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Second Publication of Proposed Legislation 111th Annual Convention

This publication presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division III legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the July 15 and September 1 deadlines in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA Manual. No attempt has been made to place them in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the Convention agenda. **The order of the 15 proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation will change in the Official Notice. The numeral 2 has been placed in front of each proposal number to help identify its position in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. In addition, for each proposal that appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, a parenthetical follows the proposal number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.**

Each proposal is accompanied by the traditional statement of intent, proposed effective date and a statement of rationale.

Between the posting of the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation on August 15 and September 15, sponsors of the membership-sponsored proposals were permitted to refine and change the amendments in any manner that was germane to the proposal. Such changes could either increase or decrease the modification set forth in the original proposal. All of these changes have been incorporated in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation, which also includes all proposals submitted by September 1 by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and the NCAA Division III Management Council.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2017 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Presidents Council and Management Council, now have until November 1 by 5 p.m. Eastern time to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have 20 or more active member institutions for proper sponsorship in Division III. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by two or more member conferences in Division III. It should be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation; however, information will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Refer to Appendix B for the Request for Interpretation form.

This publication represents the second in a series of three publications dealing with Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of NCAA Constitution 5. The third publication will be as follows:

Official Notice of the 2017 Convention. Issued on November 15; and contains all Division III legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions submitted by the November 1 deadline.

2016-17 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Constitution 5, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

July 15: Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division III membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person, and must be sponsored by at least one conference or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors.

July 18-19: Management Council Consideration. The NCAA Division III Management Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

August 4: Presidents Council consideration. The NCAA Division III Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

Not Later Than August 15: Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Date IPOPL is Posted through September 15: Sponsor-modification period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Also, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should so inform the primary contact person.

September 1: Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Division III Presidents Council or Management Council.

September 1: Deadline for proper co-sponsorship of membership proposals. The proposals must receive proper co-sponsorship from one additional conference (if originally sponsored by one conference) or 10 additional individual institutions (if originally sponsored by 10 institutions) or it will be withdrawn.

September 15: Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original amendment.

Not Later Than September 23: Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all Division III membership-sponsored proposals as modified and includes all proposals sponsored by the Division III Presidents Council or Management Council.

Date SPOPL is Posted through November 1: Amendment-to-amendment period. The Division III Presidents Council and Management Council as well as the membership (see Constitution 5.3.5.3) may submit amendments to the proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the original proposed amendment and the current provisions.

November 1: Deadline for all amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Councils are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if they deem such action necessary.

November 15: Mailing of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division III proposed legislation and the properly submitted amendments-to-amendments and resolutions.

January 18-21, 2017: NCAA Convention. All delegates receive the Convention Program when they register at the Convention. The Convention Program contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information.

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, the rationale statement shall contain reasons why the amendment has an alternative effective date. Those proposals that are given an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective on adjournment of the Convention.]

Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appears in ~~italics and strikethrough~~ 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 III legislation.

No. 2-1 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- INDEPENDENT MEDICAL CARE

Intent: 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.

Constitution: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.18 unchanged.]

3.2.4.19 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 health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes.

3.2.4.20 Athletics Healthcare Administrator. An active institution shall designate an athletics healthcare administrator to oversee the institution's athletic health care administration and delivery.

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports)].

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 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.

No. 2-2 (1-1) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- RECONSIDERATION -- ELIMINATE WINDOW OF RECONSIDERATION AND PROHIBIT ADDITIONAL RECONSIDERATION

Intent: To eliminate the opportunity to reconsider an amendment following confirmation of an affirmative or negative vote on that amendment by the presiding officer.

A. Bylaws: Amend 5.3.13.2, as follows:

5.3.13.2 Vote on Division Dominant Provisions. ~~Before adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a division dominant provision may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of the vote must occur in the appropriate division business session.~~ **An affirmative or negative vote on a division dominant provision is final and may not be reconsidered once that vote has been confirmed by the presiding officer.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 5.3.13.3, as follows:

5.3.13.3 Vote on Federated Provisions. ~~Before adjournment of any Convention, an affirmative or negative vote on an amendment to a federated provision may be subjected to one motion for reconsideration of that action by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of the vote must occur in the business session.~~ **An affirmative or negative vote on a federated provision is final and may not be reconsidered once that vote has been confirmed by the presiding officer.**

Source: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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.

No. 2-3 (1-2) RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEREGULATING CAMPS AND CLINICS

Intent: 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.

Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting.

[13.01 and 13.02 unchanged.]

[13.1 through 13.10 unchanged.]

13.11 ~~Tryouts~~ **Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.**

13.11.1 Prospective Student-Athlete Defined for ~~Tryout Rule~~ **Purposes of this Section.** For purposes of this section, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the activity described. For an incoming student, the limitations of this section do not apply to preseason participation if the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies and is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution.

13.11.2 Prohibited Physical Activities Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.11.2.1 Traditional Tryout. It is impermissible for an athletics department coaching staff member to observe or conduct physical workouts or other recreational activities designed to test the athletics abilities of a prospective student-athlete. [D]

13.11.2.1.1 Permissible Observation of Recreational Activities. A coaching staff member who observes a prospective student-athlete engaging in recreational activities is not considered to be conducting a tryout, provided:

(a) The documented job responsibilities for the coaching staff member include monitoring of an institutional facility for purposes of safety and facility security; and **the observation occurs while the coaching staff member performs this monitoring responsibility; or**

(b) The **activity meets one of the criteria outlined in 13.11.3.** ~~observation occurs while the coaching staff member performs this monitoring responsibility.~~

~~This~~ **The** exception **in Bylaw 13.11.2.1-(a)** does not permit a coaching staff member to direct, supervise or provide instruction to prospective student-athletes, but permits a coaching staff member to stop any activity that is dangerous to a prospective student-athlete or other students.

~~13.11.2.2 Tryout Events. It is impermissible for a member institution or conference to host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skills test or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed and strength tests for prospective student-athletes. An institution's staff member may only attend such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions. [D]~~

[13.11.2.3 renumbered as 13.11.2.2, unchanged.]

13.11.3 Permissible ~~Physical Activities~~ **Events** Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. ~~Any activity not specifically prohibited in Bylaw 13.11.2 and its subsections is permissible. Permissible activities include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

13.11.3.1 ~~Athletics Events or Activities Involving Prospective Student-Athletes.~~ **Competition-Only Events.** ~~It is permissible for a member institution to host, sponsor, promote or conduct any type of athletics event or activity involving prospective student-athletes that is not specifically prohibited within Bylaw 13.11.2. An institution or an athletics department staff member may conduct an event involving prospective student-athletes in which prospective student-athletes are engaged solely in competition.~~

13.11.3.2 Sports Camps and Clinics **and Other Athletics Events.** ~~See Bylaw 13.12.~~**An institution or an athletics department staff member may host, conduct or be employed by an event involving prospective student-athletes, provided:**

(a) The event is open to the general public (limited only by number and age);

(b) The event does not offer free or reduced admission to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade;

(c) Any awards or mementos received by student-athletes are included in the admissions fees charged for participation in the event; and

(d) No athletics department staff member is employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by an event established, sponsored or conducted by a recruiting or scouting service (events established, sponsored or conducted by a recruiting or scouting service are permitted to occur on an institution's campus).

13.11.3.2.1 Institutional Camps/Clinics and Other Athletics Events. Institutional camps and clinics may provide results of an evaluation only to the specific prospective student-athlete to which that evaluation pertains.

13.11.3.2.2 Service or Religious Organization Camps and Conferences. Events conducted by service or religious organizations are exempt from NCAA restrictions on events involving prospective student-athletes.

[13.11.3.3 and 13.11.3.4 unchanged.]

13.11.3.5 High School All-Star Games. ~~A member institution's facilities may be made available for a high school all-star game provided the provisions of Bylaw 13.13.1 are met~~**See Bylaw 13.13.**

13.11.4 Employment at Competition Events, Sports Camps and Clinics and Other Events.

13.11.4.1 Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete at its event provided all compensation received by the prospective student-athlete is for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

13.11.4.2 Student-Athlete Employment. Student-athletes may be employed by athletics events (institutional or non-institutional) involving prospective student-athletes, provided:

(a) The student-athlete performs administrative duties in addition to any coaching or officiating duties;

(b) A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates may not receive compensation for his/her appearance; and

(c) A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own event involving prospective student-athletes.

~~13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.~~

~~13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.~~

~~13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus.~~

~~13.12.1.1.1 Format of Camps or Clinics. An institution's sports camp or clinic shall include instruction or practice programming. The sports camp or clinic may also include competition, but shall not be solely comprised of competition. Additionally, the camp or clinic shall be one that:~~

~~(a) Places special emphasis on a particular sport or sports and provides specialized instruction or practice and may include competition;~~

~~(b) Involves activities designed to improve overall skills and general knowledge in the sport; or~~

~~(c) Offers a diversified experience without emphasis on instruction, practice or competition in any particular sport.~~

~~13.12.1.2 Attendance Restriction. A member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number and age).~~

~~13.12.1.3 Advertisements. Restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4. Such restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). (See Bylaw 12.5.1.7) [D]~~

~~13.12.1.4 Prospective Student Athletes/No Free or Reduced Admission Privileges. In operating a sports camp or clinic, an institution, members of its staff or a representative of its athletics interests shall not give free or reduced admission privileges to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade. [R]~~

~~13.12.1.4.1 Payment of Expenses. A representative of an institution's athletics interests may not pay a prospective student athlete's expenses to attend a member institution's sports camp or clinic. [R]~~

~~13.12.1.4.2 Awards and Mementos. Prospective student athletes may receive awards and mementos from a member institution's sports camp or clinic. The cost of such awards are included in the admissions fees charged for participants in the camp or clinic. [R]~~

~~13.12.1.5 Recruiting Activities. Athletics department staff members shall not engage in recruiting activities during institutional sports camps or clinics. Nonathletics institutional staff members may present and provide general institutional information to camp participants.~~

~~13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.~~

~~13.12.2.1 Prospective Student-Athletes. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete at its institutional sports camp and/or clinic provided all compensation received by the prospective student-athlete is for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.~~

~~13.12.2.2 Student-Athletes.~~

~~13.12.2.2.1 General Rule. A student-athlete who is employed in any sports camp or clinic must meet the following requirements: [R]~~

~~(a) The student-athlete must perform duties that are of a general supervisory character in addition to any coaching or officiating assignments;~~

~~(b) Compensation provided to the student-athlete shall be commensurate with the going rate for camp or clinic counselors of like teaching ability and camp or clinic experience and may not be paid on the basis of the value that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the athletics reputation or fame the student-athlete has achieved. It is not permissible to establish varying levels of compensation for a student-athlete employed in a sports camp or clinic based on the level of athletics skills of the student-athlete; and~~

~~(c) A student-athlete who only lectures or demonstrates at a camp/clinic may not receive compensation for his or her appearance at the camp/clinic.~~

~~13.12.2.2.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic. [R]~~

~~13.12.2.2.1.2 Travel Expenses. A student-athlete may receive actual travel expenses (including lodging and meals in transit and prepaid plane tickets or cash advances) provided such expenses are paid for all employees of the camp/clinic. [R]~~

~~13.12.2.2.1.3 Cash Advances Based on Anticipated Earnings. In the case in which all employees do not receive travel expenses, a cash advance based on anticipated earnings may be provided to a student-athlete only if such advance does not exceed the estimated actual and necessary cost of travel or the student-athlete's estimated employment earnings, whichever is less, and such a benefit is available to all camp employees. [R]~~

~~13.12.2.2.2 Employment in Own Institution's Camp or Clinic. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ its student-athletes as counselors in camps or clinics, provided the student-athletes do not participate in organized practice activities other than during the institution's playing season in the sport (see Bylaw 17.1.1). [D]~~

~~13.12.2.3 High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach at its camp or clinic.~~

~~13.12.2.4 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. [D]~~

~~13.12.2.4.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student athletes. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp in which participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. [D]~~

~~13.12.2.5 Concession Arrangement. A prospective or enrolled student athlete, at his or her own expense, may not operate a concession to sell items related to or associated with the institution's camp. However, the institution may employ the prospective or enrolled student athlete at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services. [R]~~

~~13.12.3 Service or Religious Organization Camps and Conferences. Camps, clinics and conferences conducted by service or religious organizations are exempt from NCAA restrictions on camps and clinics.~~

~~13.12.4 Privately Owned Camp. An institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., guest lecturer, consultant) in a privately owned camp, clinic or coaching school at which prospective student athletes who have started the ninth grade are employed, provided the camp or clinic operates in accordance with the following conditions:~~

~~(a) The camp or clinic shall be open to the general public; and~~

~~(b) The camp or clinic shall not give free or reduced admission privileges to any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade.~~

~~13.12.4.1 Payment of Expenses. It is not permissible for a representative of an institution's athletics interests to pay a prospective student athlete's expenses to attend a privately owned sports camp, clinic or coaching school.~~

~~13.12.4.2 Advertisements. Restrictions related to the advertising of private camps or clinics involving student athletes are set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.7.~~

[13.13 through Figure 13-1 renumbered as 13.12 through Figure 13-1, unchanged.]

Source: North Coast Athletic Conference, Landmark Conference and Middle Atlantic Conferences

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: 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.

Intent: To permit a graduate student to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the institution of his or her choice.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.9, as follows:

14.1.9 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete ~~who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the institution he or she most recently attended as an undergraduate (regardless of whether the individual has received a U.S. baccalaureate degree or its equivalent), a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2 (see Bylaw 14.1.8.1.6.2).~~ **may participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student, provided:**

(a) The student is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree;

(b) The student has eligibility remaining; and

(c) The student's participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2.

[14.1.9.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5, as follows:

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

[14.5.1 unchanged.]

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

[14.5.2-(a) through 14.5.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) The student received a baccalaureate or equivalent degree.

[14.5.3 and 14.5.4 unchanged.]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided he or she does not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which he or she is transferring. (See Bylaw 14.1.12, for student-athletes participating in a recognized foreign exchange/study abroad program).

14.5.5.1.1 Exception. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if:

[14.5.5.1.1-(a) through 14.5.5.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student graduated from the previous institution.

[14.5.5.1.2 and 14.5.5.1.3 unchanged.]

Source: Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Little East Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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, 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.

Financial Aid

No. 2-5 FINANCIAL AID FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES THAT CONSIDER ATHLETICS LEADERSHIP, ABILITY, PARTICIPATION OR PERFORMANCE -- RESTRICTION ON RECIPIENT'S CHOICE OF INSTITUTIONS

Intent: 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 recipient to attend a specific institution.

Bylaws: Amend 15.2.3.5, as follows:

15.2.3.5 Athletics Leadership, Ability, Participation or Performance ~~as a Major Criterion~~. A student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates, which may consider athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The award shall be made on only one occasion but may be disbursed over multiple years;
- (b) The ~~recipient's choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the donor of the aid~~ **donor of the aid shall not limit the recipient's choice of institutions to a specific institution;** and
- (c) There shall be no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete's institution.

[15.2.3.5.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Financial Aid Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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 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.

No. 2-6 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS -- STANDARDIZATION OF ANNUAL CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION EXEMPTIONS

Intent: 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.

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons.

[17.01 and 17.02 unchanged.]

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations. Unless set forth differently in the applicable sports section in Bylaw 17, an institution shall conduct its playing season within the parameters stated in this section.

17.1.1 Playing Season. The playing (i.e., practice and competition) season for a particular sport is the period of time between the date of an institution's first officially recognized practice session and the date of the institution's last practice session or date of competition, whichever occurs later. An institution is permitted to conduct athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) in each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport.

[17.1.1.1 and 17.1.1.2 unchanged.]

17.1.1.3 Length of Playing Season.

17.1.1.3.1 Sports with a Fall NCAA Championship. The length of an institution's playing season shall be limited to a maximum of 18 weeks.

17.1.1.3.1.1 Segment Limitations. Except for the sport of football (see Bylaw 17.10) and unless otherwise noted in the applicable sport section, the playing season shall be conducted according to the following:

[17.1.1.3.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

[17.1.1.3.1.1-(1) unchanged.]

(2) First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1.2 regarding alumni game). This provision is not applicable to men's water polo [see Bylaw 17.26.3-(a)]. **Exempted scrimmages, exhibitions and joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c)] are permitted prior to the first regular-season contest or date of competition.**

[17.1.1.3.1.1-(3) unchanged.]

[17.1.1.3.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[17.1.1.3.2 through 17.1.1.3.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.2 and 17.1.3 unchanged.]

17.1.4 Practice, Contest and Dates of Competition Limitations.

[17.1.4.1 through 17.1.4.4 unchanged.]

17.1.4.5 Standard Contest or Date of Competition Exemptions.

17.1.4.5.1 Annual Exemptions. **The maximum number of contests or dates of competition during the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):**

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA championship):

(b) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament is one that involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season; and

(c) Exhibitions, Scrimmages or Joint Practices. Competition in up to two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices against any opponent (see Bylaw 13.11.2.3 for competition against prospective student-athletes).

17.1.4.5.1.1 *Traditional Segment. Exception -- Alumni Contest. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition during the traditional segment/period shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1): **An institution may exempt one contest or date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution during any segment/period provided it is counted as one of the two exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1.1-(c)].***

- ~~(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA championship);~~
- ~~(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference championship. Such teams may participate in a single elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in the NCAA championship without the game(s) being counted as a regular season contest or postseason tournament;~~
- ~~(c) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCGAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;~~
- ~~(d) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship tournament among independent member institutions (i.e., institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in the specific sport), conducted at the end of the regular season and before the NCAA championship;~~
- ~~(e) Foreign Team in United States. One contest or date of competition each year against a foreign opponent in the United States; and~~
- ~~(f) Fundraising Activity. Any activities in which student athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with alumni and friends of the institution or with local celebrities, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of an institution or other charitable, educational or nonprofit organizations, provided the student athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation.~~

~~17.1.4.5.1.2 Alumni Game. One contest or competition each year with an alumni team of the institution during any segment/period, including during the preseason practice period prior to the first permissible contest/date of competition date.~~

[17.1.4.5.2 and 17.1.4.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.1.5 and 17.1.6 unchanged.]

[17.2 unchanged.]

17.3 Basketball.

[17.3.1 and 17.3.2 unchanged.]

17.3.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (games, scrimmages and exhibitions) against outside competition in basketball before November 15, except as provided under Bylaw 17.3.3.1. When November 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a member institution may play its first contest on the Friday immediately preceding November 15.

17.3.3.1 Exceptions. ~~The following basketball contests (games, scrimmages and exhibitions) are permitted before the first contest dates specified under Bylaw 17.3.3:~~ **An institution is permitted to conduct exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c)] prior to the first permissible date for regular season competition.**

- ~~(a) Exhibitions, Scrimmages and Joint Practices. A maximum of two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices (may include competition) against any outside team may be conducted between the first permissible date for on court preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.3.2.1) and the conclusion of the basketball season;~~

~~(b) Foreign Team Games. An exhibition or scrimmage against a foreign team in the United States may be played on or after November 1 by an institution; and~~

~~(c) Alumni Contest. An institution may conduct an exempted alumni exhibition or scrimmage (see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1.2) on or after October 15, provided the contest occurs during the declared playing season.~~

[17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 and 17.3.5.2 unchanged.]

17.3.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

~~17.3.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of basketball contests or competitions shall exclude up to two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices against any opponent.~~

[17.3.6 unchanged.]

[17.4 and 17.5 unchanged.]

17.6 Cross Country. Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.6.1 and 17.6.2 unchanged.]

~~17.6.3 First Date of Competition. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, except in the traditional segment an institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one date of competition in the institution's maximum limitation on contests or dates of competition.)~~

[17.6.4 through 17.6.6 unchanged.]

17.8 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.8.5.1 and 17.8.5.2 unchanged.]

17.8.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, ~~except for Bylaw 17.1.4.5.3.~~)

~~17.8.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition for fencing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for fencing; and~~

~~(b) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in fencing in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by an active member located outside the area in question.~~

~~17.8.5.3.2 Sport Specific Exemptions.~~

[17.8.6 unchanged.]

17.9 Field Hockey. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.9.1 and 17.9.2 unchanged.]

17.9.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, ~~except during the traditional segment~~): **Additionally, an institution may play up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first regular scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1.**

~~(a) An institution may play up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first regular scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests.~~

~~(b) An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of three scrimmages or exhibitions detailed in (a).~~

[17.9.4 through 17.9.6 unchanged.]

17.10 Football.

[17.10.1 and 17.10.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game) against outside competition in football before the Thursday preceding the weekend that is 11 weeks before the first round of the Division III Football Championship, except as provided in 17.10.3.1.

17.10.3.1 ~~Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition~~ **Exception.** A member institution may conduct ~~one preseason joint practice (may include competition), scrimmage or exhibition~~ **exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c)]** before the first permissible contest date against an outside team ~~provided neither team misses class.~~

[17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Contests.

[17.10.5.1 and 17.10.5.2 unchanged.]

17.10.5.3 Exemptions. ~~The maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~ **(See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5).**

~~(a) Twelve Member Conference Championship Game. A conference championship game between division champions of a member conference of 12 or more institutions that is divided into two divisions (of six or more institutions each), each of which conducts round robin, regular season competition among the members of that division;~~

~~(b) Conference Tournament. A conference sponsored postseason tournament (i.e., one between teams that are not identified until the end of the preceding regular season), not to exceed one contest for any one member institution;~~

~~(c) Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition. One preseason joint practice (may include competition), scrimmage or exhibition conducted during the preseason practice period per Bylaw 17.10.3;~~

~~(d) Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;~~

~~(e) Foreign Tour. The football games played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a three-year period and is conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29; and~~

~~(f) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. A maximum of four contests on a regular season trip or a tournament (not to exceed four contests), either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, scheduled not more than once every four years by an institution located outside of Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. This limitation shall not apply to a regular season conference contest between two members of the same NCAA member conference.~~

[17.10.6 unchanged.]

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.11.1 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 and 17.11.5.2 unchanged.]

17.11.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

~~17.11.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) College All-American Golf Classic. Participation by an institution in the College All-American Golf Classic, provided not more than two student athletes from the institution participate in that event; and~~

~~(b) College Am Event. A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation.~~

[17.11.6 unchanged.]

17.12 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.12.5.1 and 17.12.5.2 unchanged.]

17.12.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, except for Bylaw 17.1.4.5.3.)

~~17.12.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of gymnastics contests or competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for gymnastics;~~

(b) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in gymnastics in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question; and

(c) USA Gymnastics and NCGA Championships. Competition in the USA Gymnastics and National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) collegiate gymnastics championships.

[17.12.6 unchanged.]

17.13 Ice Hockey. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. Institutions that conduct women's ice hockey shall comply with the same playing and practice season legislation that currently exists for men's ice hockey. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.13.1 and 17.13.2 unchanged.]

17.13.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game, exhibition or scrimmage) against outside competition in ice hockey before the second Friday following the first permissible practice date, except as provided under Bylaw 17.13.3.2.

[17.13.3.1 unchanged.]

17.13.3.2 ~~Preseason Scrimmage or Exhibition~~ **Exception**. A member institution may conduct ~~one scrimmage, exhibition game or joint practice~~ **exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c)]** before the first permissible contest date provided the student-athletes participating have completed the five-day acclimatization period (see Bylaw 17.13.3.1).

[17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 Number of Contests.

[17.13.5.1 and 17.13.5.2 unchanged.]

17.13.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

~~17.13.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions.~~

(a) Women's Ice Hockey. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude two women's ice hockey contests against the U.S. national women's ice hockey team during the season leading up to the Winter Olympics (see Figure 17-1).

(b) Foreign Team in U.S./U.S. National Development Team. One ice hockey contest each year with either a foreign opponent in the United States [See Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1.1-(e)] or with a team that is involved in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program.

[17.13.6 unchanged.]

[17.14 unchanged.]

17.15 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.15.1 through 17.15.4 unchanged.]

17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.15.5.1 and 17.15.5.2 unchanged.]

17.15.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, except for Bylaw 17.1.4.5.3.)

~~17.15.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition for rifle shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition played against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for rifle; and~~

~~(b) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in rifle in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, against an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by an active member located outside the area in question.~~

[17.15.6 unchanged.]

17.16 Rowing, Women's. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.16.1 through 17.16.4 unchanged.]

17.16.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.16.5.1 and 17.16.5.2 unchanged.]

17.16.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, except for Bylaw 17.1.4.5.3.)

~~17.16.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) U.S. Rowing Association Championship. Competition in the U.S. Rowing Association championship; and~~

~~(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in rowing in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question.~~

[17.16.6 unchanged.]

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)

[17.17.1 and 17.17.2 unchanged.]

17.17.3 First Contest. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, ~~except during the traditional segment an institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one contest.~~)

[17.17.4 unchanged.]

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.17.5.1 and 17.17.5.2 unchanged.]

17.17.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5, ~~except for Bylaw 17.1.4.5.3.~~)

~~17.17.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's rugby shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) National Governing Body Championship. Competition in the rugby national governing body championship; and~~

~~(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in rugby in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question.~~

[17.17.6 unchanged.]

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.18.1 through 17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.18.5.1 and 17.18.5.2 unchanged.]

17.18.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaws 17.1.4.5, ~~except for 17.1.4.5.3.~~)

~~17.18.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of skiing dates of competitions shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):~~

~~(a) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against the U.S. National Team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for skiing; and~~

~~(b) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition in skiing in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside the area in question.~~

[17.18.6 unchanged.]

17.19 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.19.1 and 17.19.2 unchanged.]

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. **(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1) Additionally, an institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1.**

~~(a) An institution may play up to three soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 of which one may be exempted from the maximum number of contests (See 17.19.5.3.1).~~

~~(b) An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of three scrimmages or exhibition games detailed in (a).~~

[17.19.4 through 17.19.6 unchanged.]

[17.20 through 17.24 unchanged.]

17.25 Volleyball. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.25.1 through 17.25.4 unchanged.]

17.25.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.25.5.1 and 17.25.5.2 unchanged.]

17.25.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

~~17.25.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemption—Women's Volleyball. An unlimited number of preseason joint practices (may include competition), scrimmages or exhibitions conducted on one date during the preseason practice periods per Bylaw 17.25.2 (b).~~

[17.25.6 unchanged.]

17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.26.1 and 17.26.2 unchanged.]

17.26.3 First Date of Competition.

(a) Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game, exhibition or scrimmage) against outside competition in men's water polo before the first Saturday in September. **An institution may conduct exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practice [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c) before the first Saturday in September.**

[17.26.3-(b) unchanged.]

[17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.26.5.1 and 17.26.5.2 unchanged.]

17.26.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

~~17.26.5.3.1 Sport Specific Exemptions. The maximum number of men's and women's water polo competitions shall exclude one date of competition against the U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body for water polo.~~

[17.26.6 unchanged.]

[17.27 through Figure 17-1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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.

No. 2-7 (1-5) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING SEASON REGULATIONS --
REQUIRED DAY OFF FOR TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR/OUTDOOR AND SWIMMING AND
DIVING

Intent: 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.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.4.1, as follows:

17.1.4.1 Required Day Off, All Sports. During the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1), all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per defined week (see Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)), except during the following:

[17.1.4.1-(a) through 17.1.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

17.1.4.1.1 Exception -- Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor and Swimming and Diving. The required one calendar day off per defined week may apply individually to each student-athlete.

[17.1.4.1.1 renumbered as 17.1.4.1.2, unchanged.]

Source: Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: 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.

No. 2-8 (1-6) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIELD HOCKEY AND LACROSSE -- PRESEASON
JOINT PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE OR EXHIBITION -- EXEMPTION FROM MAXIMUM
CONTEST AND DATE OF COMPETITION LIMITATIONS

Intent: 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.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 Field Hockey. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.9.1 and 17.9.2 unchanged.]

17.9.3 First Contest or Date of Competition. (See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.1.1, ~~except during the traditional segment~~):

~~(a) An institution may play up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first regular scheduled contest, provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests.~~

~~(b) An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of three scrimmages or exhibitions detailed in (a).~~

17.9.3.1 Exceptions.

(a) An institution may play up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's win-loss record) before the first regular scheduled contest.

provided the scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1, one of which may be exempted from the maximum number of contests (see 17.9.5.3.1).

(b) An institution may conduct an unlimited number of exhibitions or scrimmages on one date during the preseason practice period, which shall count as one of three scrimmages or exhibitions detailed in (a).

[17.9.4 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.9.5.1 and 17.9.5.2 renumbered as 17.9.5.2 and 17.9.5.3, unchanged.]

17.9.5.3~~4~~ Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

17.9.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. One preseason joint practice (may include competition), scrimmage or exhibition conducted during the preseason practice period per Bylaw 17.9.3.1.

[17.9.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 Lacrosse. Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1.)

[17.14.1 through 17.14.4 unchanged.]

17.14.5 Number and Dates of Competition.

[17.14.5.1 and 17.14.5.2 unchanged.]

17.14.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5.)

17.14.5.3.1 Sport-Specific Exemptions. An unlimited number of preseason joint practices (may include competition), scrimmages or exhibitions conducted on one date prior to the institution's first regular season contest.

[17.14.6 unchanged.]

Source: Middle Atlantic Conferences, Empire 8 and Great Northeast Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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

No. 2-9 MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL OR RECLASSIFYING MEMBERSHIP -- CLASS SIZE AND ASSIGNMENT -- PROVISIONAL PROGRAM SIZE LIMIT

Intent: To limit the total number of participants in the provisional or reclassifying membership program to not more than 12 institutions.

Bylaws: Amend 20.3.2, as follows:

20.3.2 Class Size and Assignment. There shall be a maximum of four institutions admitted to the provisional or reclassifying membership program in any one year, and a maximum of 12 provisional or reclassifying

institutions participating in the program in total. Institutions shall be assigned a start year based on the following criteria:

[20.3.2-(a) and 20.3.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Existing or potential membership in an active Division III conference; and

(d) Broad-based sports sponsorship profile.

20.3.2.1 Waiver. The Membership Committee may grant waivers of Bylaw 20.3.2 if it deems that circumstances warrant such action. ~~If a waiver is granted, then the Membership Committee shall admit classes of fewer than four in the following years so that the average class size remains at four institutions per year.~~

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2017

Rationale: 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.

Appendix A

Legislative Proposal Number Changes

This appendix lists proposals that are included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives their corresponding numbers in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Please note that not all proposals that appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation were included in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

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Appendix B

Request for Interpretation

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to contact primary contact persons, and if necessary, to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contact persons at jmyers@ncaa.org. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title.