
Infractions Program

No. 2026-39 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- STANDARDS OF REVIEW AND RESOLUTION METHODS (LEVEL I/II CASES) -- ALTERNATIVE STANDARD IN IMPERMISSIBLE CONTACT CASES

Intent: To specify that in cases of impermissible contact, the enforcement staff shall make formal allegations if a reasonable person would infer that one or more parties engaged in impermissible conduct.

Bylaws: Amend 19.7, as follows:

19.7 Standards of Review and Resolution Methods (Level I/II Cases)

[19.7.1 through 19.7.2 unchanged.]

19.7.3 *Violations Presumed in Select* **Alternative Standard in Impermissible Contact** Cases. *In cases involving name, image and likeness offers, agreements and/or activities in which related communications and conduct are subject to NCAA regulation, the infractions process (including interpretive requests) shall presume a violation occurred if circumstantial information suggests that one or more parties engaged in impermissible conduct. The enforcement staff may make a formal allegation based on the presumption. The hearing panel shall conclude a violation occurred unless the institution or involved individual clearly demonstrates with credible and sufficient information that all communications and conduct surrounding the name, image and likeness activity complied with NCAA legislation.* **In cases involving impermissible contact, the enforcement staff shall make formal allegations if a reasonable person would infer that one or more parties engaged in impermissible conduct. The hearing panel shall conclude a violation occurred unless the institution or involved individual clearly demonstrates with credible and sufficient information that all communications complied with NCAA legislation.**

[19.7.4 through 19.7.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Infractions Process Task Force)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Impermissible contact is a significant membership concern. Creating an alternative standard of review for cases involving allegations of Level I or Level II impermissible contact violations is one way to address current concerns with the Division I recruiting environment. The language related to presumed violations in cases involving name, image and likeness activities is being removed based on the shift in enforcement of name, image and likeness legislation to the College Sports Commission as specified in the House settlement.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Apr 27, 2026:	In Progress	Introduced by the Board of Directors. The Board recommends that the Cabinet adopt the proposal as expedited legislation during its June 23-24, 2026, meeting.
Jun 12, 2026:	In Progress	The Board of Directors directed the Cabinet to not take expedited action on the proposal during its June meeting to allow for stakeholder feedback on the engagement period concept. The Cabinet may consider proposal in the October 2026 legislative cycle.

Legislative Authority and Process

No. 2026-45 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- DIVISION I LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES

Intent: To establish Division I legislative processes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 9, as follows:

9 Legislative Authority and Process

[9.02 through 9.1 unchanged.]

9.2 Amendment Processes.

[9.2.1 unchanged.]

9.2.2 Division I Legislative Processes.

[9.2.2.1 unchanged.]

9.2.2.2 Committee Authority Processes.

9.2.2.2.1 Committees With Authority to Introduce and Consider Proposals. The committees listed below may introduce and consider legislative proposals (pursuant to the procedures set forth in this section and in the Division I Cabinet's policies and procedures) in the specified areas, subject to review by the Cabinet.

(a) Division I Sports Oversight Committees. The sports oversight committees may introduce and consider legislative proposals in the following bylaws, subject to review by the Cabinet.

(1) Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors;

(2) Conduct of athletics personnel (Bylaw 11);

(3) Recruiting (Bylaw 13);

(4) Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17); and

(5) Processes and procedures related to the administration of championships (Bylaw 31) or postseason (Bylaw 18.7 for football).

(b) Academics and Eligibility Committee. The Academics and Eligibility Committee may introduce and consider legislative proposals in the following bylaws, subject to Division I Cabinet review:

(1) Athletics Eligibility (Bylaw 12) (excluding rules tied to the House settlement);

(2) Academic Eligibility (Bylaw 14); and

(3) Awards, Expenses and Benefits (Bylaw 16) (excluding rules tied to the House settlement).

(c) Membership Committee. The Membership Committee may introduce and approve legislative proposals in Bylaw 20 (excluding division dominant provisions, common provisions, membership provisions and provisions related to FBS or FCS requirements), subject to Division I Cabinet review. For common provisions, membership provisions and FBS and FCS specific provisions, the Membership Committee has the authority to introduce proposals.

9.2.2.2.2 Standard Legislative Cycle. A proposed amendment introduced and considered by an authorized committee is subject to review by the Division I Cabinet during its quarterly meetings (e.g., October, January, April and June). The standard legislative cycle includes the following elements:

(a) Introduction Deadline. For consideration by the Cabinet during the specified meeting, a committee must introduce a proposal by 60 days before the applicable Cabinet meeting.

(b) Publication. Proposals are made available for review by seven days after the introduction deadline for the applicable cycle.

(c) Comment Period. Proposals are available for review and comments at the point they are published and will remain available for review and comments until final action is taken.

(d) Committee Review/Action. A committee may take action on the proposal at any time during the legislative cycle before the applicable Cabinet meeting. Actions that may be taken by a committee are detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures.

(e) Notice of Action. Action taken by a committee will be included in the history section of the proposal and in an announcement to the membership.

(f) Comment Period Before Cabinet Review. A proposal approved by a committee remains in the comment period until the Cabinet has an opportunity to review it during the applicable meeting.

- (g) Cabinet Review. During the applicable meeting, a proposal approved by a committee (and any feedback and/or suggested amendments) is subject to Cabinet review. The process for the Cabinet's review is detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures.
- (h) Finality of Action. A proposal approved by a committee in the Standard Legislative Cycle shall be considered final at the conclusion of the applicable Cabinet meeting, subject to review and possible action by the Cabinet. A proposal amended and adopted by the cabinet shall be considered final at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting during which it is adopted. The Board of Directors, during any meeting, may review and take emergency action related to legislation approved or defeated by a committee or the cabinet. The concept of a defeated proposal is not subject to a waiting period to be reintroduced into the legislative process.
- (i) Rescission Process. A proposal adopted with less than a 75 percent majority vote of the cabinet members present and voting shall be subject to a 30-day rescission period. For purposes of the rescission process, a proposal approved by a committee for which the cabinet takes no action is considered to be unanimously adopted by the cabinet.

 - (1) Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation shall be provided to the membership within seven days of the date of the cabinet meeting when the adoption becomes final.
 - (2) Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 30 days of the date of the cabinet meeting on when the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office.
 - (3) Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions.

9.2.2.2.3 Accelerated Legislative Process. If an authorized committee determines that consideration of a proposal in the Standard Legislative Process would cause a disruption in the efficient administration of the impacted activity or function (based on the required delay to use the standard process), it may introduce and approve a proposal in the Accelerated Legislative Process during any meeting. Introduction and approval of a proposal in the Accelerated Legislative Process requires at least a two-thirds majority vote of the committee members present and voting. The Accelerated Legislative Process includes the following elements:

- (a) Publication. Proposals are drafted as they are introduced and approved, and made available for review, by five business days after the introduction and approval. An announcement is posted when a proposal is available for review.
- (b) Accelerated Cabinet Review. Proposals that are approved by a committee in the Accelerated Legislative Process are subject to accelerated review by the cabinet. Proposals will be reviewed by the cabinet up to two times per month. Proposals introduced and approved by a committee in the first 15 days of a month are grouped together for accelerated cabinet review and proposals introduced and approved in the second half of a month (16th day through the end of the month) are grouped together for accelerated cabinet review.

 - (1) Proposals approved by a committee in the specified time period will be presented to cabinet members electronically by five business days after the close of the applicable period. The cabinet will determine if the proposal should be adopted immediately (no cabinet action required) or if it should be discussed by the cabinet during its next meeting.
 - (2) Cabinet members have three business days to review. Unless at least 25% of cabinet members request to discuss the proposal, it is considered adopted and final at the end of the three-day period. A proposal adopted in this manner is not subject to the rescission process.
 - (3) Proposals in this process that are approved by a Football Oversight Committee will be reviewed by only the cabinet members that represent the applicable subdivision (FBS or FCS). For FCS, if at least one of the three FCS representatives requests that the cabinet members discuss the proposal,

it will be added to the next cabinet meeting agenda. For FBS, if at least three of the 10 FBS representatives request that the cabinet members discuss the proposal, it will be added to the next cabinet meeting agenda.

- (c) Cabinet Review Requested. For a proposal for which review is requested, the Cabinet will review the proposal and any feedback and/or suggested amendments. Actions that may be taken by a committee are detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures.
- (d) Finality of Action. A proposal subject to review during a cabinet meeting that is adopted or defeated by the cabinet shall be considered final at the conclusion of the applicable cabinet meeting. The Board of Directors, during any meeting, may review and take emergency action related to legislation approved or defeated by a committee or the cabinet. The concept of a defeated proposal is not subject to a waiting period to be reintroduced into the legislative process.
- (e) Rescission Process. A proposal subject to review during a cabinet meeting that is adopted with less than a 75 percent majority vote of the Cabinet members present and voting shall be subject to a 10-day rescission period. For purposes of the rescission process, a proposal approved by an oversight committee for which the cabinet takes no action is considered to be unanimously adopted by the Cabinet.

 - (1) Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation shall be provided to the membership within three days of the date of the cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final.
 - (2) Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 10 days of the date of the cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office.
 - (3) Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions, respectively.

9.2.2.3 Cabinet Authority Processes.

9.2.2.3.1 Committees With Authority to Introduce Proposals. The Division I sports oversight committees and the Division I Membership Committee may introduce legislative proposals in areas of legislation that are outside of their authority to introduce and approve proposals. The Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee may introduce proposals in the areas of student-athlete governance and representation, and student-athlete core guarantees as detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures.

9.2.2.3.2 Standard Legislative Cycle. A proposed amendment introduced by the Cabinet or an authorized committee is reviewed by the Division I Cabinet during its quarterly meetings (e.g., October, January, April and June). The standard legislative cycle includes the following elements:

- (a) Introduction Deadline. An authorized committee may introduce a legislative proposal at least 60 days before the October, January, April or June cabinet meetings. The Cabinet may introduce a legislative proposal during any meeting for consideration during the next specified legislative meeting.
- (b) Publication. Proposals are drafted as they are introduced and made available for review by seven days after the introduction deadline for the applicable cycle.
- (c) Comment Period. Period. Proposals are made available for review and comments at the point they are published and remain available for review and comments until final action is taken.
- (d) Committee Review. For proposals introduced by an authorized committee, the committee may make modifications at any point after the proposal is published and before the Cabinet meeting that ends the applicable legislative cycle.
- (e) Publication of Modifications/Feedback. Actions taken by committees and recommendations for changes are included in the history sections of the proposals and in a general announcement to the membership.

- (f) Cabinet Consideration. During the applicable meeting, the Cabinet considers proposals introduced by authorized committees or the Cabinet. The process for the Cabinet's consideration is detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures.
- (g) Finality of Action. A proposal adopted by the Cabinet shall be considered final at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting during which it is adopted. The Board of Directors, during any meeting, may review and take emergency action related to legislation adopted or defeated by the Cabinet. The concept of a defeated proposal is not subject to a waiting period to be reintroduced into the legislative process.
- (h) Student-Athlete Reconsideration Process. If the Cabinet defeats a proposal that was introduced by Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee, the proposal is subject to a student-athlete reconsideration period. During a 14-day period, institutional SAAC presidents from active member institutions with voting privileges may provide their positions to either support or oppose the adoption of the proposal. Each institution may only provide one vote from one individual designated as its institutional SAAC president. If at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutional SAAC presidents who are eligible to vote support adoption, the Cabinet will reconsider its action. The Cabinet may reverse or uphold its previous action. The Division I Board of Directors may override any action taken.
- (i) Rescission Process. A proposal adopted with less than a 75 percent majority vote of the Cabinet members present and voting is subject to a 30-day rescission period.
 - (1) Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation shall be provided to the membership within seven days of the date of the Cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final.
 - (2) Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 30 days of the date of the Cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office.
 - (3) Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions, respectively.

9.2.2.3.3 Accelerated Legislative Process. If an authorized committee or the Cabinet or Board of Directors determines that consideration of a proposal in the standard legislative process would cause a disruption in the efficient administration of the impacted activity or function, it may introduce a proposal in the accelerated legislative process during any meeting. Introduction of a proposal in the accelerated process by an authorized committee other than the Cabinet or Board of Directors requires at least a two-thirds majority vote of the committee members present and voting. The Cabinet or Board of Directors may introduce a proposal into the accelerated legislative process during any meeting by a simple majority vote. The accelerated legislative process includes the following elements:

- (a) Publication. Proposals are drafted as they are introduced and made available for review by five business days after the introduction. An announcement is posted when a proposal is available for review.
- (b) Accelerated Cabinet Review. Proposals that are introduced in the accelerated legislative process are subject to accelerated review by the Cabinet. Proposals will be reviewed by the Cabinet up to two times per month. Proposals introduced in the first 15 days of a month will be grouped together for accelerated Cabinet review and proposals introduced and approved in the second half of a month (16th day through the end of the month) will be grouped together for accelerated Cabinet review.
 - (1) Proposals introduced by a committee in the specified time period will be presented to Cabinet members electronically for a vote during a period of three business days. The Cabinet may adopt the proposal (two-thirds majority required) or recommend the Cabinet discuss the proposal during its next meeting. If a proposal is requested to be discussed during the next Cabinet meeting, it will be added to the meeting agenda and will be subject to the options detailed in the Cabinet's policies and procedures. Proposals in this process that are introduced by a Football Oversight Committee and applicable only to football will be reviewed by only the Cabinet members that represent the applicable subdivision (FBS or FCS).

- (c) Finality of Action. A proposal that is adopted or defeated by the Cabinet shall be considered final at the conclusion of the applicable Cabinet meeting. The Board of Directors, during any meeting, may review and take emergency action related to legislation adopted or defeated by the Cabinet. The concept of a defeated proposal is not subject to a waiting period to be reintroduced into the legislative process.
- (d) Rescission Process. A proposal adopted with less than a 75 percent majority vote of the Cabinet members present and voting shall be subject to a 10-day rescission period.
- (1) Notification to Membership. Notification of the adoption of legislation shall be provided to the membership within three days of the date of the Cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final.
- (2) Submission of Rescission Requests. A rescission request may be submitted by an active member institution with voting privileges. A request must be received in the national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time within 10 days of the date of the Cabinet meeting on which the adoption becomes final. A request must be approved by the institution's chancellor or president. The institution's chancellor or president or a designated representative may submit the rescission request to the national office.
- (3) Threshold for Rescission. An amendment shall be rescinded upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Division I institutions. An amendment that pertains only to football shall be rescinded in the applicable subdivision upon submission of rescission requests from at least two-thirds of all active Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Subdivision institutions, respectively.

9.2.2.4 Emergency Legislation. The Board of Directors or the Cabinet may adopt emergency legislation during any meeting. A proposal may be considered as emergency legislation in circumstances in which significant values are at stake and the use of the regular legislative process is likely to cause significant harm or hardship to the Association or the Division I membership because of a delay in considering the proposal in the standard legislative cycle or accelerated legislative process. Adoption of emergency legislation requires two separate votes of at least an 80% majority of members of the applicable entity present and voting. The first vote is to determine whether the proposal meets the definition of emergency legislation and the second vote is on the merits of the proposal. A proposal adopted as emergency legislation shall be considered final at the conclusion of the meeting during which it is adopted. The Board of Directors, during any meeting, may review and take action related to legislation adopted or defeated by the Cabinet. A proposal adopted as emergency legislation is not subject to a rescission process.

9.2.2.5 Recording and Reporting Legislative Votes. A legislative vote taken by a committee with legislative authority shall be recorded and reported to the membership. The report shall include a record of each committee member's vote.

[9.2.3 through 9.2.10 unchanged.]

[9.3 unchanged.]

B. : Amend 13.17, as follows:

[Remove recruiting calendar formulas from the legislation. Sports oversight committees to have authority to approve changes as a matter of policy.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Legislative Authority and Process

Rationale: In its final report, the NCAA Division I Decision-Making Working Group referred to the Division I Cabinet the development of the legislative processes necessary to support the new Division I governance structure. Since December 2025, the NCAA Division I Cabinet Legislative Processes Subgroup has assessed the pilot processes, which have been used since 2023-24 and were designed for a structure that includes sports oversight committees, and has developed several enhancements to further promote efficient decision-making. The subgroup's recommendations maintain several components of the legislative pilot processes, including the limited authority of sports oversight committees, and incorporate elements intended to increase efficiency and effectiveness, including limited authority for other committees and the use of accelerated processes when

appropriate. In addition, this proposal would remove formulas for the recruiting calendars from the legislation and they would be handled as matters of policy. Sports oversight committees would have the authority to approve changes to recruiting calendars as a matter of policy instead of going through the legislative process. Recruiting calendars would be presented in the NCAA Division I Manual in LSDBi as visual illustrations instead of legislated language. The legislative language would be maintained in the policies and procedures of the sports oversight committees. Engaging in recruiting activities at an impermissible time will remain a violation of the appropriate subsection of Bylaw 13.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The Division I legislative processes are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success by increasing efficiencies to effectuate legislative changes to potentially benefit student-athletes and by permitting the Division I Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee to introduce proposals in areas that directly impact student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2026: In Progress

Governance Structure and Committees

No. 2026-46 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES -- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS COMMITTEES -- COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To modify the composition requirements of National Collegiate Championship sports committees, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21 Governance Structure and Committees

[21.02 through 21.7 unchanged.]

21.8 Common Committees -- Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities.

21.8.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.8.1.1 unchanged.]

21.8.1.2 Composition Requirements. ~~For committees that administer national collegiate championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). For committees that administer national collegiate championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators. In order for a district to be represented on a committee for which district representation is specified, at least five of its active members shall sponsor the sport on an intercollegiate basis.~~

(a) Administrator Representation. For committees that administer national collegiate championships in individual sports, at least 25 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators (athletics directors, associate or assistant athletics directors, senior woman athletics

administrators, individuals who are employed full time as administrators by member conferences, or individuals who are employed both part time as administrators by member conferences and full time by member institutions). For committees that administer national collegiate championships in team sports, at least 50 percent of the positions on each committee shall be filled by athletics administrators.

(b) Conference Representation. Each committee shall include a voting member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 21.2.1-(a) that sponsors the sport.

(c) Division I Student-Athlete Representation. Each committee shall include one Division I student-athlete as a nonvoting member.

(d) Nonvoting Members. Each committee may include additional nonvoting members, as determined by the committee (e.g., coaches association representative, secretary rules editor, national coordinator of officials).

21.8.1.2.1 Exception – Men's and Women's Skiing Committee. The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall be exempt from the composition requirements set forth in Bylaw 21.8.1.2-(a).

[21.8.1.3 through 21.8.1.6 unchanged.]

21.8.2 Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee, Women's. The Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling Committee shall consist of six **voting** members. The committee shall include at least one **voting** representative from each division.

21.8.3 Beach Volleyball Committee, Women's. The Women's Beach Volleyball Committee shall consist of six **voting** members.

21.8.4 Bowling Committee, Women's. The Women's Bowling Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~**six** members, ~~including the secretary-rules editor, who shall be a nonvoting member.~~

21.8.5 Fencing Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee shall consist of eight **voting** members. Four members shall represent men's fencing interests. Four members shall represent women's fencing interests.

21.8.6 Gymnastics Committee, Men's. The Men's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of six **voting** members.

21.8.7 Gymnastics Committee, Women's. The Women's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of seven **voting** members, including six members from Division I and one member from Division II or III. Further, the Division II or III member shall be excluded in determining whether the 25 percent administrator committee composition requirement is met.

21.8.8 Rifle Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Rifle Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~ **six voting** members, ~~including the secretary-rules editor.~~

21.8.9 Skiing Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Skiing Committee shall consist of ~~seven~~ **six voting** members and shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) Two members shall represent men's skiing interests, two members shall represent women's skiing interests and ~~three~~ **two** unallocated;
- (b) One member shall be selected from the West skiing region, one member shall be selected from the Central skiing region, two members shall be selected from the East skiing region, **and** two members shall be selected at large ~~and one member shall be secretary-rules editor;~~ and
- (c) Two members shall be coaches who represent downhill Alpine skiing and two members shall be coaches who represent Nordic skiing. ~~The secretary-rules editor~~ **A non-voting member** may be counted toward satisfying this requirement.

21.8.10 Stunt Committee, Women's. The Women's Stunt Committee shall consist of six **voting** members. The committee shall include at least one representative from each division.

21.8.11 Volleyball Committee, Men's. The Men's Volleyball Committee shall consist of five **voting** members.

21.8.12 Water Polo Committee, Men's. The Men's Water Polo Committee shall consist of ~~six~~ **five voting** members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.8.12-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Two members shall be from the West region; **and**

(c) One member shall be selected at large; ~~and~~.

~~(d) An additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.~~

21.8.13 Water Polo Committee, Women's. The Women's Water Polo Committee shall consist of ~~six~~ **five voting** members. There shall be three members from Division I, one member from Division II, **and** one member from Division III ~~and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor.~~

21.8.14 Wrestling Committee, Women's. The Women's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six **voting** members. The committee shall include at least one representative from each division.

21.9 Common Committees – Committees With Only Championship Administration Responsibilities.

21.9.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.9.1.1 unchanged.]

21.9.1.2 Composition Requirements.

(a) Conference Representation. Each committee shall include a voting member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 21.2.1-(a) that sponsors the sport.

(b) Division I Student-Athlete Representation. Each committee shall include one Division I student-athlete as a nonvoting member.

(c) Nonvoting Members. Each committee may include additional nonvoting members, as determined by the committee (e.g., coaches association representative, secretary rules editor, national coordinator of officials).

[21.9.1.2 through 21.9.1.7 renumbered as 21.9.1.3 through 21.9.1.8, unchanged.]

21.9.2 Ice Hockey Committee, Women's. The Women's Ice Hockey Committee shall consist of one **voting** member from each conference that is eligible for and applies for automatic qualification into the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

[21.9.2.1 unchanged.]

[21.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: The Division I Decision-Making Working Group referred to the Division I Cabinet the review of the composition and areas of authority of National Collegiate Championship sports committees in light of the new Division I governance structure in the fall of 2025. A cross-divisional review of National Collegiate Championship sports committees found the recommended changes to the committees' composition would be beneficial in relation to the new Division I governance structure.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The composition of common committees is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success by adding student-athlete representation to the National Collegiate Championship sports committees.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 13, 2026: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2026-47 PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS AND RECRUITING-PERSON DAYS

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to modify legislation governing off-campus recruiters, recruiting opportunities, recruiting-person days and evaluation days, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

11.7.5 Football.

[11.7.5.1 unchanged.]

11.7.5.2 Limit on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters. ~~In bowl subdivision football, an institution may designate up to 11 institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. In championship subdivision football, an institution may designate up to 13 institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. An off-campus recruiter remains in the position for the duration of the year (August 1 through July 31) unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).~~

(a) Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may designate up to 11 institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. An off-campus recruiter remains in the position for the duration of the year (August 1 through July 31) unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).

(b) Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution may designate up to ~~13~~ **17** institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. An institution may designate its off-campus recruiters **in January, April, August and December. The individual** remains in the position until the next opportunity to designate off-campus recruiters (e.g., January, April, August, and December), unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).

[11.7.5.2.1 unchanged.]

11.7.5.2.2 Requirement to Engage in On-Campus Coaching Duties. An institutional staff member must regularly engage in on-campus coaching activities with student-athletes to be designated as a permissible off-campus recruiter (see Bylaw 13.1.2.8.1).

[11.7.5.2.3 through 11.7.5.2.5 unchanged.]

[11.7.5.3 through 11.7.5.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

13 Recruiting

[13.01 unchanged.]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.10 unchanged.]

13.02.11 Recruiting-Person Days -- Football. In football, a recruiting-person day is defined as one off-campus recruiter engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a football prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two off-campus recruiters engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. ~~Football~~ **In bowl subdivision football,** staff members shall not exceed 140 (180 for U.S. service academies) recruiting-person days during the spring contact period. **In championship subdivision football, staff members shall not exceed 350 recruiting-person days from January 1 through December 31. [D]**

[13.02.11.1 unchanged.]

[13.02.12 through 13.02.21 unchanged.]

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 through 13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.2 unchanged.]

13.1.5.3 **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, after January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year each institution shall be limited to two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete during each contact period, which shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's family members but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. An institution shall not exceed 140 (180 for U.S. service academies) recruiting-person days during the spring contact period. [D]

13.1.5.3.1 Exception – Fall Evaluation Period. The one evaluation per prospective student-athlete per year during the fall evaluation period shall not count as a recruiting opportunity.

13.1.5.3.2 Additional Restrictions – Contacts During the Junior Year. During the two permissible recruiting opportunities during each contact period following January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, one contact may occur at any location and one contact may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. [D]

13.1.5.4 Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, after January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year each institution shall be limited to six recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete. An institution is permitted up to four recruiting opportunities from January 1 through May 31, with no more than one per week, one during the fall contact period and one in December. Recruiting opportunities shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's family members but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5.

[D]

[13.1.5.4 through 13.1.5.13 renumbered as 13.1.5.5 through 13.1.5.14, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.3 unchanged.]

13.1.7.4 Evaluations – Football. In football, institutional staff members shall be limited to one evaluation per prospective student-athlete per year during the fall evaluation period. [D]

13.1.7.4.1 Evaluation Days. In **bowl subdivision** football, each institution is limited to 33 (42 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.1) during the fall evaluation period. [D]

[13.1.7.4.2 through 13.1.7.4.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.5 through 13.1.7.19 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal reflects the current college athletics landscape by providing more institutional autonomy to determine recruiting philosophies and practices. The modification to prospective student-athlete recruiting

opportunities aligns with a recruiting model that uses recruiting person days and permits off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations that complement changes to the out-of-season athletically related activities legislation.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The personnel and recruiting legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal has a nominal increase to monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The increase in the number of off-campus recruiters and the opportunity to redesignate off-campus recruiters based on the contact period allows institutions to designate other staff members to recruit off-campus while coaching staff members stay on-campus to focus on the development of current student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in the number of off-campus recruiters and recruiting activity based on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Jul 27, 2026: In Progress

Aug 31, 2026: In Progress

The Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee amended the proposal to modify the annual number of recruiting person days and eliminate the requirement for off-campus recruiters to provide instruction to student-athletes.

Adopted by the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-48 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO AWAY-FROM-HOME ATHLETICS EVENTS -- AFTER COMMITMENT -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to specify that after an individual has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's relatives or legal guardians) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home basketball event in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution.

Bylaws: Amend 13.15, as follows:

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

[13.15.1 unchanged.]

13.15.2 Permissible Expenses.

[13.15.2.1 through 13.15.2.5 unchanged.]

13.15.2.6 Complimentary Admissions to an Away-From-Home Athletics Event -- After Commitment -- Basketball. In basketball, after an individual has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or after the institution has received the individual's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the institution may provide the individual (or the individual's family members) with a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to an away-from-home basketball event (sport in which the individual will participate) in a facility in the locale of the individual's home or educational institution.

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Each year, situations arise in which a prospective student-athlete signs with an institution that later competes at or near the prospective student-athlete's home. Existing NCAA rules prevent institutions from providing complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests and presents as overly restrictive in today's climate. Currently, prospective student-athletes are no longer subjected to restrictions on the forms and frequency of communication between institutional administrators or coaching staff members and a prospective student-athlete (or prospective student athlete's relatives or legal guardians) beginning the calendar day after a written commitment marking the end of the recruiting process. Establishing an exception permitting institutions to provide complimentary admissions to away-from-home contests after commitment aligns with the intent of recruiting deregulation, likely to have minimal recruiting or competitive impact and enhances the prospective student-athlete's connection to their future institution consistent with recent legislative modifications related to the period preceding the triggering of student-athlete status.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation governing complimentary admissions is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The opportunity to provide complimentary admissions outweighs the minimal monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal supports student-athlete well-being by allowing prospective student-athletes to attend away-from-home athletics events.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 13, 2026: In Progress

Aug 24, 2026: In Progress Adopted by the Division I Women's Basketball Oversight Committee for women's basketball, pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-49 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS -- CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD

Intent: In cross country and track and field, to specify that off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.2. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 through 13.1.1.1.8 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.9 Exception -- Cross Country and Track and Field. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school.

[13.1.1.1.9 renumbered as 13.1.1.1.10, unchanged.]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In track and field and cross country, Division I coaches' best opportunity to recruit off campus occurs after the conclusion of the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and the beginning of the subsequent academic year, which includes for some coaches, preseason cross country. Aligning the start date for when coaches may begin having off-campus contact with the date after which telephone calls to prospective student-athletes may begin, optimizes for the time of year when coaches are not actively involved in tactical and technical instruction of their student-athletes and when premier prospective student-athlete competitions occur.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The initial date for off-campus contact is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not change the monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success setting an appropriate date for initial off-campus contact.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 13, 2026: In Progress

Sep 2, 2026: In Progress

Adopted by the Division I Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-50 RECRUITING – NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER – WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS – UNDERGRADUATE WINDOW

Intent: In women's gymnastics, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday after the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.4, as follows:

13.1.1.4 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.3-(f).]

13.1.1.4.1 Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes – Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing the student-athlete's institution with a written notification of transfer and completing an educational module related to transferring. Notification of transfer must be initiated during a period specified for the applicable sport (see also Figure 13-1). If notification of transfer is provided during a specified period, the student-athlete's institution shall enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later, unless the student-athlete and the institution have entered into a valid settlement related benefits agreement that releases the institution from the obligations of the notification of transfer process. [D]

[13.1.1.4.1-(a) through 13.1.1.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

- (c) Winter Sports Other Than Basketball, **Women's Gymnastics**, Ice Hockey, Men's Wrestling, and Indoor Track and Field. In winter sports other than basketball, ice hockey, men's wrestling, and indoor track and field, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during a 45 consecutive-day period beginning seven days after championship selections are made in the sport.

[13.1.1.4.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Women's Gymnastics. In women's gymnastics, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday immediately following the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships.

[13.1.1.4.1-(e) through 13.1.1.4.1-(k) relettered as 13.1.1.4.1-(f) through 13.1.1.4.1-(l), unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.2 through 13.1.1.4.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: When the Board of Directors incorporated windows into the notification of transfer process, there was a recognition that the timing and duration of the new windows would need to be monitored and potentially adjusted. This proposal to open the notification-of-transfer window after the conclusion of the Division I Women's Gymnastics Championship eliminates disruption to the championship and provides more certainty around roster stability and the likelihood of future participation opportunities. Reducing the duration of the window is supported by data from the NCAA Transfer Portal, which confirms that most student-athletes whose name are entered into the transfer portal complete the process in an expedited manner.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The notification of transfer legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not increase the monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides greater roster stability for student-athletes who are not transferring and enhances the championship experience for all involved student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 13, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-51 RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER -- CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD -- UNDERGRADUATE WINDOWS

Intent: In cross country and track and field, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15-day period that begins the Monday immediately following the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships or a 10-day period that begins the Monday immediately following the conclusion of the NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.4, as follows:

13.1.1.4 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of

transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.3-(f).]

13.1.1.4.1 Notification of Transfer – Undergraduate Student-Athletes – Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing the student-athlete's institution with a written notification of transfer and completing an educational module related to transferring. Notification of transfer must be initiated during a period specified for the applicable sport (see also Figure 13-1). If notification of transfer is provided during a specified period, the student-athlete's institution shall enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later, unless the student-athlete and the institution have entered into a valid settlement related benefits agreement that releases the institution from the obligations of the notification of transfer process. [D]

(a) Fall Sports Other Than **Cross Country**, Field Hockey and Football. In fall sports other than **cross country**, field hockey and football, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during:

[13.1.1.4.1-(a)-(1) through 13.1.1.4.1-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Winter Sports Other Than Basketball, Ice Hockey, Men's Wrestling, and Indoor Track and Field. In winter sports other than basketball, ice hockey, men's wrestling, and indoor track and field, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during a 45 consecutive-day period beginning seven days after championship selections are made in the sport.

[13.1.1.4.1-(d) through 13.1.1.4.1-(e) unchanged.]

~~(f) Indoor Track and Field. In indoor track and field, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during a 30 consecutive-day period beginning seven days after selections are made for the Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, or December 1-15.~~

[13.1.1.4.1-(g) relettered as 13.1.1.4.1-(f), unchanged.]

~~(h)~~ **g**) Spring Sports Other Than Golf, **Outdoor Track and Field** and Softball. In spring sports other than golf, **outdoor track and field** and softball, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during:

[13.1.1.4.1-(g)-(1) through 13.1.1.4.1-(g)-(2) unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.1-(i) through 13.1.1.4.1-(j) relettered as 13.1.1.4.1-(h) through 13.1.1.4.1-(i), unchanged.]

(j) Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. In cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, a student-athlete must provide notification of transfer during:

(1) A 15 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday immediately following the Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships; or

(2) A 10 consecutive-day period beginning the Monday immediately following the Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

[13.1.1.4.1-(k) unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.2 through 13.1.1.4.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, track and field and cross country student-athletes have more notification of transfer windows and total days than any other sport. Maintaining fall and spring notification of transfer windows that open after the conclusion of the cross country championships and outdoor track and field championships, respectively,

promotes roster stability during the championship seasons, while still affording student-athletes on track and field and/or cross country rosters two opportunities to initiate the notification of transfer process during each year.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The notification of transfer legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not increase the monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides greater roster stability for student-athletes who are not transferring and enhances the championship experience for all involved student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jul 13, 2026: In Progress

Sep 2, 2026: In Progress Adopted by the Division I Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-52 RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process during a 10-day period beginning the first business day following January 1 or consistent with an applicable exception.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.4, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.1.1.4 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not communicate or make contact with the student-athlete of another NCAA Division I institution, or any individual associated with the student-athlete (e.g., family member, scholastic or nonscholastic coach, advisor), directly or indirectly, without first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division II or Division III institution, or an NAIA four-year collegiate institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall comply with the rule of the applicable division or the NAIA rule for making contact with a student-athlete. [See Bylaw 19.1.3-(f).]

[13.1.1.4.1 through 13.1.1.4.2 unchanged.]

13.1.1.4.3 Notification of Transfer -- Football. In football, a student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing the student-athlete's institution with a written notification of transfer and completing an educational module related to transferring. Notification of transfer must be initiated *during January 2-16* **during a 10-day period beginning the first business day following January 1** or consistent with an applicable exception. If notification of transfer is provided during the specified period or consistent with an applicable exception, the student-athlete's institution shall enter the student-athlete's information into the national transfer database within two business days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete or receipt of confirmation of the student-athlete's completion of the educational module, whichever occurs later, unless the student-athlete and the institution have entered into a valid settlement related benefits agreement that releases the institution from the obligations of the notification of transfer process. [D]

[13.1.1.4.3.1 through 13.1.1.4.3.4 unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.4 through 13.1.1.4.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal reflects current trends in football notification of transfer data, which indicate the information of most student-athletes is entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal within the first 10 days of the notification of transfer period. The modification of the opening of the notification of transfer period to the first business day in January reduces the administrative burden that will occur if the period begins on a Saturday or Sunday. This change also maintains the alignment of the notification periods in FBS and FCS.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The notification of transfer process in football is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal maintains existing monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal aligns the written notification of transfer legislation with current student-athlete behavior and trends.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 13, 2026:	In Progress	
Aug 27, 2026:	In Progress	Adopted by the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.
Aug 31, 2026:	In Progress	Adopted by the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-53 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- DIVISION I CONTEST ATTENDANCE RESTRICTION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to men's basketball shall not attend a Division I men's basketball preseason contest, regular season contest or a contest of a conference tournament, unless the contest is one in a tournament or event in which the institution's team is participating, or the contest involves a family member of the institutional staff member as a participant.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 through 13.1.7 unchanged.]

13.1.8 Division I Contest Attendance Restriction -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to men's basketball shall not attend a Division I men's basketball preseason contest, regular season contest or a contest of a conference tournament, unless the contest is one in a tournament or event in which the institution's team is participating, or the contest involves a family member (see Bylaw 13.02.8) of the institutional staff member as a participant (e.g., student-athlete, coach, band/cheer member, celebratory/honor recipient).

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 renumbered as 13.1.9 through 13.1.11, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal addresses concerns about attendance for recruiting purposes by institutional staff members at events involving other Division I institutions.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Regulations related to recruiting other Division I student-athletes are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The merits of restricting undue influence on student-athletes at other institutions outweighs the monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success by restricting undue influence of staff members from other Division I institutions while the student-athletes are participating in competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Aug 28, 2026: In Progress

Adopted by the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2026-56 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MAXIMUM DATES OF COMPETITION LIMITATION -- MULTIDAY MEET EXCEPTION -- CROSS COUNTRY WITHOUT INDOOR OR OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Intent: To specify that, during the nonchampionship segment, an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may count a maximum of five multiday meets each as a single date of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.8, as follows:

17.8 Cross Country. Regulations for computing the cross country playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.8.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in cross country during the institution's cross country playing season to seven dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.8.5.3 and 17.8.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.8.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.8.5.1.1.1 Multiday Meets -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may count a maximum of five multiday meets each as a single date of competition. The institution may select any day of a multiday meet as the day on which to count the single date of competition.

[17.8.5.1.1.1 through 17.8.5.1.1.2 renumbered as 17.8.5.1.1.2 through 17.8.5.1.1.3, unchanged.]

[17.8.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.8.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than seven cross country dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.10, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

17.8.5.2.1 Exception – Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An individual student-athlete who attends an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may participate during each academic year in seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted in cross country and five dates of competition during another segment.

17.8.5.2.1.1 Multiday Meets -- Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, an individual who attends an institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field may participate during each academic year in a maximum of five multiday meets that each shall count as a single date of competition.

[17.8.5.3 through 17.8.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.8.6 through 17.8.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, institutions that operate cross country only programs are limited to five dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. If a student-athlete competes in multiple distance events that are conducted on different days at the same track and field meet, each day where competition occurs counts towards the student-athlete's limit of five nonchampionship dates of competition. Allowing competition associated with the same multiday meet to count as one date of competition for purposes of nonchampionship segment contest limitations provides more opportunities for student-athletes at institutions with cross country only programs.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is nationally significant to the Division I programs that sponsor cross country but do not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not increase monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Student-athletes on cross country only programs will have five meaningful opportunities to compete during the nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Sep 2, 2026: In Progress Adopted by the Division I Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-57 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL – OUT-OF-SEASON ACTIVITIES AND PRESEASON PRACTICE PERIOD

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to modify the out-of-season activities and preseason practice period legislation, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 through 17.1.6 unchanged.]

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of the Playing Season.

[17.1.7.2-(a) through 17.1.7.2-(c) unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches in the student-athlete's sport may design and conduct specific workout programs for a student-athlete, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.7.2.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6 Summer Athletic Activities **and Bowl Subdivision Football Athletic Activities After the Spring Term.**

[17.1.7.2.1.6.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6.2 **Championship Subdivision** Football. In **championship subdivision** football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review and not more than two hours per week spent on noncontact skill-related instruction. During noncontact skill-related instruction, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport other than footballs.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment – Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid – **Championship Subdivision** Football. In **championship subdivision** football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1-(l) unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid – **Championship Subdivision** Football. In **championship subdivision** football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses – Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete

may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2), provided the student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3 Bowl Subdivision Football In bowl subdivision football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in athletic activities after the conclusion of the spring term for the duration of the student-athlete's summer school courses. A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term may engage in athletic activities occurring after the spring term, including after the summer course (or courses) has ended.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3.1 Exception to Enrollment After the Spring Term -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in athletic activities after the conclusion of the spring term, (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

- (a) After two semesters or three quarters: 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours;
- (b) After four quarters: 60 quarter hours;
- (c) After three semesters or five quarters: 45 semester hours or 75 quarter hours;
- (d) After four semesters or six quarters: 50 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (e) After seven quarters: 58.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (f) After five semesters: 62.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (g) After eight quarters: 66.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (h) After six semesters or nine quarters: 75 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (i) After 10 quarters: 83.33 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (j) After seven semesters: 87.5 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program;
- (k) After 11 quarters: 91.67 percent of the course requirements in the student-athlete's specific degree program; or
- (l) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is or will be enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing regular academic year.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to enrollment for participation in athletic activities after the spring term does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Bowl Subdivision Football In bowl subdivision football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in athletic activities after the spring term without being enrolled (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3), provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-

degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

[17.1.7.2.2 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.13 unchanged.]

[17.1.8 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

17.13 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.2 unchanged.]

17.13.3 Practice.

17.13.3.1 First Practice Date -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, an institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 27 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 21 on-field practices.

17.13.3.1.1 Exception. An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined pursuant to Bylaw 17.13.3.1.

17.13.3.42 First Practice Date -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, an institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 31 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 25 on-field practices.

[17.13.3.1.1 renumbered as 17.13.3.2.1, unchanged.]

[17.13.3.2 through 17.13.3.4 renumbered as 17.13.3.3 through 17.13.3.5, unchanged.]

17.13.3.6 Preseason Activities After Acclimatization Period -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, the remaining 15 on-field preseason practice sessions after the acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) General.

- (1) Multiple on-field practice sessions shall not be conducted on the same day;**
- (2) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day;**
- (3) A walk-through is not considered an on-field activity; however, if a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 21 on-field practices in the preseason practice period; and**
- (4) Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During this time, student-athletes may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.**

(b) Protective Equipment Restrictions.

- (1) Up to seven on-field practice sessions may be conducted in full pads;**
- (2) During at least four on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets and spider pads;**
- (3) During the remaining on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets, spider pads and/or shoulder pads; and**
- (4) On-field practice sessions may be conducted in less protective equipment than the maximum restrictions noted above.**

(c) Contact Restrictions.

- (1) Full contact (tackling to the ground) is only permitted during an on-field practice session in full pads;**
- (2) An institution shall not conduct more than two consecutive days of full contact (tackling to the ground) practices. A full contact practice during the acclimatization period counts toward this limit;**
- (3) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than during the two permissible scrimmages; and**
- (4) An institution shall not conduct more than two scrimmages during the preseason practice period. A scrimmage is a practice devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11, full contact (tackling to the ground) activities. A scrimmage counts as one of the seven permissible practices in full pads and may include more than 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground).**

17.13.3.57 Preseason Activities After Acclimatization Period -- **Championship Subdivision.** **In championship subdivision football, the** ~~The~~ remaining 19 on-field preseason practice sessions after the acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.13.3.5-(a) renumbered as 17.13.3.7-(a) unchanged.]

[17.13.3.5-(a)-(1) through 17.13.3.5-(a)-(2) renumbered as 17.13.3.7-(a)-(1) through 17.13.3.7-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

- (3) A walk-through is not considered an on-field activity; however, if a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. ~~In championship subdivision football, on~~ **On-field** walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day; and

[17.13.3.5-(a)-(4) renumbered as 17.13.3.7-(a)-(4) unchanged.]

[17.13.3.5-(b) through 17.13.3.5-(c) renumbered as 17.13.3.7-(b) through 17.13.3.7-(c) unchanged.]

[17.13.4 through 17.13.9 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

17.13 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.6 unchanged.]

17.13.7 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice -- Bowl Subdivision. **In bowl subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's preseason practice period, student-athletes shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (See Bylaw 17.1.7.2).**

17.13.7.1 Discretionary Weeks. **An institution shall designate nine weeks as student-athlete discretionary time (see Bylaw 17.02.17). One discretionary week must occur between the end of the spring term or quarter and the start of the preseason practice period. The designated nine weeks (each week must be seven consecutive calendar days designated as Monday through Sunday) must be placed on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to January 1. An institution is permitted to designate institutional vacation periods (e.g., holiday break, spring break, summer vacation period) as student-athlete discretionary time.**

17.13.7.2 Practice Periods. **A maximum of 21 practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.13.6.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 21 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, review of game film and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22). For a student-athlete to participate in a practice session after the conclusion of the institution's spring term, the student-athlete must satisfy the requirements of Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3. Practice sessions must meet the following conditions:**

- (a) The practice periods shall be divided into two periods of not more than five consecutive weeks for each period, and not more than seven weeks total in duration between the two periods.**
- (b) A minimum of one week of student-athlete discretionary time must occur between the last on-field practice (contact and noncontact) and the start of the preseason practice period.**

- (c) A practice session held during a vacation day may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session.
- (d) A maximum of 12 contact practices may occur, and contact shall not occur prior to the third practice session, in each practice period. Contact practice sessions may not occur in July.
- (e) During noncontact practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to helmets and spider pads.
- (f) Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and not more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (g) An institution shall not conduct full contact (tackling to the ground) practices on consecutive calendar days.
- (h) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than the three tackling sessions devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (i) Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn.
- (j) If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.13.6.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (k) The amount of time that a student-athlete may be involved in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.13.7.3 Conditioning Activities. Required noncontact skill instruction, conditioning, weight-training activities, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22) are permissible from January 1 until the start of the preseason practice, outside the nine weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time and the institution's designated practice periods. A student-athlete's participation in such activities is limited to a maximum of eight hours per week. For a student-athlete to participate in a practice session after the conclusion of the institution's spring term, the student-athlete must satisfy the requirements of Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3.

17.13.7.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate.

17.13.7.5 Postseason Practice Session. An institution may conduct one postseason practice session before the end of the institution's academic year for the purpose of conducting a professional tryout or workout activity, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) A student-athlete may not miss class to participate;
- (b) The session shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition;
- (c) The session shall not involve contact and student-athletes shall not wear protective equipment (e.g. helmet, shoulder pads, spider pads, padded undergarments); and
- (d) The amount of time that a student-athlete is involved in such countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours.

17.13.7.8 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, ~~s~~Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2):

~~17.13.7.1 Conditioning Activities -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2 as follows:~~

~~17.13.7.1.1 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice. In bowl subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its out-of-season conditioning period as follows:~~

- ~~(a) An institution shall designate eight weeks as student-athlete discretionary time (see Bylaw 17.02.17). The designated eight weeks (each week must be seven consecutive calendar days) must be placed on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to January 1. An institution is permitted to designate institutional vacation periods (e.g., holiday break, spring break) as student-athlete discretionary time.~~
- ~~(b) Required conditioning, weight-training activities, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22) shall remain permissible during the academic year outside the eight weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on the viewing of game film and participating in walk-throughs.~~
- ~~(c) Spring football practice per Bylaw 17.13.7.5 shall remain permissible outside the eight weeks.~~
- ~~(d) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks between the conclusion of the academic year and its reporting date for preseason practice as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time (in addition to the eight weeks already designated).~~
- ~~(e) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.8. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.~~
- ~~(f) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.~~

~~17.13.7.1.1.1 National Service Academies. National service academies shall be subject to the restrictions governing conditioning activities in Bylaw 17.13.7.1.1, except that they shall be able to designate nine weeks of student-athlete discretionary time between January 1 and the start of the preseason practice period.~~

[17.13.7.2 through 17.13.7.6 renumbered as 17.13.8.1 through 17.13.8.5, unchanged.]

[17.13.8 through 17.13.9 renumbered as 17.13.9 through 17.13.10, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal provides institutions discretion to plan activities that align with specific institutional practices and philosophies. A reduction in the duration and number of practices during the preseason practice period is necessary due to the additional on-field practice opportunities provided during January 1 until the start of the preseason period. The preseason practice period provisions allow opportunities for adequate on-field preparation for the upcoming football season while maintaining the current framework for required days off and the seven-day acclimatization period.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The bowl subdivision football playing and practice season is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not increase the existing monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides institutions with discretion to plan out-of-season activities according to the needs of its student-athletes and promotes student-

athlete health, safety and well-being by reducing the duration and number of on-field practices during the preseason period.

Estimated Budget Impact: Increases in the on-field practice time and the opportunity to conduct out-of-season practices during the summer may result in additional costs based on institutional decision-making. The reduction in duration and number of on-field practices during the preseason period may reduce preseason expenses for some institutions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2026: In Progress

Aug 27, 2026: In Progress Adopted by the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

No. 2026-58 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- JOINT PRACTICE

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to permit an institution to engage in a joint practice with another four-year college institution during the spring term, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.13 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.5 unchanged.]

17.13.6 Number of Contests.

[17.13.6.1 unchanged.]

17.13.6.2 Annual Exemptions.

[17.13.6.2.1 unchanged.]

17.13.6.2.2 Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following:

[17.13.6.2.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Joint Practice. One joint practice during the spring term, with another four-year college institution. The joint practice counts as one of the three tackling sessions devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages and may not occur prior to the institution's eighth overall practice session permitted during out-of-season activities. Football officials must be present at a joint practice in which contact may occur. To participate, a student-athlete must be eligible for competition and may not miss class to travel to or participate in the joint practice. The joint practice may not occur during the week preceding or during the institution's final exam period.

[17.13.6.2.2-(b) through 17.13.6.2.2-(j) relettered as 17.13.6.2.2-(c) through 17.13.6.2.2-(k), unchanged.]

17.13.7 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2):

[17.13.7.1 through 17.13.7.4 unchanged.]

17.13.7.5 Spring Practice. Fifteen postseason practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.13.6.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 15 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, review of game film and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22). Practice sessions must meet the following conditions:

[17.13.7.5-(a) through 17.13.7.5-(i) unchanged.]

(j) In championship subdivision football, if an institution conducts a joint practice per Bylaw 17.13.6.2.2-(b), the joint practice shall be counted as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.

[17.13.7.5-(j) relettered as 17.13.7.5-(k), unchanged.]

[17.13.7.6 unchanged.]

[17.13.8 through 17.13.9 unchanged.]

Source: Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal will improve the development and retention of football student-athletes by providing competitive opportunities against another four-year institution's team during the spring practice period. A joint practice may not occur prior to the eighth on-field practice in order to provide student-athletes with acclimatization prior to contact practices against another institution's student-athletes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The championship subdivision football playing and practice season is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposal does not increase the existing monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides student-athletes with increased development opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in travel and lodging expenses.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Aug 31, 2026: In Progress

The Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee amended the proposal to include a provision that requires officials at any joint practices in which any contact may occur. The committee adopted the proposal, as amended, pending review by the Cabinet.

No. 2026-59 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL – OUT-OF-SEASON ACTIVITIES AND PRESEASON PRACTICE PERIOD

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to modify the out-of-season activities and preseason practice period legislation, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 through 17.1.6 unchanged.]

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of the Playing Season.

[17.1.7.2-(a) through 17.1.7.2-(c) unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches in the student-athlete's sport may design and conduct specific workout programs for a student-athlete, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.7.2.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6 Summer Athletic Activities **and Championship Subdivision Football Athletic Activities After the Spring Term.**

[17.1.7.2.1.6.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6.2 **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning, review of practice and game film and noncontact skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review and not more than two hours per week spent on noncontact skill-related instruction. During noncontact skill-related instruction, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport other than footballs.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment – Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid – **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1-(l) unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until the student-athlete has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid – **Bowl Subdivision** Football. In **bowl subdivision** football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3 Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in athletics activities after the conclusion of the spring term for the duration of the student-athlete's summer school courses. A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term may engage in athletic activities occurring after the spring term, including after the summer school course (or courses) has ended.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3.1 Exception to Enrollment After the Spring Term -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required athletic activities after the conclusion of the spring term (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete was academically and

athletically eligible for competition during the spring term and is academically and athletically eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term.

17.1.7.2.1.6.3.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in athletic activities after the conclusion of the spring term (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

17.1.7.2.1.6.2.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, ~~an if the~~ institution ~~that~~ does not offer summer school courses, ~~may designate eight weeks of the summer in which~~ a student-athlete may participate in ~~required summer~~ athletic activities **after the conclusion of the spring term** (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2), provided the student-athlete has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

[17.1.7.2.2 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.13 unchanged.]

[17.1.8 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.13 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.2 unchanged.]

17.13.3 Practice.

17.13.3.1 First Practice Date -- **Bowl Subdivision.** In bowl subdivision football, an ~~An~~ institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 31 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 25 on-field practices.

17.13.3.1.1 Exception. An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined pursuant to Bylaw 17.13.3.1.

17.13.3.2 First Practice Date -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, an institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, before 27 days before its first scheduled intercollegiate game. Before its first scheduled intercollegiate game, an institution may not engage in more than 21 on-field practices.

17.13.3.2.1 Exception. An institution that has prohibitions against athletics activities during a specific day of the week due to religious reasons, may start official preseason football practice sessions one day earlier than the date determined pursuant to Bylaw 17.13.3.2.

[17.13.3.2 through 17.13.3.4 renumbered as 17.13.3.3 through 17.13.3.5, unchanged.]

17.13.3.5 Preseason Activities After Acclimatization Period -- **Bowl Subdivision Football.** In bowl subdivision football, the ~~The~~ remaining 19 on-field preseason practice sessions after the acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.13.3.5-(a) renumbered as 17.13.3.6-(a) unchanged.]

[17.13.3.5-(a)-(1) through 17.13.3.5-(a)-(2) renumbered as 17.13.3.6-(a)-(1) through 17.13.3.6-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) A walk-through is not considered an on-field activity; however, if a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field

practices in the preseason practice period. ~~In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day; and~~

[17.13.3.5-(a)-(4) renumbered as 17.13.3.6-(a)-(4) unchanged.]

[17.13.3.5-(b) through 17.13.3.5-(c) renumbered as 17.13.3.6-(b) through 17.13.3.6-(c) unchanged.]

17.13.3.7 Preseason Activities After Acclimatization Period -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, the remaining 15 on-field preseason practice sessions after the acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) General.

- (1) Multiple on-field practice sessions shall not be conducted on the same day;**
- (2) Student-athletes shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities per day;**
- (3) A walk-through is not considered an on-field activity; however, if a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 21 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. On-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day; and**
- (4) Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During this time, student-athletes may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time.**

(b) Protective Equipment Restrictions.

- (1) Up to seven on-field practice sessions may be conducted in full pads;**
- (2) During at least four on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets and spider pads;**
- (3) During the remaining on-field practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to not more than helmets, spider pads and/or shoulder pads; and**
- (4) On-field practice sessions may be conducted in less protective equipment than the maximum restrictions noted above.**

(c) Contact Restrictions.

- (1) Full contact (tackling to the ground) is only permitted during an on-field practice session in full pads;**
- (2) An institution shall not conduct more than two consecutive days of full contact (tackling to the ground) practices. A full contact practice during the acclimatization period counts toward this limit;**
- (3) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than during the two permissible scrimmages; and**
- (4) An institution shall not conduct more than two scrimmages during the preseason practice period. A scrimmage is a practice devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11, full contact (tackling to the ground) activities. A scrimmage counts as one of the eight permissible practices in full pads and may include more than 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground).**

[17.13.4 through 17.13.9 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

17.13 Football. Regulations for computing the football playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.13.1 through 17.13.6 unchanged.]

17.13.7 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities -- **Bowl Subdivision.** **In bowl subdivision football, s**Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2):

[17.13.7.1 unchanged.]

~~17.13.7.2 Conditioning Activities -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, student-athletes may participate in conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2. Between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for the preseason practice, an institution shall conduct its summer conditioning period as follows:~~

- ~~(a) An institution shall designate nine consecutive weeks as its summer conditioning period. During this nine-week period, institutions shall designate one week as student-athlete discretionary time.~~
- ~~(b) During the remaining eight weeks of the summer conditioning period, student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1 and prospective student-athletes may be involved in voluntary weight training and conditioning activities pursuant to Bylaw 13.11.3.8. Such activities are limited to eight hours per week. In addition, student-athletes may participate in required summer athletic activities pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.2.~~
- ~~(c) All remaining days between the conclusion of the academic year and the institution's reporting date for preseason practice that are not part of the institution's designated summer conditioning period and not already designated as student-athlete discretionary time shall be considered student-athlete discretionary time.~~

[17.13.7.3 through 17.13.7.6 renumbered as 17.13.7.2 through 17.13.7.5, unchanged.]

17.13.8 January 1 Until the Start of Preseason Practice -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, between January 1 and the institution's preseason practice period, student-athletes shall not engage in athletically related activities outside the playing season, except as set forth in this bylaw (See Bylaw 17.1.7.2).

17.13.8.1 Discretionary Weeks. An institution shall designate nine weeks as student-athlete discretionary time (see Bylaw 17.02.17). One discretionary week must occur between the end of the spring term or quarter and the start of the preseason practice period. The designated nine weeks (each week must be seven consecutive calendar days designated as Monday through Sunday) must be placed on file in writing in the department of athletics prior to January 1. An institution is permitted to designate institutional vacation periods (e.g., holiday break, spring break, summer vacation period) as student-athlete discretionary time.

17.13.8.2 Practice Periods. A maximum of 21 practice sessions [including intrasquad scrimmages and the spring game permitted in Bylaw 17.13.6.2-(a)] are permissible. An institution is not required to count as one of its 21 designated days any day during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities, review of game film and/or walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22). For a student-athlete to participate in a practice session after the conclusion of the institution's spring term, the student-athlete must satisfy the requirements of Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3. Practice sessions must meet the following conditions:

- (a) The practice periods shall be divided into two periods of not more than five consecutive weeks for each period, and not more than seven weeks total in duration between the two periods.**
- (b) A minimum of one week of student-athlete discretionary time must occur between the last on-field practice (contact and noncontact) and the start of the preseason practice period.**
- (c) A practice session held during a vacation day may not be of longer duration than those normally held when academic classes are in session.**
- (d) A maximum of 12 contact practices may occur, and such contact shall not occur prior to the third practice session, in each practice period. Contact practice sessions may not occur in July.**
- (e) During noncontact practice sessions, protective equipment is restricted to helmets and spider pads.**
- (f) Of the 12 permissible contact sessions, eight sessions may involve tackling, and not more than three of the eight tackling sessions may be devoted primarily (greater than 50 percent of practice time) to 11-on-11 scrimmages.**
- (g) An institution shall not conduct full contact (tackling to the ground) practices on consecutive calendar days.**
- (h) An institution shall not conduct more than a total of 75 minutes of full contact (tackling to the ground) within any one on-field practice session other than the three tackling sessions devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.**

- (i) Tackling shall be prohibited in four of the 12 contact sessions. An institution has the discretion to determine the practice activities (other than tackling) that may occur during the four contact nontackling sessions as well as the protective equipment to be worn by the student-athletes.
- (j) If an institution conducts a "spring game" per Bylaw 17.13.6.2-(a), the game shall be counted as one of the three sessions that may be devoted primarily to 11-on-11 scrimmages.
- (k) The amount of time that a student-athlete may be involved in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.13.8.3 Conditioning Activities. Required noncontact skill instruction, conditioning, weight-training activities, review of game film and walk-throughs (see Bylaw 17.02.22) are permissible from January 1 until the start of the preseason practice, outside the nine weeks designated as student-athlete discretionary time and the institution's designated practice periods. A student-athlete's participation in such activities is limited to a maximum of eight hours per week. For a student-athlete to participate in a practice session after the conclusion of the institution's spring term, the student-athlete must satisfy the requirements of Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.6.3.

17.13.8.4 Strength and Conditioning Coach First Aid/CPR Certification and Authority of Sports Medicine Staff. A strength and conditioning coach who conducts voluntary weight training or conditioning activities is required to maintain certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition, a member of the institution's sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainer, physician) must be present during all voluntary conditioning activities (running, not lifting) conducted by the institution's strength coach. The sports medicine staff member must be empowered to have the unchallengeable authority to cancel or modify the workout for health and safety reasons, as the staff member deems appropriate.

17.13.8.5 Postseason Practice Session. An institution may conduct one postseason practice session before the end of the institution's academic year for the purpose of conducting a professional tryout or workout activity, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) A student-athlete may not miss class to participate;
- (b) The session shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition;
- (c) The session shall not involve contact and student-athletes shall not wear protective equipment (e.g. helmet, shoulder pads, spider pads, padded undergarments); and
- (d) The amount of time that a student-athlete is involved in such countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours.

[17.13.8 through 17.13.9 renumbered as 17.13.9 through 17.13.10, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal prioritizes progress toward degree by allowing student-athletes who remain eligible throughout the academic year to engage in out-of-season activities during the summer periods without being required to enroll in summer school courses. Additionally, this proposal will provide institutions with discretion to plan out-of-season activities that align with specific institutional practices and philosophies. A reduction in the duration and number of practices during the preseason practice period is necessary due to the additional on-field practice opportunities provided during the period from January 1 to the start of preseason practice. The changes to the preseason practice period allow opportunities for adequate on-field preparation for the football season while maintaining the current framework for required days off and the seven-day acclimatization period.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The championship subdivision football playing and practice season is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposal does not increase the existing monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal promotes student-athlete health, safety, and well-being by reducing the duration and number of on-field practices during the preseason period.

Estimated Budget Impact: Reduction in summer school enrollment expenses and reduction of preseason expenses for some institutions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2026: In Progress

Aug 31, 2026: In Progress Adopted by the Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Cabinet.

Division Membership

No. 2026-60 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- WOMEN'S ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

Intent: In women's acrobatics and tumbling, to eliminate the sports sponsorship minimum participants requirement.

Bylaws: Amend 20.9.6, as follows:

20.9.6 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor teams in a minimum of:

[20.9.6-(a) through 20.9.6-(b) unchanged.]

[20.9.6.1 through 20.9.6.2 unchanged.]

20.9.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, women's acrobatics and tumbling, women's rowing and women's stunt, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Women's Bowling	8	5
Baseball	27		Cross Country	4	5
Basketball	25		Equestrian	6	12
Women's Beach Volleyball	8		Men's Fencing	9	5
Field Hockey	11		Women's Fencing	9	5
Women's Flag Football	12		Golf	8	4
Football	9		Men's Gymnastics	8	6
Men's Ice Hockey	25		Women's Gymnastics	9	5
Women's Ice Hockey	20		Rifle	8	4
Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	6	23	Swimming and Diving	6	11
Women's Rugby	9		Tennis	12	5
Soccer	11		Track and Field, Indoor	4	14
Softball	27		Track and Field, Outdoor	4	14
Women's Stunt	8	16	Women's Triathlon	4	3

Volleyball	19	Men's Wrestling	13	7
Men's Water Polo	15	Women's Wrestling	13	7
Women's Water Polo	10			

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)
[20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.11 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: In Division I, team sports generally defer to playing rules on the minimum number of participants to complete a contest. Eliminating the requirement from the sports sponsorship legislation will keep acrobatics and tumbling consistent with other team sports and allow the playing rules govern the minimum participant requirement for any necessary health and safety considerations. When acrobatics and tumbling was adopted as an emerging sport, a minimum participant requirement was established for sports sponsorship so that student-athletes could compete safely and to promote the development of complete rosters. However, the NCATA Code of Points (which governs the playing rules for acrobatics and tumbling) has since developed a program that allows teams with a roster size under 18 to safely compete. Eliminating the minimum number of participants requirement from the sport sponsorship legislation will allow teams utilizing this program to meet sports sponsorship requirements. The NCAA Division I Membership Committee supports this change, which is also under consideration by Divisions II and III.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Fair Competition.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes, sport sponsorship requirements are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: The proposal promotes consistency with playing rules.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Deferring to sport playing rules allows institutions to utilize a simplified format and skill set to ensure safety, retention and a positive competitive experience for student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Governance Structure and Committees

No. 2026-61 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEE -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE -- COMPOSITION -- CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER

Intent: To add a commissioner from one of the six Division I men's ice hockey conferences as a nonvoting member of the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 21.6, as follows:

21.6 Sports Oversight Committees. Each oversight committee shall report to the Cabinet and shall maintain oversight of the applicable Division I championship sport.

[21.6.1 through 21.6.8 unchanged.]

21.6.9 Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee. The Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee shall include seven voting members and ~~four~~ **five** nonvoting members. The voting members shall include one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 21.2.1-(a) that sponsors the sport; one member from each of the three highest ranked other conferences based on ice hockey success; two at-large members from the remaining conferences that sponsor the sport; and one student-athlete. Ice hockey success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. The nonvoting members shall include a faculty athletics representative, a coaches association representative, an officials coordinator, ~~and~~ a secretary-rules editor **and a commissioner from one of the six Division I men's ice hockey conferences.**

[21.6.9.1 unchanged.]

[21.6.10 through 21.6.20 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: Division I ice hockey conference commissioners are responsible for the day-to-day administration and long-term strategic direction of Division I men's ice hockey. The addition of a commissioner as a nonvoting member of the Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee would strengthen the committee by adding a conference-wide operational and strategic perspective. Further, it would streamline and enhance on-going communication across the six Division I ice hockey conferences.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The proposal is significant to institutions that sponsor Division I men's ice hockey.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Including one commissioner from the Division I men's ice hockey conferences provides broader representation to issues impacting Division I men's ice hockey student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-62 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- AWARDS COMMITTEE

Intent: To eliminate the NCAA Awards Committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 21.2, as follows:

21.2 Division I Cabinet.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.5 unchanged.]

21.2.6 Association-Wide Committees. The following committees shall report to the Cabinet regarding issues related to Division I:

[21.2.6-(a) unchanged.]

~~(b) Awards Committee;~~

[21.2.6-(c) through 21.2.6-(e) relettered as 21.2.6-(b) through 21.2.6-(d), unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.7, as follows:

21.7 Association-Wide Committees – General Committees.

[21.7.1 through 21.7.3 unchanged.]

~~21.7.4 Awards Committee.~~

~~21.7.4.1 Composition. The Awards Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one former student-athlete who was a Woman of the Year nominee, one senior-level administrator from a member institution, one member from each division and subdivision of Division I and three nationally distinguished citizens, one of which must be a former NCAA awards recipient. Division II and Division III will be represented each by a member of the Management Council. Two positions shall be allocated for men, two allocated for women and six unallocated.~~

~~21.7.4.2 Term of Office. A member's term of service shall commence on the day following adjournment of the NCAA Convention following the member's appointment.~~

~~21.7.4.3 Duties. The committee shall receive nominations for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, the Today's Top 10 Awards, the Award of Valor, the Gerald R. Ford Award, the Pat Summitt Award, the Woman of the Year Award, and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards.~~

[21.7.5 through 21.7.6 renumbered as 21.7.4 through 21.7.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: The NCAA Board of Governors directed the divisional legislative bodies to sunset the NCAA Awards Committee based on formal membership-wide feedback on Associational priorities. Specifically, the membership indicated interest in exploring other opportunities to celebrate student-athletes and their accomplishments year-round through digital and earned media channels. These communications strategies, in lieu of traditional award programming, will enable the NCAA to reach a broader audience in the celebration student-athletes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The governance structure is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: This proposal has no monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success by improving the reach to broader audiences to celebrate their accomplishments.

Estimated Budget Impact: Savings associated with elimination of committee operations.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 14, 2026: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2026-65 PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITING MODEL

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to amend legislation governing off-campus recruiting, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.7.5 Football.

[11.7.5.1 unchanged.]

11.7.5.2 Limit on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters.

(a) Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may designate up to ~~11~~ **17** institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. **An institution may designate its off-campus recruiters before any contact or evaluation period. An off-campus recruiter remains in the position until the next opportunity to designate off-campus recruiters, unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).**

(b) Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution may designate up to 13 institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. An off-campus recruiter remains in the position for the duration of the year (August 1 through July 31) unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).

[11.7.5.2.1 unchanged.]

11.7.5.2.2 Requirement to Engage in On-Campus Coaching Duties -- **Championship Subdivision.** ~~An In~~ **In championship subdivision football,** institutional staff member must regularly engage in on-campus coaching activities with student-athletes to be designated as a permissible off-campus recruiter (see Bylaw 13.1.2.8.1).

[11.7.5.2.3 through 11.7.5.2.5 unchanged.]

[11.7.5.3 through 11.7.5.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13 Recruiting

[13.01 unchanged.]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.10 unchanged.]

13.02.11 Recruiting-Person Days – Football. In football, a recruiting-person day is defined as one off-campus recruiter engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a football prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two off-campus recruiters engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. (See Bylaws 13.1.5.3 **and 13.1.5.4.**) [D]

13.02.11.1 Exception -- Head Coach -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, a head coach's off-campus recruiting activity does not count toward the limit on recruiting person days.

[13.02.11.1 renumbered as 13.02.11.2, unchanged.]

[13.02.12 through 13.02.21 unchanged.]

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 through 13.1.3 unchanged.]

13.1.4 Visit to Prospective Student-Athlete's Educational Institution. Visits to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer's designated representative) of the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. A coaching staff member or off-campus recruiter may not visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during a dead period or recruiting shutdown. [D]

[13.1.4.1 through 13.1.4.2 unchanged.]

13.1.4.3 Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, a visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution counts as a recruiting opportunity for all prospective student-athletes in the sport at the educational institution. (See Bylaw 13.1.5.3.) [D]

13.1.4.3.1 Visits During Evaluation Period – Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, not more than two coaches per institution may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution on any one calendar day during an evaluation period. [D]

13.1.4.34 **Championship Subdivision** Football. In **championship subdivision** football, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete's educational institution not more than twice within a contact period, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted. A visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution counts as a recruiting opportunity for all prospective student-athletes in the sport at the educational institution. (See Bylaw 13.1.5.34.) [D]

[13.1.4.4 through 13.1.4.5 renumbered as 13.1.4.5 through 13.1.4.6, unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.2 unchanged.]

13.1.5.3 Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution is limited to four recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) January 1 through May 31 per prospective student-athlete. An institution is limited to one recruiting opportunity per week (Monday through Sunday) per prospective student-athlete. An institution is limited to 300 recruiting-person days January 1 through May 31. [D]

13.1.5.3.1 Exception -- Fall Evaluation Period. The one evaluation per prospective student-athlete per year during the fall evaluation period shall not count as a recruiting opportunity.

13.1.5.3.2 Additional Restrictions -- Contacts During the Junior Year. During the four permissible recruiting opportunities during each contact period following January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, two contacts may occur at any location and two contacts may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution.

13.1.5.34 **Championship Subdivision** Football. In **championship subdivision** football, after January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year each institution shall be limited to two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete during each contact period, which shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete's family members but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. An institution shall not exceed 140 ~~(180 for U.S. service academies)~~ recruiting-person days during the spring contact period. [D]

13.1.5.34.1 Exception – Fall Evaluation Period. The one evaluation per prospective student-athlete per year during the fall evaluation period shall not count as a recruiting opportunity.

13.1.5.34.2 Additional Restrictions – Contacts During the Junior Year. During the two permissible recruiting opportunities during each contact period following January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year, one contact may occur at any location and one contact may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. [D]

[13.1.5.4 through 13.1.5.13 renumbered as 13.1.5.5 through 13.1.5.14, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.3 unchanged.]

13.1.7.4 Evaluations – Football. In football, institutional staff members shall be limited to one evaluation per prospective student-athlete per year during the fall evaluation period. [D]

13.1.7.4.1 Evaluation Days. **In bowl subdivision football, an institution is limited to 50 evaluation days during the fall evaluation period.** In **championship subdivision** football, an institution is limited to 33 ~~(42 for U.S. service academies)~~ evaluation days during the fall evaluation period. (See Bylaw 13.02.7.1.) [D]

[13.1.7.4.2 through 13.1.7.4.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.5 through 13.1.7.19 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The changes to off-campus recruiting legislation reflect the current college athletics landscape by providing more institutional autonomy to determine recruiting philosophies and practices.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The personnel and recruiting legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal has a nominal increase to monitoring burden.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies, depending on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 23, 2026:	In Progress	The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.
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Athletics Personnel

No. 2026-66 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Intent: In men's ice hockey, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and be designated as one of the four off-campus recruiters on an annual basis (August 1 to July 31).

A. Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

[11.01 unchanged.]

11.02 Definitions and Applications.

[11.02.1 unchanged.]

11.02.2 Countable Coach -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Men's Ice Hockey** and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, a countable coach is an institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements who engages in off-campus recruiting activities or provides technical or tactical instruction related to a sport to a student-athlete at any time.

[11.02.2.1 through 11.02.2.2 unchanged.]

[11.02.3 through 11.02.5 unchanged.]

[11.1 through 11.6 unchanged.]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Men's Ice Hockey** and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, an individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution.

[11.7.1.1 unchanged.]

11.7.2 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Men's Ice Hockey** and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) during practice and competition involving student-athletes on a regular basis. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games) and is prohibited from signaling plays during practice and competition (see Bylaw 11.02.2).

[11.7.3 unchanged.]

11.7.4 Basketball **and Men's Ice Hockey**.

11.7.4.1 Technical and Tactical Instruction. In basketball **and men's ice hockey**, any institutional staff member may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes. An institution may not make arrangements with an individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) to provide technical or tactical instruction to student-athletes.

11.7.4.2 Limit on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters. In basketball, an institution may designate up to six institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. **In men's ice hockey, an institution may designate up to four institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.** An off-campus recruiter remains in the position for the duration of the year (August 1 through July 31) unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).

11.7.4.2.1 Designation of Head Coach. One institutional staff member must be designated as the head coach of the ~~baseball~~ sport program. The head coach must be included in the limit on the number of off-campus recruiters.

11.7.4.2.2 Additional Off-Campus Recruiters – National Service Academies. National service academies may designate two additional off-campus recruiters **in basketball and one in men's ice hockey**.

11.7.4.2.3 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its off-campus recruiters if the off-campus recruiter is unable to perform any or all duties because of extenuating circumstances. The replacement off-campus recruiter may perform only those recruiting duties that the replaced off-campus recruiter is unable to perform.

11.7.4.2.4 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. An institution may replace an off-campus recruiter temporarily or on a limited basis when that off-campus recruiter takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the off-campus recruiter who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution.

[11.7.5 through 11.7.6 unchanged.]

11.7.7 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.02.4) and off-campus recruiters who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	5	Women's Skiing	3
Baseball	(See Bylaw 11.7.3)	Men's Soccer	4
Men's Basketball	(See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Women's Soccer	4
Women's Basketball	(See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Softball	(See Bylaw 11.7.6)
Women's Beach Volleyball	3	Women's Stunt	4
Women's Bowling	3	Men's Swimming	3
Women's Equestrian	4	Men's Swimming and Diving	4
Men's Fencing	3	Women's Swimming	3

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Fencing	3	Women's Swimming and Diving	4
Women's Flag Football	4		
Football, Bowl Subdivision	(See Bylaw 11.7.5)	Men's Tennis	3
Football, Championship Subdivision	(See Bylaw 11.7.5)	Women's Tennis	3
Field Hockey	4	Men's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	3
Men's Golf	3	Men's Track and Field	4
Women's Golf	3	Men's Cross Country/Track and Field	6
Men's Gymnastics	4	Women's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	3
Women's Gymnastics	4	Women's Track and Field	4
Men's Ice Hockey	4 (See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Women's Cross Country/Track and Field	6
Women's Ice Hockey	4	Women's Triathlon	3
Men's Lacrosse	4	Men's Volleyball	4
Women's Lacrosse	4	Women's Volleyball	4
Men's Rifle	3	Men's Water Polo	4
Women's Rifle	3	Women's Water Polo	4
Women's Rowing	7	Men's Wrestling	4
Women's Rugby	4	Women's Wrestling	4
Men's Skiing	3		

[11.7.7.1 through 11.7.7.4 unchanged.]

11.7.7.5 Exceptions to Number Limits – Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, **Men's Ice Hockey**, Football and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, **men's ice hockey**, football and softball, no individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.7 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

[11.7.7.5.1 through 11.7.7.5.3 unchanged.]

~~11.7.7.5.4 Additional Coaches – National Service Academies – Men's Ice Hockey. A national service academy may employ one additional coach in men's ice hockey.~~

[11.7.7.5.5 through 11.7.7.5.7 renumbered as 11.7.7.5.4 through 11.7.7.5.6, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 through 13.02 unchanged.]

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

[13.1.2.1 through 13.1.2.2 unchanged.]

13.1.2.3 General Restrictions – Staff Members and Governing Board. The following are additional restrictions that apply to an institution's staff members and governing board. [D]

- (a) Noncoaching Staff Members with Sport-Specific Responsibilities. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities or, in baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to the applicable sport who is not an off-campus recruiter, (except a staff member who only performs clerical duties) shall not attend an on- or off-campus athletics event in the staff member's sport that involves prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school contest, noninstitutional sports camp) unless the staff member is a family member of a participant in the activity. A staff member who is a family member of a participant may attend such an event, subject to the following conditions:

[13.1.2.3-(a)-(1) through 13.1.2.3-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

[13.1.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

[13.1.2.4 through 13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

[13.1.3 through 13.1.7 unchanged.]

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

[13.1.8.1 unchanged.]

13.1.8.2 Noncoaching Staff Members With Sport-Specific Responsibilities – During a Contact, Evaluation, Recruiting or Quiet Period. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (or in baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, a staff member with sport-specific responsibilities not designated as an off-campus recruiter) may not speak at or attend a banquet or meeting at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution at any time, regardless of whether prospective student-athletes are in attendance. During a contact, evaluation, recruiting or quiet period, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (or in baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, a staff member with sport-specific responsibilities not designated as an off-campus recruiter) may speak at or attend a banquet or meeting at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution where prospective student-athletes are in attendance, provided: [D]

[13.1.8.2-(a) through 13.1.8.2-(d) unchanged.]

13.1.8.3 During a Dead Period or Recruiting Shutdown. During a dead period or recruiting shutdown, a coach, off-campus recruiter or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (or in baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, any staff member with sport-specific responsibilities not designated as an off-campus recruiter) may not attend or speak at a meeting or banquet held at a prospective student-athlete's educational institution, regardless of whether prospective student-athletes are in attendance, and may not speak at a meeting or banquet at another location where prospective student-athletes are in attendance. A coach, off-campus recruiter or noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (or in baseball, basketball, football, **men's ice hockey** and softball, any staff member with sport-specific responsibilities not designated as an off-campus recruiter) may attend a meeting or banquet at a location other than a prospective student-athlete's educational institution where prospective student-athletes are in attendance, provided: [D]

[13.1.8.3-(a) through 13.1.8.3-(c) unchanged.]

[13.1.8.4 through 13.1.8.7 unchanged.]

[13.1.9 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.11 unchanged.]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. Generally, the interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial

aid to any prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.1). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown.

[13.12.1.5.1 through 13.12.1.5.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.7 Exception – Recruiting Conversations – Men's Ice Hockey. In men's ice hockey, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an ~~institution's coach~~ **institutional staff member** and a participating individual before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.8 through 13.12.1.5.10 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

[13.13 through 13.18 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.15 unchanged.]

17.16 Ice Hockey. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.16.1 through 17.16.2 unchanged.]

17.16.3 First Contest.

[17.16.3-(a) through 17.16.3-(b) unchanged.]

17.16.4 End of Regular Playing Season.

[17.16.4-(a) through 17.16.4-(b) unchanged.]

[17.16.5 unchanged.]

17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and **institutional staff** members ~~of the coaching staff~~ shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

17.16.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

[17.16.7 unchanged.]

17.16.8 Other Restrictions.

[17.16.8.1 unchanged.]

17.16.8.1.2 Out of Season. During the academic year, not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate ice hockey may practice or compete on an outside amateur ice hockey team. During the summer, there are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate ice hockey who may practice or compete on an outside, amateur ice hockey team.

[17.16.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.16.8.1.2.2 Involvement of ~~Coaching Staff~~ **Institutional Staff Members**. No **institutional staff** member ~~of the coaching staff of a member institution~~ may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) at any time (during the academic year, vacation periods and summer) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's ice hockey team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.34 and 17.36.1.

17.16.8.1.2.3 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include ~~a coach~~ **an institutional staff member** and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.16.8.1.2.3-(a) through 17.16.8.1.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to ~~coaches~~ **staff members** affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

[17.16.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.17 through 17.36 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Permitting all institutional staff members to provide instruction to student-athletes during practice and competition promotes student-athlete support and development and encourages local-level decision making. Further, this proposal maintains the limit of four staff members who may permissibly recruit off campus. This proposal promotes local-level decision-making and balances the priorities of current student-athlete development and growth with the realities of recruiting.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Changes to recruiting rules are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal reduces monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal allows institutions to make local-level decisions about how many staff members should support student-athletes during practice and competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on institutional decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jun 1, 2026:	In Progress	Introduced by the Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee.
Jun 23, 2026:	In Progress	The Women's Ice Hockey Committee recommends that the Cabinet amend the proposal to include women's ice hockey.

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2026-67 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF THE PLAYING SEASON -- ELIMINATE SKILL INSTRUCTION LIMITATION -- VARIOUS SPORTS

Intent: In the specified sports, to eliminate the limitation of four hours of skill-related instruction within the weekly limitation of eight hours of out-of-season athletically related activities.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of the Playing Season.

(a) Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction (including film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction) shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week. In sports other than basketball, baseball, cross country, field hockey, golf, men's ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field and men's wrestling, no more than four hours per week may be spent on skill-related workouts, except, in women's basketball, participation during the transition period conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.5.2. All countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of the institution's academic term. In baseball, all countable athletically related activities are prohibited between the conclusion of the institution's winter vacation period and the first permissible date for preseason practice in the championship segment per Bylaw 17.4.2.

[17.1.7.2-(b) through 17.1.7.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.1 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.13 unchanged.]

Source: Various Sports Oversight Committees

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Eliminating the four-hour restriction on skill instruction will align out-of-season activities during the academic year with the current rules for summer athletically related athletic activities. This proposal maintains the limit of eight hours of countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season while providing individual institutions the autonomy to determine the activities to conduct.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation regarding countable athletically related activities is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal reduces monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success and well-being by allowing for more individualized approaches to out-of-season activities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 28, 2026:	In Progress	The Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.
Jul 29, 2026:	In Progress	The Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.
Jul 30, 2026:	In Progress	The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.
Aug 6, 2026:	In Progress	The Softball Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.
Aug 24, 2026:	In Progress	The Baseball Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.

Sep 2, 2026: In Progress The Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Oversight Committee introduced the proposal and recommended that the Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation.

Athletics Eligibility

No. 2026-68 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- POSTSEASON AND REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION -- INITIAL ENROLLMENT AT MIDYEAR

Intent: To specify that in a sport in which the championship season is conducted over multiple regular academic terms or in a sport in which fall segment competition is used for NCAA championships qualification or consideration, a student-athlete whose initial full-time enrollment occurs at a Division I institution at midyear is ineligible for competition until the following academic year.

Bylaws: Amend 12.5, as follows:

12.5 Athletics Eligibility Requirements.

12.5.1 Postseason and Regular-Season Competition. To be eligible for regular-season competition, NCAA championships, and for postseason football bowl games, the student-athlete shall meet all eligibility requirements.

12.5.1.1 Initial Collegiate Enrollment at Midyear -- Eligibility for Competition. In a sport in which the championship season is conducted over multiple regular academic terms or in a sport in which fall segment competition is used for NCAA championships qualification or consideration, a student-athlete whose initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at a Division I institution at midyear is ineligible for competition until the following academic year.

12.5.1.12 Postseason Competition -- Midyear Enrollees -- Football. In football, a midyear enrollee (freshman or transfer) is not eligible to participate in postseason competition that occurs before or during the student-athlete's initial term of full-time enrollment at the institution.

[12.5.2 through 12.5.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, in sports other than football, a student-athlete whose initial full-time enrollment occurs at a Division I institution at midyear may begin competing immediately, provided the student-athlete is otherwise academically and athletically eligible. The current application includes winter sports, which begin competing in their championship seasons during the fall term (e.g., basketball, ice hockey), as well as golf, a sport for which fall dates of competition impact team and individual qualification for the NCAA Golf Championships conducted in the spring. This proposal is intended to preserve competitive fairness and the integrity of winter sports championships and the golf championships by requiring an institution to compete in the regular season and postseason with the student-athletes who were students at the institution at the beginning of the academic year.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Fair Competition.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. A proposal that impacts the immediate eligibility of student-athletes who enroll at midyear is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The integrity of competition throughout the season and in the championship outweighs the burden of restricting the eligibility of midyear enrollees.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal promotes fair competition by requiring institutions to compete with student-athletes who were students at the beginning of the year.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): No competition for impacted midyear enrollees.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 3, 2026:	In Progress	Introduced by the Cabinet.
Sep 9, 2026:	In Progress	The Cabinet modified the effective date from immediate to August 1, 2027.

Infractions Program

No. 2026-69 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- STANDARDS OF REVIEW AND RESOLUTION METHODS (LEVEL I/II CASES) -- ELIMINATE RESOLUTION SELECTION PROCESS

Intent: To eliminate the legislated resolution selection process.

Bylaws: Amend 19.7, as follows:

19.7 Standards of Review and Resolution Methods (Level I/II Cases)

[19.7.1 through 19.7.5 unchanged.]

19.7.6 Methods of Resolution. Cases involving allegations of Level I and/or Level II violations will be presented to and resolved by the Committee on Infractions. The Committee on Infractions shall resolve Level I and/or Level II allegations through hearing resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.8, limited resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.9 and/or negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.10. Except in exceptional circumstances, a case shall be limited to two resolution methods.

~~19.7.6.1 Initial Selection of Resolution Method. At the conclusion of an investigation that results in Level I and/or Level II allegations, the enforcement staff, in consultation with the institution and all participating involved individuals, shall make a preliminary determination of which resolution method is appropriate for each party. The enforcement staff shall submit a letter to the chair of the Committee on Infractions outlining a brief summary of the case, the selected resolution method and rationale and whether each party agrees to the selected method.~~

~~19.7.6.2 Approval of Agreed-Upon Resolution Method. If the participating party and the enforcement staff agree on the selected resolution method, the chair of the Committee on Infractions shall approve the resolution method unless doing so would not be in the best interests of the Association. After approval, the enforcement staff shall issue a notice of allegations pursuant to Bylaw 19.8 or Bylaw 19.9.2 or the parties shall submit a summary disposition pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.3 or negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.~~

~~19.7.6.3 Selection of Resolution Method Under Dispute. If the participating party and the enforcement staff do not agree on the resolution method selected by the enforcement staff, or if the chair of the Committee on Infractions disagrees with the agreed-upon resolution method, the chair of the Committee on Infractions shall hold a status conference with the impacted parties to determine which resolution method is in the best interests of the Association. After determination by the chair of the appropriate resolution method, the enforcement staff shall issue a notice of allegations pursuant to Bylaw 19.8 or Bylaw 19.9.2 or the parties shall submit a summary disposition pursuant to Bylaw 19.9.3 or negotiated resolution pursuant to Bylaw 19.10.~~

[19.7.6.4 through 19.7.6.5 renumbered as 19.7.6.1 through 19.7.6.2, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Infractions Process Task Force)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: The intent of the current resolution selection method, which became effective in January 2023, was to avoid situations in which the enforcement staff and parties spend months negotiating a resolution, only to have the Committee on Infractions determine that, in light of the proposed penalties or types of violations at issue, it is in the best interests of the Association for the case to be processed via a contested hearing. In practice, the current resolution selection method has not resulted in the quicker resolution of infractions cases. For example, many times, parties still spend months negotiating before reaching enough agreement to send the resolution selection letter, and in some cases, the current method has impeded the issuing of a notice of allegations. Eliminating the resolution selection method from the legislation is intended to streamline the process while still allowing the enforcement staff to utilize a status conference, when necessary, to address any disputes and/or concerns about the appropriate case resolution method.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The infractions program is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not change an institution's monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal is intended to help expedite the resolution of investigation-related disputes, which will positively benefit student-athletes involved in infractions investigations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 4, 2026:	In Progress	The Board of Directors introduced the proposal and recommended that the Division I Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation during the October Cabinet meeting.
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No. 2026-70 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO COOPERATE -- NEUTRAL ADMINISTRATOR

Intent: To specify that a neutral administrator may be appointed to resolve petitions for immediate penalties for failure to cooperate and resolve investigative disputes prior to the submission of a processing document regardless of whether a case is ultimately submitted on the merits to the Committee on Infractions.

Bylaws: Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infractions Program

[19.01 through 19.1 unchanged.]

19.2 Responsibility to Cooperate.

19.2.1 Responsibility to Cooperate. Institutions, current and former institutional staff members, and prospective and enrolled student-athletes have an affirmative obligation to cooperate fully with and assist the NCAA enforcement staff, the Committee on Infractions, and the Infractions Appeals Committee to further the objectives of the Association and its infractions program. Full cooperation includes, but is not limited to:

[19.2.1-(a) through 19.2.1-(j) unchanged.]

[19.2.1.1 through 19.2.1.2 unchanged.]

[19.2.2 unchanged.]

19.2.3 Immediate Penalties for Failure to Cooperate. ~~The Committee on Infractions~~ **A neutral administrator** may prescribe immediate penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate. ~~In cases before the Committee on Infractions, the chair of the Committee on Infractions; a hearing panel generated at the request of the chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate; the chief hearing officer of a hearing panel assigned to review the case, if appointed by the chair; or the hearing panel, if requested by the chief hearing officer, may prescribe penalties.~~

19.2.3.1 Finality of Immediate Penalties. The prescribed penalties are final and not subject to appeal. Immediate penalties ~~may~~ **shall** be lifted by the ~~hearing panel~~ **neutral administrator** upon a determination that the party has **promptly** cured the failure to cooperate.

~~19.2.3.2 Committee on Infractions Hearing Panel Generated for Review. When practicable, members of a Committee on Infractions hearing panel generated at the request of the Committee on Infractions chair to review whether an institution or individual failed to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate will serve on the panel that reviews the case.~~

19.2.3.32 Impact of Immediate Penalties on Infractions Case.

19.2.3.32.1 Allegation of a Failure to Cooperate. At the conclusion of an investigation, the enforcement staff may allege a party failed to cooperate pursuant to Bylaw 19.2.1 regardless of whether it petitioned ~~the Committee on Infractions~~ for immediate penalties during the course of an investigation.

19.2.3.32.2 Concluding a Failure to Cooperate. ~~The Committee on Infractions hearing panel may consider a petition and/or conclusion regarding immediate penalties in concluding whether a failure to cooperate violation pursuant to Bylaw 19.2.1 occurred. However, the outcome of a petition for immediate penalties shall not preclude the hearing panel from concluding that a party failed to cooperate in the case.~~ **The decision on a petition for immediate penalties may be considered by a hearing panel, but is not determinative, when concluding whether a party failed to cooperate.** The panel may also consider any penalties prescribed in accordance with this bylaw in prescribing penalties pursuant to Bylaw 19.12 in its review of the case.

19.2.3.43 Decisions. If an allegation is resolved through a petition for immediate penalties, the *hearing panel* **neutral administrator** shall prepare and approve a written decision detailing its findings, conclusions and any penalties, and shall make the decision publicly available pursuant to Bylaw 19.11.2 upon resolution of the petition.

[19.3 unchanged.]

19.4 Committee on Infractions.

[19.4.1 through 19.4.6 unchanged.]

19.4.7 Duties of Committee Chair. The duties of the committee chair (or a designee) shall be as follows:

[19.4.7-(a) through 19.4.7-(g) unchanged.]

(h) ~~Prescribe or generate a hearing panel to prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate in Bylaw 19.2.1~~ **Appoint a neutral administrator to resolve petitions for immediate penalties investigative disputes; and**

(i) ~~Resolve or appoint a designee to resolve procedural matters or significant investigative disputes that may arise during an infractions case.~~

19.4.8 Duties of the Chief Hearing Officer. The duties of the chief hearing officer shall be as follows:

[19.4.8-(a) through 19.4.8-(d) unchanged.]

(e) ~~Prescribe penalties during the investigation if an institution or individual fails to satisfy the responsibility to cooperate as authorized in Bylaw 19.2.3; and~~

(f) ~~Resolve or appoint a designee to resolve procedural matters or significant investigative disputes that may arise during an infractions case.~~

[19.5 unchanged.]

19.6 Enforcement Staff Review and Investigation of Alleged Violations.

[19.6.1 through 19.6.4 unchanged.]

19.6.5 Resolution of Investigative Disputes. A neutral administrator may be appointed to resolve petitions for immediate penalties pursuant to Bylaw 19.2.3 and resolve investigative disputes prior to the submission of a processing document pursuant to Bylaws 19.8, 19.9, and/or 19.10 regardless of whether a case is ultimately submitted on the merits to the Committee on Infractions. A decision made by the neutral administrator is final.

[19.6.5 renumbered as 19.6.6, unchanged.]

[19.7 through 19.14 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Infractions Process Task Force)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Currently, immediate penalties for failure to cooperate may only be prescribed by the chair of the Committee on Infractions or a hearing panel. Establishing the opportunity to appoint a neutral administrator in the investigatory phase of an infractions case is intended to address investigative disputes that arise in a neutral and efficient manner. Vesting such an individual with the authority to prescribe immediate penalties will encourage parties to cooperate with an infractions investigation, when necessary. Further, use of a neutral administrator in

document production impasses (e.g., scope of request, thoroughness of production) and interview requests removes any sense of partiality from those decisions should the case advance through the infractions processes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. A proposed change to the Division I infractions process is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create new monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will help expedite the resolution of investigation-related disputes, which will positively benefit student-athletes involved in infractions investigations.

Estimated Budget Impact: Uncertain.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 4, 2026:	In Progress	The Board of Directors introduced the proposal and recommended that the Division I Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation during the October Cabinet meeting.
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No. 2026-71 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION -- ADVISORY NATURE OF APPROVED CASES

Intent: To specify that an approved negotiated resolution may be used in an advisory capacity in a future negotiated resolution.

Bylaws: Amend 19.10, as follows:

19.10 Negotiated Resolution.

[19.10.1 through 19.10.5 unchanged.]

19.10.6 Negotiated Resolution Approved. If the hearing panel approves the negotiated resolution, the panel shall forward the approval to the enforcement staff and parties participating in the negotiated resolution, and publicly announce the resolution of the case pursuant to Bylaw 19.11. The approved penalties shall be effective immediately, unless ordered otherwise by the hearing panel. The approval shall be final ~~and have no precedential value.~~ **An approved negotiated resolution may be used in an advisory capacity in a future negotiated resolution. A hearing panel shall not be required to address or distinguish a previously approved negotiated resolution in an infractions decision involving contested issues resolved through other resolution methods (summary disposition, written record or contested hearing).**

[19.10.6.1 unchanged.]

[19.10.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors (Infractions Process Task Force)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Currently, a case decided through a negotiated resolution has no precedential value in future negotiated resolutions. Allowing previous decisions reached through negotiated resolution to be used to inform, but not control, other cases decided through the negotiated resolution process, is intended to promote fair and consistent outcomes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The infractions program is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create new monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will allow previous negotiated resolutions to inform other cases, which will positively benefit student-athletes involved in infractions investigations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 4, 2026:	In Progress	The Board of Directors introduced the proposal and recommended that the Division I Cabinet adopt it as expedited legislation during the October Cabinet meeting.
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Athletics Personnel

No. 2026-72 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- SOFTBALL

Intent: In softball, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes and specify that only four off-campus recruiters may engage in off-campus recruiting activities during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted.

Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

11.7.1 Designation of Coaching Category -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball Football and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball football and softball, an individual who coaches and either is uncompensated or receives compensation or remuneration of any sort from the institution, even if such compensation or remuneration is not designated for coaching, shall be designated as a head coach, assistant coach or student assistant coach by certification of the institution.

[11.7.1.1 unchanged.]

11.7.2 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football and softball, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities (e.g., director of operations, administrative assistant) may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice) during practice and competition involving student-athletes on a regular basis. A noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities is prohibited from participating with or observing student-athletes in the staff member's sport who are engaged in nonorganized voluntary athletically related activities (e.g., pick-up games) and is prohibited from signaling plays during practice and competition (see Bylaw 11.02.2).

11.7.3 Baseball **and Softball**.

11.7.3.1 Technical and Tactical Instruction. In baseball **and softball**, any institutional staff member may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes. An institution may not make arrangements with an individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) to provide technical or tactical instruction to student-athletes.

11.7.3.2 Designation of Head Coach. One institutional staff member must be designated as the head coach of the baseball program **and one institutional staff member must be designated as the head coach of the softball program**.

11.7.3.3 Off-Campus Recruiters. In baseball **and softball**, an institution must designate institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus.

11.7.3.3.1 Requirement to Engage in On-Campus Coaching Duties. An institutional staff member must regularly engage in on-campus coaching activities with student-athletes to be designated as an off-campus recruiter (see Bylaw 13.1.2.8.1).

11.7.3.4 Student Assistant Coach. An institution may employ student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.02.4).

[11.7.4 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

~~11.7.6 Softball.~~

~~11.7.6.1 Technical and Tactical Instruction. In softball, any institutional staff member may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes. An institution may not make arrangements with an individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) to provide technical or tactical instruction to student-athletes.~~

~~11.7.6.2 Limit on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters. In softball, an institution may designate up to four institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. An off-campus recruiter remains in the position for the duration of the year (August 1 through July 31) unless the individual is replaced through normal attrition (resignation or termination).~~

~~11.7.6.2.1 Designation of Head Coach. One institutional staff member must be designated as the head coach of the softball program. The head coach must be included in the limit on the number of off-campus recruiters.~~

~~11.7.6.2.2 Requirement to Engage in On-Campus Coaching Duties. An institutional staff member must regularly engage in on-campus coaching activities with student-athletes to be designated as a permissible off-campus recruiter (see Bylaw 13.1.2.8.1).~~

~~11.7.6.2.3 Replacement Due to Extenuating Circumstances. An institution may replace temporarily or on a limited basis one of its off-campus recruiters if the off-campus recruiter is unable to perform any or all duties because of extenuating circumstances. The replacement off-campus recruiter may perform only those recruiting duties that the replaced off-campus recruiter is unable to perform.~~

~~11.7.6.2.4 Replacement for National, Olympic or Paralympic Team Coaches. An institution may replace an off-campus recruiter temporarily or on a limited basis when that off-campus recruiter takes a leave of absence to participate on or to coach a national team, Olympic or Paralympic team, provided the replacement is limited to a one-year period and the off-campus recruiter who is replaced performs no recruiting or other duties on behalf of the institution.~~

~~11.7.6.3 Student Assistant Coach. An institution may employ student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.02.4). The limit on the number of student assistant coaches shall be the same as the limit on the number of off-campus recruiters per Bylaw 11.7.6.2.~~

11.7.76 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.02.4) and off-campus recruiters who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	5	Women's Skiing	3
Baseball	(See Bylaw 11.7.3)	Men's Soccer	4
Men's Basketball	(See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Women's Soccer	4
Women's Basketball	(See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Softball	(See Bylaw 11.7.6 11.7.3)
Women's Beach Volleyball	3	Women's Stunt	4
Women's Bowling	3	Men's Swimming	3
Women's Equestrian	4	Men's Swimming and Diving	4
Men's Fencing	3	Women's Swimming	3
Women's Fencing	3	Women's Swimming and Diving	4
Women's Flag Football	4		
Football, Bowl Subdivision	(See Bylaw 11.7.5)	Men's Tennis	3
Football, Championship Subdivision	(See Bylaw 11.7.5)	Women's Tennis	3
Field Hockey	4	Men's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	3

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Men's Golf	3	Men's Track and Field	4
Women's Golf	3	Men's Cross Country/Track and Field	6
Men's Gymnastics	4	Women's Cross Country (No Track and Field)	3
Women's Gymnastics	4	Women's Track and Field	4
Men's Ice Hockey	4	Women's Cross Country/Track and Field	6
Women's Ice Hockey	4	Women's Triathlon	3
Men's Lacrosse	4	Men's Volleyball	4
Women's Lacrosse	4	Women's Volleyball	4
Men's Rifle	3	Men's Water Polo	4
Women's Rifle	3	Women's Water Polo	4
Women's Rowing	7	Men's Wrestling	4
Women's Rugby	4	Women's Wrestling	4
Men's Skiing	3		

[11.7.7.1 through 11.7.7.2 renumbered as 11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2, unchanged.]

11.7.7.3 Daily Limit – Baseball. In baseball **and softball**, only four off-campus recruiters may engage in off-campus recruiting activities during any single day.

[11.7.7.4 through 11.7.7.5 renumbered as 11.7.6.4 through 11.7.6.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Women's Softball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: This recommendation promotes institutional flexibility in designating the institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Any institutional staff member would be permitted to engage in off-campus softball recruiting activities, subject to the limit of four off-campus recruiters engaging in off-campus recruiting activities during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted. This recommendation will align softball with existing baseball legislation.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Eliminating restrictions on which institutional staff members can engage in off-campus recruiting activities is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal reduces monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Promoting institutional flexibility in designating which institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, while maintaining a limit of how many may be recruiting off-campus on a single day, promotes local decision making on the institutional staff members remaining on campus to support student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on institutional decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Recruiting

No. 2026-74 RECRUITING -- WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITING ACTIVITIES AND ELIMINATE LIMIT ON EVALUATIONS

Intent: In women's ice hockey, to establish the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of an individual's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for recruiting activities, to establish the third Monday in September of an individual's junior year in high school as the first permissible date for an official visit and eliminate the annual limitation on the number of off-campus evaluations per prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 through 13.02 unchanged.]

13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution's athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.2. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 through 13.1.1.1.9 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.10 Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. [D]

[13.1.3.1.1 through 13.1.3.1.8 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.9 Exception -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the first Tuesday following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), telephone calls to the individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year of high school. Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. [D]

[13.1.3.1.9 through 13.1.3.1.12 renumbered as 13.1.3.1.10 through 13.1.3.1.13, unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 through 13.1.3.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.5 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Sports Other than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse, ~~Men's~~ Ice Hockey, Softball and Men's Wrestling. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, ~~men's~~ ice hockey, softball and men's wrestling, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.2.6 through 13.1.3.2.10 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.11 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Women's Ice Hockey**, Lacrosse, Softball and Men's Wrestling. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **women's ice hockey**, lacrosse, softball and men's wrestling, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.10). Beginning August 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities per year may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. [D]

[13.1.5.2 through 13.1.5.5 unchanged.]

13.1.5.6 Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven contacts per prospective student-athlete per year. Beginning August 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities per year may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. [D]

[13.1.5.6 through 13.1.5.13 renumbered as 13.1.5.7 through 13.1.5.14, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.2 unchanged.]

13.1.7.3 Evaluations -- Sports Other Than Football, ~~and~~ Basketball **and Women's Ice Hockey**. In sports other than football, ~~and~~ basketball, **and women's ice hockey** during the academic year, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be contacts (see Bylaws 13.1.5.1 and 13.1.5.10). [D]

[13.1.7.3.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.4 through 13.1.7.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7.7 Evaluations -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, there is no limit on the number of evaluations per prospective student-athlete.

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.19 renumbered as 13.1.7.8 through 13.1.7.20, unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 unchanged.]

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.1 through 13.4.1.8 unchanged.]

13.4.1.9 Exception -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or the individual's family members) until the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the

individual (or the individual's family members) until the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.9 through 13.4.1.13 renumbered as 13.4.1.10 through 13.4.1.14, unchanged.]

[13.4.2 unchanged.]

[13.5 unchanged.]

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Women's Ice Hockey**, Lacrosse, Softball and Men's Wrestling. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **women's ice hockey**, lacrosse softball and men's wrestling, an individual may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.1.2 through 13.6.2.1.8 unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.9 Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, an individual may not be provided an expense-paid visit before the third Monday in September of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.1.9 renumbered as 13.6.2.1.10, unchanged.]

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.9 unchanged.]

[13.7 through 13.11 unchanged.]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. Generally, the interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.1). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown.

13.12.1.5.1 Exception – Recruiting Conversations – Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, *Men's* Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Softball and Men's Wrestling. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, *men's* ice hockey, lacrosse, softball and men's wrestling, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before August 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.2 through 13.12.1.5.8 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.9 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Women's Ice Hockey. In women's ice hockey, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution's coach and a participating individual before the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.9 through 13.12.1.5.10 renumbered as 13.12.1.5.10 through 13.12.1.5.11, unchanged.]

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

[13.13 through 13.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current recruiting structure creates challenges for prospective student-athletes, families and coaches by concentrating key recruiting activities during the summer months when prospective student-athletes are participating in national camps, families are traveling and coaches are balancing recruiting responsibilities with various professional development opportunities. This proposal seeks to establish a more practical and relationship-focused recruiting timeline while providing coaches with greater flexibility to evaluate prospective student-athletes throughout the year.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Changes to recruiting rules are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal supports prospective student-athlete well being by reducing recruiting pressure, improving decision-making time, and creating healthier recruiting interactions.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jun 23, 2026:	In Progress	The Women's Ice Hockey Committee requested that the Cabinet adopt the proposal as expedited legislation during its October meeting.
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