

2017-18 NCAA Autonomy WBB Related PROPOSALS (January Vote)

| Proposal Number | Title | Intent | Rationale | Effective Date |
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| 2017-95 | AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- PERSONNEL AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE BENEFITS - SIGNIFICANT OTHER | To define "significant other" as a spouse, fiancée, 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 allowance an institution may provide the student host per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains. | 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 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. | 08/01/2018 |
| 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, | Immediate |

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| 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. | cupcakes) and the timeframe in which they may be provided (48-hour official visit). 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 |
| 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 |
| 2017-106 | AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR REQUIRED ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- THREE-DAY PERIOD -- BASKETBALL | In basketball, to specify that (1) An 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. | According to an April 2016 NCAA time demands survey completed by more than 3,100 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. | 08/01/2018 |
| 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 |