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Governance Publication of Proposed Legislation**

**DIVISION I
LEGISLATION**

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The Council-Governance POPL presents all proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly introduced for final review during the October 8-9, 2024, Division I Council meeting.

The publication is updated from the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) once a day. As modifications or corrections are made to proposals during the sponsor modification period, updates will be made to LSDBi and those changes will be reflected in the POPL.

Because changes to the POPL will occur on a regular basis, there is no table of contents or index; however, users may use the "Bookmark" feature of the Adobe Reader to quickly scan the proposal numbers and titles and go directly to those proposals within the document. Users may also use the "Search" feature to find particular proposals. The proposals are presented by topical area by bylaw numbers and by proposal number within topical areas.

Legislative Process for the October 2024 Legislative Cycle

Key Dates

July 10, 2024: Introduction Deadline.

July 17, 2024: Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Week of August 18, 2024: Sport Oversight Action/Review and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Review.

October 8-9, 2024: Division I Council Action/Review.

Legislative Process for Sport Oversight Committees to Consider Legislation in Specified Areas.

Sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation related to the sports in specified areas. Legislation adopted in the specified areas is not considered final and effective until the conclusion of the October Division I Council meeting. The areas in which sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation are:

1. Conduct of athletics personnel (NCAA Bylaw 11);
2. Recruiting (Bylaw 13);
3. Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17);
4. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship (Bylaw 31); and
5. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors.

Legislative Process for the Council to Consider Legislation in Other Areas.

A sport oversight committee or the council may introduce legislative proposals in areas other than those for which the sport oversight committees have authority. Other standing committees may recommend that the council introduce legislative proposals. After an initial comment period a sport oversight committee may modify a proposal it introduced. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee will review proposals and provide feedback to oversight committees and the council. The Council will consider legislative proposals during its October meeting.

Council-Governance Proposals in the October 2024 Legislative Cycle

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted; those letters and words that appear in **bold** and are underlined are to be added; and those words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division I legislation.]

Division Membership

No. 2024-53 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REVENUE GUARANTEE -- REVENUE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FUNDS

Intent: To add the Women's Basketball Performance Fund and Women's Basketball Equal Conference Fund as components of the division's revenue distribution formulas and to specify that revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds and the formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January 15, 2025.

Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows:

[Division dominant provision]

20 Division Membership

20.01 General Principles.

[20.01.1 through 20.01.2 unchanged.]

20.01.3 Revenue Guarantee. All member institutions and conferences in good standing with Division I membership requirements shall receive revenue from all gross revenue sources received by the Association, unless specifically excluded, through the division's revenue distribution formulas.

[20.01.3.1 unchanged.]

20.01.3.2 Revenue Distribution Formula. As used in this section, the components of the division's revenue distribution formulas as they existed at the time of the adoption of this legislation include the Academic Enhancement, Academic Performance, **Men's Basketball Performance**, **Men's Basketball Equal Conference**, **Women's Basketball Performance**, **Women's Basketball Equal Conference**, Conference Grant, Grants-in-Aid, Student Assistance, and Sports Sponsorship funds, and the supplemental and reserve funds intended for distribution to the membership.

20.01.3.2.1 Proportion of Revenue. The revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January ~~20 15, 2022~~ **2025**.

20.01.3.2.2 Formula for Allocation. The formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January ~~20 15, 2022~~ **2025**.

[20.01.3.2.3 unchanged.]

[20.01.4 through 20.01.6 unchanged.]

[20.02 through 20.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: Establishing revenue distribution funds for women's basketball was a notable recommendation from the Phase I Gender Equity Report of 2021. The Division I Board of Directors and Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee identified the creation of a women's basketball performance fund as a priority. With this proposal, the NCAA is further demonstrating its recognition of and commitment to the growth of women's basketball. If adopted, the funds would pay out beginning in the 2025-26 fiscal year based on participation and performance in the 2024-25 Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The revenue distribution and the associated formulas are 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 well-being by adding equitable funds associated with women's basketball.

Estimated Budget Impact: Units will be earned beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The impact on the Association's budget is anticipated to be approximately \$15 million in fiscal year 2025-26, \$20 million in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$25 million in fiscal year 2027-28. After fiscal year 2027-28, the funds will grow at the same rate as all other Division I revenue distribution funds (approximately 2.9%).

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 6, 2024: In Progress Sponsored by the Board of Directors.

Sep 19, 2024: In Progress