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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- RECONSIDERATION -- ELIMINATE WINDOW OF RECONSIDERATION AND PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL RECONSIDERATION	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	To eliminate the opportunity to reconsider an amendment following confirmation of an affirmative or negative vote on that amendment by the presiding officer.	SPOPL	The window of reconsideration for items just debated and voted on is unnecessary. Voting delegates have ample time to research and determine their institutional opinion, debate the merits, and cast informed final votes on proposals. Allowing any additional opportunity to discuss and revote on a previously decided proposal is superfluous. The window of reconsideration provides opportunities for unethical voting. Many delegates may depart after an initial vote on Convention proposals; as a result, a delegate could strategically vote on the prevailing side of a proposal with the intent to use the window of reconsideration to take advantage of the change in the composition of the room and reverse the outcome on the proposal. Removing the window of reconsideration and any additional opportunity to request a revote will be a positive change and will streamline the business session at Convention.
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF FOR TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR/OUTDOOR AND SWIMMING AND DIVING	Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	To eliminate the requirement that the mandatory day off for track and field and swimming and diving programs be the same day for every student-athlete.	SPOPL	Currently, the required day off must apply to each team as a whole. Division III indoor and outdoor track and field and swimming and diving teams have difficulty accommodating the number of different disciplines within the sports and the distinct training regimens amongst those disciplines. A number of variables go into planning practices and athletically related activities for these two sports. Allowing institutions the flexibility to schedule athletically related activities independently for each student-athlete will minimize challenges such as limited facility availability, staffing concerns, and student-athlete class schedule conflicts without increasing the time demands on individual student-athletes. Additional flexibility to accommodate each student-athlete's individual schedule and training requirements will also prevent injuries. An immediate effective date will allow institutions to take advantage of more appropriate scheduling practices during the spring of 2017.
RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEREGULATING CAMPS AND CLINICS	North Coast Athletic Conference, Landmark Conference and Middle Atlantic Conferences	To deregulate the tryout events and camps and clinics legislation to allow institutions to host or conduct events involving prospective student-athletes, provided those events are: (1) open to the general public; and (2) do not offer free or reduced admission to prospective student-athletes.	SPOPL	Camps and clinics provide benefits to institutions and conveniences to prospective student-athletes; they are one of the most effective recruiting tools for any institution. Additionally, athletic departments and athletics staff can realize revenue and income from these events. Much confusion exists surrounding the application of the existing legislation and the nuances in the legislation do little to minimize recruiting advantages or demand on prospective student-athletes. This proposal would allow for instruction, practice-type activities and competition amongst prospective student-athletes without the unnecessary restrictions that exist in the current legislation. This proposal would continue to require that events involving prospective student-athletes are open to the general public and could not offer free or reduced admission to prospective student-athletes. Additionally, institution-hosted events would continue to be precluded from offering recruiting or scouting services. Maintaining those limited restrictions while eliminating all other existing criteria related to camps and clinics will make it easier for institutions to productively host events involving prospective student-athletes without opening the door for abuse. An immediate effective date will allow institutions to take advantage of the more reasonable restrictions beginning in 2017.
ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE AND POSTBACCALAUREATE TRANSFERS	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Little East Conference	To permit a graduate student to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the institution of his or her choice.	SPOPL	Current legislation permits a graduate or postbaccalaureate student to participate only at the institution from which the student-athlete received his or her undergraduate degree. This legislation is overly restrictive in that it prohibits student-athletes who have already achieved the primary goal of collegiate enrollment (i.e., the attainment of an undergraduate degree) from continuing to pursue athletics endeavors while simultaneously progressing toward a postgraduate degree and the ultimate fulfillment of their academic and career goals. Currently,

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				student-athletes on the verge of earning a baccalaureate degree with both seasons of participation and terms of attendance remaining must either delay graduation or potentially enroll in a graduate program that is not consistent with their career aspirations in order to continue their athletics participation.
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIELD HOCKEY AND LACROSSE -- PRESEASON JOINT PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE OR EXHIBITION -- EXEMPTION FROM MAXIMUM CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION LIMITATIONS	Middle Atlantic Conferences, Empire 8 and Great Northeast Athletic Conference	To allow field hockey and lacrosse teams to conduct an exempted scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice with outside competition prior to the first permissible contest or date of competition.	SPOPL	At the 2015 Convention, the membership adopted Proposal 2015-13, which established an exempted preseason scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice in the sports of soccer and women's volleyball. Because the conference sponsor of Proposal 2015-13 does not sponsor lacrosse or field hockey, neither of those two sports were included in the proposal. Field hockey and lacrosse are very similar to soccer and should be treated in the same fashion. Thus, field hockey and lacrosse should be afforded the opportunity for a preseason exemption that is already available to soccer. This proposal creates consistency between similar sports, which will ease administrative and tracking burden on institutional campuses.
MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL OR RECLASSIFYING MEMBERSHIP -- CLASS SIZE AND ASSIGNMENT -- PROVISIONAL PROGRAM SIZE LIMIT	NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).	To limit the total number of participants in the provisional or reclassifying membership program to not more than 12 institutions.	SPOPL	Setting a maximum limit on the number of institutions in the provisional or reclassifying membership process will improve the quality of attention and service provided to each participating institution. Limiting the number of institutions in the process to 12 will allow each institution to have an experienced mentor by allowing new membership committee members the opportunity to spend one year on the committee before being assigned to mentor an institution in the provisional program. The change also eliminates the need to average class sizes at four per year if, at any time, a waiver for more than four institutions is granted. Participant institutions in the exploratory year would not be included in calculations of the limit. A waiver of the class or program limits would still be available in special circumstances.
PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- STANDARDIZATION OF ANNUAL CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION EXEMPTIONS	NCAA Division III Management Council.	To standardize annual contest and date of competition exemptions. Specifically, to allow each sport to exempt participation in the following: (1) conference championship; (2) season-ending tournament; and (3) two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices. Additionally, to allow the two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices to occur prior to the first permissible contest date in all sports other than wrestling.	SPOPL	Current annual contest and date of competition exemptions vary dramatically from one sport to the next, which creates an administrative burden for institutional staff charged with overseeing compliance with playing seasons legislation. Allowing each sport to continue to exempt conference and season-ending championship (e.g., NCAA championship) participation would maintain the most commonly used annual exemptions. Eliminating all other annual and sport-specific exemptions while permitting each sport to exempt two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices would standardize contest and date of competition exemptions across sports, without negatively impacting the sports that use those current exemptions. Sports with a nontraditional segment would continue to be permitted to exempt an alumni contest occurring during the nontraditional segment; the alumni contest would be the only exemption permitted during the nontraditional segment and those institutions would be required to count the alumni contest as one of their two scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices. Lastly, allowing the scrimmages, exhibitions or joint practices to occur prior to the first contest date allows institutions to use those competitions as preparation for the regular season. Wrestling would continue to be precluded from competing prior to its first permissible contest date based on the rationale for Proposal 2011-12.
FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES THAT CONSIDER ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP, ABILITY, PARTICIPATION OR PERFORMANCE -- RESTRICTION	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Financial Aid Committee)].	To amend the limitations of outside financial aid awards to preclude the donor of an outside aid award that considers athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance from restricting the	SPOPL	Current legislation allows Division III student-athletes to receive a financial aid award from an outside source that considers athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance, provided a variety of conditions are met. One of those conditions precludes the student-athlete's choice of institutions from being restricted, in any way, by the donor of the aid. This requirement precludes a student-athlete from receiving such an award that must be used within

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ON RECIPIENT'S CHOICE OF INSTITUTIONS		recipient to attend a specific institution.		the student-athlete's home state or even within Division III. Amending that requirement to allow these outside awards, as long as the student-athlete is not restricted to attend a single institution allows student-athletes additional flexibility to receive outside awards without subverting the integrity of the outside aid legislation.
NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE	NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)].	To specify that an active member institution shall: (1) establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; and (2) designate an athletics healthcare administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery.	SPOPL	The NCAA Principle of Health and Safety makes it the responsibility of institutions to protect the health of, and provide a safe environment for student-athletes. As a continuum of Inter-Association Consensus: Independent Medical Care for College Student-Athlete Guidelines, this proposal supports this principle and requires further administrative controls in the delivery of integrated sports medicine and athletic training services. Specifically, this proposal addresses the issue of medical providers at institutions having unchallengeable autonomous authority to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions of student-athletes. Further, the administrative structure should ensure that no coach serve as the sole supervisor for any medical provider, nor have sole hiring, retention, or dismissal authority over that provider. This is an issue facing institutions that directly impacts the health and well-being of student-athletes and this proposal will help ensure that appropriate medical care controls and authority exist.