible increase in revenue generated from an additional contest.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Additional contest and an additional week added to the playing season.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-93 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- EAST LAKE CUP

Intent: In golf, to exempt the East Lake Cup from the maximum dates of competition and the declared playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.11.1.1 Exception -- East Lake Cup. Participation in the East Lake Cup is excluded from an institution's 144-day season.

[17.11.2 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.5.2-(a) through 17.11.5.2-(j) unchanged.]

(k) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for golf as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team); ~~and~~

(l) College All-American Golf Classic. Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition.; **and**

(m) East Lake Cup. Competition in the East Lake Cup.

[17.11.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.11.6 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The East Lake Cup was started in November 2015 and beginning in 2016 will be a three-day collegiate team competition featuring the four institutions that advanced to the semifinals from each of the most recent NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Championships. The format consists of each of the four teams, per gender, participating in one day of 18-hole stroke-play competition, which in turn determines the seeding for the following two days of semifinal and finals/consolation match-play competition that will be covered live by the Golf Channel at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. This proposal provides the opportunity to embrace an event that builds upon the overall broadcast coverage that occurs each year at the finals site and extends to the regular season. The East Lake Club and East Lake Foundation have provided philanthropic support through their collaboration with public and private organizations to offer Atlanta's East Lake residents opportunities to build a better future through education for children and adults, affordable housing, job readiness and connections with the broader community.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential additional competition.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-94 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE -- PRESEASON PRACTICE, DATE OF FIRST COMPETITION AND CHANGE TO CONTESTS

Intent: In women's lacrosse, to specify that (1) an institution shall not commence practice sessions in the championship segment before the third Saturday in January; (2) an institution shall not engage in its first competition (game or scrimmage) in the championship segment before the Friday that is 15 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship; and (3) an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted to 17 contests (as opposed to dates of competition).

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.2, as follows:

17.14.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(b) Women. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to the following dates:

(1) Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) Championship Segment. The third Saturday in January.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.3, as follows:

17.14.3 First **Contest or** Date of Competition.

(a) Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(b) Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first contest or date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to the following dates:

(1) Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) Championship Segment. The Friday that is 15 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship.

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.5, as follows:

17.14.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in lacrosse during the institution's playing season to 17 dates of competition in men's lacrosse, and 17 ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted, and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those **contests or** dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4.

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

17.14.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 dates of competition in men's lacrosse, and 17 ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse. This limitation includes those contests 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.

17.14.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of **contests or** dates of competition in lacrosse shall exclude the following:

[17.14.5.3-(a) through 17.14.5.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Alumni Game. One **contest or** date of competition in lacrosse each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(e) Foreign Team in the United States. One **contest or** date of competition in lacrosse each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(f) Hawaii or Alaska. Any **contests or** dates of competition played in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I member located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

[17.14.5.3-(g) and 17.14.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

- (i) U.S. National Team. One **contest or** date of competition played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for lacrosse as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.14.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal will reduce the championship segment from up to 21 weeks to 18 weeks, including 15-16 weeks of competition. The proposal promotes student-athlete well-being by reducing the demands of the championship segment. A "date of competition" permits an institution to participate in multiple contests on the same day. This proposal promotes student-athlete well-being by reducing demands on their time. One lacrosse game lasts approximately two hours. Conducting multiple contests on the same day is not in the best interests of student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Reduction in time demands during the championship segment.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-95 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- LENGTH OF PLAYING SEASON -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- 60-DAY PERIOD

Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that the nonchampionship segment of the playing and practice season shall be conducted within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days during the months of January, February, March and April, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.25.1, as follows:

17.25.1 Length of Playing Season.

(a) Men. The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.6.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(b) Women. The length of an institution's playing season in volleyball shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments.

(1) Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(2) Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 60 consecutive calendar days during the months of January, February, March and April under the following conditions:

(i) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;

(ii) Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities are not required to count toward the 132-day season;

(iii) During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and

(iv) Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season.

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would add approximately 3-4 weeks to the nonchampionship segment but would provide more days off during the segment, thus benefitting the student-athlete. Since different institutions have spring break at different times, 60 days provides additional flexibility without the need to exclude vacation days from the 132-day season.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

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No. 2016-96 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- SCRIMMAGE/EXHIBITION CONTEST BEFORE FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION

Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that an institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition; further, to specify that a scrimmage or exhibition contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.25.3, as follows:

17.25.3 First Date of Competition -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible date of competition. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

17.25.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is

conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition (see Bylaw 17.25.7.1). A contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition per Bylaw 17.25.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition.

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Permitting a scrimmage or exhibition game each year will help institutions to fully prepare for the regular season. This proposal will not increase the length of the preseason practice period or the maximum limitations on the number of institutional dates of competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal; cost of game crew/officials.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential for one additional date of competition.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-97 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- TOUR TO U.S. TERRITORY OR COMMONWEALTH

Intent: To specify that a tour to a U.S. commonwealth or a U.S. territory may be considered a foreign tour.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29.1, as follows:

17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.

17.29.1.1 Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth. A tour to a U.S. commonwealth (e.g., Puerto Rico) or a U.S. territory (e.g., Virgin Islands) ~~is not~~ **may be** considered a foreign tour.

[17.29.1.2 through 17.29.1.10 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Participation in a competitive tour to a U.S. territory or commonwealth would provide an educational and cultural experience for student-athletes that is just as meaningful as a traditional foreign tour, but at a lower cost than that of other international destinations.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings as compared to the current requirements.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-98 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- INCOMING STUDENT PARTICIPATION -- SUMMER PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

Intent: To specify that an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may represent an institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice conducted in preparation for the foreign tour, provided he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29.1.4, as follows:

17.29.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 12.8.3.6):

- (a) If the tour takes place during the summer, the student-athletes shall have been eligible for intercollegiate competition during the previous academic year or shall have been enrolled at the institution as a full-time student during the previous academic year and have established by the beginning of the tour that he or she is eligible for competition during the academic year immediately following the tour; or
- (b) If the tour takes place after **preseason practice** or the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution (**see Bylaw 14.2.1.1**) and eligible for intercollegiate competition.

17.29.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation-- **Summer Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution**. It is permissible for an ~~eligible~~ incoming student-athlete (**freshman or transfer**) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that ~~begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution~~ **occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice conducted in preparation for the foreign tour, provided he or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either: If an incoming freshman student-athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student-athlete's academic record has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7.**

~~(a) On or after the first permissible practice date in the involved sport; or~~

~~(b) On or after the first day of classes of the student-athlete's first regular academic term at the institution.~~

17.29.1.4.1.1 ~~Exception—Basketball. In basketball, it is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.28.1.5, provided the following conditions are met:~~

~~(a) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit (toward any of the institution's degree programs) during the summer term at the certifying institution; and~~

~~(b) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour.~~

~~17.29.1.4.1.1.1 *Exception for Practice Prior to Departure* — *Basketball*. In basketball, if an incoming student athlete's eligibility pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1.1 (a) is pending (e.g., course in progress, grades not posted), he or she may participate in practice, provided he or she is enrolled in a summer course that will fulfill the requirement or has completed such a course and the posting of a grade for the course is pending. If an incoming freshman student athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student athlete's academic record has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7.~~

Source: Big East Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, basketball is the only sport in which an eligible incoming student-athlete is permitted to represent an institution on a foreign tour prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution. In many sports, the summer is the optimal time for a student-athlete to participate in a foreign tour. Under the current rules, there are often student-athletes who may not have the opportunity to experience such a valuable and educational experience (including foreign tours at many institutions which include an academic nexus). Pursuant to the once-in-four-years rule, a student-athlete who initially enrolls as a freshman during the fall term after a summer foreign tour will not have an opportunity to participate in the institution's next foreign tour until the summer after his or her senior year. By that time, many student-athletes will have graduated and/or exhausted their eligibility. In addition, this proposal eliminates the requirement that an incoming student-athlete earn at least three summer credit hours in order to participate. The requirement to be certified as eligible to compete prior to departure for the foreign tour is a sufficient academic standard for student-athlete participation. The basketball legislation has had a direct positive contribution to the well-being of student-athletes over the past seven years. Therefore, the opportunity to participate should be extended to all student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal increase for the participation of additional student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Participation of additional student-athletes.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Jun 2, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-99 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS AND FOREIGN TOURS -- ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENT-ATHLETES SUBJECT TO TRANSFER RESIDENCE

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided he or she is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution upon leaving the institution.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

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.

[14.5.5.1.1 and 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

14.5.5.1.3 Competition on a Foreign Tour. See Bylaw 17.29.1.4 for exceptions to allow a transfer student-athlete who is subject to the residence requirement to participate in competition on a foreign tour.

[14.5.5.2 through 14.5.5.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.29.1.4, as follows:

17.29.1.4 Eligibility of Student-Athletes. The eligibility of student-athletes on the tour shall be governed by the following (see Bylaw 12.8.3.6):

[17.29.1.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) If the tour takes place after the academic year has started, the student-athletes shall be regularly enrolled in the institution and eligible for intercollegiate competition. **A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided he or she is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution upon leaving the institution.**

17.29.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either:

[17.29.1.4.1-(a) and 17.29.1.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

17.29.1.4.1.1 Exception ~~—Basketball. In basketball, if~~ **It** is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.28.1.5, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit (toward any of the institution's degree programs) during the summer term at the certifying institution; and
- (b) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour. **A student-athlete who is subject to a transfer residence requirement is eligible to participate on a foreign tour, provided he or she is otherwise eligible for competition and was academically eligible for competition at his or her previous institution upon leaving the institution.**

17.29.1.4.1.1.1 Exception for Practice Prior to Departure ~~—Basketball. In basketball, if~~ **If** an incoming student-athlete's eligibility pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1.1-(a) is pending (e.g., course in progress, grades not posted), he or she may participate in practice, provided he or she is enrolled in a summer course that will fulfill the requirement or has completed such a course and the posting of a grade for the course is pending. If an incoming freshman student-athlete's initial academic eligibility qualification status has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.3.5.1. If an incoming transfer student-athlete's academic record has not been certified, he or she may participate in practice pursuant to Bylaw 14.5.4.6.7.

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, a previously-approved legislative relief waiver permits a transfer student-athlete who is serving a year of residence to receive actual and necessary expenses and participate in practice in conjunction with an institutional foreign tour. This proposal would incorporate the existing waiver into the

legislation and add the opportunity to participate in competition. Further, the proposal would expand the exception for incoming basketball student-athletes to all sports. Participation in a foreign tour provides a significant educational and cultural experience. Current legislation unnecessarily restricts the opportunity of an incoming student or transfer serving a year of residence. Since teams are limited to one foreign tour every four years, a student-athlete often has only one opportunity to participate in a foreign tour. The benefits from a foreign tour greatly enhance the student-athlete experience and should outweigh any concerns regarding competitive or recruiting equity.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal increase for the participation of additional student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Participation of additional student-athletes.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-100 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS AND FOREIGN TOURS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER PARTICIPATION -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to permit an incoming four-year transfer student-athlete to represent the institution in competition on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial enrollment at the certifying institution and to participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour, provided he or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit (toward any of the institution's degree programs) during the summer term at the certifying institution.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.3 for the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.

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.

[14.5.5.1.1 and 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

14.5.5.1.3 Competition on a Foreign Tour. See Bylaw 17.29.1.4.1.1 for an exception to allow a transfer student-athlete who is subject to the residence requirement to participate in competition on a foreign tour.

[14.5.5.2 through 14.5.5.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.29.1.4.1, as follows:

17.29.1.4.1 Incoming-Student Participation. It is permissible for an eligible incoming student-athlete to represent the institution on a foreign tour that begins after the permissible starting practice date in the sport involved or after the first day of classes of his or her first regular term at the institution. An incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) may participate in practice sessions conducted in preparation for a foreign tour only if such practice sessions occur either:

[17.29.1.4.1-(a) and 17.29.1.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

17.29.1.4.1.1 Exception -- Basketball. In basketball, it is permissible for an incoming student-athlete (freshman or transfer) to represent the institution on a foreign tour that occurs during the summer prior to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and participate in practice prior to departure for the foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.5, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) He or she has earned at least three hours of acceptable degree credit (toward any of the institution's degree programs) during the summer term at the certifying institution; and
- (b) He or she is eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition during the academic year immediately following the tour **or would be eligible but for the requirement to fulfill an academic year of residence as a four-year transfer student-athlete.**

[17.29.1.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

Source: Western Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, institutions are permitted to engage in foreign tours once every four years. The intent of the legislation enacted for basketball in 2010 was to allow incoming freshmen student-athletes a legitimate opportunity to participate in a foreign tour once during the time they are eligible to compete at an institution. This proposal seeks to extend the same opportunity to transfer students who similarly may only have one opportunity to participate in a foreign tour. Under the current exception, four-year transfer student-athletes are precluded from participation because they must fulfill an academic year of residence. However, transfer student-athletes are ineligible to participate in any regular contests for at least 12 months following the tour (or 5 months for those who previously transferred midyear), which negates any perceived competitive advantage this proposal may offer. Similarly, transfer student-athletes are already permitted to participate in voluntary summer workouts with strength and conditioning coaches and summer athletic activities, so the opportunity to compete in the extra foreign tour practices also would offer no competitive advantage. Finally, it should be noted that participation in a foreign tour prior to initial enrollment does not constitute use of a season of competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal increase for the participation of additional student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Participation of additional student-athletes.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Aug 19, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Championships and Postseason Football

No. 2016-101 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS -- CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an institution must complete annual certification of compliance forms (Certification of Compliance for Institutions and for Staff Members of Athletics Departments) in order to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship.

Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 unchanged.]

18.4.2 Institutional Eligibility.

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

[18.4.2.1-(a) through 18.4.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Certify, through its president or chancellor ~~on a form approved by the Council~~, the institution's compliance with NCAA legislation. The certification of compliance shall be completed not later than September 15;

[18.4.2.1-(e) through 18.4.2.1-(h) unchanged.]

18.4.2.1.1 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The following conditions shall be satisfied.

[18.4.2.1.1.1 through 18.4.2.1.1.3 unchanged.]

~~18.4.2.1.1.4 Report of NCAA Violation Involving Institution. A current statement has been filed with the president or chancellor, as a part of the institution's annual certification, which is signed by each athletics department staff member (including part time and clerical staff members), attesting that the individual has reported any knowledge of involvement in any violations of NCAA legislation involving the institution.~~

[18.4.2.1.1.5 renumbered as 18.4.2.1.1.4, unchanged.]

[18.4.2.1.2 unchanged.]

[18.4.2.2 and 18.4.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: The administrative burden involved with these particular forms outweighs their utility and the involved process has become perfunctory. Institutions should have the discretion to determine appropriate ways to ensure and certify compliance with NCAA legislation. Other legislation sets forth the responsibility of control related to athletics in compliance with NCAA rules and the role of the institution's president or chancellor. Elimination of the forms does not diminish the importance of compliance and the responsibilities of the institution and its staff members.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-102 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES -- CONTEST STATUS -- EXCEPTION -- CONFERENCE CHAMPION

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to eliminate the exception to the "deserving team" criteria that permits a conference champion that is contractually obligated to participate in a bowl game to be considered a "deserving team" regardless of its won-lost record.

Bylaws: Amend 18.7.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

18.7.2 Postseason Bowl Games. The conditions and requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in the NCAA postseason football handbook.

18.7.2.1 Contest Status. A contest shall serve the purpose of providing a national contest between deserving teams. A "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses. Tie games do not count in determining a team's won-lost record. Further, when forfeiture of a regular-season football victory is required by the Committee on Infractions or a conference, or is self-imposed by an institution as a result of a violation of NCAA rules, neither of the competing institutions may count that contest in satisfying the definition of a "deserving team."

[18.7.2.1.1 unchanged.]

~~18.7.2.1.2 Exception—Conference Champion. If a conference champion is scheduled contractually to participate in a bowl game, the institution that is the conference champion shall be eligible to participate regardless of its won-lost record.~~

[18.7.2.1.3 and 18.7.2.1.4 renumbered as 18.7.2.1.2 and 18.7.2.1.3, unchanged.]

[18.7.2.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Football Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: The exception for a conference champion to be bowl eligible regardless of its won-lost record is unnecessary due to conference expansion and the number of institutions that are required for a conference to be considered a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conference.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

Committees

No. 2016-103 COMMITTEES -- COMMON COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEES WITH ONLY CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Intent: To increase, from four to five, the number of Division I members on the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 21.5.2, as follows:

[Common provision, Divisions I and II only, divided vote]

21.5.2 Ice Hockey Committee, Women's. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of ~~four~~ **five** members. There shall be ~~three~~ **four** members from Division I and one member from Division II.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Committees

Rationale: This proposal would make the number of Division I members of the committee consistent with the number of conferences that are eligible for automatic qualification.

Estimated Budget Impact: \$3,200.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period

No. 2016-104 COMMITTEES -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORT COMMITTEE AND MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- FIVE REGIONS

Intent: To increase, from four to five, the number of regions of the Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee and the Men's Basketball Committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 21.7.6.1.3.6, as follows:

21.7.6.1.3.6 Men's Basketball Committee. The Men's Basketball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the ~~four~~ **five** Division I men's basketball regions and ~~six~~ **five** members selected at large. Not more than three committee members shall represent any single region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions.

[21.7.6.1.3.6.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.7.6.1.3.7, as follows:

21.7.6.1.3.7 Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee. The Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the ~~four~~ **five** Division I women's basketball regions and ~~six~~ **five** members selected at large. Not more than three committee members shall be from any single region. Six members shall be representatives from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions, and four members shall be representatives from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions.

[21.7.6.1.3.7.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees)

Effective Date: Immediate, for committee member terms that begin on or after September 1, 2017.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Committees

Rationale: Increasing the number of regions from four to five provides better balance of the number of institutions and conferences per region and a more accurate geographic representation based on current conference affiliations. All other composition criteria remain the same (i.e., 10 members, not more than three members from any one region, six members from Football Bowl Subdivision institutions and four members from Football Championship and Division I Subdivision institutions).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Executive Regulations

No. 2016-105 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- FINANCIAL PENALTIES

Intent: To remove specified financial penalties for failure to adhere to policies and procedures governing championships administration from the legislation and specify that the governing sports committee may assess financial penalties pursuant to established policies and procedures, subject to review by and appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee.

Administrative: Amend 31.1.11, as follows:

31.1.11 Failure to Adhere to Policies and Procedures.

31.1.11.1 Financial Penalties. ~~A~~ **Pursuant to established policies and procedures,** a governing sports committee may assess a financial penalty against an institution for failure of any of its representatives to adhere to the policies and procedures governing championships administration, subject to review by and appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee. ~~The institution may be assessed:~~

- ~~(a) One hundred dollars per team or \$50 per individual, up to a \$600 maximum penalty, for failure to adhere to published procedures for the submission of regular season results, availability questionnaires and/or entry forms;~~
- ~~(b) One hundred dollars, cancellation of all or a portion of the Association's travel guarantee, or all or a portion of the institution's share of revenue distribution for failure to adhere to published managerial and administrative policies and procedures;~~
- ~~(c) Cancellation of all or a portion of the honorarium for hosting an NCAA championship for failure to submit the financial report within 60 days following the competition, as specified in Bylaw 31.4.1.1; or~~
- ~~(d) Financial or other penalties different from (a), (b) and (c) above, but only if they have prior approval of the Council.~~

[31.1.11.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees, Competition Oversight Committee, Football Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Executive Regulations

Rationale: Moving the penalties and dollar amounts out of the legislation reduces bureaucracy when modifications are required and places authority with the sport committees and sport oversight committees responsible for the championship and well-being of the sport. The success of championships depends on adherence to established policies and procedures. At times, it is necessary to amend policies and procedures in order to ensure the efficient operation of a championship. Allowing the sport committees to establish and adjust specific policies and financial penalties will ensure efficient operation of championships and hold institutions accountable for failure to follow established policies and procedures. Penalties will remain subject to review by and appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Sep 29, 2016: Comment/Sponsor Modification Period