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Division I Official Notice

This publication contains all 2016-17 legislative cycle proposals for consideration by the NCAA Division I Council during its April 13-14 meeting. All of the proposals in this publication were properly sponsored by conferences or introduced by the Council. To assist the membership in communicating positions through conference offices and Council representatives, the proposals appear in topical groups.

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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 <u>3</u>
Water Polo, Women's	2 <u>3</u>

[All other sports unchanged.]

[11.7.6.1 through 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: In Progress

Athletics Eligibility

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

Intent: In baseball, women's beach volleyball, 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 -- Baseball, Women's Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Softball, Men's Volleyball and Women's Water Polo. In baseball, women's beach volleyball, 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: In Progress

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 through 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: Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.

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: In Progress

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

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:

(a) Official Pan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games, World University Championships and Olympic training, tryouts and competition; **or**

~~(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic tryouts; or~~

(e ~~b~~) ~~Official tryouts and~~ **Officially recognized** 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: In Progress

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) through 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.)

12.8.3.2.1.2.1 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.

[12.8.3.2.1.2 through 12.8.3.2.1.3 renumbered as 12.8.3.2.1.3 through 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; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.

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

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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

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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 (e.g., spring semester or quarter) immediately preceding the institution's summer term.

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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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:

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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**
- ~~(c) 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: In Progress

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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)

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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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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 through 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 through 13.1.3.3.3 renumbered as 13.1.3.3.3 through 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 an 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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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

Intent: : In men's basketball, to specify that a coaching staff member may attend regional (zone) 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 (Zone) Championships. A coaching staff member may attend regional (zone) 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 two years). Expanding this legislation

in men's basketball to include FIBA regional (zone) 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: In Progress

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

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day 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. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend national team training and tryout events conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. [D]

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. The limit on the number of coaches from each institution who may attend the events will help manage the potential number of attendees and help encourage other coaches to remain on campus with current 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: In Progress

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend national team training and tryout events conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods.

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: In Progress

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-(f)-(1) through 13.17.3-(f)-(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: In Progress

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

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

~~(e) 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

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: In Progress

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 camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 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 camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 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 camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) involving a national team, including

junior level teams (e.g., U18 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

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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: In Progress

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: In Progress

Jan 31, 2017: In Progress

The sponsor has requested that the voting on this proposal be divided by the two sections.

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: In Progress

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); further, in basketball to specify that a national service academy shall not exceed 24 official visits prior to the initial NLI signing date of the first year in each rolling two-year period.

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) relettered 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. [D]

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~~ **24** official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date ~~each of~~ **the first year in each rolling two-year period.** [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: In Progress

Jan 26, 2017: In Progress Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that, in basketball, a national service academy shall not exceed 24 official visits prior to the initial National Letter of Intent signing date in the first year of each rolling two-year 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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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, before September 1 of his or her junior year of high school, publicly declares his or her commitment to attend an institution that has engaged in recruiting the prospective student-athlete.

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 (or indicate that it will or may provide) an oral 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, before September 1 of his or her junior year of high school, publicly declares his or her commitment to attend an institution that has engaged in recruiting the prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.14).

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 renumbered as 13.9.2 through 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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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

Intent: To specify that an institution's coach may arrange and 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~~ **coach may arrange and** 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: In Progress

Nov 9, 2016: In Progress Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that an institution's coach may arrange and conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, rather than the institution's athletics department.

No. 2016-52 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT -- INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. [R]

[13.2.1.1 through 13.2.1.2 unchanged.]

13.2.1.3 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or ~~men's~~ basketball staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete.

[13.2.2 through 13.2.11 unchanged.]

B. 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.

13.12.1.1.4~~2~~ 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 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. 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 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.3 through 13.12.1.1.5, 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) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 through 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 (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) at the institution's camp or clinic. (See Bylaw 13.2.1.3.)

[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:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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 that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 through 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.]

13.12.2.3.7 **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 that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.** [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.7, unchanged.]

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]

[13.12.2.3.9 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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

Jan 30, 2017: In Progress

Sponsor modified the proposal to clarify that an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may be employed (either salaried or a volunteer basis) only at his or her institution's camps or clinics that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.

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: In Progress

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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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-(a) through 13.17.9-(e) renumbered as 13.17.10-(a) through 13.17.10-(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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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) 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: In Progress

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~~ 4) 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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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 former 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:

Aug 30, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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 toward a certificate program may not 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 toward 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 toward the student-athlete's designated baccalaureate degree. As a result, student-athletes will continue to maintain progress toward 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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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, thereafter, 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 each regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete is 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, thereafter, 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 each regular academic term (e.g., fall semester, winter quarter) in which the student-athlete is 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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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: In Progress

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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 and/or appear on the institution's squad list in a rolling four-year period; further, to specify that the limit only applies to a transfer student-athlete who participated in men's basketball and/or appeared on the men's basketball squad list at his previous Division I institution and establish exceptions, as specified.

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 and/or appear on the institution's squad list in a rolling four-year period. The limit only applies to a transfer student-athlete who participated in men's basketball and/or appeared on the men's basketball squad list at his previous Division I institution.

14.5.5.6.1 Exception -- Two-Year Nonparticipation or Minimal Participation. A transfer student-athlete who qualifies for the two-year nonparticipation or minimal participation exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.7) to the transfer residence requirement does not count against the limit on the number of transfer student-athletes.

14.5.5.6.2 Exception -- Return to Original Institution. A transfer student-athlete who qualifies for the return-to-original institution exception (see Bylaw 14.5.5.2.8) to the transfer residence requirement does not count against the limit on the number of transfer student-athletes.

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:

Sep 1, 2016: Submitted to
National
Office

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

Jan 31, 2017: In Progress Sponsor modified the proposal to specify that the limit only applies to a transfer student-athlete who participated in men's basketball and/or appeared on the men's basketball squad list at his previous Division I institution and to establish exceptions, as specified.

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: In Progress

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

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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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:

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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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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:

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

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 through 15.5.4 unchanged.]

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

[15.5.5.1 through 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, shoulder 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.]

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:

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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.

[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:

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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 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.

17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1 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:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1-(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 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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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 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: In Progress

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. ~~As~~ **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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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 through 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 two 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: In
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Jan 18, 2017: In Progres s The Council modified the proposal to specify that once every two years (as opposed to four), 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.

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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

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: In Progress

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) Men. ~~An~~ In men's lacrosse, an 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~~ **except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.3 and 17.14.5.4.**

(b) Women. In women's lacrosse, an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 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.

(a) Men. ~~As in men's lacrosse, an~~ individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 17 dates of competition ~~in men's lacrosse, and~~. **This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.**

(b) Women. **In women's lacrosse, an individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 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 **or dates of competition** in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.14.5.3 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) through 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: In Progress

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, April and May 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, April and May 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:

Aug 31, 2016: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2016: In Progress

Nov 29, 2016: In Progress Sponsor modified the proposal to add May to the months in which the nonchampionship segment may be conducted.

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: Immediate

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: In Progress

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:

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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

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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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

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: In Progress

NCAA Membership

No. 2016-112 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY

Intent: To specify that an active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

Constitution: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.19 unchanged.]

3.2.4.20 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

[3.2.4.20 renumbered as 3.2.4.21, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Rationale: Currently, there are no other publicly available tools for obtaining student-athlete health and safety information. This proposal will allow real-time visualization of emerging standards of care for the administration of sports medicine programs. This concept is unanimously supported by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), the NCAA Sport Science Institute, and the College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The process of administering the survey will be overseen by CSMAS, in collaboration with the Sport Science Institute and the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

Athletics Personnel

No. 2016-113 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT -- INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A RECRUITED PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position; further, 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 at an institutional camp or clinic.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.4, as follows:

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[11.4.1 through 11.4.2 unchanged.]

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

11.4.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.18, as follows:

13.02.18 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. In ~~men's~~ basketball, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, parents, legal guardians, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. [R]

[13.2.1.1 through 13.2.1.2 unchanged.]

13.2.1.3 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 (and 13.12.2.2.3) occurs in which an institution or ~~men's~~ basketball staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete.

[13.2.2 through 13.2.11 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.8.3, as follows:

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 through 13.8.3.2 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual

enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

13.8.3.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a recruited prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

[13.8.3.3 through 13.8.3.5 renumbered as 13.8.3.4 through 13.8.3.6, unchanged.]

E. 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.

13.12.1.1.4~~2~~ 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 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. 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 an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or
- (e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

[13.12.1.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.4 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.3 through 13.12.1.1.5, 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) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 through 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 (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1 and 13.02.18) at the institution's camp or clinic. (See Bylaw 13.2.1.3.)

[13.12.2.3 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017; a contract signed before 1/18/17 may be honored.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: The current similar legislation in men's basketball was adopted in order to prevent the funneling of money to prospective student-athletes and their families via individuals associated with the prospect. In addition, anecdotal evidence indicated institutions would employ an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete in order to successfully secure the prospective student-athlete's commitment to play at the institution. Women's basketball coaches have expressed a growing concern for similar issues in their sport. This proposal will promote greater integrity in the women's basketball recruiting process. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

Jan 18, 2017: In Progress The Council modified the effective date of the proposal to clarify that employment contracts signed before 1/18/17 may be honored.

Recruiting

No. 2016-116 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL

Intent: In football, to revise legislation related to camps and clinics; athletics personnel, including limitations on hiring individuals associated with a prospective student-athlete; and the recruiting calendars, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.4, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[11.4.1 through 11.4.2 unchanged.]

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

11.4.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows: *(Immediate)*

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.3 unchanged.]

11.7.4 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of one head coach, ~~nine~~ **10** assistant coaches and four graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

[11.7.4.1 through 11.7.4.2 unchanged.]

[11.7.5 unchanged.]

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
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.2)	4 11

[11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows: *(Immediate)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.18 unchanged.]

13.02.19 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in football, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, parents, legal guardians, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution.

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

13.2.1 General Regulation. An institution's staff member or any representative of its athletics interests shall not be involved, directly or indirectly, in making arrangements for or giving or offering to give any financial aid or other benefits to a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends, other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. Receipt of a benefit by a prospective student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends is not a violation of NCAA legislation if it is determined that the same benefit is generally available to the institution's prospective students or their relatives or friends or to a particular segment of the student body (e.g., international students, minority students) determined on a basis unrelated to athletics ability. [R]

[13.2.1.1 through 13.2.1.2 unchanged.]

13.2.1.3 Additional Prohibition -- Consulting Fees -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member shall not provide a consulting fee to an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete or to a consulting firm in which an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete has a proprietary or financial interest.

[13.2.1.3 renumbered as 13.2.1.4, unchanged.]

13.2.1.5 Notification of Ineligibility and Consequences -- Football. If a violation of Bylaw 13.2.1 occurs in which an institution or staff member employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at the institution's camp or clinic, the institution shall declare each involved prospective student-athlete ineligible. Within 30 days of becoming aware of the violation, the institution shall provide written notification to each involved prospective student-athlete that the actions of the institution affected the prospective student-athlete's eligibility. The written notification shall also include an explanation of the consequences of the violation for the prospective student-athlete.

[13.2.2 through 13.2.11 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows: *(August 1, 2017)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 through 13.6.2.2 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball **and football**, 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. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.2 Basketball. 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. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.3 Football. In football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit beginning April 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. However, an institution shall not provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic. Thereafter, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit beginning with the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.7 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 13.8.3, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 through 13.8.3.2 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

13.8.3.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

[13.8.3.3 through 13.8.3.5 renumbered as 13.8.3.4 through 13.8.3.6, unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 13.9.2.3, as follows: *(August 1, 2017; for signings that occur on or after August 1, 2017.)*

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.9.2.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- ~~Bowl Subdivision~~ Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-

athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid ~~from December 1 through May 31~~ **and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.** [D]

13.9.2.3.1 ~~Exception — Counter During Same Academic Year~~ **Application**. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid ~~and becomes an initial counter for the same academic year in which the signing occurred (e.g., midyear enrollee)~~ **or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year** shall ~~not~~ count toward the annual limit on signings **for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.**

13.9.2.3.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

H. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.12, as follows: (*Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.*)

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.1.2 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, 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 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a football 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 an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or

(e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

[13.12.1.1.2 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.3, unchanged.]

13.12.1.1.~~34~~ Football. In ~~bowl subdivision~~ football, an institution's football camp or clinic may be conducted only during ~~two periods of 15 consecutive~~ **10** days in the months of June ~~and July~~ [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days ~~of those months~~ **in June** (e.g., May 28-June 3)] **and July**. The dates ~~of the two 15-day periods~~ must be on file in the office of the athletics director. ~~In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3).~~ [D]

[13.12.1.1.4 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.5, unchanged.]

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction —~~Basketball and Football.~~

13.12.1.2.1 Basketball. In basketball, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

13.12.1.2.2 Football. In football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus, ~~within the state in which the institution is located or, if outside the state, within a 50-mile radius of the institution's campus~~ **or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.**

[13.12.1.3 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 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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Activities -- Football. In football, an institutional coaching staff member who is permissibly employed at a camp or clinic (see Bylaws 13.12.2.3.4 and 13.12.2.3.5) may engage in recruiting conversations with a 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).

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.1.8 Educational Session.

13.12.1.8.1 Basketball. An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants.

13.12.1.8.2 Football. An institution's football sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants.

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) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 through 13.12.2.2.3 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.4 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.1.1.2) at the institution's camp or clinic, unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaw 13.2.1.4.)

13.12.2.2.4.1 Exception -- Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Institution. An institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete.

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 13.12.2.3.3 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.4 **Institutional or** Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach ~~or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football~~ **(including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1)** 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 at any location, 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)~~ **only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics.** Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to ~~two periods of 15 consecutive~~ **10** days in the months of June ~~and July~~ [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days ~~of those months~~ **in June** (e.g., May 28-June 3)] **and July**. The dates ~~of the two 15-day periods~~ must be on file in the office of the athletics director. **It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics.** [D]

13.12.2.3.5 **Institutional or** Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach ~~or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football~~ 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 at any location, 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)~~ **only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics.** Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only during **10 days in** the months of June, ~~July and August~~ [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days ~~of those months~~ **in June** (e.g., May 28-June 3)] **and July**. **It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics.** [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.9 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 unchanged.]

I. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.4.1, as follows: *(August 1, 2017)*

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) ~~and (2)~~ **through (3)** below]: Quiet Period

(1) ~~A 14-day period that begins on the last~~ **The Monday before the last Wednesday** in June ~~unless July 1 falls on a Monday~~ **through July 24**. ~~If July 1 falls on a Monday, a 14-day period that begins on July 1:~~
Dead Period

(2) August 1-31: Dead Period

(~~2~~ **3**) Forty-two (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: Evaluation Period

(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~~ **Thursday** 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) through 13.17.4.1-(g) unchanged.]

J. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.4.2, as follows: *(August 1, 2017)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) **through (3)** below]: Quiet Period

(1) The Monday before the last Wednesday in June through July 24: Dead Period

(2) August 1-31: Dead Period

(~~4~~ **3**) Forty-two evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: Evaluation Period

(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)~~ **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

[13.17.4.2-(b)(1) unchanged.]

(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 Thursday of the week of the annual American Football Coaches Association Convention** [applicable ~~only to junior college~~ **all** prospective student-athletes ~~who intend to enroll midyear~~ (see Bylaw 13.02.5.5.2)]: Dead Period

~~(3) The Friday following the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Sunday of the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association [subject to the dead periods (5) and (7) below in applicable years (applicable only to junior college prospective student-athletes who intend to enroll midyear)]: Quiet Period~~

~~(4) The Sunday after the third Saturday in December: Quiet Period~~

~~(5) The Monday following the third Saturday in December through January 3: Dead Period~~

~~(6) Sunday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association: Quiet Period~~

~~(7) Monday through Thursday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association: Dead Period~~

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

K. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.1.9.1, as follows: (August 1, 2017; for signings that occur on or after August 1, 2017.)

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5.1.9.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- ~~Bowl Subdivision~~ Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid ~~from December 1 through May 31~~ **and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.**

15.5.1.9.1.1 ~~Exception -- Counter During Same Academic Year~~ **Application.** A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid ~~and becomes an initial counter for the same academic year in which the signing occurred (e.g., midyear enrollee)~~ **or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year** shall ~~not~~ count toward the annual limit on signings **for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.**

15.5.1.9.1.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Football Oversight Committee)

Effective Date:

Sections A, D, F, H: Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.

Sections B, C: Immediate

Sections E, I, J: August 1, 2017

Sections G, K: August 1, 2017; for signings that occur on or after August 1, 2017.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In response to the charge from the Board of Directors, guided by the need to have rules that appropriately promote and advance the collegiate model of athletics competition and in consideration of recommendations provided by the NCAA Division I Football Recruiting Ad Hoc Working Group, this proposal incorporates changes to the football camps and clinics rules into the comprehensive review of Division I football recruiting. The proposal maintains the focus on recruiting within the scholastic environment. In addition, it enhances access for prospective student-athletes and promotes informed decision-making. The proposal increases protection for the health and well-being of prospective student-athletes participating in camps and clinics and promotes awareness of NCAA rules. The change to the number of days in which coaches may work at camps or clinics promotes an appropriate balance between the need to support and supervise current student-athletes and interest in conducting camps and clinics, as well as the interest of prospective student-athletes in offering an opportunity to interact with coaches. The addition of rules related to hiring individuals associated with prospective student-athletes promotes transparency in recruiting by establishing a line between hiring legitimate candidates for employment and providing a recruiting inducement through the hiring of individuals whose primary value to an institution is in their ties to specific prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Oct 5, 2016:	In Pr og ress	Introduced by the Division I Council.
Jan 18, 2017:	In Pr og ress	The Council modified the proposal to: (1) Permit official visits for a prospective student-athlete beginning April 1 of the junior year in high school through the Sunday preceding the last Wednesday in June, and specify that the effective date for such visit is 8/1/17; (2) Specify that official visits that occur in June (or a week that includes any days in June) may not occur in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic; (3) Eliminate the opportunity for official visits to occur July 25 through July 31 following a prospective student-athlete's junior year; (4) Clarify the application of the effective date of provisions related to the "individual associated with a prospective student-athlete" such that contracts signed before 1/18/17 may be honored; (5) Clarify the application of the effective date of the "hard cap" on signing prospective student-athletes and student-athletes is 8/1/17 for signings that occur on or after 8/1/17.
Jan 30, 2017:	In Pr og ress	Proposal edited to clarify that: (1) An institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete; and (2) The annual limit on signings of financial aid agreements applies to student-athletes who sign financial aid agreements for the first time.

No. 2016-116-1 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL -- EFFECTIVE DATE OF 10TH ASSISTANT COACH

Intent: To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2016-116, Section B, from immediate to January 9, 2018.

Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 11.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.3 unchanged.]

11.7.4 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be a limit of one head coach, 10 assistant coaches and four graduate assistant coaches who may be employed by an institution in bowl subdivision football.

[11.7.4.1 through 11.7.4.2 unchanged.]

[11.7.5 unchanged.]

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
Football, Bowl Subdivision (See Bylaw 11.7.2)	11

[11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: January 9, 2018

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: There are many concerns with the timing of the current immediate effective date. An April effective date is in the middle of the budget year for the membership and is late in the hiring period for a football staff. If the effective date is amended to occur to the conclusion of the 2017 football season, member institutions will have the opportunity to budget for the addition of a full-time countable coach and associated costs related to recruiting. In addition, a delayed effective date will better fit the hiring timeline for a football staff and will not require readjustments following the spring practice period.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Jan 31, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

Feb 7, 2017: Ready for Vote

No. 2016-116-2 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL -- EARLY OFFICIAL VISITS LIMITED TO APRIL

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2016-116 to specify that, in football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete with an expense paid visit in April of the prospective student-athlete's junior year.

Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 through 13.6.2.2 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.1 ~~31~~ Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, 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. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.2 ~~32~~ Basketball. 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. [D]

13.6.2.2.1.3 Football. In football, an institution may provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit *beginning in* April 4 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year ~~through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. However, an institution shall not provide a prospective student-athlete an expense-paid visit in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's participation in an institutional camp or clinic.~~ Thereafter, an institution may provide an expense-paid visit beginning with the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This amendment, which would permit official visits during a prospective student-athlete's junior year only during the month of April, will assist prospective student-athletes and their parents/legal guardians in acquiring a full and comprehensive evaluation of an institution and its campus as such visits will occur during the regular academic year when classes are in session. As a result, prospective student-athletes and their families will have the opportunity to see and assess an institution and its campus in the same environment the prospective student-athlete would experience upon enrollment at the institution. In addition, prospective student-athletes and their families will have increased opportunities to meet with important academic personnel (e.g., faculty, staff), as such individuals are more likely to be available on campus during the regular academic year. Further, this amendment will also reduce the amount of academic disruption for prospective student-athletes as such visits will occur prior to high school final exam periods and the end of the academic year.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

No. 2016-116-3 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL -- EXCEPTION TO SIGNING LIMIT -- INCAPACITATING INJURY OR ILLNESS

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2016-116 to specify that a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings.

A. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.9.2.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.9.2.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. [D]

13.9.2.3.1 Application. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.

13.9.2.3.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

13.9.2.3.3 Exception -- Incapacitating Injury or Illness. A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings.

B. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 15.5.1.9.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5.1.9.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.

15.5.1.9.1.1 Application. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.

15.5.1.9.1.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

15.5.1.9.1.3 Exception -- Incapacitating Injury or Illness. A prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activities, becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics shall not count toward the institution's annual limit on signings.

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017; for signings that occur on or after August 1, 2017.

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This amendment would allow an institution to exempt a prospective student-athlete or student-athlete who, prior to participation in athletically related activity, is deemed to be physically unable to participate in all future activity, from its annual signing limit in the same manner that the institution may exempt the individual from its maximum financial aid award limitations. This exception is necessary as an institution would currently not be permitted to replace such a student-athlete if the institution had already reached its annual limit on signings, even though the student-athlete would be exempt from financial aid limits and would be unable to participate.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

Feb 7, 2017: Ready for Vote

No. 2016-116-4 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL -- REMOVE FCS FROM IAWP PROVISIONS

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2016-116 to remove championship subdivision football from the application of the restrictions on hiring an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete in an athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

A. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 11.4, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[11.4.1 through 11.4.2 unchanged.]

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

11.4.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a

student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 11.4.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

11.4.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

B. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.02, as follows: *(Immediate)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.18 unchanged.]

13.02.19 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete's participation in football, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete's athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete's recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, parents, legal guardians, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution.

C. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.8.3, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.

[13.8.3.1 through 13.8.3.2 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

13.8.3.3.1 Application. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (see Bylaw 13.02.19) is employed by the institution and, at the time of employment, a student-athlete who enrolled at the institution in the previous two years (and remains enrolled at the institution) was a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. A violation of Bylaw 13.8.3.3 also occurs if an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is employed and, within two years after such employment, a prospective student-athlete by which the individual meets the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete enrolls as a full-time student in a regular academic term at the institution. In either case, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or

strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

[13.8.3.3 through 13.8.3.5 renumbered as 13.8.3.4 through 13.8.3.6, unchanged.]

Source: Missouri Valley Football Conference

Effective Date:

Sections A, C: Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.
Section B: Immediate

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The issue of institutions hiring an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete in order to secure the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete is not believed to be an issue in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), as FCS institutions simply do not have the resources to hire in this manner. Further, the application of this legislation to all individuals associated with a rolling four-year class of football prospective student-athletes would exclude a broad range of qualified individuals from legitimate consideration for employment opportunities. Finally, the administrative burden of vetting candidates for such positions relative to the legislation is an undue and unnecessary burden on FCS athletics departments.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

Feb 7, 2017: Ready for Vote

No. 2016-116-5 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- FOOTBALL RECRUITING MODEL -- REMOVE FCS FROM SIGNING LIMIT

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2016-116 to remove championship subdivision football from the application of the limitation on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.

A. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.9.2.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13.9.2.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. ~~In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.~~ [D]

13.9.2.3.1 Application. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the

academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.

13.9.2.3.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

B. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 15.5.1.9.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

15.5.1.9.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. ~~In championship subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.~~ [D]

15.5.1.9.1.1 Application. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided in the fall term of an academic year shall count toward the annual limit on signings for the academic year in which the aid is first received. A prospective student-athlete who signs a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid or a student-athlete who signs a financial aid agreement that specifies financial aid will be initially provided during the second or third term of the academic year may count toward the limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received or the limit for the next academic year.

15.5.1.9.1.2 Exception -- Agreement After Second Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two academic years may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time without counting toward the annual limit on signings.

Source: Missouri Valley Football Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017; for signings that occur on or after August 1, 2017.

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: It is not necessary to implement a cap on signings in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), as concerns about oversigning are far more prevalent at the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level than at the FCS level. Further, Proposal No. 2016-116 would create restrictions for FCS institutions that have legitimate reasons for signing additional individuals unrelated to oversigning (e.g., head coach departs for new position and multiple signed prospective student-athletes elect to attend another institution). Notably, Proposal Nos. 2009-48 and 2011-43, which established the current FBS signing limit, were proposed and adopted as FBS-only legislation and the lack of a corresponding restriction at the FCS level does not appear to have created challenges for either subdivision.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

Feb 7, 2017: Ready for Vote

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2016-116, in championship subdivision football, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July; further, to specify that permissible employment in a camp or clinic is limited to June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July.

A. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.12, as follows: *(Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.1.2 Definition of Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, 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 13.02.14 or the definition of a recruited prospective student-athlete pursuant to Bylaw 13.02.14.1. In addition, a football 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 an oral offer of athletically related financial aid from the institution; or
- (e) The prospective student-athlete has orally committed to attend the institution.

[13.12.1.1.2 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.3, unchanged.]

13.12.1.1.4 Football. In **bowling** subdivision football, an institution's football camp or clinic may be conducted only during 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. The dates must be on file in the office of the athletics director. **In championship subdivision football, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July.** [D]

[13.12.1.1.4 renumbered as 13.12.1.1.5, unchanged.]

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction .

13.12.1.2.1 Basketball. In basketball, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or within a 100-mile radius of the institution's campus.

13.12.1.2.2 Football. In football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition.

[13.12.1.3 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 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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Activities -- Football. In football, an institutional coaching staff member who is permissibly employed at a camp or clinic (see Bylaws 13.12.2.3.4 and 13.12.2.3.5) may engage in recruiting conversations with a 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).

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.1.8 Educational Session.

13.12.1.8.1 Basketball. An institution's basketball sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants.

13.12.1.8.2 Football. An institution's football sports camp or clinic must include an educational session presented in-person or in a video format detailing NCAA initial-eligibility standards and regulations related to gambling, agents and drug use to all camp and/or clinic participants.

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) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 through 13.12.2.2.3 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.4 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.1.1.2) at the institution's camp or clinic, unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaw 13.2.1.4.)

13.12.2.2.4.1 Exception -- Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Institution. An institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the

institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete.

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 13.12.2.3.3 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.4 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1) may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. The dates must be on file in the office of the athletics director. It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

13.12.2.3.5 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only ~~during 10 days in the months of~~ June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.9 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2016-116, 13.17.4.2, as follows: *(August 1, 2017)*

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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

(a) June 1 through the last Saturday in November [except for (1) through (3) below]: Quiet Period

~~(1) The Monday before the last Wednesday in June through July 24: Dead Period~~

(2) August 1-31: Dead Period

(3) Forty-two evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the months of September, October and November selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics; authorized off-campus recruiters shall not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on more than one calendar day during this period: Evaluation Period

(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

[13.17.4.2-(b)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Monday of the week that includes the initial date of the midyear junior college transfer National Letter of Intent signing period through the Thursday 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

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

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

Source: Missouri Valley Football Conference

Effective Date:

Section A: Immediate; a contract signed before January 18, 2017 may be honored.

Section B: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment-to-Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This amendment removes the proposed restrictions on the opportunity for Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions and coaches to be involved with institutionally run camps during June and July. The issues giving rise to the proposed date restrictions impact Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs significantly more than FCS programs and do not require a consistent standard across the two subdivisions. Further, the proposed restrictions are detrimental to FCS programs, for which camps are a valuable source of revenue and program exposure. The difference between the two subdivisions in this area was demonstrated by FCS adopting two 15-day camp windows in 2005 at the same time as FBS (Proposal No. 2004-33) and then rescinding those restrictions as "unnecessarily restrictive" five years later (Proposal No. 2009-52). The subdivisions have operated under separate standards since that time and this proposal would maintain that flexibility. Finally, it is important to note that this proposal would not change the elements of the proposed camp legislation relating to required educational sessions, noninstitutional camp employment, noncoaching staff member employment, employment of individuals associated with recruited prospective student-athletes or the August dead period.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Feb 1, 2017: In Progress Amendment sponsored.

Feb 7, 2017: Ready for Vote

No. 2016-117 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING-PERSON DAYS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- 112 DAYS EXCEPT JULY EVALUATION PERIODS

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that off-campus recruiting activities throughout the year shall count toward the limit on recruiting-person days, except during the July evaluation periods.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.10, as follows:

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* each year **(measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation.**

[13.02.10.1 unchanged.]

[13.02.11 through 13.02.18 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.5.4, as follows:

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 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days ~~during the academic~~ **each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation.** [D]

[13.1.5.4.1 and 13.1.5.4.2 unchanged.]

C. 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~~ **each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation.** [D]

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation permits 112 recruiting-person days for women's basketball coaches to evaluate and contact prospective student-athletes during the academic year. Outside the academic year, evaluations do not count against the limit on recruiting-person days. Due to varying academic years (e.g., semesters, quarters) and when recruiting events occur, this proposal will provide consistency and provide for ease of monitoring, while also promoting competitive equity within the recruiting process. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-118 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- MARCH 1 CONTACT WITH JUNIORS AND TWO NONSCHOLASTIC EVALUATION WEEKENDS

Intent: In women's basketball, to permit off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete (or relatives or legal guardians) beginning March 1 of her junior year through the day before the official start of the WBCA Convention; further, to permit evaluations at nonscholastic events during only two weekends in the academic year (Saturday and Sunday of the last full weekend of the contact period, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April).

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~~ **March 1 at the beginning** of her junior year in high school. **Contacts with a high school junior may occur from March 1 of her junior year through the day before the official start of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Convention (through 11:59 p.m. in the the prospective student-athlete's locale).** 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 13.1.7.6, 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 weekend (~~including Friday, Saturday and Sunday~~) of the fall contact period; **and** the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the ~~spring evaluation period~~ **third weekend in April;** ~~and an additional weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [as determined by Bylaw 13.17.3 (f)].~~

13.1.7.6.1.1 National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation period shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered. 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. If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered ~~on a date that conflicts with the spring nonscholastic evaluation~~ **during the third weekend in April, the five-day evaluation period in April shall shift to the second Friday following the initial date of the spring National Letter of Intent signing period through the following Tuesday** **the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.**

[13.1.7.6.2 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

C. 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~~ **the third** weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April ~~for evaluations at nonscholastic events~~ [except for (1) and (2) below]; Evaluation Periods (evaluations during ~~additional~~ **the third weekend in April** 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 **occurs during the third weekend in April**, ~~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~~ **the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.**

[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: Moving the first contact date from the fall of the junior year to the spring of the junior year will reduce the burden on prospective student-athletes and coaches during a time that is already busy and will allow coaches to spend more time on campus, particularly as incoming student-athletes acclimate to the institution and the women's basketball team begins to prepare for the upcoming season. Maintaining opportunities for coaches to evaluate prospective student-athletes at nonscholastic events accounts for the fact that many Division I programs have limited recruiting resources and need opportunities to evaluate multiple prospective student-athletes prior to and following the collegiate and high school seasons. Coaches may continue to use scholastic events and the equally valuable nonscholastic events to evaluate a large number of prospective student-athletes at one location. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-119 RECRUITING -- CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT COMPETITION SITE -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- COMMUNICATION WITH A PROSPECT'S HIGH SCHOOL COACH

Intent: In men's basketball, to permit communication with a prospective student-athlete's high school coach during the prospective student-athlete's participation in a certified event, regardless of whether the coach is in attendance at the event.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.6.2, as follows:

13.1.6.2 Practice or Competition Site. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete prior to any athletics competition (including a noninstitutional, private camp or clinic, but not an institutional camp or clinic) in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Contact includes the passing of notes or verbally relaying information to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following: [D]

[13.1.6.2-(a) through 13.1.6.2-(e) unchanged.]

13.1.6.2.1 Additional Restrictions -- Basketball. In basketball, the following additional restrictions apply: [D]

- (a) In-person contact shall not be made with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians during a day of the prospective student-athlete's competition (e.g., before and after the competition).
- (b) In men's basketball, all communication with a prospective student-athlete's coach or any individual associated with the prospective student-athlete as a result of the prospective student-athlete's participation in basketball, directly or indirectly, is prohibited during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event. Communication with a prospective student-athlete's relatives or legal guardians is permitted during the time period in which the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event.

[13.1.6.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

13.1.6.2.1.1 Exception -- Telephone Contact with High School Coach -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institutional coaching staff member may have telephone contact with a prospective student-athlete's high school coach (or high school administrator) while the prospective student-athlete is participating in a certified event, ~~provided the high school coach or administrator is not in attendance at that event.~~

[13.1.6.2.2 through 13.1.6.2.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Based on recently adopted legislation, coaches may now have communication with prospective student-athletes who are participating in certified events. This proposal would permit the same communication with a prospective student-athlete's high school coach, which results in a consistent application of the rule. An institution's coach may need to communicate with the high school coach to know when and where the prospective student-athlete is competing. This proposal does not change the prohibition governing communication with any other coach (e.g., nonscholastic coach), which helps to limit third-party influence in the recruiting process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-121 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that all institutional women's/girls' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos).

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.3 unchanged.]

13.12.1.4 Additional Restrictions -- ~~Men's~~ Basketball. In men's basketball, ~~an institution's basketball camp or clinic~~ **all institutional men's/boys' camps and clinics** shall ~~not~~ offer ~~a different~~ **the same** participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals,

transportation or awards/mementos) ~~than other institutional men's/boys' basketball camps or clinics.~~ **In women's basketball, all institutional women's/girls' camps and clinics shall offer the same participation, registration procedure, fee structure, advertisement and/or logistical experience (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation or awards/mementos).**

[13.12.1.5 through 13.12.1.8 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation permits an institution to provide varying experiences for its camps and clinics offered to prospective student-athletes. For example, an elite institutional camp may provide shoes and apparel as awards while a development camp provides trophies. Anecdotal evidence indicates institutions are using these differences as recruiting loopholes by providing top recruits with premier camp experiences in order to secure their commitments. This proposal will promote greater integrity in the women's basketball recruiting process. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-122 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- IAWRP -- TWO YEARS AFTER ENROLLMENT

Intent: In men's basketball, to limit the prohibition on employment of an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (IAWRP) at an institutional camp/clinic to two years after the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

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, **unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution.**

[13.12.2.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, an institution may employ an IAWP in a noncoaching position two years after the prospective student-athlete enrolls at the institution; however, the prohibition against employment of an IAWRP at the institution's camp remains until the prospective student-athlete exhausts his eligibility. This proposal would provide a consistent timeframe following a prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment for employment of an IAWP and an IAWRP, regardless of whether the employment is in a noncoaching staff position or at an institutional camp or clinic. Any potential recruiting advantage is minimized after two years have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial enrollment at the institution.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-123 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- RECRUITING CALENDAR EXCEPTIONS -- RECRUITING ACTIVITIES -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In women's basketball, to permit an institutional coaching staff member to engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tour, meeting with academic advisor) with prospective student-athletes during an institutional camp or clinic.

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 -- **Sports Other Than Women's Basketball.** ~~At~~ **In sports other than women's basketball, an** institution's athletics department shall not 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). 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.

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Activities -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an institutional coaching staff member may engage in recruiting activities (e.g., campus tour, meeting with academic advisor) with prospective student-athletes during an institutional camp or clinic.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: By allowing coaches to engage in a meaningful and direct exchange of information with prospective student-athletes during camps and clinics, the importance of third parties in the recruiting process is reduced and allows for more informed decision-making on those sides. In addition, compliance staffs will be relieved of bureaucratic monitoring obligations related to whether recruiting conversations are occurring during camps or clinics. As is the case with any camp or clinic in which an institutional staff member is permissibly employed, interactions with and observations of prospective student-athletes participating in the camp or clinic do not count toward limits on contacts or evaluations. Finally, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association supports this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2016-125 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS -- FIVE DAYS BEFORE FIRST CONTEST

Intent: In football, to specify that the limits on the number of student-athletes who may engage in preseason practice activities shall only apply prior to the institution's first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS 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 unchanged.]

17.10.2.1.2 Limit on Number of Participants -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 105 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution's first day of classes or **prior to the fifth day before the day of** the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

[17.10.2.1.2.1 through 17.10.2.1.2.3 unchanged.]

[17.10.2.1.3 unchanged.]

B. 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 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the

institution's first day of classes or **prior to fifth day before the day of** the institution's first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

[17.10.2.1.3.1 through 17.10.2.1.3.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Football Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Student-athletes enrolled at an institution that begins classes within five days of or after its first scheduled contest do not have the opportunity to complete the five-day acclimatization period prior to the first contest. As a result, they are not eligible to participate in the first contest or associated activities. The current legislation disproportionately impacts student-athletes at quarter institutions.

Estimated Budget Impact: Preseason practice expenses for involved student-athletes.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time spent in preseason activities for involved student-athletes.

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

No. 2016-126 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SKIING -- CONTEST LIMITATIONS -- 32 CONTESTS

Intent: To specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible skiing playing season to 32 contests (as opposed to 16 dates of competition) for Alpine events and 32 contests (as opposed to 16 dates of competition) for Nordic events.

Bylaws: Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.18.1 and 17.18.2 unchanged.]

17.18.3 First ~~Date of Competition~~ **Contest**. A member institution shall not engage in its first ~~date of competition~~ **contest** (meets or practice meets) with outside competition in skiing prior to September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier.

[17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of ~~Dates of Competition~~ **Contests**.

17.18.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in skiing during the permissible skiing playing season to ~~16 dates of competition~~ **32 contests** for Alpine events and ~~16 dates of competition~~ **32 contests** for Nordic events, except for those ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** excluded under Bylaws 17.18.5.3 and 17.18.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

~~17.18.5.1.1 Two-Day Skiing Meet. A skiing meet of not more than two days' duration shall be considered a date of competition. The institution may select either day of a two-day meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows:~~

~~(a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.~~

~~(b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.9.4.3.~~

~~17.18.5.1.1.1 Competition That Exceeds Two Days. An institution that participates in a competition that exceeds two days may select either day (but not both days) as one institutional date of competition but must count the additional days as separate dates of competition. The institution may select either of the first two days of such a meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition. Participation in a separate event on either day shall be counted as follows:~~

~~(a) If the institution participates in a separate event on the selected day, it is not required to count an additional date of competition.~~

~~(b) If the institution participates in a separate event on the day not selected, the institution is required to count an additional date of competition only if the total number of student-athletes participating in the separate event equals or exceeds the minimum participants requirement in Bylaw 20.9.6.3.~~

17.18.5.1.2¹ In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may engage in one or more of its countable ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** in skiing in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for 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.

17.18.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~16 dates of competition~~ **32 contests** in skiing. This limitation includes those ~~dates of competition~~ **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.

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** in skiing shall exclude the following:

[17.18.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Alumni Meet. One ~~date of competition~~ **contest** in skiing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(c) Foreign Team in the United States. One ~~date of competition~~ **contest** in skiing each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(d) Hawaii or Alaska. Any ~~dates of competition~~ **contests** in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

[17.18.5.3-(e) and 17.18.5.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) U.S. National Team. One ~~date of competition~~ **contest** against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for skiing as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

17.18.5.4 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.

[17.18.6 through 17.18.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current legislation is more complicated than necessary and inherently leads schedule makers to plan two-day skiing meets, as such events offer exemptions that are different than those afforded to one, three, and four-day skiing meets. Multiple-day ski meets are often scheduled to better manage venue resources and assist with travel and expenses for participants. However, many events are currently being conducted as two-day meets due to the exemption opportunity and the preference of schedule makers to maximize their available competition time. This proposal will simplify the schedule-making process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

History:

Nov 10, 2016: In Progress

Infractions Program

No. 2016-127 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- PENALTY GUIDELINES

Intent: To expand the ranges in the infractions program penalty guidelines related to scholarship reductions, the duration of a postseason ban, the duration of probation and the duration of a show-cause order, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend Figure 19-1, as follows:

Figure 19-1 Penalty Guidelines

**FIGURE 19-1
Penalty Guidelines**

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Competition Penalties: Postseason Ban *Competition penalties may be used singularly or in combination		
Aggravation		2 1 to 4 years		
Standard	Aggravation	1 to 2 years		
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 1 year		
	Mitigation	0		
Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Financial Penalties: Fine (Percent of total budget for sport program)	Financial Penalties: Negate revenue from sport program for years in which violations occurred	Financial Penalties: Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid
Aggravation		\$5,000 plus 3 to 5%	Impose this penalty if greater than percent of budget fine + \$5,000.	Alternative financial penalty
Standard	Aggravation	\$5,000 plus 1 to 3%		Alternative financial penalty
Mitigation	Standard	\$5,000 plus 0 to 1%		Alternative financial penalty
	Mitigation	\$5,000*		Alternative financial penalty
		* A minimum \$5,000 financial penalty will be imposed to ensure the penalty will be at least as significant as the fine imposed for a Level III violation.		
Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Scholarship Reductions of Involved Sport(s) Program(s)*		
Aggravation		25 to 50 10 to 25%		
Standard	Aggravation	12.5 to 25 5 to 15%		
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 12.5 10%		
	Mitigation	0 to 5%		
		* For cases in which financial aid overages have occurred, a minimum 2-for-1 reduction in financial aid awards shall apply up to at least 20% of the team financial aid limit.		

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Show-Cause Order	Restrictions
Aggravation		5 <u>3</u> to 10 years	All athletically related duties
Standard	Aggravation	2 to 5 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)
Mitigation	Standard	≠ 0 to 2 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)
	Mitigation	0 to 1 years	All or partial coaching and recruiting duties (including game suspensions)

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Head Coach Restrictions (game suspensions via show cause for Bylaw 11.1.1.1)
Aggravation		50 to 100% of season
Standard	Aggravation	30 to 50% of season
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 30% of season
	Mitigation	0 to 10% of season

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
Aggravation		<p>25 to 50%</p> <p>14- to 26-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>25 to 50% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 15 to 28 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any)</p> <p>Basketball: 4 to 6 visits</p> <p>Baseball: 7 to 13 visits</p>	<p>25 to 50%</p> <p>14- to 26-week ban on communication with all prospective student-athletes</p>	<p>25 to 50%</p> <p>Sports with no limits:</p> <p>14- to 26-week ban on all contacts and evaluations</p> <p>25 to 50% cuts in Recruiting Person Days (RPD) or Evaluation Days (ED)</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 34 to 65 (RPD)</p> <p>Women's Basketball: 26 to 50 (RPD)</p> <p>Football: 11 to 21 Fall; 44 to 84 Spring (ED)</p> <p>Softball: 13 to 25 (ED)</p> <p>Women's Volleyball: 21 to 40 (ED)</p>

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Recruiting Visit Restrictions	Recruiting Communication Restrictions	Off-Campus Recruiting Restrictions
Standard	Aggravation	<p>12.5 to 25% 7- to 13-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>12.5 to 25% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 8 to 14 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Basketball: 2 to 3 visits Baseball: 4 to 7 visits</p>	<p>12.5 to 25% 7- to 13-week ban</p>	<p>12.5 to 25% No-limit sports: 7- to 13-week ban</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 17 to 33 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 13 to 25 (RPD) Football: 6 to 11 Fall; 22 to 42 Spring (ED) Softball: 7 to 13 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 11 to 20 (ED)</p>
Mitigation	Standard	<p>0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>0 to 12.5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 0 to 7 visits (need to account for unused visits from the previous year, if any) Basketball: 0 to 2 visits Baseball: 0 to 4 visits</p>	<p>0 to 12.5% 0 to 6-week ban</p>	<p>0 to 12.5% No-limit sports: 0 to 6-week ban</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 0 to 17 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 13 (RPD) Football: 0 to 6 Fall; 0 to 21 Spring (ED) Softball: 0 to 7 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 10 (ED)</p>
	Mitigation	<p>0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban on unofficial visits (no scheduled unofficial visits and no complimentary tickets)</p> <p>0 to 5% cuts in official paid visits (based on the average number provided during the previous 4 years)</p> <p>Football: 0 to 3 visits Basketball: 0 to 1 visits Baseball: 0 to 2 visits</p>	<p>0 to 5% 0 to 3-week ban</p>	<p>0 to 5% No-limit sports: 0 to 3-week ban</p> <p>Men's Basketball: 0 to 17 (RPD) Women's Basketball: 0 to 5 (RPD) Football: 0 to 3 Fall; 0 to 9 Spring (ED) Softball: 0 to 3 (ED) Women's Volleyball: 0 to 4 (ED)</p>

Violation Level I	Violation Level II	Probation
Aggravation		6 to 10 years
Standard	Aggravation	2 to 6 years
Mitigation	Standard	0 to 2 2 to 4 years
	Mitigation	0 to 2 years

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Through its application of the current penalty structure over the past three years, the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions has identified core penalty areas in which there is a need to expand the ranges of the available penalties. Expansion of the penalty ranges contained in the guidelines, with an eye on avoiding any overlap between ranges, provides the committee with greater flexibility, helps to avoid unintended consequences, and reserves any deviation from the guidelines for extenuating circumstances.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s)

None

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