

## 2018 NCAA Convention – Division II Adopted Proposals

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Rationale	Effective Date	Status
2018-1	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP -- GENERAL -- MEMBERSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- INSTITUTIONS LOCATED IN MEXICO	To specify that an institution located in Mexico may join Division II upon the successful completion of the membership process.	In 2008, Division II adopted Proposal No. 2008-3 which established a pilot program to allow Canadian institutions to join the Division II membership. In April 2017, the NCAA Board of Governors voted to end the 10-year international pilot and established a formal policy regarding international membership in the NCAA. Division II remains the only division with an international member. This proposal will expand the legislation to institutions in Mexico. Giving institutions in Mexico the opportunity to apply for Division II membership will allow Division II student-athletes the chance to benefit from cross-cultural competition, gain experience in international travel and potentially reach new markets. Finally, allowing institutions located in Mexico the opportunity to join the Division II membership, will help expand the number of institutions located in the West region. This proposal would not require institutions to compete in Mexico. Institutions located in Mexico will be required to apply and go through the Division II membership process, which would include receiving a bona fide invitation for membership from an active Division II conference before applying for Division II membership. The immediate effective date will permit institutions located in Mexico to apply for Division II membership by February 1, 2018.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2018-2	ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- SANCTIONS -- ELIMINATION OF LEGISLATED SANCTIONS	To eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering.	The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, the committee believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, it is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines, which would recognize the Association's continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations. [Note: Bylaw 10.3.2 is a common provision across NCAA Divisions I, II, and III.]	Immediate	Adopted Final
2018-3	AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- AWARDS -- APPLICATION OF AWARDS LEGISLATION AND TYPES OF AWARDS, AWARDED AGENCIES, MAXIMUM VALUE AND NUMBERS OF AWARDS -- AWARDS RECEIVED FOR PARTICIPATION WHILE NOT REPRESENTING THE INSTITUTION AND INCREASE IN	To amend the awards legislation, as follows: (1) to specify that the limitations on awards received by a student-athlete are governed by Bylaw 16.1 if the student-athlete is representing the institution or by the rules of the amateur organization that governs the competition if the student-athlete is not representing the institution; (2) to increase the limitation on the maximum value of the annual participation award for a senior by \$100 and to increase the limitation on the maximum value of all	This proposal simplifies the awards legislation by providing greater flexibility for student-athletes to receive awards for outside competition. This change also reduces the burden on institutional staff by eliminating the need to determine whether an award received while the student-athlete was not representing the institution but was enrolled full time satisfies the Bylaw 16 award limitations. Additionally, the proposed award limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 2006 and due to inflation, particularly in the market rate for gold, it has become more difficult to provide the same or similar awards to student-athletes. While all institutions may not approach the dollar limit, the rate of inflation should not restrict those who wish to provide certain awards that may be traditional marks of	08/01/2018	Adopted Final

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	MAXIMUM VALUES	other participation awards by \$50; and (3) to eliminate the restrictions on the type of award that can be provided for a specialized performance in a single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week).	recognition (e.g., rings). Further, the inequity among the divisions will exist if Division II does not increase the limits in a similar manner.		
2018-4	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- FIRST PRACTICE DATE -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT	In football, to specify that an institution shall not begin official preseason practice sessions in the championship segment before 24 days prior to the first permissible contest or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.	The Interassociation Consensus on Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athletes Recommendations included a recommendation to discontinue two-a-day practices. Accordingly, the Division II Presidents Council adopted emergency legislation (Proposal No. EM-2018-1) to eliminate multiple on-field practices in the same day. To account for that, the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief provided waiver relief for the 2017 football season only to allow institutions additional days for preseason practice. This proposal would amend Bylaw 17.10.2.1 (first practice date -- championship segment) to codify the waiver relief and specify that the first practice date in the championship segment is 24 days before the first permissible contest date, or 10 days before the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier. Adoption of this proposal would ensure that institutions are able to adhere to the emergency legislation without compromising their student-athletes' preparedness for the upcoming 2018 season. Additionally, allowing institutions to begin practice three days earlier will provide adequate time for football teams to take the recommended day off per week during the preseason.	Immediate	Adopted Final
2018-5	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- WOMEN -- EXCEPTION -- DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FALL FESTIVAL	In women's volleyball, to specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition before the Thursday preceding August 30.	Under current legislation, women's volleyball loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the Festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the Festival. The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches. In addition, it increases missed class time due to the need to schedule more midweek games because of the condensed regular season. The shortened season also results in a competitive disadvantage for schools located in remote geographic areas, as the opportunity to play midweek games is limited for those institutions due to travel considerations. The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason. This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II's marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season.	Immediate	Adopted Final