

2018 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Related Official Proposals (vote in January)

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Rationale	Effective Date
2018-2	ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- SANCTIONS -- ELIMINATION OF LEGISLATED SANCTIONS	To eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering activities.	The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division III 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, it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports-wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division III Committee on 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
2018-4	ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE AND POSTBACCALAUREATE ELIGIBILITY -- STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM DIVISION III INSTITUTIONS	To permit a student that has graduated from an NCAA Division III institution to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division III institution of his or her choice provided: (1) The student is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; (2) The student has eligibility remaining (i.e., seasons of participation); and (3) The participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set for in Bylaw 14.2.	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. Allowing Division III students with eligibility remaining to continue participation at a Division III institution following completion of a baccalaureate degree allows those students to make academic and athletic choices that are in their best interests. Because these are Division III students, there is not the concern of student-athletes taking advantage of a redshirt year to participate at Division III institutions and thereby diluting the philosophical tenet that promotes athletic participation as primarily a four-year, undergraduate experience. This proposal is also consistent with the Division III membership's feedback from the 2017 NCAA Convention regarding NCAA Division III Proposal 2017-2. Finally, the current waiver conditions for graduate participation would continue to apply for all students that did not attend a Division III institution.	Immediate
2018-6	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ANNUAL CONTEST EXEMPTIONS -- ALUMNI CONTEST	To permit the stand-alone annual exemption of one alumni contest per sport during any segment/period, with the exception of football.	Proposal 2017-4 served to standardize the annual contest and date of competition exemptions. However, we believe the legislation went too far by eliminating the alumni contest as a stand-alone exemption. This proposal restores the alumni contest exemption as it existed in all sports that had them prior to the passage of Proposal 2017-4. Alumni contests are events that serve a distinctly different purpose than preseason scrimmages and exhibition games against organized teams (e.g., Division III member squads, foreign club teams), which are intended to prepare a team for regular season competition. Alumni contests are friendly competitions that are intended to build or maintain good will among former players and current student-athletes and to keep them connected with the institution through a friendly athletic activity. Often times these will occur in the non-traditional season or vacation periods. By standardizing an alumni game exemption separate and distinct from the preseason scrimmage/exhibition/joint practice exemptions, this legislation will more logically reflect the inherent difference between these two types of athletic activities and allow them to more properly meet their intended purposes.	08/01/2018
2018-7	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST --	In basketball, to establish the first permissible contest date as November 8. When November 8 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a	This proposal establishes an earlier first contest date in basketball, which would allow for more balance in institutions' schedules. More game dates would be allowed in the first semester, which could create fewer contests in the second semester and a better balance between	08/01/2018

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	NOVEMBER 8TH	member institution may play its first contest on the Friday immediately preceding November 8.	semesters. This proposal would establish a set first contest date that shortens the month-long preseason by one week. The proposal does not extend the 19 week playing and practice season, but allows for programs to better distribute weeks for practice and/or contests.	
2018-9	AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- INSTITUTIONAL, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL OR NONPROFIT PROMOTIONS -- EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT	To amend the promotional activities legislation by requiring institutions to provide educational material in lieu of obtaining a release statement from the authorized representative of the charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency confirming the student-athlete's name, image or appearance will be used in a manner consistent with Bylaw 12 regulations.	The current legislation requires an institution to have an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency sign a release statement insuring the student-athlete's name, image or appearance is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of the promotional activities legislation. By eliminating the signature requirement for an authorized representative of the charitable, educational or nonprofit agency, while still requiring education on the requirements of the promotional activities legislation, will maintain the intent of the legislation and reduce the administrative burden.	08/01/2018