

Division II Proposals Adopted at the 2019 NCAA Convention

Proposal Number	Title	Intent	Rationale	Effective Date	Source
BOG-2019-1	ORGANIZATION -- BOARD OF GOVERNORS -- INDEPENDENT MEMBERS	To amend legislation related to the NCAA Board of Governors, as follows: (1) Increase the number of members from 20 to 25 by adding five independent voting members; (2) Define an independent member; (3) Specify that an independent member shall be appointed to a three-year term that is renewable for an additional three-year term, and that an independent member who has served two terms shall not serve further; (4) Specify that the Board of Governors shall issue a call for nominations when a vacancy for an independent member occurs; and (5) Specify that the Board of Governors shall serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members.	The Commission on College Basketball recommended that the NCAA restructure its highest governance body, the Board of Governors, to include at least five independent members with the experience, stature and objectivity to assist the NCAA in re-establishing itself as an effective, respected leader and regulator of college sports. One independent member will also serve on the Board of Governors Executive Committee. The current Board of Governors includes 16 institutional presidents or chancellors representing each division as voting members, the chairs of the Division I Council and the Division II and III Management Councils as ex-officio nonvoting members, and the NCAA president (who may vote in case of a tie). Like public companies, major nonprofit associations typically include outside board members to provide objectivity, relevant experience, perspective and wisdom. Board members with those qualities will provide valuable insight to the NCAA as it works towards the restoration of public confidence in college basketball and college sports in general. The Board of Governors will issue a formal call for nominations to fill vacancies; appoint the Board of Governors Executive Committee as the nominating committee; and serve as the final authority for the selection of and additional duties assigned to independent members.	08/01/2019	NCAA Board of Governors (Commission on College Basketball Association-Wide Issues Topical Working Group).
2019-2	ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- VALIDITY OF ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS -- PRE-ENROLLMENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT	To amend Bylaw 14.1.2.1 (pre-enrollment academic misconduct) to define and clarify pre-enrollment academic misconduct activities, the individuals to whom the activities apply and violations of such activities, as specified.	Following a review of post-enrollment academic misconduct, the Academic Requirements Committee reviewed pre-enrollment academic misconduct. Current process permits reviewing high schools, programs and courses (NCAA High School Review Committee), as well as the validity of academic credentials (NCAA Student Records Review Committee). In addition, current process permits investigating potential institutional involvement in violations of NCAA legislation. This proposal extends the application of pre-enrollment academic misconduct to representatives of athletics interests, similar to post-enrollment academic misconduct, emphasizing institutional accountability and the importance of academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics. Further, it clarifies which academic credentials are subject to the pre-enrollment academic misconduct analysis, recognizing that misconduct may involve any component of a prospective student-athlete's academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores).	August 1, 2019, for student-athletes enrolling in an NCAA Division II institution on or after August 1, 2019.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].
2019-3	ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/ 15-QUARTER -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF	To specify that participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the	Under current legislation, a student-athlete's participation in organized competition is exempt during their time spent on active duty in the U.S. or Canadian Armed Services. However, if an international student-athlete not from Canada participates in any organized competition while	April 1, 2019, for a student-athlete enrolling during the 2019-20 academic	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management

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	ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- EXCEPTIONS TO PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION -- SERVICE EXCEPTIONS	U.S. government are exempt from the application of the participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment legislation.	serving in their country's military, the student-athlete uses a season of competition for each year in which he or she participates in such organized competition. This application unfairly penalizes a student-athlete who spent time serving his or her country. A student-athlete who engages in this type of service, whether voluntary or required, should not be penalized by using a season of competition for participating in any organized competition during their time of service. Additionally, student-athletes participating in official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government should not be penalized for their service. Broadening the exception recognizes these important forms of service.	year, and thereafter.	Council (Legislation Committee)].
2019-4	PERSONNEL -- COACHES CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT -- REGULATIONS -- ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT -- CERTIFICATION ADMINISTRATION -- REQUIRED COMPLETION OF EDUCATIONAL MODULES	To amend Bylaw 11.6.1.1.1 (certification administration), as follows: (1) to require all coaches to annually complete specific educational modules as determined by the Legislation Committee; (2) to prohibit off-campus recruiting until the coach successfully completes the required educational modules; and (3) to prohibit the directing, supervising or observing of countable athletically related activities until the coach successfully completes the required educational modules.	Under current legislation, prior to being able to engage in off-campus recruiting, a coach must pass the annual coaches certification test. During the 2015-16 academic year, various committees through the Division II governance structure supported the development of a comprehensive online coaches' education program that would deliver legislative and health and safety related content. This recommendation accounts for the new online coaches' education program, Division II University, and would require coaches to successfully complete specific educational modules every year before being permitted to recruit off campus and direct, supervise or observe countable athletically related activities.	April 1, 2019, for certifications of coaches for the 2019-20 academic year, and thereafter.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].
2019-5	NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT SURVEY	To specify that an active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports; further, to establish a penalty for failure to submit the survey.	Currently, there are no other publicly available tools for obtaining student-athlete health and safety information. This legislation will allow real-time visualization of emerging standards of care for the administration of sports medicine programs. During the 2017-18 academic year, the Division II Injury Surveillance Program Task Force discussed the benefits of a potential health and safety survey to gather important data specific to Division II. The task force reviewed the data collection process for Division I and conducted a pilot survey of selected Division II institutions. The task force believes Division II will benefit from this annual data collection and the information will be made available to Division II schools and conferences via the Institutional Performance Program (IPP). An institution that fails to submit the data on an annual basis, shall forfeit receipt of enhancement funds in the following academic year. However, the task force agreed to delay implementation of the penalty for three years, until August 1, 2022. The process of administering the survey will be overseen by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport, in collaboration with the Sport Science Institute.	August 1, 2019, for completion of the survey; August 1, 2022, for implementation of the penalty for failure to complete the survey.	NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Injury Surveillance Program Task Force)].

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2019-6	RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEFINITION -- FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL -- ELIMINATION OF TIMING RESTRICTIONS -- PROHIBITION OF STUDENT-ATHLETE EMPLOYMENT AT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS DURING THE LEGISLATED WINTER BREAK	To eliminate the timing restrictions for football and basketball camps and clinics; further, to prohibit student-athlete employment at an institutional camp or clinic during the legislated winter break.	Football and basketball should not be treated differently than other sports in hosting and participating in camps and clinics. Restricting football and basketball camps to an institution's summer-vacation period prevents football and basketball coaches at quarter institutions from working some camps and clinics if a quarter institution's summer-vacation period begins and ends later than a semester institution. Additionally, a quarter institution's summer-vacation period may not align with high school summer-vacation periods and may affect the number of camps and clinics that could be hosted by a quarter institution or attended by its staff. Finally, amending the legislation to specify that student-athletes may not be involved with institutional camps and clinics during the legislated winter break period is consistent with Division II's "Life in the Balance" philosophy because it ensures that student-athletes will have time away from campus during the winter break. The immediate effective date will permit institutions to hold institutional camps and clinics during spring 2019.	Immediate	Great Northwest Athletic Conference and East Coast Conference.
2019-7	ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- ADDITIONAL APPLICATION OF OUTSIDE-COMPETITION REGULATIONS, SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL -- COMPETITION AS INDIVIDUAL/NOT REPRESENTING INSTITUTION -- EXCEPTION - MEDICAL SERVICES	To specify that a student-athlete competing as an individual/not representing the institution may receive medical services from their institution's medical personnel at a competition site.	Current legislation does not permit a student-athlete competing unattached to receive expenses from an outside team, including the institution. Student-athletes who are competing unattached and require medical attention before, during or after an event should not be restricted from receiving medical services from their institution's medical staff who may also be present at the event. These student-athletes should be permitted to receive medical attention from individuals who have prior knowledge of their body and previous injuries. This proposal aligns with the health and safety priorities of the NCAA. The immediate effective date will allow student-athletes to receive medical services from their institution's medical personnel at events during spring 2019.	Immediate	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Valley Conference.
2019-8	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SPRING PRACTICE -- 36-CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS	In football, to amend the spring practice period to permit 15 practice sessions within a period of 36-consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced on the institution's calendar and days during which the institution is closed due to inclement weather.	Current legislation permits 15 practice sessions in 29-consecutive calendar days. To complete 15 practices in a 29-day period, teams schedule four to five practices per week. Adding seven additional days to the spring practice period will allow institutions to conduct three practices each week instead of four. Fewer practices per week could reduce fatigue and provide additional time for student-athletes to recover from injuries. Additionally, extending the spring practice period by seven days will provide institutions the ability to make scheduling adjustments for spring break, inclement weather, and situations where multiple sports teams are using the same facilities and field(s). For example, an institution's football, lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, and field hockey teams may all use the same field(s) during the spring practice period. Conducting fewer practices per week during the	Immediate	Great Lakes Valley Conference and Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

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2019-9	PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- FOUR HOURS OF TEAM ACTIVITIES	In sports other than football, to permit a student-athlete to participate in a maximum of four hours of team activities as part of the permissible eight hours of countable athletically related activities that may occur outside the playing season during the academic year.	<p>spring practice period also promotes student-athlete well-being and is consistent with Division II's "Life in the Balance" philosophy. The immediate effective date will provide institutions with an additional seven days during the 2019 spring practice period.</p> <p>Under current legislation, outside of the playing season during the academic year in sports other than football, a student-athlete may participate in weight training, conditioning and team activities for a maximum of eight hours with no more than two hours of team activities per week. According to the 2015 GOALS study, of the 6,700 Division II student-athletes surveyed, only 11-percent of male student-athletes and 20-percent of female student-athletes preferred devoting less time in their schedules to athletic activities. Nearly half of Division II student-athletes indicated they preferred spending more time in organized off-season practices or workouts, while only about 15-percent indicated they preferred spending less time in organized off-season practices or workouts. This proposal will increase the permissible time for team activities, but not increase the overall permissible time for countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season during the academic year.</p>	08/01/2019	Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.