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111th Annual Convention

On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association's 111th annual Convention scheduled January 18 through 21, 2017, in Nashville, Tennessee.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2017 Convention. This publication is sent to the president or chancellor, director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator and senior compliance administrator at each active NCAA Division II member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division II business session of the 2017 Convention, including amendments-to-amendments. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before attending the Convention. It is particularly important that each Division II delegate bring a copy of the Official Notice to the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Division II Convention legislation.

In addition to the consideration of legislation, Division II delegates also will participate in educational and discussion sessions about topics of concern within the division.

We hope you will arrive in time to join delegates from all divisions at the opening business session Thursday evening. The NCAA Delegates Reception will be held Thursday evening immediately after the opening business session.

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2017 Convention. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the president or chancellor of each member institution or organization. **In November 2016, a link to the appointment of delegate website was emailed to the president or chancellor of all member institutions and organizations. The link was also made available on the NCAA website at www.ncaaconvention.com under the Appointment of Delegate section.**

It is important that the voting delegate be properly accredited, and this is to urge appointing officers to submit the required information to the NCAA national office at their earliest convenience.

An institution's or organization's president or chancellor shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional discretion.

Please note also that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions to include women in their NCAA Convention delegations.

If an institution's or organization's president or chancellor fails to submit the online delegate appointment form, that institution's representatives will be registered as visitors until the president or chancellor certifies in writing the voting and alternate delegates. No other institutional representatives are permitted to complete a delegate appointment form.

Once the online delegate appointment form has been verified by the president or chancellor, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without written instructions from that president or chancellor. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the president or chancellor.

Visiting delegates, except in certain situations, do not have speaking privileges at the Convention.

At the Convention, each individual representing a member institution or conference who registers will receive a red Convention badge designating the individual as a delegate, except each president and chancellor will receive a badge with a purple color designation signifying his or her professional title. Speakers and presenters for menu sessions will receive badges with a green color designation. Convention vendors will receive badges with an brown color designation. Media will receive badges with a teal color designation. Individuals attending the Convention as a visitor will receive a badge with a grey color designation. [See Appendix I].

Voting delegates receive red lanyards and alternate delegates receive blue lanyards. Other delegates with speaking rights receive green lanyards. Delegates without speaking rights and other observers receive white lanyards.

The Convention registration fee for NCAA members was \$200 for all delegates who registered on or before Tuesday, October 11, and \$325 for all delegates who register by Thursday, December 1. Member registration fees after December 1 are \$450.

The registration fee includes one ticket to the Delegates Reception and Delegates Breakfast. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to receive one complimentary ticket to the Association Luncheon on a first-come, first-served basis and to purchase one ticket to the Honors Celebration for \$20 on a first-come, first-served basis. Available tickets can be reserved during the Convention registration process.

Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was distributed to the membership in mid-September. An online registration process was also made available for event registration and hotel reservations. If there is anything further the NCAA can do to facilitate your attendance at the Association's 2017 Convention, please call upon us.

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org/convention). In addition, the Convention Program (available through the Convention app and in print in limited quantities) contains the most up-to-date schedule of meetings held in conjunction with the Convention. Please note that the Convention officially begins when the opening business session convenes at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for January 21.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 111th annual Convention begin on Page 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

It is important that each Division II delegate bring a copy of the Official Notice to the Convention, inasmuch as the Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Convention legislation for the 2017 Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of Constitution 5.3, an amendment to the Association's legislation may be proposed by the Division II Presidents Council, by any 15 or more active Division II member institutions or by two active conferences on behalf of 15 or more active member institutions eligible to vote on the matter. The source is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

All proposals designated by the Division II Presidents Council for roll-call votes are indicated with an asterisk preceding the proposals in this publication, as well as in the voting designation accompanying each such proposal.

Please note that the Presidents Council is authorized to distribute during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative proposals.

Amendments-to-Amendments

All amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline were printed in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website August 15. Sponsors of those proposals were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. In the interim, the Division II Presidents Council had until September 1 to submit its legislative proposals. All proposals were provided to the membership September 23 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Division II Presidents Council, any eight or more active Division II member institutions or one active conference on behalf of eight or more active member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments, if any, are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication, if any. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2016 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Presidents Council and distributed before or during the business session.

Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the academic and membership affairs staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Review of Interpretations

The Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division II. These rulings are subject to review by the Division II membership upon the request of any member in accordance with NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.4. Any Division II member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the academic and membership affairs staff via electronic mail to the primary contact person — kwolf@ncaa.org — not later than December 2, 2016.

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the Presidents Council

The Presidents Council may adopt "emergency" legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when the NCAA must respond to, or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings, per Constitution 5.3.1.1.2. Such "emergency" legislation shall be adopted by at least a three-fourths majority of the members of the Presidents Council present and voting. The Presidents Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. Acceptance of the report of the Presidents Council during the Division II business session ratifies the Presidents Council's actions in this regard.

Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division II Manual

The Legislation Committee is authorized to recommend interpretations to be incorporated in the next printing of the NCAA Division II Manual. Such incorporations are approved by the Division II Management Council and then are printed in the Official Notice of the Convention. The interpretations approved for inclusion in the 2017-18 NCAA Division II Manual appear in Appendix B. Any additional interpretations approved by the Management Council are distributed to the delegates at the Division II business session. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session will approve incorporation of the interpretations as distributed. A delegate may object to the incorporation of a particular interpretation at the time of the Management Council report, and the Division II membership will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that specific interpretation.

Modifications of Wording Adopted by the Management Council

The Management Council is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, proposals that are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation when sufficient documentation and testimony exist to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent, per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1. That authorization requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Management Council. The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The modifications adopted by the Management Council in 2016 appear in Appendix C. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session approves the Management Council's actions in this regard.

Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the Management Council

The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council), is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation, per Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the Presidents Council, or the entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council). The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council in 2016 appear in Appendix D. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session approves the Management Council's actions in this regard.

Order of Business

The opening business session of the 111th annual Convention will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19. The "State of the Association" address by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

The various proposals will be taken up in their numerical order, unless that order is changed at the Convention. The schedule for consideration of the proposals is identified in Appendix A. Those proposals that are designated for a roll-call vote are also noted in Appendix A.

Amendments for the annual Convention are grouped topically by area and will be presented as indicated on page xiii. For convenience of reference, an index (Appendix E) lists the proposals in the order in which they would appear in the constitution and bylaws in the NCAA Division II Manual.

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed (i.e., consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification). In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping may become moot.

Voting Procedures

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Constitution 5.1.4.4. Each voting delegate, when registering, receives a "voting paddle" for use in indicating the institution's vote when the chair calls for a "paddle" vote (Appendix H). Voting delegates receive orange paddles (Appendix I).

For roll-call votes, the Association utilizes an electronic voting system. Upon registering for the Convention, each voting delegate moves to the general registration area to receive the voting unit that has been coded for that member institution or conference. The voting delegate must turn in the voting unit identification card contained in the registration envelope to obtain the electronic unit.

Amendments to federated provisions are voted on by divisions, with a majority vote required for approval. In such instances (federated provisions), each division is committed to the result of its counted vote. Any member that voted on the prevailing side can request reconsideration of the recorded vote of its division on an issue at any time before the conclusion of voting during that session. Each proposal includes a designation of the division(s) that votes on that item and the type of vote involved (federated or common).

Delegates are urged to register and receive their voting materials before the opening business session begins at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19. In addition, all voting in the division business sessions shall be by show of paddles (or by electronic roll-call votes), rather than by voice or hand.

Memorial Resolutions

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who passed away during the year. It is requested that the names of persons to be honored in this manner be submitted to the NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222.

Administrative Structure

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors, and Division II Presidents Council and Management Council, are listed in Appendix J.

Request for Interpretations

Division II member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention. Information about requesting an interpretation appears in Appendix K.

All such requests must be received to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via email to the primary contact person -- kwolf@ncaa.org -- not later than December 2, 2016. Requests will be considered by the appropriate interpretative entities, and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division II Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting January 18. The resulting interpretations will be duplicated and distributed to the conferences for their pre-Convention meetings before the beginning of the business session January 21.

TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 111th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~strike through~~ are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface** and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]

2017 NCAA CONVENTION OFFICIAL NOTICE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The additional information section following each proposal in the white pages is designed to provide further clarification regarding the application of the proposal and/or the rationale for the legislative change. The information includes frequently asked questions, figures and other information. Further information regarding the application of the proposals is available in the 2017 Convention Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide at www.ncaa.org. (Note: The sponsors of the two membership proposals approved the information included in the additional information section for those proposals.)

DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The NCAA Division II Presidents Council has determined that it will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II presidents or chancellors.

Legislative proposals developed by the Division II Management Council or by Division II committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division II Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. This procedure was established to affirm presidential control of intercollegiate athletics in Division II.

The Division II Presidents Council has identified those proposals that it believes are of particular interest to Division II presidents or chancellors and has included them in the Presidents Council grouping. It should be noted, however, that inclusion of proposals in the Presidents Council grouping does not necessarily constitute a position by the Division II Presidents Council for or against a proposal. Those proposals with an asterisk before the proposal number have been identified by the Presidents Council as roll-call votes. Delegates should refer to each proposal's source line for information regarding the sponsor of each proposal.

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption at the NCAA Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

Consent Package

No. 2017-1 (2-3) AMATEURISM -- COMPETITION-RELATED EXPENSES FROM AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

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

[12.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

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

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.4, as follows:

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

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

(m) Expenses From Nonpermissible Entities. Receipt of any expenses, including actual and necessary expenses or any other form of compensation, to participate in athletics competition (while not representing an educational

institution) from an ~~an sponsor other than an individual on whom the athlete is naturally or legally dependent or the nonprofessional organization that is sponsoring the competition~~ **agent, representative of an institution's athletics interests or professional sports organization.**

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

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

~~(1) Donations Credited to or Earmarked for an Individual. Donations credited to or earmarked for an individual for athletics participation (e.g., as an individual or a member of a team) from a sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than the individual's relatives or legal guardians are considered improper benefits.~~

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

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding donations from outside sponsors?

Answer: Currently, it is only permissible for outside sponsors (e.g., neighbors, businesses) to donate to the general fund of an outside team or organization. If an outside sponsor donates to an outside team or organization, the funds may not be earmarked for a particular student-athlete. It is not permissible for outside sponsors to provide expenses for a student-athlete participating as an individual.

Question No. 2: What are actual and necessary expenses?

Answer: Actual and necessary expenses include: (1) meals directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (2) lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (3) apparel, equipment and supplies; (4) coaching and instruction; (5) health/medical insurance; (6) transportation (i.e., expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season and from training/practice site to home at the end of the season); (7) medical treatment and physical therapy; (8) facility usage; (9) entry fees; and (10) other reasonable expenses.

Question No. 3: What is outside competition?

Answer: Outside competition is athletics competition in which a student-athlete participates as an individual or as a member of a team that does not represent the intercollegiate athletics program of the institution.

No. 2017-2 (2-4) AMATEURISM -- PAYMENT BASED ON PERFORMANCE --
FROM AMATEUR TEAM OR EVENT SPONSOR IN INDIVIDUAL
SPORTS

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

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

[12.1.3-(a) through 12.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.4, as follows:

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

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

(o) Payment Based on Place Finish. Any payment, including actual and necessary expenses, conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance

or given on an incentive basis, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition.

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

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

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation permits a student-athlete to receive awards for participation in events while not enrolled as a regular student during the academic year, or during the summer. The award must conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur organization that governs the competition. Such awards may include gift certificates, but not cash. Further, although Division II legislation permits student-athletes to compete as an individual not representing the institution, a student-athlete is precluded from receiving prize money during the academic year outside the institution's declared playing season or during the institution's official summer vacation period. The scope of this proposal is limited to receipt of actual and necessary expenses related to competition. A student-athlete would not be able to profit from accepting prize money. Moreover, in order to safeguard against missed class time, this proposal only applies to participation in open events outside the playing season during the institution's official summer vacation period. Finally, the calculation of actual and necessary expenses would not include the expenses or fees of anyone other than the student-athlete (e.g., coach's fees, parent's expenses). The immediate effective date will permit student-athletes to accept prize money as outlined in the proposal during the summer of 2017.

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding receipt of prize money based on place finish during the summer, outside of the academic year?

Answer: Student-athletes are permitted to receive awards during the summer if the award is permitted by the rules of the amateur sports organization. Such awards may include gift certificates, but not cash. Therefore, the award is not linked to actual and necessary expenses.

Question No. 2: What are actual and necessary expenses?

Answer: Actual and necessary expenses include: (1) meals directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (2) lodging directly tied to competition and practice held in preparation for such competition; (3) apparel, equipment and supplies; (4) coaching and instruction; (5) health/medical insurance; (6) transportation (i.e., expenses to and from practice and competition, cost of transportation from home to training/practice site at the beginning of the season and from training/practice site to home at the end of the season); (7) medical treatment and physical therapy; (8) facility usage; (9) entry fees; and (10) other reasonable expenses.

Question No. 3: Under the proposal how would individual sports differ from team sports?

Answer: The receipt of cash based on performance is not permissible in team sports and that would not change under this proposal. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses from a team when those expenses are associated with competition or practice conducted in conjunction with competition.

Question No. 4: If a student-athlete participates in multiple open events during the summer but only receives prize money in one event, can the student-athlete earn up to the cost of their participation in all events during the summer?

Answer: No. The receipt of prize money is limited to the student-athlete's actual and necessary expenses specific to the event in which the prize money is earned.

No. 2017-3 (2-5) AMATEURISM -- INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS -- TRYOUTS -- TRYOUTS AFTER ENROLLMENT -- TRYOUT AT ANY TIME

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, provided the student-athlete does not miss class.

Bylaws: Amend 12.2.1, as follows:

12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.1 Tryout After Enrollment. A student-athlete may try out with a professional athletics team **(or participate in a combine including that team)** in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time, ~~outside the student-athlete's playing and practice season~~ **provided the individual does not miss class.** A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout from a professional sports organization, provided the tryout does not exceed 48 hours. The 48-hour tryout period begins at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation.

[12.2.1.2 unchanged.]

~~12.2.1.3 Professional Team Representative at College Practice. A tryout with a professional team is not considered to have occurred when a representative of a professional team visits a member institution during the academic year and evaluates a student athlete while the institution is conducting a regular practice~~

~~session, physical education class or off season conditioning program session that includes physical activities (e.g., speed trials, agility tests, strength tests), provided these activities are normally a part of and take place during regular practice, class or conditioning sessions.~~

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

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding the timing of professional team tryouts?

Answer: Currently, a student-athlete may only try out for a professional team or permit a professional team to conduct a medical examination outside of the playing and practice season.

Question No. 2: Does this proposal change the length of a permissible tryout or the receipt of expenses for participation in a professional team tryout?

Answer: No.

No. 2017-4 (2-6) AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- PERMISSIBLE
-- INSTITUTIONAL, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL OR
NONPROFIT PROMOTIONS -- MONETARY AND
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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

Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.1, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[12.5.1.1.1 through 12.5.1.1.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is a promotional activity?

Answer: A promotional activity is any event in which a student-athlete participates to support the charitable or educational activities of an institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit entity or to support activities considered incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics.

Question No. 2: What is the current legislation pertaining to monetary and educational requirements for promotional activities?

Answer: Prior to a student-athlete's promotion of, or participation in, a promotional activity for a member institution, member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency (e.g., the armed services), an authorized representative of the entity must sign a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with NCAA legislation.

Additionally, student-athletes are not permitted to promote or participate in an activity that involves a commercial entity if all money derived from the activity does not go directly to the institution, conference or noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency.

Question No. 3: Would this proposal permit an institution to participate in a partnership with a restaurant where the institution gets a portion of the proceeds if the money goes directly to the restaurant first?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If the proposal is adopted, what educational material must be provided to the outside entity?

Answer: Institutions must provide information regarding regulations on the proper use of a student-athlete's name, image or appearance.

No. 2017-5 (2-7) RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS --
CONTACTABLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- FOUR-
YEAR COLLEGE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES --
REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION
FROM NAIA INSTITUTION

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

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

contact is not required for a student-athlete at an NAIA institution; however, the Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete. [D]

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.4 unchanged.]

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

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

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current requirement for contacting NAIA student-athletes?

Answer: Currently, the Division II institution must receive permission to contact a NAIA student-athlete before initiating recruiting contact. If the NAIA institution fails to respond to a student-athlete's written request for permission to contact within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request, permission is granted by default. If the NAIA institution denies the request, the NCAA institution may not encourage the transfer and cannot provide athletics aid during the first year of enrollment at the NCAA institution.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, what process must be utilized to provide courtesy notification to an NAIA institution?

Answer: Each institution will determine what is sufficient notification (e.g., email, form). The proposal does not require a particular method of notification.

Question No. 3: Does this proposal change the requirements of the one-time transfer exception?

Answer: No. Institutions will still be required to receive permission to utilize the one-time transfer exception from an NAIA institution.

**No. 2017-6 (2-8) RECRUITING -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS --
INSTITUTIONAL PRE-ENROLLMENT FEES**

Intent: To specify that an institution may waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of any institutional pre-enrollment fee for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of

admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

[13.2.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

(c) The preadmission academic testing fee;

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

(e) Room deposit;

(f) Damage deposit for dormitory rooms;

(g) ROTC deposits for military equipment;

(h) Immunizations; or

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.3.3.1.4, as follows:

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

~~(a) The institution's processing fee required before the admissions office's evaluation of the prospective student athlete's application;~~

~~(b) The orientation counseling tests fee required of all incoming freshmen;~~

~~(c) The pre-admission academic testing fee;~~

~~(d) Advance tuition payment or room deposit;~~

~~(e) Damage deposits for dormitory rooms;~~

~~(f) ROTC deposits for military equipment; or~~

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

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

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

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding institutional pre-enrollment fees?

Answer: Currently, it is impermissible to waive, pay in advance or guarantee payment of institutional pre-enrollment fees such as an admissions application fee, pre-admission academic testing fees or room deposits. However, the legislation does permit certain pre-enrollment fees to be rebated if the student-athlete is awarded financial aid covering fees once the student-athlete is enrolled.

Question No. 2: Does this proposal require pre-enrollment fees to be paid for incoming student-athletes?

Answer: No. Payment of pre-enrollment fees would remain institutional discretion.

Question No. 3: What types of fees are considered to be pre-enrollment fees?

Answer: A pre-enrollment fee is any fee that is required of a prospective or incoming student by the institution. In addition to the fees listed in the proposal, an admissions application fee and a housing application fee are other examples.

Question No. 4: Must a pre-enrollment fee be required of all prospective students at the institution in order for it to be paid for a prospective student-athlete?

Answer: No.

No. 2017-7 (2-16) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS -- NO CLASS TIME MISSED FOR COMPETITION IN NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- TEAM SPORTS

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

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.6.2, as follows:

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

[17.1.6.6.2.1 unchanged.]

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

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding missed class time in the nonchampionship segment?

Answer: In team sports, it is not permissible for student-athletes to miss class for competition during the nonchampionship segment. The current legislation does not restrict student-athletes in individual sports from missing class for competition during the nonchampionship segment.

Question No. 2: Does the proposal include a limit on the amount of class time that can be missed?

Answer: No. Each institution will have the discretion to determine what is appropriate in terms of missed class time for competition during the nonchampionship segment. Constitution 3.3.4.7 (missed class-time policies) requires all active institutions to establish policies in all sports concerning missed class time.

Question No. 3: Does this proposal change the maximum contest or date of competition limitations in Bylaw 17?

Answer: No.

No. 2017-8 (2-18) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S LACROSSE AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

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

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Baseball	24	Women's Bowling	8	5
Basketball	22	Cross Country	5	5
Beach Volleyball	8	Equestrian	6	12
Field Hockey	10	Men's Fencing	6	5
Football	8	Women's Fencing	6	5
Men's Ice Hockey	20	Golf	6	5
Women's Ice Hockey	20	Men's Gymnastics	6	6

<u>Men's</u>	8	Women's	6	5
Lacrosse		Gymnastics		
<u>Women's</u>	<u>10</u>	Rifle	8	4
<u>Lacrosse</u>				
Women's	6	Skiing	5	5
Rowing				
Women's	9	Swimming and	8	11
Rugby		Diving		
Soccer	10	Tennis	10	5
Softball	24	Track and Field,	4	10
		Indoor		
<u>Men's</u>	9	Track and	4	14
Volleyball		Field, Outdoor		
<u>Women's</u>	<u>15</u>	Wrestling	12	7
<u>Volleyball</u>				
Men's Water	15	Women's	4	3
Polo		Triathlon		
Women's Water	10			
Polo				

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

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.12 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current minimum contest requirement for sports sponsorship in women's lacrosse?

Answer: Eight contests.

Question No. 2: What is the current minimum contest requirement for sports sponsorship in women's volleyball?

Answer: Nine contests.

Question No. 3: Does this proposal change the Bylaw 17 playing and practice season maximum limitations in women's lacrosse and women's volleyball?

Answer: No. This proposal is specific to minimum contests for purposes of sport sponsorship requirements to be considered an active member of Division II. The maximum limitations (17 dates of competition during the NCAA championship segment and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse and 26 dates of competition during the NCAA championship segment and four during another segment in women's volleyball) will not change if this proposal is adopted.

While women's lacrosse and women's volleyball both use dates of competition for Bylaw 17 purposes, sports sponsorship requirements are based on the number of contests in which a team participates.

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No. 2017-9 (2-17) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

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

Bylaws: Amend 20.10, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.10 Membership Requirements.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

- ~~(a) Promoting the academic success of its student athletes, measured in part by an institution's student athletes graduating at least at the same rate as the institution's student body;~~
- ~~(b) That participation in intercollegiate athletics benefits the educational experience of its student athletes and the entire campus community;~~
- ~~(c) Offering opportunities for intercollegiate athletics participation consistent with the institution's mission and philosophy;~~
- ~~(d) That championships are intended to provide national level competition among eligible student athletes and teams of member institutions;~~
- ~~(e) Preparing student athletes to be good citizens, leaders and contributors in their communities;~~
- ~~(f) Striving for equitable participation and competitive excellence, encouraging sportsmanship and ethical conduct, enhancing diversity and developing positive societal attitudes in all of its athletics endeavors;~~
- ~~(g) That institutional staff members, including presidents and athletics personnel, shall hold prospective and enrolled student athletes and themselves to the highest standards of personal conduct at all times, including exemplary behavior that reflects respect for the rights and dignity of opponents, teammates, officials, other students and the community at large;~~
- ~~(h) Scheduling the majority of its athletics competition with other members of Division II, insofar as regional qualification, geographical location and traditional or conference scheduling patterns permit;~~
- ~~(i) Recognizing the need to "balance" the role of the athletics program to serve both the institution (e.g., participants, student body, faculty staff) and the general public (e.g., community, area, state);~~
- ~~(j) Offering an opportunity for participation in intercollegiate athletics by awarding athletically related financial aid to its student athletes;~~
- ~~(k) That institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the educational mission of a Division II institution and assumes presidential involvement and commitment. All funds supporting athletics should be controlled by the institution. The emphasis for an athletics department should be to operate within an institutionally approved budget and compliance with and self-enforcement of NCAA regulations is an expectation of membership; and~~
- ~~(l) That all members of Division II should commit themselves to this philosophy and to the regulations and programs of Division II.~~

(a) Division II colleges and universities are expected to operate their athletics programs with integrity and in a welcoming manner that complies with

conference and NCAA rules and regulations. Institutional control is a fundamental principle that supports the institution's educational mission and assumes presidential involvement and oversight;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[20.10.1 through 20.10.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: Does the Division II philosophy statement only apply to individuals at the institution involved with athletics or does it also apply to individuals outside athletics?

Answer: The philosophy statement applies to all individuals at the Division II institution, inside and outside athletics.

Question No. 2: If an institutional athletics department staff member fails to adhere to the principles contained within the Division II philosophy statement, would this be considered an institutional violation or affect an institution's Division II membership status?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: May an institution develop penalties to be imposed at the campus level for individuals who fail to adhere to the principles contained within the Division II philosophy statement?

Answer: Yes.

No. 2017-10 (2-2)

ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 10.1, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[10.1-(a) unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.02, as follows:

[Roll Call]

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.2, as follows:

[Roll Call]

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine the validity of the information on which the eligibility of a student-athlete is based. Therefore, it is the responsibility of a member institution to determine whether a transcript is valid for purposes of applying appropriate NCAA legislation to the eligibility of a student-athlete when the institution receives notification, or otherwise has cause to believe, that a student-athlete's high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college transcript is not valid.

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete or a current or former institutional staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the institution or the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, shall not engage in the following conduct:

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

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

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

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

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.9, as follows:

[Roll Call]

14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

14.9.1 Policies and Procedures. An institution must:

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

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

14.9.1.1 Exception. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of academic misconduct by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the

institution's normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution's website.

14.9.2 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct.

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

- (a) Academic misconduct involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests;**
- (b) Academic misconduct, without the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of athletics interests, that results in:**
 - (1) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;**
 - (2) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete's subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or**
- (c) Academic misconduct involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record.**

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

- (a) Academic misconduct related to a student-athlete; or**
- (b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete's transcript or academic record.**

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

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

[14.9 through 14.12.3 renumbered as 14.10 through 14.13.3, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What changes would this proposal make to the current academic misconduct legislation?

Answer: The adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2017-10 would:

- a. Expand the application of academic misconduct legislation to any situation in which an institutional staff member is involved.
- b. Replace the academic extra benefit analysis as it relates to academic assistance issues with a specific and limited definition of impermissible academic assistance.
- c. Expressly require institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct for the general student-body.
- d. Limit the scope of definition of institutional staff member to exclude student employees from definition unless student employees meet certain criteria.

The figure on page 58 outlines the application of the proposal.

Question No. 2: If a student-athlete on my campus is suspected or accused of being involved in academic misconduct, must I immediately report the issue to the NCAA enforcement staff?

Answer: No. Before reporting, an institution has the responsibility and obligation to determine whether academic misconduct has occurred pursuant to institutional policies and procedures. However, it is not unusual for an institution to request assistance from the NCAA for interpretive or investigative issues.

No. 2017-11 (2-1) NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE

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

Bylaws: Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

[Roll Call]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.16 unchanged.]

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

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

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: Who may be designated as an athletics health care administrator and what functions should the individual perform?

Answer: An institution should designate an individual who has administrative and clinical knowledge, but there is otherwise no specific credentialing required. The athletics health care administrator is not required to supervise or oversee the primary athletics health care providers and other members of the medical team, but rather should be focused on compliance with the broad structure and administrative environment in which student-athlete medical care is delivered. The proposal does not require that the individual have specific qualifications [e.g., doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO)]. An athletics health care administrator is not required to be an institutional employee.

The position is administrative in nature and does not necessarily reflect the normal medical-legal hierarchy that would be required for the delivery of athletics health care. For example, athletic trainers deliver health care under the direction of a licensed physician. However, an athletic trainer could serve as the athletics health care administrator. While primary athletics health care providers will retain unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions, the athletics health care administrator will play an administrative role in the delivery of athletics health care. This administrative role may include assuring that schools are compliant with all pertinent NCAA health and safety legislation and with interassociation consensus statements that impact student-athlete health and safety.

Question No. 2: Does the designated athletics health care administrator have to be an institutional staff member?

Answer: No.

Question No. 3: Does this proposal require institutions to have medical staff present at all practices and competitions?

Answer: No.

Question No. 4: Will institutions be required to report to the NCAA the name of the individual appointed as the athletics health care administrator?

Answer: The membership database will be updated to allow designation of the institution's athletics health care administrator, but the proposal does not require reporting to the national office.

Financial Aid Review Grouping

No. 2017-12 (2-12) FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMITS ON FINANCIAL AID -- TEAM LIMITS - INSTITUTIONAL ATHLETICS AID ONLY

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

Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

[Roll Call]

15 Financial Aid

[15.01 through 15.01.5 unchanged.]

15.02 Definitions and Applications.

[15.02.1 unchanged.]

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

[15.02.2 renumbered as 15.02.3, unchanged.]

15.02.~~34~~ Counter. A "counter" is an individual who is receiving institutional ~~financial~~ **athletics** aid ~~based in any degree on athletics ability. Further, once a student becomes a counter, any countable aid received by that student-athlete is countable against the aid limitations in that sport. (See Bylaw 15.4.2.2.)~~

[15.02.4 through 15.02.6 renumbered as 15.02.5 through 15.02.7, unchanged.]

15.1 Eligibility for ~~Financial~~ **Athletics** Aid.

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

[15.1.1.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

[15.1.1.4.1-(a) through 15.1.2 unchanged.]

15.2 Permissible Sources of Financial Aid.

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

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

[15.2.1-(a)-(1) through 15.2.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

(4) Tuition waivers ~~awarded based in any degree on athletics ability~~; and

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

[15.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

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

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

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

15.2.2 Financial Aid From Outside Sources.

[15.2.2.1 through 15.2.2.3 unchanged.]

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

[15.2.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic Committee, a U.S. national governing body (or, for international

student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); **and**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[15.2.3 unchanged.]

15.3 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution ~~or that exceeds the limitations established by the membership division of the institution the student-athlete attends, whichever is less.~~ A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, if he or she receives ~~financial~~ **athletics** aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.56. A student-athlete may receive ~~institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.2.1)~~ **athletics aid** and educational expenses awarded per Bylaws **15.2.2.4 and 15.2.2.5** up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other **institutional** financial aid ~~unrelated to athletics ability~~ up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.3.1 unchanged.]

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

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

- ~~(b) Other Scholarships and Grants. Other institutional or outside scholarships or grants in aid, except those academic awards exempted per Bylaw 15.5 (a) and outside educational grants that may be awarded up to the cost of attendance per Bylaw 15.2.2.2;~~
- ~~(c) Gifts. The value of gifts given to a student athlete after completion of eligibility in appreciation for or recognition of the student athlete's athletics accomplishments;~~
- ~~(d) Professional Sports Stipend. Any bonus or salary (no matter when received or contracted for) from a professional sports organization;~~
- ~~(e) Athletics Participation Compensation. Any other income (no matter when received or contracted for) from participation in an athletics event (except funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program) unless eligibility has been exhausted in that sport; and~~
- ~~(f) Loans. Loans, except legitimate loans that are based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students.~~

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

15.3.32 Elements of *Financial Athletics* Aid.

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

15.3.32.1.1 Permissible Fees. A student-athlete may be awarded *financial athletics* aid that covers the payment of fees for a course in which the student-athlete is enrolled, if the course is part of the institution's regular curriculum (included in the institution's catalog of classes), and the institution pays these same fees for other students enrolled in the course who receive fees as a part of a grant-in-aid or scholarship.

[15.3.3.1.2 through 15.3.3.1.3 renumbered as 15.3.2.1.2 through 15.3.2.1.3, unchanged.]

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

15.3.32.1.4.1 Fees Rebate. If the prospective student-athlete enrolls and is awarded *financial athletics* aid covering institutional fees, the fees described in Bylaw 15.3.32.1.4-(a) through -(d) above may be rebated as a part of the institution's regular fees.

15.3.32.2 Room and Board. An institution may provide a student-athlete *financial athletics* aid that includes the cost of room based on the official allowance for room as listed in the institution's official publication (e.g., catalog) and a board

allowance that consists of three meals per day, even if the institution's maximum permissible award allowance for all students represents a lesser cost figure.

[15.3.3.2.1 through 15.3.3.2.1.6 renumbered as 15.3.2.2.1 through 15.3.2.2.1.6, unchanged.]

15.3.~~32~~.2.1.7 Meals and Snacks Incidental to Participation. The cost of meals and snacks provided as benefits incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics need not be deducted from a student-athlete's board allowance. Such meals and snacks also may be received by a student-athlete who is not receiving ~~athletically related financial~~ **athletics** aid as a benefit incidental to athletics participation [see Bylaw 16.5.1-(c)].

[15.3.3.2.2 through 15.3.3.2.6 renumbered as 15.3.2.2.2 through 15.3.2.2.6, unchanged.]

15.3.~~32~~.3 Books and Supplies. An institution may provide a student-athlete ~~financial~~ **athletics** aid that covers the actual cost of required course-related books and course-related supplies. [R]

[15.3.3.3.1 renumbered as 15.3.2.3.1, unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

[15.4.1.1 through 15.4.1.1.3 unchanged.]

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

15.4.1.3 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving ~~institutional financial~~ **athletics** aid after having exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in future academic years after completion of eligibility in the sport. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise eligible

for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice sessions in that sport, unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule. (See Bylaw 15.1.1.)

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

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

[15.4.1.6 unchanged.]

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

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

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

[15.4.2.1 through 15.4.2.1.4 unchanged.]

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

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

[15.4.2.2-(b) through 15.4.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

~~15.4.2.2.1 **Exception.** Academic awards that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.5 (a) are exempt from an institution's equivalency computation.~~

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

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

~~15.4.3.2 Multisport Participant Receiving Nonathletically Related Institutional Aid. An institution shall divide nonathletically related institutional aid in the same proportion that athletically related aid is divided for purposes of the institutional limits in the sports in which the student athlete participates.~~

[15.4.3.3 renumbered as 15.4.3.2, unchanged.]

15.4.3.4~~3~~ Requirement to Qualify as Multisport Athlete. To be considered a multisport athlete under this section, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

[15.4.3.4-(a) through 15.4.3.4-(c) renumbered as 15.4.3.3-(a) through 15.4.3.3 (c), unchanged.]

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

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

~~(a) Academic awards below;~~

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

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

~~set forth in this bylaw, regardless of whether the institution considered any of the qualifying criteria in making the award; or~~

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

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

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

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

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

~~(b) Legitimate loans, based upon a regular repayment schedule, available to all students and administered on the same basis for all students;~~

~~(c) Out-of-state tuition waivers and grants awarded solely on bases having no relationship to athletics ability;~~

~~(d) Employee dependent tuition benefits;~~

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

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

~~(g) Government grants awarded for educational purposes.~~

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

15.65 Terms and Conditions of Awarding *Institutional Financial* **Athletics** Aid.

[15.6.1 renumbered as 15.5.1, unchanged.]

15.65.2 Terms of *Institutional Financial* **Athletics** Aid Award.

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

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

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

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

15.65.3 Period of ~~Institutional Financial~~ **Athletics** Aid Award.

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

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

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

[15.6.3.1.3 renumbered as 15.5.3.1.3, unchanged.]

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

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

15.65.4 Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award.

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

[15.6.4.1-(a) through 15.6.4.1-(c) renumbered as 15.5.4.1-(a) through 15.5.4.1-(c), unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

15.65.4.2.1 Initial Award of ~~Athletically Related Institutional Financial Athletics~~ Aid. A student-athlete who is receiving only ~~institutional nonathletically related financial~~ **nonathletics** aid may receive an initial award of ~~athletically related institutional financial~~ **athletics** aid at any point during the academic year. The initial award of ~~athletically related financial~~ **athletics** aid may not be retroactive to a previous academic year.

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

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

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

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

15.65.5 Renewals and Nonrenewals.

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

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

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

[15.6.7 renumbered as 15.5.7, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: How are equivalencies currently calculated?

Answer: Individual equivalencies are calculated for any student-athlete who is a counter (e.g., receives institutional aid based in any degree on athletics ability). For each counter, all institutional aid provided to cover the elements of a full grant-in-aid (i.e., tuition, fees, books and required course supplies, room and board) must be totaled. For purposes of this calculation, the full value of books for an academic year is \$800, regardless of the amount received. Once all institutional aid is summed, certain aid types can be exempted from the calculation (e.g., academic awards provided the recipient meets national criteria, government grants based on need) to determine the amount of countable institutional aid received by the student-athlete.

Once the amount of countable institutional aid is determined, that number is used as the numerator. The denominator is either the actual or average cost of a full grant-in-aid. This fraction calculates the student-athlete's individual equivalency. A student-athlete's equivalency may not exceed 1.0 since it is impermissible to receive athletically related aid in excess of a full grant-in-aid.

The sum of all individual equivalency limits in a sport cannot exceed the team limitation outlined in NCAA Bylaw 15.4.2.1 (maximum equivalency limits).

Individual Equivalency =
$$\frac{\text{All Institutional Aid Minus Exempted Aid}}{\text{Actual or Average Cost of Full Grant-in-Aid}}$$

Question No. 2: How would equivalencies be calculated if this proposal is adopted?

Answer: Individual equivalencies would be calculated for any student-athlete who receives athletics aid. The amount of athletics aid received by the student-athlete would be the numerator.

The rest of the calculation would not change. The denominator is either the actual or average cost of a full grant-in-aid. This fraction calculates the student-athlete's individual equivalency. A student-athlete's equivalency may not exceed 1.0 since it is impermissible to receive athletically related aid in excess of a full grant-in-aid.

Question No. 3: What is "athletics aid"?

Answer: Athletics aid is financial aid awarded by the institution's athletics department, including institutional aid (e.g., leadership scholarship, tuition waiver) for which the athletics department is involved in selecting the recipient.

Question No. 4: What is the effective date of the proposal and how will it apply to student-athletes?

Answer: The effective date is August 1, 2018, for athletics aid agreements signed for the 2018-19 academic year. The athletics aid agreement may be signed prior to August 1, 2018, subject to applicable NCAA legislation and National Letter of Intent procedures.

No. 2017-13 (2-13) FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDING INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- PERIOD OF INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID AWARD -- ONE-YEAR LIMIT -- REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.02.6, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.6.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

15.6.3 Period of Institutional Financial Aid Award.

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

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

(a) Midyear Enrollment. A student-athlete whose first full-time attendance at the certifying institution during a particular academic year occurs at midyear (e.g., the beginning of the

second semester or second or third quarter of an academic year) may receive a financial aid award for the remainder of that academic year.

- (b) Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year, provided the student is in the final semester or final two quarters of his or her degree program and the institution certifies that the student is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements.
- (c) Graduated During Previous Academic Year and Will Exhaust Eligibility During the Following Fall Term. A student-athlete who graduated during the previous academic year (including summer) and will exhaust his or her athletics eligibility during the following fall term may be awarded athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year.
- (d) One-Time Exception. One time during a student-athlete's enrollment at the certifying institution he or she may be awarded athletics aid for less than a full academic year, provided the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at the certifying institution for at least one regular academic term.
- (e) Eligibility Exhausted/Medical Noncounter. A student-athlete who has exhausted eligibility and is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.3) in the institution's financial aid limit, or a student-athlete who is exempt from counting (per Bylaw 15.4.1.1) due to an injury or illness may receive athletically related financial aid for less than one academic year. If an institution awards aid under this provision, the institutional financial aid agreement shall include specific nonathletically related conditions (e.g., academic requirements) the student-athlete must satisfy in order for the aid to be renewed for the next academic term or terms. If the student-athlete satisfies the specified conditions, the institution shall award financial aid at the same amount for the next term or terms of the academic year. If the student-athlete does not satisfy the specified conditions, he or she must be provided a hearing opportunity per Bylaw 15.6.2.4.

[15.6.3.1.1 through 15.6.3.1.3 renumbered as 15.6.3.1.2 through 15.6.3.1.4, unchanged.]

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

[15.6.3.2.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding period of the award?

Answer: Athletics aid may be awarded on a term-by-term basis but the period of award may not exceed one academic year.

Question No. 2: Does the proposal change any provisions related to the conditions for reduction or cancellation of aid?

Answer: No. During the term of the award it is only permissible to reduce or cancel the aid based on the legislated conditions (Bylaw 15.3.4.2) and other nonathletically related conditions that are included in the financial aid agreement (Bylaw 15.3.4.2.2).

No. 2017-14 (2-14) FINANCIAL AID -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION DURING PERIOD OF AWARD -- INCREASE PERMITTED -- INCREASE FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME

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

Bylaws: Amend 15.6.4.2, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[15.6.4.2.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding increases to athletics aid during the period of the award?

Answer: Athletics aid may only be increased during the period of the award for a demonstrated nonathletics reason.

Question No. 2: Who would be responsible for determining whether a student-athlete's athletics aid should be increased during the period of the award?

Answer: Each institution, at its discretion and in accordance with institutional policies regarding athletics aid, will be responsible for determining when and for what reason it is appropriate to increase athletics aid during the period of award.

Recruiting

No. 2017-15 (2-9) RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- ELIMINATION OF CONFERENCE RESTRICTIONS

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.4, as follows:

[Roll Call]

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

[13.4.1 through 13.4.2 unchanged.]

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

[13.4.4 through 13.4.5 renumbered as 13.4.3 through 13.4.4, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

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

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding conference recruiting materials?

Answer: Conferences are precluded from providing recruiting materials to prospective student-athletes (or his or her parents, legal guardians or coaches).

Question No. 2: What types of recruiting materials would this proposal permit the conference office to distribute?

Answer: While this proposal would not limit the potential recruiting materials, permissible materials would include a poster with all of the conference members and conference information or a brochure about the conference and Division II.

No. 2017-16 (2-10) RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- CONTACT PERIOD -- MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

[Roll call, football only]

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

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

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

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

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

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

Position Statement(s): *Championships Committee:* The Championships Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

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

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

Presidents Council, Management Council: The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal. The Councils agreed with the rationale of the Football Committee and the Legislation Committee, noting

that the change will more closely align the winter recruiting period in football with the recruiting calendars in Division I.

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is a contact period?

Answer: A contact period is that period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

Question No. 2: When does the current football winter contact period begin?

Answer: December 1.

Question No. 3: If this proposal is adopted, when will the first day of the winter contact period occur in future years?

Answer: The chart below outlines the first Monday after Thanksgiving for the next 10 years should the proposal be adopted.

Academic Year	First Date of Winter Contact Period - Current Legislation	First Date of Winter Contact Period if Proposal No. 2017-16 is Adopted
2017-18	Friday, December 1, 2017	Monday, November 27, 2017
2018-19	Saturday, December 1, 2018	Monday, November 26, 2018
2019-20	Sunday, December 1, 2019	Monday, December 2, 2019
2020-21	Tuesday December 1, 2020	Monday, November 30, 2020
2021-22	Wednesday December 1, 2021	Monday, November 29, 2021
2022-23	Thursday, December 1, 2022	Monday, November 28, 2022
2023-24	Friday, December 1, 2023	Monday, November 27, 2023
2024-25	Sunday, December 1, 2024	Monday, December 2, 2024
2025-26	Monday, December 1, 2025	Monday, December 1, 2025
2026-27	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Monday, November 30, 2026

Question No. 4: What is the current legislation in Divisions I and III?

Answer: Division I FBS and FCS football begin the winter contact period on the Sunday following the last Saturday in November. Division III does not have recruiting calendars and coaches are permitted to recruit at any time.

Eligibility

No. 2017-17 (2-11) ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- HARDSHIP WAIVER -- SEASON-OF-COMPETITION WAIVER -- COMPETITION WHILE ELIGIBLE

Intent: To increase the maximum number of contests or dates of competition in which a student-athlete may participate and remain eligible for a hardship waiver

or season of competition while eligible waiver to three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the maximum number of permissible contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in the sport; further, to specify that the student-athlete's participation must occur prior to the first competition of the second half of the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship in that sport.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.5, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[14.2.5-(a) unchanged.]

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

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

[14.2.5.1 unchanged.]

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

[14.2.5.2.1 through 14.2.5.2.2 unchanged.]

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

14.2.5.2.3.1 Contests or Dates of Competition Based on Championship Selection. In sports in which the playing season

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

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

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

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

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

[14.2.5.2.3.1.1 renumbered as 14.2.5.2.5.1.1, unchanged.]

[14.2.5.2.3.2 renumbered as 14.2.5.2.5.2, unchanged.]

~~14.2.5.2.3.5.3 NCAA Postseason Competition. For purposes of the percent calculation, postseason competition conducted after the~~

~~completion of the institution's regular season schedule and conference tournament shall not be included.~~

~~14.2.5.2.3.4 NCAA Regional Cross-Country Meet. The NCAA regional cross-country meet may be counted as one date of competition in determining the institution's scheduled or completed dates of competition, provided no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet.~~

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.7, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of competition by a conference, the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff or NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to incapacitating injury or illness or extenuating circumstances, the student-athlete participated in fewer than two contests or dates of competition or less than 20 percent of the sport season. It is in the best interest of student-athlete well-being to increase the maximum amount of competition to three contests or dates of

competition or 30 percent of the season. If a student-athlete has competed in more than three contests or dates of competition or 30 percent of the season, he or she has had a more meaningful opportunity to compete for a significant part of the season. Further, by adding the first half of the playing season requirement, this brings the legislation in all three divisions much closer to alignment. Finally, the first half of the season requirement will minimize abuse by ensuring that a student-athlete who is able to participate through almost the entire season is not eligible for a medical hardship waiver or season-of-competition waiver -- competition while eligible.

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is a medical hardship waiver?

Answer: A student-athlete may be granted a medical hardship waiver due to an incapacitating injury or illness that prevents the student-athlete from participating in the remainder of a season in which the student-athlete has already triggered the use of a season of competition.

Question No. 2: What is a season-of-competition while eligible waiver?

Answer: A student-athlete may be granted a season-of-competition while eligible waiver due to an extenuating circumstance (e.g., life-threatening injury or illness to an immediate family member, extreme financial difficulties) that prevents the student-athlete from participating in the remainder of a season after the student-athlete has already triggered the use of a season of competition.

Question No. 3: What are the current requirements to qualify for a medical hardship waiver or a season of competition – competition while eligible waiver?

Answer: In order to be eligible for either waiver, a student-athlete cannot have participated in more than two contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), 20 percent of the institution's completed contests or dates of competition or 20 percent of the maximum number of permissible contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in that sport. This competition can take place at any point in the season.

Question No. 4: If the proposal is adopted, how does an institution determine whether a student-athlete satisfies the criteria for a medical hardship waiver?

Answer: Institutions would use the information in the chart below when determining whether a student-athlete satisfies the criteria for a medical hardship waiver. The chart on page 59 outlines the first half of the playing season, the denominator and the maximum amount of competition in which a student-athlete can participate and remain eligible for a medical hardship waiver.

Question No. 5: If the proposal is adopted, when would the new criteria become effective?

Answer: The new criteria would be effective for any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs on or after August 1, 2017. Any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs prior to August 1, 2017 would be evaluated under the current legislation.

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2017-18 (2-15) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, GOLF, LACROSSE, ROWING, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, TENNIS, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON AND NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT ACTIVITIES

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.1.6.1 through 17.1.6.1.1 unchanged.]

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

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

17.1.6.2~~3~~ Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

[17.1.6.2.1 renumbered as 17.1.6.3.1, unchanged.]

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

~~coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction.~~

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

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

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

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

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

17.1.6.2.3-32 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted, as follows:

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

(b) During individual skill instruction, **not more than eight student-athletes from the team shall be part of a group of student-athletes working with a coach at one time. More than one group of student-athletes from the same team may participate in skill instruction in the same facility or in different facilities at the same time, provided there is no co-mingling of student-athletes between the groups. Each group of student-athletes must have a separate coach. Coaches may rotate between the groups provided at least one coach is present with each group during skill instruction.** ~~The use of footballs and field equipment (e.g., shields, bags) is permissible; however, the use of protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not permissible; and~~

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

[17.1.6.2.4 through 17.1.6.2.6.1 renumbered as 17.1.6.3.3 through 17.1.6.3.5.1, unchanged.]

17.1.6.2.3-76 Exception -- Alternate Playing Season -- Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, an institution that conducts its championship segment during the fall term must discontinue practice at the conclusion of its nonchampionship segment (~~golf — designated 60- or 75-consecutive-calendar-day period; tennis — designated 45- or 60-day consecutive-calendar-day period~~). Such a team may resume practice the day following the conclusion of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term or 10 consecutive calendar days before the start of the

championship, whichever is earlier, provided the institution has reasonable belief that it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA, NCCAA or NAIA championship event. (See Bylaws 17.11.5.1 and 17.22.5.1.)

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

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.2.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.2.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

[17.2.8.1 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.4.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.4.8-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which a National Collegiate Championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to ~~a maximum of 24 days that occur within~~ a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as

long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.4.5 and 17.4.6. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.4.8.1 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.6.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.6.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

[17.6.8.1 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.9.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.9.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.9.8.1 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.11.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.11.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

[17.11.8-(1) unchanged.]

[17.11.8.1 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.14.8-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to ~~a maximum of 24 days that occur within~~ a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.14.5 and 17.14.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

[17.14.8.1 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.16.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.16.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

[17.16.8.1 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.19.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.19.8-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to ~~a maximum of 24 days that occur within~~ a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no

practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.19.5 and 17.19.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.19.8.1 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.20.8-(a) unchanged.]

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

[17.20.8.1 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.22.5.1, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.22.5.1 Exception -- Alternate Playing Season. An institution that is a member of a conference that conducts its only conference championship or plays the majority of its conference matches during the fall, or an institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.2, may use the playing season dates for sports that conduct a fall championship. Further, an institution that uses this exception and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of ~~4560~~-consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment. The institution is eligible for the NCAA championship.

Fall (Championship)

**Spring
(Nonchampionship)**

Practice	17 days before the first permissible date of competition or five days before the first day of classes, whichever is earlier.	February 15
Competition	Thursday preceding September 6.	February 15
End date for practice and competition	November 15	Seven days prior to final examination period.

[17.22.5.1.1 unchanged.]

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.22.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

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

[17.22.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to ~~a maximum of 24 days that occur within~~ a period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.22.5 and 17.22.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days. **(See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)**

(1) Exception -- Alternate Playing Season. A member institution that declares fall as its institution's championship segment per Bylaw 20.10.4.2 and discontinues its championship segment activities by November 1 (instead of November 15) may add 15 calendar days to the period of ~~45~~ **60** consecutive calendar days available during the nonchampionship segment (see Bylaw 17.22.5.1).

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

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.25.2.8, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.25.2.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities -- Women. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not

engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

[17.25.2.8-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to ~~a maximum of 24 days that occur within~~ a period of 45 consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45 consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.25.2.5 and 17.25.2.6. It is not permissible for an institution that declares fall as its championship segment and operates on the quarter system to engage in practice and competition from the time period of seven calendar days prior to the first date of the institution's final examination period for the winter quarter until the first day of classes of the spring quarter. The days during which practice and competition are prohibited may be exempted from the period of 45 consecutive calendar days. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

[17.25.2.8.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: The current legislation requires institutions to toggle between in-season and out-of-season countable athletically related activity limitations during the nonchampionship segment, which causes considerable confusion. Additionally, according to the 2015 GOALS study, Division II student-athletes report spending as much or more time on their sport during the off-season as during their competitive season. This proposal will make the nonchampionship segment legislation easier to apply and also provide student-athletes with additional time off, both in terms of number of days and hours per week. Competition during the nonchampionship segment in golf and tennis counts toward championship selections, so it is appropriate for these sports to have additional flexibility on both the number of in-season hours and the window in which to use those hours.

Additional Information:

Question No. 1: What is the current nonchampionship segment legislation and how does it compare to the proposed changes?

Answer: The figure on page 61 outline the current and proposed legislation.

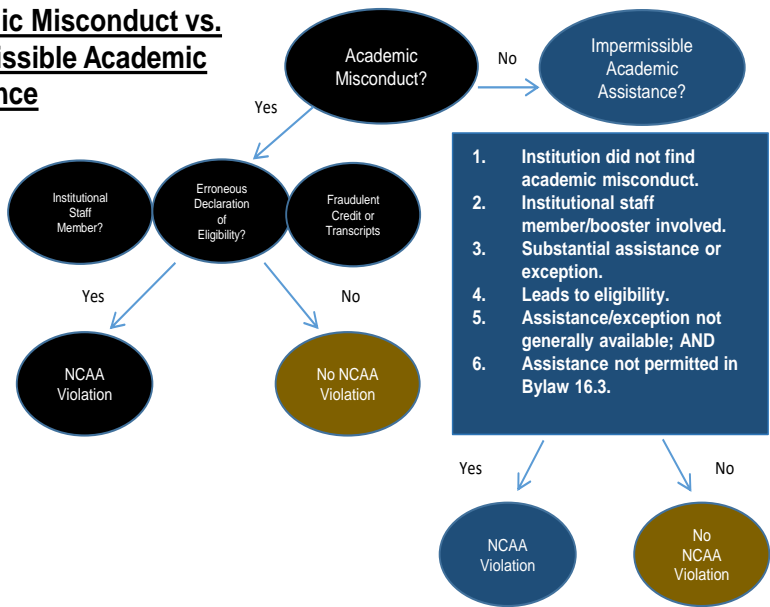
Question No. 2: Which sports have a nonchampionship segment?

Answer: Baseball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis and women's volleyball.

Question No. 3: What activities would be permissible on the two days off per week?

Answer: No countable athletically related activities would be permissible on the required two days off. Student-athletes would only be permitted to participate in voluntary activity.

Academic Misconduct vs.
Impermissible Academic
Assistance



Criteria for Medical Hardship Waivers

Sport	First Half of Playing Season	Standard Denominator	30 Percent of Bylaw 17 Maximum
Baseball	Before the start of the 26th contest	50	15
Basketball	Before the start of the 14th contest	26	8
Beach Volleyball ¹	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	16	5
Women's Bowling	Before the start of the 17th date of competition	32	10
Cross Country	Before the start of the fourth date of competition	7	3
Women's Equestrian	Before the start of the eighth date of competition	15	5
Fencing	Before the start of the sixth date of competition	11	4
Field Hockey ²	Before the start of the 10th contest	18	6
Football	Before the start of the sixth contest	11	4
Golf	Before the start of the 11th date of competition	21	7
Gymnastics	Before the start of the seventh date of competition	13	4
Women's Ice Hockey	Before the start of the 18th contest	34	11
Men's Ice Hockey	Before the start of the 17th contest	32	10
Men's Lacrosse	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	17	6
Women's Lacrosse	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	17	6
Rifle	Before the start of the seventh date of competition	13	4
Women's Rowing	Before the start of the 11th date of competition	20	4
Women's Rugby	Before the start of the 11th date of competition	11	4
Skiing	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	Alpine - 16 Nordic - 16	Alpine - 5 Nordic - 5
Soccer ²	Before the start of the ninth contest	18	6
Softball	Before the start of the 29th contest	56	17
Swimming and Diving	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	16	5

Sport	First Half of Playing Season	Standard Denominator	30 Percent of Bylaw 17 Maximum
Track and Field (Indoor/Outdoor)	Before the start of the 10th completed date of competition	Completed dates of competition	Will Vary
Track and Field (Indoor Only) ³	Before the start of the 10th date of competition	Completed dates of competition OR 18	Will vary OR 6
Track and Field (Outdoor Only) ³	Before the start of the 10th date of competition	Completed dates of competition OR 18	Will vary OR 6
Women's Triathlon ⁴	Before the start of the fourth date of competition	6	3
Men's Volleyball ⁵	Before the start of the 15th date of competition	28	9
Women's Volleyball ⁵	Before the start of the 14th date of competition	26	8
Water Polo	Before the start of the 11th date of competition	21	7
Wrestling	Before the start of the ninth date of competition	16	5

1 - May compete in not more than four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment.

2 - May compete in not more than five dates of competition during another segment.

3 - See Bylaw 14.2.5.2.3.1.1 for additional information regarding the denominator in the percent computation for track and field.

4 - Three dates of competition.

5 - May compete in not more than four dates of competition during another segment.

6 - May include not more than two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition.

Comparison Between Current and Proposed Nonchampionship Segment Legislation

All Sports, Other Than Golf, Rowing and Tennis:

<u>Current Legislation</u>	<u>Proposed Legislation</u>
45-day window	45-day window
One day off per week	Two days off per week
Four hours per day	Four hours per day
20 hours per week	15 hours per week

Golf:

<u>Current Legislation</u>	<u>Proposed Legislation</u>
60-day window	60-day window
One day off per week	Two days off per week
Four hours per day	Four hours per day
20 hours per week	20 hours per week

Rowing:

<u>Current Legislation</u>	<u>Proposed Legislation</u>
65-day window	65-day window
One day off per week	Two days off per week
Four hours per day	Four hours per day
20 hours per week	15 hours per week

Tennis:

<u>Current Legislation</u>	<u>Proposed Legislation</u>
45-day window	60-day window
One day off per week	Two days off per week
Four hours per day	Four hours per day
20 hours per week	20 hours per week

Appendix A

Voting in Division II Business Session

The provisions of NCAA Constitution 5.1.4.3.2 specify that dominant legislation per Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere, and federated legislation determined by the NCAA Executive Committee to be contrary to the Association's basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles shall be acted upon by the divisions meeting in joint session. The provisions of Constitution 5.1.4.3.3 specify that federated legislation pertaining to a single division or more than a single division of the Association may be acted upon by the appropriate divisions during the separate division business sessions.

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** Designated by NCAA Division II Presidents Council for roll-call vote.*

Appendix B

Interpretations to be Included in the 2016-17 NCAA Division II Manual

In accordance with its authority to recommend incorporation of interpretations in the next printing of the NCAA Manual, the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee has recommended and the NCAA Division II Management Council has approved inclusion of the following interpretations in the 2017-18 Division II Manual. This will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council to the 2017 Division II business session and acceptance of that report will constitute approval of the incorporation of these interpretations. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular interpretation, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretations.

It should be noted that these interpretations already have been accepted by the membership, and the only issue concerning these interpretations that is before the Division II membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2017-18 Division II Manual and subsequent Division II Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation still will be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Management Council, the provisions of Constitution 5.4.1.4 also would apply (i.e., any Division II member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the 2017 Division II business session by making such a request in writing to the Association's Convention office prior to 1 p.m. Friday, January 20, the day preceding the Division II business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Constitution 5.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2017-18 Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2017-18 Manual as noted.

NO. I-2017-1 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE
EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- I-20 RELATED
EXPENSES

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ~~ACT and SAT Scores~~ **Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status.** An institution may pay **the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:**

(a) a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; **and**

(b) Actual and necessary expenses related to the issuance of an international student-athlete's Form I-20 (e.g., expenses to obtain necessary documents, express mail charges).

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the provision of expenses related to the issuance of a Form I-20.

NO. I-2017-2 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- EXPENSES TO OBTAIN A TRANSCRIPT

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ~~ACT and SAT Scores~~ **Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status.** An institution may pay **the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:**

(a) a ~~an~~ fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; **and**

(b) Expenses to obtain a prospective student-athlete's transcript (e.g., transcript fee, express mail charges). An institution may not pay an outstanding balance to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution in order to release a hold on the transcript.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the precollege expense legislation regarding permissible expenses to evaluate the academic standing of a prospective student-athlete.

NO. I-2017-3 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- EXPENSES TO OBTAIN A TRANSLATED TRANSCRIPT

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ~~ACT and SAT Scores~~ **Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status.** An institution may pay **the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:**

(a) a ~~an~~ fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; **and**

(b) Expenses to obtain a translation of an international prospective student-athlete's transcript (e.g., translation fee, express mail charges).

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the precollege expense legislation regarding permissible expenses to evaluate the academic standing of an international prospective student-athlete.

NO. I-2017-4 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE
EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- EXPENSES TO SEND
TRANSCRIPTS TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ~~ACT and SAT Scores~~ **Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status.** An institution may pay **the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:**

(a) a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) Expenses required by the prospective student-athlete's educational institution (e.g., transcript fee, express mail charges) to send a prospective student-athlete's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. An institution may not pay an outstanding balance to the prospective student-athlete's educational institution in order to release a hold on the transcript.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the payment of permissible fees for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written commitment to attend the institution.

NO. I-2017-5 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE
EXPENSES -- ACT AND SAT SCORES -- FEES TO SEND TEST
SCORES TO NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Bylaws: Amend 13.15.2.1, as follows:

13.15.2.1 ~~ACT and SAT Scores~~ **Fees and Expenses Necessary to Determine Eligibility Status.** An institution may pay **the following fees and expenses to evaluate a prospective student-athlete's eligibility status:**

(a) a fee required by the appropriate testing agency to obtain a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores; and

(b) A fee required by the appropriate testing agency to send a prospective student-athlete's official ACT or SAT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or written offer of admission and/or financial aid with that institution or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the April 6, 1994, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the legislation regarding the payment of permissible fees for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a written commitment to attend the institution.

NO. I-2017-6 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE/SECOND BACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8.1, as follows:

14.1.8.1 Transfer Exception. A student who transfers and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program at an institution other than the institution he or she previously attended as an undergraduate may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining.

14.1.8.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers from a collegiate institution and enrolls in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.1.1, as follows:

14.5.1.1 Disciplinary Suspension. A student **(including a student enrolling in a graduate program, professional school or second baccalaureate or equivalent degree program per Bylaw 14.1.8.1)** who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the disciplinary suspension legislation to graduate student transfers.

NO. I-2017-7 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION EXCEPTION -- APPLICATION TO JUNIOR LEVEL COMPETITION

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2.2 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted if the competition is **senior-level** national or international competition that includes participation in:

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

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

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

This exception does not extend to junior-level competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Team) that may be associated with the events listed above.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the national/international competition exception to the organized competition legislation for junior level competition.

**NO. I-2017-8 ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
-- TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS -- RETURN TO ORIGINAL
INSTITUTION EXCEPTION**

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.6.4, as follows:

14.5.4.6.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. **The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3.7, as follows:

14.5.5.3.7 Return to Original Institution Without Participation or With Minimal Participation Exception. The student enrolls at a second four-year collegiate institution, does not compete and does not participate in other countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) in the involved sport at the second institution beyond a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period and returns to the original institution. The 14-consecutive-calendar-day period begins with the date on which the student-athlete first engages in any countable athletically related activity. A student may use this exception even if he or she has an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. **The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition.**

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the February 18, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the progress-toward-degree requirements for student-athletes who transfer and return to the certifying institution using the return to original institution exception.

NO. I-2017-9 ELIGIBILITY -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- GENERAL RULE -- ATTENDANCE AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION FOR LESS THAN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOLLOWING TRANSFER FROM A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.1, as follows:

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.11).

[14.5.5.1.1 through 14.5.5.1.2 unchanged.]

14.5.5.1.2.1 Attendance at Four-Year Institution for Less Than One Academic Year Following Transfer from a Two-Year Institution. A student-athlete who initially enrolls at a two-year college, transfers to another four-year institution and attends the four-year institution for less than one full academic year before transferring to a Division II institution (e.g., '2-4-4 transfer') is not eligible to use a four-year college transfer exception unless the student-athlete would have been immediately eligible for competition under the Division II two-year college transfer regulations had the student-athlete transferred directly from the two-year college to the Division II institution.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3, as follows:

14.5.5.3 Exceptions for Transfers From Four-Year Colleges. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.1) from a four-year collegiate institution is not subject to the residence requirement for intercollegiate competition, provided the student does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring (except for the return to the original institution without participation exception) and any of the following exceptions are satisfied. However, during the student-athlete's first academic year of full-time collegiate enrollment, such conditions may serve as a basis for an exception to the residence requirement for transfer students to a Division II institution who, at the time of initial collegiate enrollment, met the requirements for "qualifiers" (set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in Division II. **See Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2.1 for additional information regarding the eligibility of a 2-4-4 transfer who attended the initial four-year institution for less than one academic year.**

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the four-year college transfer legislation for student-athletes who initially enroll at a two-year institution and attend a four-year college for less than one academic year before transferring.

NO. I-2017-10 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENTS -- PERMISSIBLE OPPONENTS

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.6.3, as follows:

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event in which:

(1) Two or more conferences from the same region (or institutions from two or more conferences in the same region) organize contests at one or more site

(s) ~~under the following conditions;~~ and

(i) Contests played between teams from the same conference may not be exempted; and

(ii) Participation of an out-of-region institution in an event makes the event no longer a conference challenge event and an institution may not exempt any contests played as a part of that event under the conference challenge exemption.

(2) Contests must be played during the weekend (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) of the first permissible contest date.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the November 19, 2015, official interpretation into the Manual, will clarify the application of the conference challenge event legislation.

NO. I-2017-11 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENTS AND CONTIGUOUS STATES PRINCIPLE

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.6.3, as follows:

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event in which:

(1) Two or more conferences from the same region (or institutions from two or more conferences in the same region) organize contests at one or more site

(s) under the following condition:--and

(i) Contests played against an out-of-region opponent from a contiguous state may not be exempted.

(2) Contests must be played during the weekend (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) of the first permissible contest date.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the March 8, 2016, official interpretation into the Manual will clarify the application of the conference challenge event legislation as it relates to competition against opponents from contiguous states.

NO. I-2017-12 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- POSTPONED OR CANCELED CONTEST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Bylaws: Amend 17.02, as follows:

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

[17.02.1 through 17.02.11 unchanged.]

17.02.12 Postponed or Canceled Contest Due to Inclement Weather. A contest that is postponed or canceled due to inclement weather or a comparable factor only counts against an institution's or student-athlete's maximum limitations if the results are considered final under the applicable playing rules of the sport in question.

[17.02.12 through 17.02.17 renumbered as 17.02.13 through 17.02.18, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

Appendix C

Modifications of Wording Adopted by the NCAA Division II Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.1.1, the NCAA Division II Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, has determined that the following proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and that sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. These actions will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council at the 2017 Division II business session, and acceptance of that report will constitute approval of these actions for incorporation in the 2017-18 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

NO. M-2017-1 ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
-- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION -- FULFILLMENT OF CREDIT-
HOUR REQUIREMENTS AFTER DESIGNATION OF DEGREE --
CREDITS EARNED IN A VOLUNTARY OR OPTIONAL MINOR --
REGULAR ACADEMIC TERMS

Intent: To clarify that a student-athlete may use a maximum of six credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor per regular academic term to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree; further to clarify that credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor during the summer may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.7.9, as follows:

14.4.3.7.9 Credit Hours Earned or Accepted Toward a Minor. A student-athlete who has designated a specific degree program may use credits earned in a minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree if the minor is a required element for all students to obtain the original baccalaureate degree. A student-athlete who has designated a voluntary or optional minor (a minor that is not a required element of the original baccalaureate degree program for all students) may use a maximum of six credit hours per regular academic term earned in the minor to fulfill the credit-hour requirements for meeting progress toward degree. Credit hours earned in a voluntary or optional minor during the summer may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2016

Additional Information:

Proposal No. 2016-3 (eligibility -- progress-toward-degree requirements -- eligibility for competition -- fulfillment of credit-hour requirements after designation of degree -- credits earned in a voluntary or optional minor) was adopted by the membership at the 2016 NCAA Convention. The membership sponsors of the proposal did not intend to permit credit hours earned toward a voluntary or optional minor during the summer to be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. The wording of the original proposal does not reflect the sponsors' intent. This change will clarify that summer hours earned in an optional minor may not be used to meet progress-toward-degree requirements. This change is also consistent with the intent of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, NCAA Division II Management Council and the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee, which noted in their formal position statement in support of the proposal that placing limits on the number of hours reduces the opportunity for abuse of the legislation.

Appendix D

Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division II Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division II Management Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (i.e., the Management Council), is permitted to adopt such legislation if it is noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. These actions will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council at the 2017 Division II business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of these actions and incorporation in the 2017-18 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

NO. NC-2017-1 ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS --
DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY -- CORE-
CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS -- ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE COURSE

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

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.1.2.4, as follows:

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

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-2 ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS --
DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY --
EQUIVALENCY TEST/DIPLOMA

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

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.5.2, as follows:

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

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

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

~~(c) The prospective student athlete may qualify for athletically-related financial aid and practice on campus or at the institution's regular home facility, but not for competition, by presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test and satisfying either the minimum grade point average and core course requirements or the minimum standardized test score as set forth in Bylaw 14.3.2.1.1, and~~

~~(d) To qualify for financial aid, practice and competition, the prospective student athlete must meet the core-curriculum grade point average and test~~

~~score requirements (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) in addition to presenting a minimum average score of 45 or 450 (depending on the year the test was taken) on the five-part GED test.~~

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-3 COMMITTEES -- DIVISION II COMMITTEES -- TERM OF
OFFICE - FOUR-YEAR TERM

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

Bylaws: Amend 21.8.2, as follows:

21.8.2 Term of Office.

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

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

[21.8.2.2.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[21.8.2.5 unchanged.]

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

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

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-4 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND DIVISION
MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS --
MINIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION -- WOMEN'S RUGBY

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

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

[17.1 through 17.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.17.4 unchanged.]

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

17.17.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's rugby during the institution's rugby playing season to ~~44 contests (games or scrimmages)~~ **16 dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side)**, except for those ~~contests~~ **dates of competition** excluded under Bylaws 17.17.5.3 and 17.17.5.4.

17.17.5.1.1 Scrimmage/Exhibition Game. A member institution may play one rugby scrimmage or exhibition game (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled ~~contest~~ **date of competition** during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmage or exhibition game is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 and is counted against the maximum number of ~~contests~~ **dates of competition.**

17.17.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable ~~contests~~ **dates of competition** in women's rugby in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for ~~contests~~ **dates of competition** played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.17.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than ~~44~~ **16** rugby ~~contests~~ **dates of competition (15-a-side and/or seven-a-side)**. This limitation includes those ~~contests~~ **dates of competition** in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests/dates of competition in women's rugby shall exclude the following:

[17.17.5.3-(a) through 17.17.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Alumni Contest. One ~~contest~~ **date of competition** each year against an alumni team of the institution;

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

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any women's rugby ~~games played~~ **dates of competition** in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, by a member institution located outside the area in question;

[17.17.5.3-(f) through 17.17.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[Remainder of 17.17 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

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

[Chart unchanged.]

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.6 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.7 Contests versus Club Teams. A contest against a collegiate institution's club team may not be counted toward meeting minimum-contest requirements. However, a member is not precluded from scheduling club teams.

20.10.3.3.7.1 Exception -- Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, an institution may count up to two contests per year against collegiate club teams toward meeting minimum-contest requirements.

[20.10.3.3.8 through 20.10.3.3.9 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.10 Women's Rugby. In women's rugby, 15-a-side and seven-a-side competition may count toward the required minimum number of contests.

[20.10.3.3.10 through 20.10.3.3.11 renumbered as 20.10.3.3.11 through 20.10.3.3.12, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council.

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

These proposed changes to women's rugby are designed to help grow the sport and are supported by USA Rugby. Permitting institutions to use a combination of 15-a-side (current format) and seven-a-side to meet the current sports sponsorship requirement (nine contests) allows the sport to take advantage of the growing popularity of seven-a-side competition, which is the Olympic format. This approach is flexible and allows each institution to determine the best way to meet the minimum contests requirement based on its location and availability of opponents. The use of contests against collegiate club teams is similar to the model used in women's sand volleyball, another emerging sport for women. Additionally, the limitation on contests in Bylaw 17 is being changed to a limitation on dates of competition. It is anticipated that institutions will play multiple seven-a-side contests during one day, but only one rugby 15-a-side match during one day. Finally, the change will align Division II legislation with the current legislation in Divisions I and III, which will help grow the sport in the division.

NO. NC-2017-5 RECRUITING -- OFFERS AND INDUCEMENTS --
COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL
CONTESTS, CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS, NCAA
CHAMPIONSHIPS OR OTHER POSTSEASON CONTESTS FOR
MILITARY FAMILIES

Intent: To specify that an institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admissions to prospect-aged children accompanying a military

family to a regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship and other postseason contest.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

13.2 Offers and Inducements.

[13.2.1 through 13.2.10 unchanged.]

13.2.11 Complimentary Admissions to Institutional Contests, Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests for Military Families. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide complimentary admission to prospective student-athlete-aged children accompanying a military member to any regular-season contest, conference tournament, NCAA championship or other postseason contest.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.6.2, as follows:

13.6.6.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing special seating arrangements during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. **See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families.** [R]

[13.6.6.2.1 unchanged.]

13.6.6.2.2 Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase these tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. **See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families.** [R]

[13.6.6.2.3 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.7.2, as follows:

13.7.2 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of five complimentary admissions to a campus athletics event in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. **See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military**

families. [R]

[13.7.2.1.1 through 13.7.2.2 unchanged.]

13.7.2.3 Conference Tournaments, NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests. The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for a conference tournament, NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. See Bylaw 13.2.11 for complimentary admissions for military families. [R]

[13.7.2.4 through 13.7.2.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

In fall 2014, Division II launched its Military Pilot Program. The broad-based goal of the pilot program is to engage Division II athletics departments and institutions with the United States military to create a positive environment and build connections between these communities. During the February 2015 NCAA Division II Championships Committee meeting, the committee approved a policy change to allow military families to attend any NCAA Division II championship at no cost. However, current legislation does not permit an institution or conference to provide complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for conference tournaments or other postseason events. This change will permit institutions and conferences to provide complimentary admission to prospect-aged children accompanying a military family for any contest. There is no substantial recruiting advantage gained by making this change and it will enable Division II institutions to more easily engage with the military partnership pilot program.

**NO. NC-2017-6 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM LIMIT ON FINANCIAL AID -
INDIVIDUAL -- EXCEPTION FOR PELL GRANT**

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance, or the value of a full athletics grant-in-aid plus a federal Pell Grant, whichever is greater.

Bylaws: Amend 15.3, as follows:

15.3 Maximum Limit on Financial Aid -- Individual. An institution shall not award financial aid to a student-athlete that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program at that institution or that exceeds the limitations established by the membership division of the institution the student-athlete attends, whichever is less. A student-athlete shall not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics, if he or she receives financial aid that exceeds the value of a full grant-in-aid as defined in Bylaw 15.02.5. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaw 15.2.1) and educational expenses awarded per Bylaw 15.2.2.5 up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid unrelated to athletics ability up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.3.1 Exception for Pell Grant. A student-athlete who receives a Pell Grant may receive financial aid equivalent to the limitation set forth in Bylaw 15.1 or the value of a full grant-in-aid plus the Pell Grant, whichever is greater.

[15.3.1 through 15.3.2.5 renumbered as 15.3.2 through 15.3.3.5, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2016, for any financial aid award issued for the 2016-17 academic year and thereafter.

Additional Information:

A student-athlete should have the opportunity to receive financial aid to cover his or her cost of attendance through a combination of permissible sources of financial aid, similar to the financial aid limit opportunity available for students generally. This proposal will not impact athletics budgets because a student-athlete may not receive athletically related financial aid in excess of a full grant-in-aid.

**NO. NC-2017-7 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PERMISSIBLE TRAVEL EXPENSES
-- TRANSPORTATION FROM BUS OR TRAIN STATION OR
AIRPORT**

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide a student-athlete with transportation between the campus and any bus station, train station or airport at any time.

Bylaws: Amend 16.9, as follows:

16.9 Permissible Travel Expenses. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. ~~Further, an institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student athletes on an occasional basis.~~ [R]

16.9.1 Reasonable Local Transportation. An institution may provide reasonable local transportation to student-athletes on an occasional basis.

16.9.2 Transportation Between Campus and Bus Station, Train Station or Airport. An institution may provide a student-athlete with transportation between the campus and any bus station, train station or airport at any time for any reason.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Current legislation only permits an institution to provide a student-athlete with transportation between campus and a bus or train station or airport if the transportation is considered local. In many cases, the nearest bus or train station or airport is not within the locale of the institution. In those instances, the institution may only provide transportation to and from campus if such transportation is available to all students. This change would permit institutions to transport student-athletes to and from campus at their discretion, which supports student-athlete well-being and provides flexibility for institutions in more isolated locations.

NO. NC-2017-8 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- POSTSEASON BOWL GAME - BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVE OF A DIVISION II CONFERENCE OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION AND A CANADIAN INSTITUTION

Intent: To exempt from an institution's maximum number of contests in football each year one postseason bowl game between a representative of a Division II conference (or independent institution) and a Canadian institution that is not a member of the NCAA.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.7.3, as follows:

17.10.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests in football shall exclude the following:

[17.10.7.3-(a) through 17.10.7.3-(j) unchanged.]

(k) Postseason Bowl Game -- Between a Representative of a Division II Conference or Independent Institution and a Canadian Institution. Participation in one postseason bowl game between a representative of a Division II conference or an independent institution and a Canadian institution that is not a member of the NCAA. The participating NCAA institution shall be one not selected to participate in the Division II Football Championship.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

This proposal will permit all Division II football-playing institutions to participate in a postseason bowl game against a Canadian member that is not currently a member of the NCAA. The legislative change will not provide a competitive advantage and will provide football student-athletes with an additional opportunity for a meaningful postseason experience.

NO. NC-2017-9 COMMITTEES -- COMMON COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEES WITH PLAYING RULES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SKIING COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION

Intent: To specify that one member of the men's and women's skiing committee shall be selected from the Central skiing region and two members shall be selected at large.

Bylaws: Amend 21.4.5, as follows:

21.4.5 Skiing Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall consist of seven members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.4.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, **one member shall be selected from the Central skiing region**, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, ~~three~~ **two** members shall be selected at large and one member shall be secretary-rules editor; and

[21.4.5-(c) unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The committee should be required to have representation from each of the three skiing regions (Central, East and West) in order to best represent the skiing membership. The current legislation requires representation only from the East and West regions. Any representative from the Central region is currently an at-large member. Currently, there are more institutions in the Central region that sponsor skiing than in the West region. This proposal does not increase the overall number of committee members.

**NO. NC-2017-10 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES --
NURSE PRACTITIONERS PROVIDING MANDATORY MEDICAL
EXAMS FOR TRYOUTS**

Intent: To permit a nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision to complete the medical examination for tryouts of a prospective student-athlete without supervision by a physician.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.14 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Prior to participation in a tryout, a prospective student-athlete is required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). **A nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician.** The examination or evaluation shall include a sickle cell solubility test (SST), unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the prospective student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months prior to participation in the tryout. The medical examination or evaluation may be conducted by an institution's regular team physician or other designated physician as a part of the tryout;

(1) Exception. A medical examination conducted or supervised by a physician or a nurse practitioner whose state medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision within six months of the prospective student-athlete's participation in practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities at his or her high school, prep school or collegiate institution may be used to satisfy the medical examination requirement provided it was accepted by the prospective student-athlete's high school, prep school or collegiate institution for his or her participation in athletics during the academic year in which the tryout is conducted.

[Remainder of 13.11.2.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The adoption of Division II Proposal No. NC-2016-39 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing-season regulations -- mandatory medical examination -- nurse practitioners) permitted nurse practitioners to conduct the mandatory medical examinations for current student-athletes, independent of physician supervision in states where the nurse practitioner is so licensed. This change will align the legislation regarding tryouts for prospective student-athletes with the legislation for mandatory medical examinations for current student-athletes.

NO. NC-2017-11 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- FOOTBALL -- DEAD PERIOD SURROUNDING AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

Intent: In football, to establish a dead period from Monday through Wednesday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.3, as follows:

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

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

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

(1) During the period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the initial date for signing the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(2) Monday through Wednesday during the week of the annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association: Dead Period

[Remainder of 13.17.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

The annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association currently occurs during a contact period in the Division II football recruiting calendar. Many Division II coaches believe their attendance at the convention places them at a recruiting disadvantage. Establishing a dead period during this time levels the recruiting playing field and allows more coaches to attend the convention.

NO. NC-2017-12 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE AND ATHLETICS AID -- ALL OTHER QUALIFIERS, PARTIAL QUALIFIERS AND NONQUALIFIERS -- ENGLISH, MATH AND SCIENCE

Intent: To permit a student-athlete who has earned credit hours at a previous two-year institution (prior to the student-athlete's most recent attendance at a four-year institution) to use those credit hours to satisfy the two-year college transfer requirements for English, math and science.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.3, as follows:

14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers, Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

[14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The student-athlete has satisfactorily completed the following transferable credit-hour requirements:

- (1) Six semester or eight quarter hours of English;
- (2) Three semester or four quarter hours of math; and
- (3) Three semester or four quarter hours of natural or physical science;

Remedial credit hours may not be used to satisfy these requirements. A transfer student ~~from a two-year college who has previously attended a four-year college as a full-time student~~ may use transferable English, math and science credits earned while enrolled **full time** at ~~the~~ **a previous two-year or four-year institution** **to satisfy these requirements.**

[Remainder of 14.5.4.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2016, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2016.

Additional Information:

Current legislation does not permit a student-athlete to use credits earned at a two-year college prior to their most recent attendance at a four-year institution (e.g., 2-4-2-4 transfer) to meet the English, math and science core credit-hour requirements at the certifying institution. This change would prevent student-athletes from having to re-take courses they have already successfully completed at a two-year institution to satisfy two-year college transfer requirements.

NO. NC-2017-13 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- HOUSING AND MEALS --
NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS -- PERMISSIBLE CLASS --
PROTEIN

Intent: To add protein to the list of nutritional supplements an institution may permissibly provide to student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 16.5.1, as follows:

16.5.1 Permissible. Identified housing and meal benefits incidental to a student's participation in intercollegiate athletics that may be financed by the institution are: [R]

[16.5.1-(a) through 16.5.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Nutritional Supplements. An institution may provide permissible nutritional supplements to a student-athlete for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. Permissible nutritional supplements do not contain any NCAA banned substances and are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolytes drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters, ~~and~~ vitamins and minerals and protein.

[Remainder 16.5.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

This change will allow institutions to appropriately provide protein supplementation to their student-athletes to effectively address special nutritional needs. Student-athletes should be provided education to support good nutrition and advised that supplements are not intended to replace food. In addition, the importance of providing student-athletes with education about any potential risks of supplement consumption should be emphasized as student-athletes who have tested positive for banned substance from supplement use have lost eligibility. Further, student-athletes should check with athletics staff prior to using any supplements. Student-athletes should be provided information to utilize the Drug Free Sport Resource Exchange Center for supplement product label review. The Resource Exchange Center is the only authoritative resource for NCAA banned drug advice. Finally, student-athletes should be advised that ultimately they are responsible for anything they ingest.

NO. NC-2017-14 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-
SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY
RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS --
OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION --
DEFINITION OF CO-MINGLING

Intent: To specify that co-mingling occurs when a student-athlete rotates among multiple groups during a skill instruction session; further, to eliminate the restriction on coaches rotating from group to group during skill instruction provided at least one coach is present with each group during the skill instruction activity.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.2, as follows:

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

[Remainder of 17.1.6.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

At the 2016 Convention, the delegates adopted NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2016-5 (playing and practice seasons - general playing season regulations - weekly hour limitations - outside the playing season - skill instruction - football), which amended the out-of-season activities legislation in the sport of football. The proposal created the opportunity for football student-athletes to participate in up to two hours per week of individual skill instruction which renewed discussions about the definition of co-mingling. Clarifying the definition of co-mingling will assist the membership in applying the skill instruction legislation in the sport of football.

NO. NC-2017-15 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FOOTBALL -- 14-DAY BREAK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SEASON

Intent: In football, to specify that following the institution's final contest in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, including any competition in a conference championship, out-of-season activities and countable athletically related activities are prohibited for a 14 consecutive calendar-day period.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.2.3, as follows:

17.1.6.2.3 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted; as follows:

(a) A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on review of game film and individual skill instruction;:

(b) During individual skill instruction, the use of footballs and field equipment (e.g., shields, bags) is permissible; however, the use of protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) is not permissible;: and

(c) Following the institution's final contest in the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship, a student-athlete is prohibited from engaging in countable athletically related activities for a 14-consecutive-calendar-day period.

See Bylaw 17.10.5 for the first permissible date of nonchampionship segment practice sessions.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

At the 2013 Convention, the delegates adopted NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2013-13 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing season regulations -- weekly hour limitations outside of playing season -- 14-day break at conclusion of season), which created a 14-day legislated break at the conclusion of the season for all sports except football. During the 14-day break, it is not permissible for a student-athlete to engage in any countable athletically related activities. Football was not included in the original proposal because the sport did not have the opportunity for team activities or skill instruction outside the playing season. At the 2016 Convention, the membership adopted Proposal No. 2016-5 (playing and practice seasons -- general playing season regulations -- weekly hour limitations -- outside the playing season -- skill instruction - football) which established the opportunity for skill instruction outside the playing season in football. As a result, adding a legislated 14 consecutive calendar-day break in the sport of football at the conclusion of an institution's playing season provides consistency across all Division II sports and ensures that football student-athletes will be provided a sufficient break for recovery and to focus on academics.

NO. NC-2017-16 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- MEMBERSHIP PROCESS -- ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

Intent: To specify that an institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from an active Division II conference before applying for Division II membership.

Bylaws: Amend 20.2.2.2, as follows:

20.2.2.2 Administrative Requirement Prior to Active Membership -- Conference Membership. ~~Before the Membership Committee may invite an applicant institution to become an active member, an active conference (or an athletics conference applying for membership) must have taken action to allow the applicant institution to become a full conference member.~~ **An institution must receive a bona fide invitation for membership from an active Division II conference before applying for Division II membership.**

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

Effective Date: Immediate; for those institutions applying for Division II membership on or after February 1, 2017.

Additional Information:

Under current legislation, before the Division II Membership Committee may invite an institution to become an active member, the institution must demonstrate that an active Division II conference has taken action to allow the institution to become a full conference member. The change will require an institution applying to Division II membership to have a commitment from an active conference at the time of application to become a full conference member when the institution becomes active. Doing so ensures that the institution has appropriate support and is involved at the conference level throughout the process. The institution may use a memorandum, signed by the chair of the chancellors and presidents' group of the conference, as evidence of the active member conference's offer to become a full member upon the institution becoming an active institution. This change will have a positive impact on the student-athlete experience that is a direct result of having a commitment from an active conference.

NO. NC-2017-17 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- REQUIREMENTS -- DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP -- CONFERENCE CHAMPION INELIGIBLE, DECLINES TO OR CANNOT COMPETE -- DETERMINATION OF AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER

Intent: To specify that if a conference's automatic qualifier is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year in the sport, as specified; further, to clarify that conference policy shall determine how a conference's automatic qualifier is determined for championship selection.

Bylaws: Amend 31.3.4.2, as follows:

31.3.4.2 Requirements -- Division Championship. To be eligible for automatic qualification in any Division II championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[31.3.4.2-(a) through 31.3.4.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Conference Champion Ineligible, Declines to or Cannot Compete. All eligible member institutions must agree to participate in the appropriate NCAA championship. If a conference's ~~champion~~ **automatic qualifier** is ineligible to compete, declines to compete or cannot compete for any reason, automatic qualification shall be withdrawn for that year, and the remaining conference members shall be considered at large. **Conference policy shall determine how a conference's automatic qualifier is determined for championship selection.**

[Remainder of 31.3.4.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

This change is consistent with current practices and the application of the automatic qualification legislation in that each conference determines how its automatic qualifier in a sport is identified for championship selections. For example, not all conferences identify the conference champion as its automatic qualifier. In addition, this change gives a conference flexibility in determining its policy to identify its conference automatic qualifier (e.g., regular season champion, conference champion).

NO. NC-2017-18 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACT RESTRICTIONS AT SPECIFIED SITES -- PRACTICE OR COMPETITION SITE -- EXCEPTION FOR CONTACT ON INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS ON DAY OF COMPETITION PRIOR TO COMPETITION

Intent: To specify that an institutional coaching staff member may have contact with a prospective student-athlete on a day of competition prior to the competition, provided the contact occurs on the institution's campus and the institution's campus is not the competition site.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.2, as follows:

13.1.7.2 Practice or Competition Site. Recruiting contact may not be made with a prospective student-athlete before any athletics competition in which the prospective student-athlete is a participant during the day or days of competition, even if the prospective student-athlete is on an official or unofficial visit. Such contact includes the passing of notes to a prospective student-athlete by a third party on behalf of an institutional staff member. Such contact shall be governed by the following: [D]

[13.1.7.2-(a) through 13.1.7.2-(e) unchanged.]

[13.1.7.2.1 through 13.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.7.2.5 Exception - Contact on Institution's Campus on Day of Competition Prior to Competition. An institutional staff member is permitted to have on-campus contact prior to competition with a prospective student-athlete and/or his or her relatives or legal guardians, provided the prospective student-athlete is not scheduled to compete on that day on the institution's campus.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-19 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VISIT -- HIGH SCHOOL OR PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EXCEPTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE WITH A FINAL ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

Intent: To permit an institution to provide an official visit to a high school or college preparatory prospective student-athlete without receiving a current transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete's final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.2.1, as follows:

13.6.2.1 High School or Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete. An institution shall not provide an official visit to a high school or preparatory school prospective student-athlete until he or she: [D]

[13.6.2.1-(a) through 13.6.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.1 High School or College-Preparatory School Prospective Student-Athlete With a Final Academic Certification. An institution may provide a high school or college-preparatory school prospective student-athlete with an official visit without having received a current high school or college-preparatory transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete's final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-20 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-
SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR
DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN
ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE
ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN
ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY
EXCEPTION -- ADDITIONAL YEAR

Intent: In men's ice hockey, to extend the exception to the organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation from one to two years.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men's Ice Hockey Exception. In men's ice hockey, for a maximum of ~~one~~ **two** years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted, provided such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the United States Hockey Association or the international equivalent.

[14.2.4.2.2.4.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate, for individuals initially enrolling in a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2017.

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-21 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PERMISSIBLE TRAVEL
EXPENSES -- RECEIPT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY
EXPENSES FROM HOST OF NONCOMPETITIVE EVENT

Intent: To specify that an entity hosting a noncompetitive event may provide a student-athlete with actual and necessary expenses to represent the institution at the event.

Bylaws: Amend 16.9, as follows:

16.9 Permissible Travel Expenses. An institution, conference, event host or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in noncompetitive events [e.g., goodwill tours, media appearances (see Bylaw 12.5.3), student-athlete advisory committee meetings]. [R]

[16.9.1 and 16.9.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-22 AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- PROVISION OF EXPENSES BY INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER THAN THE INSTITUTION -- LODGING PROVIDED BY RELATIVE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: To specify that a relative of a student-athlete is permitted to provide lodging or actual and necessary expenses for lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

Bylaws: Amend 16.10, as follows:

16.10 Provision of Expenses by Individuals or Organizations Other Than the Institution.

16.10.1 Permissible.

[16.10.1.1 through 16.10.1.4 unchanged.]

16.10.1.5 Lodging Provided by Relative of Student-Athlete. A relative of a student-athlete may provide lodging or actual and necessary expenses for lodging to student-athletes in conjunction with, or en route to or from, an away-from-home contest.

[16.11 and 16.12 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-23 COMMITTEES -- SPORTS COMMITTEES WITH ONLY DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION

Intent: To establish separate men's and women's track and field and cross country committees consisting of eight members, with representation from each region and in accordance with current committee composition guidelines.

Bylaws: Amend Figure 21-1, as follows:

Figure 21-1 Sports Committee Membership

FIGURE 21-1
Division II Sports Committee Membership

Committee	Number of Members
Baseball Committee	8
Basketball Committee, Men's	8
Basketball Committee, Women's	8
<i>Track and Field and Cross Country Committee, Men's and Women's</i>	8, four members shall represent men's <i>track and field cross country</i> interests and four members shall represent women's <i>track and field cross country</i> interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II <i>track and field cross country</i> regions*.
Field Hockey Committee	4
Football Committee	8, consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division II football regions and each member shall represent a different member conference or independent institution
Golf Committee, Men's	4
Golf Committee, Women's	4
Lacrosse Committee, Men's	4. Each of the Division II lacrosse regions shall be represented.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's	4, consisting of equal representation from each region
Rowing Committee, Women's	3
Soccer Committee, Men's	8
Soccer Committee, Women's	8
Softball Committee, Women's	8
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's	5, two members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and two members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with one position allocated for a man and one position allocated for a woman with one additional member representing diving interests
Tennis Committee, Men's and Women's	8, consisting of three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two unallocated positions
<u>Track and Field, Men's and Women's</u>	<u>8, four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II track and field regions*.</u>
Volleyball Committee, Women's	8
Wrestling Committee	4

* The Men's and Women's Track and Field *and Cross Country* Committee shall be responsible for the Division II *cross country*, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field championships. (See Bylaw 31 for committee duties related to the administration of championships.)

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Currently, the committee oversees all aspects of Division II men's and women's cross country and Division II men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, which can require members to spend up to 24 days away from their campus/conference jobs in order to attend championships and meetings. Separating the Cross Country Committee would decrease the time commitment for those members and potentially increase interest in serving on the committee, as well as improve the health and well-being and work-life balance for the committee members. The immediate effective date would allow for nominations and selection of committee members in preparation for the new committees to operate in the 2017-18 academic year.

NO. NC-2017-24 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- DAYS OF COMPETITION -- NOON
START TIME -- EXCEPTION -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING
CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: In fencing, to specify that competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing championships may begin prior to noon.

Administrative: Amend 31.1.4.4, as follows:

31.1.4.4 Noon Start Time. NCAA competition conducted on Sunday may not begin before noon, local time.

[31.1.4.4.1 and 31.1.4.4.2 unchanged.]

**31.1.4.4.3 Exception -- Men's and Women's Fencing Championships.
Competition conducted on Sunday in the men's and women's fencing
championships may begin prior to noon.**

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

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

NO. NC-2017-25 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- SELECTION OF TEAMS AND
INDIVIDUALS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- EARNED
ACCESS -- REQUIREMENTS -- AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Intent: To specify that institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sport-sponsorship requirement for earned access in football.

Administrative: Amend 31.3.5.1, as follows:

31.3.5.1 Requirements. To be eligible for earned access to the football championship, a member conference must meet the following general requirements:

[31.3.5.1-(a) and 31.3.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

- (c) Have at least six members that sponsor football at the varsity intercollegiate level that are eligible for the NCAA championship and have had at least six members that are eligible for the NCAA championship participate in the process that determines possible earned access. **Institutions that are affiliate members of a Division II football-playing conference may be used to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for earned access in football.**

[Once a conference has satisfied the requirements for earned access set forth in Bylaws 31.3.5.1-(a) through 31.3.5.1-(c), the conference must also meet the following criteria:]

[31.3.5.1-(d) through 31.3.5.1-(f) unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Additional Information:

Allowing football-playing conferences to use affiliate member institutions to count toward the sport-sponsorship requirement for earned access is consistent with a proposal the membership adopted at the 2016 NCAA Convention to amend the automatic qualification (AQ) legislation. Division II Proposal No. 2016-8 (executive regulations -- selection of teams and individuals for championships participation -- automatic qualification) permits institutions that are affiliate members of a conference in a particular sport to satisfy the sponsorship requirement for AQ in that sport. The Division II Football Committee is currently reviewing whether AQ should be used to select teams for the championship and is supportive of football-playing conferences using affiliate members to meet the earned access legislation during this review.

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Corresponding Legislative Proposal Numbers

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Appendix H

Convention Voting Procedures

The following terms and procedures involved in voting at NCAA Conventions have been reviewed by the Association's parliamentarian.

Significant Terms

1. **Vote Announcement** - After a paddle, roll-call or secret ballot vote, the chair announces the vote and states whether the motion passed or failed.
2. **Retake a Vote** - A retake occurs when a paddle vote is taken again or when a paddle vote is counted. A retake may occur before the statement of the next question. After the statement of the next question, a motion to reconsider must be used to retake a vote. During a retake, voters may change their votes and new eligible voters may participate. A retake motion would be considered dilatory and, therefore, denied after a roll-call vote and out of order after a secret-ballot vote unless it is clear that the question was misunderstood or that fraud had occurred.
3. **Change a Vote** - In a paddle vote, a vote may be changed if a retake occurs or by rising for that purpose before the result is announced by the chair. After the announcement of the vote, but before the next question is stated, a change may be made only by permission of the assembly by a majority vote after a nondebatable motion. In a rollcall vote, a change may occur before closing the polls or the polls may be reopened to change a vote before the statement of the next question. In a secret-ballot vote, no change may be made once the ballot is cast. After the statement of the next question following a roll-call vote and after a vote is cast in a secret ballot, a vote change can occur only through a successful motion to reconsider.
4. **Recount a Vote** - This applies only to a secret-ballot vote. The ballots simply are counted again as cast and can be ordered only by a majority vote of the assembly.
5. **Closing the Polls** - For roll-call and secret-ballot votes, the polls are opened when the chair calls for the vote. When the chair has ascertained that all who so desire have voted or have changed their votes, the chair will state that the polls are closed. If there is disagreement on closing the polls, they may be closed by a two-thirds vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, the polls may be reopened before the statement of the next question by majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, however, the chair will move to the next item on the agenda.
6. **Statement of Next Question** - When a new motion is made and seconded, the chair will announce that "The motion before you is.... Is there any discussion?" This is the statement of the next question and ends the opportunity to retake a vote or reopen the polls in regard to the preceding question.
7. **Reconsideration** - After the statement of the next question, only one motion to reconsider any foregoing question may be made before adjournment of the Convention by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of a vote taken in a division or subdivision business session must occur in that division's or subdivision's business session, except that such reconsideration also may occur during a designated period at the beginning of the general business session.

Voting Procedures

1. Paddle Voting

- a. The chair calls for a vote by paddles, and determines the result by sound or sight from the dais.
- b. The chair may retake the vote if there is doubt.
- c. The chair must have the vote counted if requested by a voting delegate. The chair also may choose to retake a paddle vote and have it counted by hand or by the wireless voting system.
- d. During a retake, new voters may participate or votes may be changed. Vote changes also may occur before the result is announced by the chair.
- e. A retake will not be permitted after the next question has been stated. A request to retake a counted vote will be regarded as dilatory by the chair and will not be allowed.

2. Roll-Call Voting (by Wireless Voting System)

- a. A roll-call vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, following a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a secret-ballot and a rollcall vote are moved, the assembly votes first on whether or not to vote by roll call. A motion to conduct a secret ballot on an issue designated for roll call by the Presidents Councils will be considered out of order.
- b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for a roll-call vote by use of wireless voting system.
- c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to has voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that polls are closed.
- d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new voters, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
- e. Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a majority.

3. Ballot Voting (Secret Ballot)

- a. A secret ballot may be ordered by the assembly before, during or after any ordinary vote (but before the next question is stated) by a majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so.
- b. Once ordered, the chair shall ask for the vote by wireless voting system. Votes will be tallied electronically, but only a summary printout of results will be reported.
- c. After the chair determines that all who wish to vote have voted, the polls shall be closed. A vote change shall not be permitted once the vote is cast.
- d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. Once the next question is stated by the chair, the polls may not be reopened for a new vote on the prior issue.
- e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.

Appendix I

Convention Lanyards, Badges and Voting Paddles

The Convention lanyards are of various colors to designate the individual's delegate status. The designations are as follows:

Division I (Autonomy), Divisions II and III voting delegate	Red lanyard
Division I (Autonomy), Divisions II and III alternate delegate	Blue lanyard
All other Division I, Divisions II and III delegate with speaking rights	Green lanyard
Divisions II and III delegate without speaking rights and other observers	White lanyard

Only those persons with red, blue or green lanyards are permitted to speak in a business session.

In addition, the Convention badges are of different colors to designate the individual's status. The designations are as follows:

Delegate	Red designation on name badge
Speaker/Presenter	Green designation on name badge
Media	Teal designation on name badge
President/Chancellor	Purple designation on name badge
NCAA Staff	Blue designation on name badge
Vendor	Brown designation on name badge
Autonomy Conference Members	Orange designation on name badge
Visitor	Grey designation on name badge

The following is a listing of the different voting paddle colors in use at the 2017 NCAA Convention:

Aqua	Division I
Orange	Division II
Yellow	Division III

Appendix J

NCAA Governance Structure

Board of Governors

Chair - G.P. (Bud) Peterson

Div.	Name, Institution	Conference	Term Exp.
FBS	Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky	Southeastern	August 2020
FBS	Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder	Pac-12	August 2020
FBS	John C. Hitt, University of Central Florida	American Athletic	August 2017
FBS	Eric W. Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	Big Ten	August 2019
FBS	Steven Leath, Iowa State University	Big 12	August 2020
FBS	Roderick McDavis, Ohio University	Mid-American	August 2017
FBS	G.P. (Bud) Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlantic Coast	August 2019
FBS	James Phillips, Northwestern University	Big Ten	April 2017
FBS	E. Joseph Savoie, University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Sun Belt	August 2017
FCS	Robert Caslen, U.S. Military Academy	Patriot	August 2019
FCS	Baker Pattillo, Stephen F. Austin State University	Southland	August 2019
DI	Dianne F. Harrison, California State University, Northridge	Big West	August 2018
DI	Samuel Stanley, Stony Brook University	America East	August 2018
II	Glen Jones, Henderson State University	Great American	August 2017
II	Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	CIAA	January 2017
II	Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University	Mid-America Intercollegiate	January 2017
III	Alan S. Cureton, University of Northwestern-St. Paul	Upper Midwest	January 2017
III	L. Jay Lemons, Susquehanna University	Landmark	June 2017
III	Tracey Ranieri, State University of New York at New Paltz	State University of New York	January 2017

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Donald Remy, Executive Vice President of Law, Policy and Governance/Chief Legal Officer

Jackie Campbell, Director of Law, Policy and Governance

Division II Presidents Council
Chair - Steve Scott

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
John Denning, Stonehill College	January 2021
Ronald L. Ellis, California Baptist University	January 2018
Michael Fiorentino, Jr., Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	January 2019
Deborah Ford, University of Wisconsin, Parkside	January 2017
Cynthia Jackson-Hammond, Central State University	January 2019
Glen Jones, Henderson State University	January 2019
Philip Kerstetter, University of Mount Olive	January 2020
William LaForge, Delta State University	January 2020
Gary Olson, Daemen College	January 2020
Elwood Robinson, Winston-Salem State University	January 2021
Michael Scales, Nyack College	January 2017
Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University	January 2017
Dene K. Thomas, Fort Lewis College	January 2017
W. David Watts, University of Texas of the Permian Basin	January 2019
M. Roy Wilson, Wayne State University (Michigan)	January 2020
Leslie Wong, San Francisco State University	January 2018

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Division II Management Council
Chair - Jacqie McWilliams

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
Robin Arnold, Holy Family University	January 2018
Julia Beeman, Belmont Abbey College	January 2018
Douglas Blais, Southern New Hampshire University	January 2017
Carrie Bodkins, Alderson Broaddus University	January 2018
Thomas Bullock, University of the District of Columbia	January 2019
Curtis Campbell, Tuskegee University	January 2019
Tonya Charland, Great Lakes Valley Conference	January 2018
Kim J. Duyst, California State University, Stanislaus	January 2020
Gary R. Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks	January 2018
Lynn Griffin, Coker College	January 2019
Bob Hogue, Pacific West Conference	January 2017
Paul Leidig Ph.D., Grand Valley State University	January 2019
Laura Liesman, Georgian Court University	January 2020
Jasmyn Lindsay, Queens University of Charlotte	January 2018
Richard Loosbrock, Adams State University	January 2017
Bridget E. Lyons, Barry University	January 2020
Jacqie McWilliams, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association	January 2017
Stephen L. Murray, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	January 2020
Ismael Pagan-Trinidad, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez	January 2020
Pennie Parker, Rollins College	January 2019
Lindsay Reeves, University of North Georgia	January 2019
Eric Schoh, Winona State University	January 2020
Kevin Schriver, Southwest Baptist University	January 2018
Scott Swain, Notre Dame College (Ohio)	January 2018
Kim Vinson, Cameron University	January 2019
Deron Washington, Pittsburg State University	January 2017
Stan Williamson, University of West Alabama	January 2019
Cherrie Wilmoth, Southeastern Oklahoma State University	January 2020
Gilbert "Griz" Zimmermann, Texas A&M International University	January 2019

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Appendix K

Request for Interpretations

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice before the Convention. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Official Notice may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contact person at kwolf@ncaa.org, not later than December 2, 2016. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.