



# **2024 NCAA CONVENTION**

## **DIVISION III INITIAL PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**118th Annual Convention  
January 10-13, 2024  
Phoenix, Arizona**

# **DIVISION III LEGISLATION**

THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 6222

Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222

317-917-6222

[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

August 2023

**Legislation Prepared By:** Jeff Myers, *Director of Academic and Membership Affairs for Division III* and Sarah Turner, *Assistant Director of Academic and Membership Affairs for Division III*.

NCAA, NCAA logo and NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION are registered marks of the Association and use in any manner is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the Association.

## Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation Submitted by the

### NCAA Division III Membership

#### 118th Annual Convention

This publication presents the proposed amendment to NCAA legislation that were properly submitted by the NCAA Division III membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline in the NCAA legislative calendar.

The proposal is accompanied not only by a statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale and a listing of the primary contact person designated by the sponsors of the amendments.

This publication is produced directly from the Legislative Services Database for the internet (LSDBi) each time it is downloaded. Therefore, the content of the publication may change each time it is accessed from the NCAA webpage. As modifications or corrections are made to the proposal during the sponsor modification period, updates will be made to LSDBi and those changes will be reflected in this document.

Between the date this publication is posted (not later than August 15) and September 15, sponsors of this proposal are permitted to refine and change the amendment in any manner that is germane to the proposal as printed in this publication. Such changes may either increase or decrease the modification set forth in the original proposal (i.e., the sponsors may alter the proposal to make greater or lesser changes in the current legislation than they originally submitted). A sponsor-modification memorandum will be distributed to designated primary contact persons in mid-August. Sponsors may use the LSDBi "Sponsor Modification Submission" section to modify the legislative proposal they have submitted. All such modifications must be received by the NCAA national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time, September 15. In addition, sponsors who wish to withdraw a proposal should contact Jeff Myers (jmyers@ncaa.org) or Sarah Turner (sturner@ncaa.org); however, please note that if withdrawn after September 15, the proposal will still appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

No new proposals may be submitted by the Division III membership for the Convention after the July 15 deadline; however, proposals are available for co-sponsorship until September 1. Member institutions and conferences that wish to offer suggested revisions to an amendment are encouraged to contact the designated primary contact person listed with each proposal. Such contacts should be made as early as possible in the period of time between the date this publication is posted and September 15 to assure time for appropriate consideration by the sponsors.

This represents the first in a series of three publications addressing Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 9. The other publications will be as follows:

**Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.** Issued not later than September 23 and includes the proposals properly sponsored by the Division III membership as modified on or prior to September 15, as well as all legislation submitted by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and the NCAA Division III Management Council in accordance with the September 1 deadline. Amendment-to-amendment forms will also be available at this time.

**Official Notice of the 2024 Convention.** Issued on November 15 and contains all Division III legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions submitted by the November 1 deadline.

#### 2023-24 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Bylaw 9, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

**July 15:** Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division III membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person, and must be sponsored by at least one conference or at least 10 individual institution sponsors.

**July 17-18:** Management Council consideration. The Management Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

**August 2:** Presidents Council consideration. The Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

**Not Later Than August 15:** Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

**Date IPOPL is Posted through September 15:** Sponsor-modification period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Also, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should so inform the primary contact person.

**September 1:** Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council.

**September 1:** Deadline for proper co-sponsorship of membership proposals. The proposals must receive proper co-sponsorship from one additional conference (if originally sponsored by one conference) otherwise 10 additional institutions (if originally sponsored by 10 institutions) or it will be withdrawn.

**September 15:** Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original amendment.

**Not Later Than September 23:** Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all membership-sponsored proposals as modified and includes all proposals sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council.

**Date SPOPL is Posted through November 1:** Amendment-to-amendment period. The Presidents Council and Management Council as well as the membership (see Bylaw 9.3.4.2) may submit amendments to the proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the original proposed amendment and the current provisions.

**November 1:** Deadline for all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council and Management Council are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if they deem such action necessary.

**November 15:** Publication of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division III proposed legislation and the properly submitted amendments-to-amendments and resolutions.

**January 10-13, 2024:** NCAA Convention. Voting on proposals will occur at the business session.

#### **NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee**

Rashana Bhat, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges  
Kurt J. Beron, University of Texas at Dallas  
Matt Hill, University of Northwestern-St. Paul  
Jack Langan, Cornell College (SAAC rep.)  
Keri Alexander Luchowski, North Coast Athletic Conference (chair)  
Bethany Marren, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Michael A Mattia, Gettysburg College  
Danielle O'Leary, William Peace University  
Andrea Rickett-Preston, Goucher College  
Patrick B. Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference

## 118th Annual Convention

### LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

[Note: Pursuant to Bylaw 9.3.11, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, the rationale statement shall contain reasons why the amendment has an alternative effective date. Those proposals that are given an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective on adjournment of the Convention.]

Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in ~~*italics and strikethrough*~~ are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface and are underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.

---

## General Grouping

### No. 1-1 AMENDMENT-TO-AMENDMENT DEADLINE

**Intent:** To amend the Amendment-to-Amendment Deadline to provide the sponsors of membership proposals more flexibility, and time to amend its proposal. Specifically, the deadline for sponsors of the original proposal to submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification of its proposals would be changed from Sep. 15 to Nov. 1. This extension provides adequate time for its inclusion in the Final Notice.

**Bylaws:** Amend 9.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

#### 9.3 Amendment Process.

##### 9.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

[9.3.1.1 through 9.3.1.2 unchanged.]

9.3.1.3 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Federated Provisions. A proposed amendment to a federated provision of the bylaws may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. **[See Bylaw 9.3.4.2.2.2 for when a proposed amendment may increase the modification.]**

[9.3.2 through 9.3.4 unchanged.]

~~9.3.4.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. Sponsors of proposed amendments must submit amendments to their original amendments in writing and such amendments to amendments must be received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 by those other than the original sponsors shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention.~~

[9.3.4.2.2.1 unchanged.]

**9.3.4.2.2.2 Exception -- Membership-sponsored amendments. The original sponsors of a membership proposal (must include all of the sponsors) may submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification specified in the original, provided it is still germane to the intent of the original amendment.**

[9.3.4.2.3 unchanged.]

[9.3.5 through 9.3.12 unchanged.]

**Source:** Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and Empire 8.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

**Rationale:** A great deal of proposal dialogue occurs after the current amendment deadline of Sep. 15. The goal of any proposal is to strengthen our operating policies and providing more time to enhance legislation would be positive for the greater good and ensure that the strongest version of a proposal is brought forward for convention.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Primary Contact Person:**

Chuck Mitrano, Executive Director  
Empire 8  
Email: cmitrano@empire8.com

### **Request for Interpretation**

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to contact primary contact persons, and if necessary, to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation may be requested via electronic mail to [talford@ncaa.org](mailto:talford@ncaa.org) or [jmyers@ncaa.org](mailto:jmyers@ncaa.org). When submitting such a request please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title.