

## 2018 NCAA Convention – Division I Autonomy Adopted Proposals

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Rationale	Effective Date	Status
2017-95	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- PERSONNEL AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE BENEFITS -- SIGNIFICANT OTHER	To define "significant other" as a spouse, fiancé, domestic partner or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse; further, to replace "spouse" with "significant other," as specified.	Currently, several bylaws specify the permissible benefits and activities for spouses of coaches, staff members, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes. In today's society, long-term, committed relationships come in many different forms (e.g., same-sex relationships, domestic partnerships). The revisions in this proposal would support the commitment to diversity and inclusion by recognizing the various forms of committed relationships in today's society. Such a change would be consistent with recent proposals related to family members and nontraditional families. The same principle should be applied throughout the entire NCAA Division I Manual by updating the term "spouse" to "significant other."	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-96	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- DIVING	In swimming and diving, to specify that an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach for diving.	Diving is a specialized sport requiring highly trained and skilled coaches to safely develop and supervise student-athletes. There are times during the competitive season when a diving coach may be unavailable to his or her student-athletes (e.g., traveling, serving as official/judge) resulting in diving student-athletes training on campus or competing without the supervision of a qualified coach. Given the multitude of safety concerns with unsupervised training, such a situation does not promote student-athlete well-being. The opportunity to use a volunteer coach for combined programs does not appropriately address such safety concerns since a volunteer coach may not be as highly trained, may be employed full time outside of his or her coaching duties and may not be readily accessible at all times for training or competition. Further, the volunteer coach position for separate programs is commonly utilized for swimming only. Adding a graduate assistant coach for diving adds a safety element and provides a consistent level of supervision for all student-athletes involved in diving activities. The addition could also provide another coaching and educational opportunity for females and minorities seeking to become full-time coaches.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-97	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- WOMEN'S ROWING -- TRAINING TABLE MEALS	In women's rowing, to permit a graduate assistant coach to receive training table meals as provided to an institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration.	Current legislation does not permit a graduate assistant coach to receive training table meals, free of charge, along with the institution's team. This prohibition creates the expectation that graduate assistant coaches remove themselves from training table meals that are available to all other staff associated with the team. This proposal eliminates the burden of monitoring these meals and encourages institutional control and compliance.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-98	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- VOLUNTEER COACH -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION, MEALS AND REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENT	To specify that a volunteer coach may receive: (1) Complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit; (2) Complimentary meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete; and (3) Reasonable	A volunteer coach assists in many aspects of his or her sport, including on-campus recruiting. Currently, a volunteer coach is permitted to receive expenses that are incidental to his or her role/position as a volunteer coach. Such expenses include transportation, lodging and meals in conjunction with away-from-home competition, meals incidental to organized team activities, complimentary admissions to home events in his or her own sport, activities during an official visit, and parking expenses associated with practice and competition. Many coaching staffs include their volunteer coach within all permissible aspects of a prospective student-athlete's visit as he or she is considered an integral part of the coaching staff. Further, many head coaches include the volunteer coach to assist with his or her	08/01/2018	Adopted Final

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		entertainment in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes.	development as a coach. Complimentary admissions to home athletics events while accompanying a prospective student-athlete, meals associated with recruiting visits and team entertainment are benefits that are not compensatory in nature and are consistent with the other benefits a volunteer coach receives incidental to his or her coaching role. A volunteer coach does not receive compensation for his or her commitment to the team and is not expected to cover costs associated with team activities; thus, a volunteer coach should be permitted to receive benefits incidental to recruiting activities and team entertainment, as well.		
2017-99	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- ON-CAMPUS EVALUATION OF VIDEO AND ON-CAMPUS SELECTION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES	To specify that on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes are not recruiting coordination functions.	Under current legislation, a noncoaching staff member may edit and prepare recruiting video to later be evaluated by a coaching staff member. However, it is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member to actually evaluate or identify/select, for further evaluation, any prospective student-athletes he or she sees on that same video. This dynamic is confusing, illogical and unenforceable. In permitting noncoaching staff members to simply engage in on-campus evaluations of video and/or activities (e.g., conversations) related to the selection of prospective student-athletes, this proposal will ease the monitoring burden and further eliminate unnecessary enforcement risk while maintaining all other recruiting restrictions currently placed on noncoaching staff members (e.g., no athletics evaluations other than on-campus evaluations of video).	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-100	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AMATEURISM -- USE OF AGENTS -- EXCEPTION -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY -- PRIOR TO FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT	In men's ice hockey, to specify that: (1) Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations; (2) The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation; and (3) If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment.	The resolution adopted in 2015 (Proposal No. R-2014-1) by the autonomy conferences included a commitment to "redefine rules concerning agents and advisors to assist student-athletes with career planning and decision making." This proposal will provide men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes and their families with the opportunity to obtain professional advice and representation in the interest of making the best informed decision as to whether to start a professional career. Further, the proposal does not change current provisions that are designed to maintain the distinction between an amateur athlete and a professional athlete.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-101	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT --STUDENT HOST -- ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCE -- \$75 PER DAY	To increase, from \$40 to \$75, the allowance that an institution may provide a student host for each day of a prospective student-athlete's official visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s), the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete; further, to increase, from \$20 to \$40, the additional	Recent legislative changes have increased the number of individuals who may accompany a prospective student-athlete and receive entertainment as part of an official visit from four to six (including the prospective student-athlete and a student host). However, the student host entertainment allowance has not changed since 2012, when a moderate inflationary increase was implemented. Feedback from student-athletes has indicated that the current allowance is often insufficient to cover the costs of the most basic forms of entertainment for the student host, the prospective student-athlete and his or her family (current allowance equates to \$6.67 per person, per day). This proposal would increase the legislated maximum allowance to allow an institution, at its discretion, to provide additional funds to a student	08/01/2018	Adopted Final

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		allowance an institution may provide the student host per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains.	host to fully cover the cost of basic forms of entertainment. Such an increase will alleviate situations in which the student host may be faced with difficult choices or conversations with a prospective student-athlete and his or her family.		
2017-102	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- MEALS ON OFFICIAL VISIT -- SNACKS	To specify that during an official visit, an institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks to a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete.	Under current legislation, enrolled student-athletes may receive snacks at any time at an institution's discretion. The opportunity to provide snacks at any time to a prospective student-athlete and his or her family members as part of a 48-hour official visit would be similarly reasonable. This proposal would allow an institution to provide snacks at its discretion, as opposed to only one per day, during an official visit. The result would be increased flexibility in organizing official visits while continuing to limit opportunities for abuse by limiting the nature of the items that may be provided (e.g., pizza, hamburger, cupcakes) and the timeframe in which they may be provided (48-hour official visit).	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-103	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- GENERAL PRINCIPLES -- ELIGIBILITY EFFECT OF VIOLATION -- RESTITUTION FOR RECEIPT OF IMPERMISSIBLE BENEFITS -- INCREASE FROM \$100 TO \$200	To increase, from \$100 or less to \$200 or less, the limitation on the value of improper benefits for which restitution is required.	The restitution value has not been reviewed by the membership for approximately 10 years. Case data indicates an increase to \$200 will lessen bureaucracies and increase efficiencies for the benefit of the membership and student-athletes. This legislation does not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation or the need to request reinstatement if relief from repayment or an alternative reinstatement condition is requested. Additionally, this legislation makes the restitution value for autonomy and nonautonomy provisions consistent.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-104	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- MEDICAL EXPENSES -- MEDICAL COVERAGE	To require that an institution shall provide medical care to a student-athlete for an athletically related injury incurred during his or her involvement in intercollegiate athletics for the institution, as specified.	Current legislation authorizes an institution to provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete for any reason, including expenses and services for athletically related injuries. To provide assurance that medical costs for an athletically related injury are covered by the institution, this proposal will establish standards an institution must meet. However, it also will assure institutional discretion as to how the standards are funded and implemented. This proposal is designed to set forth a standard of coverage. It does not limit an institution's authority to provide additional medical care, as it deems appropriate, for a student-athlete (current or former) related to his or her involvement in intercollegiate athletics.	08/01/2018	Adopted Final
2017-105	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -- CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR TROPHY	To specify that a conference may provide a trophy to one female and one male each year in recognition of being named "scholar-athlete of the year" and to set \$1,500 as the maximum value of the trophy.	While current legislation permits a conference to provide a trophy in recognition of its "athlete of the year," there is provision to provide such recognition to a conference's "scholar-athlete of the year." As a result, conferences oftentimes classify such a scholar-athlete of the year award as an "established regional recognition award," which carries a significantly lower maximum value (\$325) than an "athlete of the year" award (\$1,500). In the interest of promoting and recognizing excellence in academics and education, it is reasonable to allow a conference to provide a trophy (as opposed to a gift or other object) in recognition of such an award that is of equal value to a trophy that may be provided in recognition of a conference "athlete of the year" award.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2017-106	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL --	In basketball, to specify that: (1) An	According to an April 2016 NCAA time demands survey completed by more than 3,100	08/01/	Adopted

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	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR REQUIRED ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- THREE-DAY PERIOD -- BASKETBALL	institution shall provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break); (2) Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days; and (3) An institution may provide the cost of room and board to student-athletes who remain on campus during the three consecutive days off.	basketball student-athletes, more than half of men's basketball student-athletes and over 70-percent of women's basketball student-athletes support a mandatory "no athletics activity period" during an institution's winter break. Further, anecdotal evidence suggests current basketball student-athletes are supportive of a period of multiple days off around the winter holidays to allow them to travel home and spend time with family and friends. This proposal, which was referred by the Division I Council via the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees in conjunction with a proposal to move up the first permissible date of competition by three days, would provide student-athletes with the desired time off. The period may be scheduled at the institution's discretion, but must be completely free from all required athletically related activity.	2018	Final
2017-106-1	AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR REQUIRED ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- THREE-DAY PERIOD -- EXCEPTION -- MULTIPLE TEAM EVENT -- BASKETBALL	To amend Proposal No. 2017-106 to specify that one time during a four-year period, if an institution participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that occurs during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break), the institution shall not be required to provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off.	Certain multiple-team events are traditionally conducted during the winter break vacation period and provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience and opportunity for participating student-athletes. However, the timing of the event in relation to the institution's vacation period and regular playing schedule may present challenges as it relates to also providing the three-day off period. This proposal would provide an institution the flexibility to forego application of the three-day off period one time during a four year period if it participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that occurs during the institution's vacation period after the first term of the academic year.	08/01/2018	Adopted Final