
Infractions Program

No. 2025-39 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PUBLIC DISCLOSURE -- IMMEDIATE NEED EXCEPTION

Intent: To specify that the NCAA national office may share information about a pending infractions case if there is an immediate need to prevent harm or to address a potential ongoing violation.

Bylaws: Amend 19.3.1, as follows:

19.3.1 Public Disclosure. Except as provided in this article, an institution, including its representatives or legal counsel; any individual subject to NCAA bylaws, including their representative or legal counsel; the NCAA national office; the Committee on Infractions; and the Infractions Appeals Committee shall not make public disclosures about a pending case until the case has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. *However, if information concerning a case is made public, the parties may confirm, correct or deny the information made public.* Parties who fail to satisfy public disclosure and confidentiality requirements may be sanctioned by the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee.

19.3.1.1 Public Information Exception. If information concerning a case is made public, the parties may confirm, correct or deny the information made public.

19.3.1.2 Immediate Need Exception. The NCAA national office may share information if there is an immediate need to prevent harm or to address a potential ongoing violation.

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors

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Rationale: Current confidentiality rules preclude public disclosure before a contested case is submitted to the Committee on Infractions or before a negotiated case is resolved. Amending the rule would allow greater flexibility to share select information earlier in the process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Oct 28, 2025:	In Progress	Introduced by the Board of Directors and recommended to the Cabinet to consider as expedited legislation.
Jan 14, 2026:	In Progress	No action taken by Cabinet to adopt as expedited legislation. Proposal is considered introduced into the April 2026 cycle.

Athletics Personnel

No. 2026-14 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF COACHES AND OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Intent: In baseball and softball, to permit any institutional staff member to provide technical and/or tactical instruction to student-athletes and/or be designated as one of four permissible off-campus recruiters.

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**, Football **and Softball**. In sports other than **baseball**, football **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**, Football **and Softball**. In sports other than **baseball**, 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 unchanged.]

11.7.3 Noncoaching Staff Member with Sport-Specific Responsibilities – Sports Other than Men's Basketball, **Baseball**, ~~and~~ Football **and Softball**. In sports other than men's basketball, **baseball** ~~and~~ 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).

11.7.4 Baseball and Softball.

11.7.4.1 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.

11.7.4.2 Limit on the Number of Off-Campus Recruiters. In baseball, an institution may designate up to four institutional staff members who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. 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).

11.7.4.2.1 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. In baseball and softball, the head coach must be included in the limit on the number of off-campus recruiters.

11.7.4.2.2 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).

11.7.4.2.4 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.

11.7.4.2.5 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.

11.7.4.3 Student Assistant Coach. An institution may employ student assistant coaches (see Bylaw 11.02.4). The limit on the number of student assistant coaches in each sport shall be the same as the limit on the number of off-campus recruiters per Bylaw 11.7.4.2.

[11.7.4 renumbered as 11.7.5, unchanged.]

11.7.56 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) 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	4 (See Bylaw 11.7.4)	Men's Soccer	4
Men's Basketball	6 (only 4 may recruit off campus at the same time. See Bylaw 11.7.5.1)	Women's Soccer	4
Women's Basketball	6 (only 4 may recruit off campus at the same time. See Bylaw 11.7.5.2)	Softball	4 (See Bylaw 11.7.4)
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 11.7.45)	Men's Tennis	3
Football, Championship Subdivision	(See Bylaw 11.7.45)	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	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		

[11.7.5.1 through 11.7.5.3 renumbered as 11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.3, unchanged.]

11.7.56.4 Exceptions to Number Limits -- Sports Other Than **Baseball**, **Football** and **Softball**. In sports other than **baseball**, **football** and **softball**, no individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in

Bylaw 11.7.5 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:

[11.7.5.4.1 through 11.7.5.4.7 renumbered as 11.7.6.4.1 through 11.7.6.4.7, 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**, football **and softball**, an institutional staff member with responsibilities specific to **baseball**, football **or softball** 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 unchanged.]

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches or off-campus recruiters who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws **11.7.4.2**, 11.7.45.4 and 11.7.56, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. [D]

[13.1.2.6 through 13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

[13.1.3 through 13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.16 unchanged.]

13.1.7.17 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than softball and women's volleyball, a coaching staff member or off-campus recruiter may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In softball and women's volleyball, a coaching staff member **or off-campus recruiter** may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. [D]

[13.1.7.18 through 13.1.7.19 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**, football **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**, football **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**, football **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**, football **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 13.10 unchanged.]

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

[13.11.2.1 through 13.11.2.4 unchanged.]

13.11.2.5 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball, fencing, football and men's gymnastics, an institution's coach **or off-campus recruiter** may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in the same sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). In fencing and men's gymnastics, an institution's coach may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) for a sports club or organization regardless of the location of the club or the residence of participating prospective student-athletes. In all sports, an institution's coach or off-campus recruiter may be involved in any capacity (e.g., as a participant, administrator or in instructional or coaching activities) in a sport other than the coach's sport for a local sports club or organization located in the institution's home community, provided all prospective student-athletes participating in said activities are legal residents of the area (within a 50-mile radius of the institution). Further, in clubs or organizations involving multiple teams or multiple sports, the 50-mile radius is applicable only to the team with which the institution's coach is involved; however, it is not permissible for the coach or off-campus recruiter to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach or off-campus recruiter also may be involved in activities with individuals who are not of a prospective student-athlete age, regardless of where such individuals reside. (In women's volleyball and women's beach volleyball, see Bylaws 13.1.7.9 and 13.1.7.10, respectively, for regulations relating to a coach's involvement with a local sports club and the permissible number of evaluation days.) [D]

[13.11.2.5.1 through 13.11.2.5.5 unchanged.]

[13.11.2.6 through 13.11.2.7 unchanged.]

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.8 unchanged.]

13.11.3.9 Voluntary Summer Conditioning -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, a prospective student-athlete may engage in voluntary summer workouts conducted by an institution's strength and conditioning coach who is not a countable coach **or an off-campus recruiter** in any sport and may receive workout apparel (on an issuance and retrieval basis), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed the

institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or a settlement related benefits agreement, or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete's financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

[13.11.3.9.1 through 13.11.3.9.2 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.10 through 13.11.3.11 unchanged.]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 unchanged.]

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction.

13.12.1.2.1 Baseball. In baseball, during a quiet period, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at the institution's camps or clinics that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.2.2.)

[13.12.1.2.2 through 13.12.1.2.3 unchanged.]

13.12.1.2.4 Softball. In softball, during periods when it is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (the individual's institution or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. (See Bylaw 13.12.2.2.8.)

[13.12.1.3 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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception – Recruiting Conversations – Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, 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~~ **off-campus recruiter** and a participating individual before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.3 through 13.12.1.5.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution's athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section. [D]

[13.12.2.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.2 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics – Baseball. In baseball, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award

winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). However, during a quiet period, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to baseball may be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) only at the institution's camps or clinics that occur on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. [D]

[13.12.2.2.3 through 13.12.2.2.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.8 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Softball. In softball, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners, publicly advertised at least 14 days before the first date of the camp or clinic). Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to periods when evaluation at nonscholastic practice or competition activities is permissible. During periods when it is not permissible to evaluate at nonscholastic practice or competition activities, an institution's ~~coach or noncoaching~~ staff member with responsibilities specific to softball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) only at institutional (the individual's institution or another institution's) camps or clinics that occur on any institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition. [D]

[13.12.2.2.9 through 13.12.2.2.12 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 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 17.1 unchanged.]

17.2 Roster Limitations. Each sport of a Division I institution that is a member of a defendant conference or opts in to the House settlement must comply with the roster limits set forth below in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 17.2:

Sport	Limit	Sport	Limit
Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling	55	Women's Rowing	68
Baseball	34	Women's Rugby	36
Men's Basketball	15	Men's Skiing	16
Women's Basketball	15	Women's Skiing	16
Women's Beach Volleyball	19	Men's Soccer	28
Women's Bowling	11	Women's Soccer	28
Men's Cross Country	17	Softball	25
Women's Cross Country	17	Women's Stunt	65
Women's Equestrian	50	Men's Swimming and Diving	30
Men's Fencing	24	Women's Swimming and Diving	30
Women's Fencing	24	Men's Tennis	10
Field Hockey	27	Women's Tennis	10
Football	105	Men's Indoor Track and Field	45
Men's Golf	9	Men's Outdoor Track and Field	45
Women's Golf	9	Women's Indoor Track and Field	45
Men's Gymnastics	20	Women's Outdoor Track and Field	45
Women's Gymnastics	20	Women's Triathlon	14
Men's Ice Hockey	26	Men's Volleyball	18
Women's Ice Hockey	26	Women's Volleyball	18
Men's Lacrosse	48	Men's Water Polo	24
Women's Lacrosse	38	Women's Water Polo	24

Men's and Women's Rifle	12	Men's Wrestling	30
		Women's Wrestling	30

[17.2.1 unchanged.]

17.2.2 Roster Limit Inclusion. Beginning the day after an institution's deadline for roster submission, an individual must be on the sport's submitted roster to participate in athletically related activities (countable, required, or voluntary) for the remainder of academic year or the end of the sport's playing season, whichever is later (see Bylaw 17.2.4). An institution must include a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid or payments, benefits or expenses permitted under the settlement on a sport's submitted roster during the academic year in which the student-athlete receives the athletically related financial aid or settlement-related payments, benefits or expenses. A multiple sport student-athlete must be included on the submitted roster for each sport in which the student-athlete participates in athletically related activities. An institution must indicate a designated student-athlete who is exempted from a sport's roster limit (see Bylaw 17.2.2.2) on the sport's submitted roster.

[17.2.2.1 through 17.2.2.6 unchanged.]

17.2.2.7 Exception – Noncoaching Staff Member With Sport-Specific Responsibilities in Sports Other Than Men's Basketball and Institutional Staff Members in **Baseball**, Football **and Softball**. In sports other than men's basketball, a noncoaching staff member with sport-specific responsibilities may participate in limited on-court or on-field activities (e.g., assist with drills, throw batting practice), and an institutional staff member who is not an off-campus recruiter in **baseball**, football **and softball**, may provide technical and tactical instruction to student-athletes without being included on the sport's submitted roster; however, such an individual forfeits any remaining eligibility in the sport at the institution where the individual serves as a noncoaching staff member.

[17.2.2.8 through 17.2.2.12 unchanged.]

[17.2.3 through 17.2.6 unchanged.]

[17.3 unchanged.]

17.4 Baseball. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.5 unchanged.]

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the ~~coaching~~ **institution's** staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.4.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.4.6.1 unchanged.]

[17.4.7 unchanged.]

17.4.8 Other Restrictions.

17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.4.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.4.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate baseball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur baseball team.

[17.4.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.4.8.1.2.2 Involvement of ~~Coaching~~ **Institutional** Staff. No member of the ~~coaching~~ **institution's** 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 remaining eligibility from that institution's baseball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1 and 17.34 and 17.36.1.

17.4.8.1.2.3 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 **a** student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.4.8.1.2.3-(a) through 17.4.8.1.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

[17.4.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.5 through 17.22 unchanged.]

17.23 Softball. Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.5 unchanged.]

17.23.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the ~~coaching~~ **institution's** staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.23.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.23.6.1 unchanged.]

[17.23.7 unchanged.]

17.23.8 Other Restrictions.

17.23.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.23.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.23.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than four student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate softball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur softball team .

[17.23.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.23.8.1.2.2 Involvement of ~~Coaching~~ **Institutional** Staff. No member of the ~~coaching~~ institution's 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 softball team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.34 and 17.36.1.

17.23.8.1.2.3 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 **a** student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.23.8.1.2.3-(a) through 17.23.8.1.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

[17.23.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.24 through 17.34 unchanged.]

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Rationale: Current personnel limits create monitoring challenges because they do not fully align with the instructional demands of today's collegiate environment. Permitting any institutional staff member to provide technical and tactical instruction brings greater clarity and consistency to permissible activities and allows institutions to take advantage of institutional staff expertise. Further, this proposal supports the development of student-athletes and institutional staff.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Eliminating the restrictions on the number of institutional staff members allowed to provide coaching instruction is nationally significant.

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

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 provide instruction 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:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2026-15 RECRUITING -- MEN'S LACROSSE -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITING ACTIVITIES

Intent: In men's lacrosse, to establish Wednesday (7 a.m.) immediately following Labor Day of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school as the first permissible date for recruiting activities.

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 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 13.1.1.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.5 Exception -- **Women's** Lacrosse. In **women's** lacrosse, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [D]

13.1.1.1.6 Exception -- Men's Lacrosse In men's lacrosse, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before the Wednesday (7 a.m.) immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete's junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution or residence. [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 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.2 Exception -- **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In **women's** lacrosse and softball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before September 1 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]

[13.1.3.1.3 through 13.1.3.1.5 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.6 Exception -- Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before the Wednesday (7 a.m.) 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), 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]

[13.1.3.1.6 through 13.1.3.1.9 renumbered as 13.1.3.1.7 through 13.1.3.1.10, unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 through 13.1.3.2.5 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.6 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In **women's** lacrosse and softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.2.7 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.8 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before the Wednesday (7 a.m.) 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 through 13.1.5.5 unchanged.]

13.1.5.6 **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In **women's** lacrosse and softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning September 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. [D]

13.1.5.7 Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning the Wednesday (7 a.m.) immediately following Labor Day at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. [D]

[13.1.5.7 through 13.1.5.10 renumbered as 13.1.5.8 through 13.1.5.11, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.4 unchanged.]

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 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Exception -- **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In **women's** lacrosse and softball, 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 September 1 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]

[13.4.1.3 through 13.4.1.5 unchanged.]

13.4.1.6 Exception -- Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, 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 Wednesday (7 a.m.) 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]

[13.4.1.6 through 13.4.1.10 renumbered as 13.4.1.7 through 13.4.1.11, 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 unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.2 Baseball, **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, **women's** lacrosse, and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.1.3 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.6 Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the Wednesday (7 a.m.) immediately following Labor Day of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school [D]

[13.6.2.1.6 renumbered as 13.6.2.1.7, unchanged.]

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.9 unchanged.]

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

[13.7.1.1 unchanged.]

13.7.1.2 Baseball, **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, **women's** lacrosse and softball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 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 unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.7.1.3 through 13.7.1.5 unchanged.]

13.7.1.6 Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before the Wednesday (7 a.m.) 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 unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.7.2 through 13.7.5 unchanged.]

[13.8 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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball, **Women's** Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, **women's** lacrosse and softball, 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 September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.3 through 13.12.1.5.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.7 Exception -- Men's Lacrosse. In men's lacrosse, 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 Wednesday (7 a.m.) immediately following Labor Day at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.7 renumbered as 13.12.1.5.8, 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: Division I Men's Lacrosse Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal supports student-athlete and coach well-being by allowing the parties to celebrate a federal holiday and begin initial conversations at normal hours rather than the middle of the night. This modest change to the first permissible start date for recruiting activities would delay the start date by fewer than ten calendar days. This proposal is overwhelmingly supported by the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: The start of the recruiting process is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by allowing the celebration of a federal holiday and initial conversations to begin at normal hours rather than the middle of the night.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies by institution based on recruiting practices.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-16 RECRUITING -- SOFTBALL -- FIRST DATE FOR CORRESPONDENCE, TELEPHONE CALLS, EVALUATIONS, CONTACTS AND CAMPUS VISITS

Intent: In softball, to establish a consistent time on the initial dates for correspondence, telephone calls, evaluations, contacts and campus visits, as specified.

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 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 Exception -- ~~Baseball and Softball~~. In ~~baseball and softball~~, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

13.1.1.1.2 Exception -- Softball. In softball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before 1 p.m. Central time September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.1.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.1.5 renumbered as 13.1.1.1.3 through 13.1.1.1.6, unchanged.]

[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 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.2 Exception -- ~~Lacrosse and Softball~~. In ~~lacrosse and softball~~, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before September 1 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]

13.1.3.1.3 Exception -- Softball. In softball, telephone calls to an individual (or the individual's family members) may not be made before 1 p.m. Central time September 1 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 1 p.m. Central time 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.

[13.1.3.1.3 through 13.1.3.1.9 renumbered as 13.1.3.1.4 through 13.1.3.1.10, unchanged.]

[13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.6 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In lacrosse ~~and softball~~, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school. [D]

13.1.3.2.7 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- Softball. In softball, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or the individual's family members) before 1 p.m. Central time September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.1.3.2.7 renumbered as 13.1.3.2.8, unchanged.]

[13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.5 unchanged.]

13.1.5.6 Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In lacrosse ~~and softball~~, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning September 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. [D]

13.1.5.7 Softball. In softball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.7). Beginning 1 p.m. Central time September 1 at the start of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity.

[13.1.5.7 through 13.1.5.10 renumbered as 13.1.5.8 through 13.1.5.11, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 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 unchanged.]

13.4.1.2 Exception -- Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In lacrosse ~~and softball~~, 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 September 1 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]

13.4.1.3 Exception -- Softball. In softball, 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 1 p.m. Central time September 1 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 1 p.m. Central time the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.4.1.3 through 13.4.1.10 renumbered as 13.4.1.4 through 13.4.1.11, 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 unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.2 Baseball, **and** Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In baseball, **and** lacrosse ~~and softball~~, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. [D]

13.6.2.1.3 Softball. In softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than 1 p.m. Central time September 1 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. If a prospective student-athlete attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), the prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than 1 p.m. Central time the opening day of classes of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

[13.6.2.1.3 through 13.6.2.1.6 renumbered as 13.6.2.1.4 through 13.6.2.1.7, unchanged.]

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.9 unchanged.]

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

[13.7.1.1 unchanged.]

13.7.1.2 Baseball, **and** Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In baseball, **and** lacrosse ~~and softball~~, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before September 1 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 unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school.

13.7.1.3 Softball. In softball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or the individual's family members) before 1 p.m. Central time September 1 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 unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur earlier than 1 p.m. Central time the opening day of classes of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.7.1.3 through 13.7.1.5 renumbered as 13.7.1.4 through 13.7.1.6, unchanged.]

[13.7.2 through 13.7.5 unchanged.]

[13.8 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 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball, **and** Lacrosse ~~and Softball~~. In baseball, **and** lacrosse ~~and softball~~, 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 September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

13.12.1.5.3 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Softball. In softball, 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 1 p.m. Central time September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.3 through 13.12.1.5.7 renumbered as 13.12.1.5.4 through 13.12.1.5.8, 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 Division I Softball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current softball legislation does not specify a time on the initial day of permissible recruiting activities. Establishing a uniform start time for all recruiting contact prohibits disruptive recruiting activities during the overnight hours. Eliminating the incentive to engage in recruiting activities as early as possible on September 1 of the junior year in high school benefits prospective student-athletes, their families and coaches.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Consistent time periods for recruiting activity is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Establishing a uniform start time promotes the well-being of prospective student-athletes by precluding early morning recruiting contact.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-17 RECRUITING -- DEFINITION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- SOFTBALL

Intent: In softball, to modify the definition of prospective student-athlete to specify an individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described.

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 through 13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.16 unchanged.]

13.1.7.17 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than ~~softball and~~ women's volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In ~~softball and~~ women's volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. [D]

[13.1.7.18 through 13.1.7.19 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.10 unchanged.]

13.11 Tryouts.

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. [D]

13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Sports Other Than ~~Softball and~~ Women's Volleyball. In sports other than ~~softball and~~ women's volleyball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the ninth grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described.

13.11.1.2 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- ~~Softball and~~ Women's Volleyball. In ~~softball and~~ women's volleyball, for purposes of the tryout rule, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade and is not enrolled in the member institution at the time of the practice or test therein described.

[13.11.1.3 through 13.11.1.15 unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1.1 Definition. An institution's sports camp or instructional clinic shall be any camp or clinic that is owned or operated by a member institution or an employee of the member institution's athletics department, either on or off its campus, and in which prospective student-athletes participate.

13.12.1.1.1 Definition of Prospective Student-Athlete --~~Softball and~~ Women's Volleyball. In ~~softball and~~ women's volleyball, for purposes of Bylaw 13.12, the phrase "prospective student-athlete" shall include any individual who has started classes for the seventh grade.

[13.12.1.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

[13.13 through 13.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Softball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Moving the timing back that prospective student-athlete status is triggered creates more on campus opportunities for seventh and eighth graders to attend camps and clinics throughout the year, increases goodwill and instructional opportunities for more youth within school communities, and is consistent with most other sports.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes, the definition of a prospective student-athlete for purposes of tryouts and camps and clinics is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes, this proposal will reduce monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will promote prospective student-athlete well-being by increasing on-campus opportunities for seventh and eighth graders to attend institutional camps and clinics.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-18 RECRUITING -- NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER -- MEN'S SOCCER -- UNDERGRADUATE WINDOW

Intent: In men's soccer, to specify that an undergraduate student-athlete may initiate notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship game.

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. [D]

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

(g) Spring Sports **Other Than Men's Soccer**. In spring sports **other than men's soccer**, 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.]

(h) Men's Soccer. In men's soccer, a student-athlete must provide written notification of transfer during a 15 consecutive-day period beginning the day after the Division I Men's Soccer Championship game.

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

[13.1.1.4.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.1.4.2 through 13.1.1.4.8 unchanged.]

Source: Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current notification of transfer windows in men's soccer are constructed around a championship that occurs during the fall. Proposal No. 2026-27 would redistribute the men's soccer playing season and move the championship to the spring term. This proposal would relocate the undergraduate notification of transfer window in men's soccer to one, 15 consecutive-day period following the conclusion of the men's soccer championship game and is contingent on Proposal No. 2026-27 being adopted through the Division I legislative processes.

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?: Promotes roster stability throughout the championship season by moving the undergraduate notification of transfer window to after the conclusion of the NCAA championship.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 12, 2026:	Web Edit	Introduced by the Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee.
Apr 1, 2026:	In Progress	

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No. 2026-19 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A HIGH SCHOOL, PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE -- ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS -- VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In volleyball, to eliminate the restrictions on hosting a high school, preparatory school or two-year college competition in conjunction with an intercollegiate competition.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

13.11.1 Prohibited Activities. A member institution, on its campus or elsewhere, shall not conduct (or have conducted on its behalf) any physical activity (e.g., practice session or test/tryout) at which one or more prospective student-athletes (as defined in Bylaws 13.11.1.1 and 13.11.1.2) reveal, demonstrate or display their athletics abilities in any sport except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.2 and 13.11.3. [D]

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.1.5 unchanged.]

13.11.1.6 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. In basketball, football, and women's gymnastics ~~and volleyball~~, an institution shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with an intercollegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.15.1.5). [D]

[13.11.1.6.1 unchanged.]

[13.11.1.7 through 13.11.1.15 unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.15, as follows:

13.15 Precollege Expenses.

13.15.1 Prohibited Expenses. An institution or a representative of its athletics interests shall not offer, provide or arrange financial assistance, directly or indirectly, to pay (in whole or in part) the costs of the prospective student-athlete's educational or other expenses for any period prior to the prospective student-athlete's enrollment or so the prospective student-athlete can obtain a postgraduate education other than expressly permitted by NCAA regulations. [R]

[13.15.1.1 through 13.15.1.4 unchanged.]

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following:

(a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, or women's gymnastics ~~or volleyball~~;

[13.15.1.5-(b) through 13.15.1.5-(d) unchanged.]

[13.15.1.6 through 13.15.1.11 unchanged.]

[13.15.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Volleyball is a rapidly growing sport with healthy, interconnected development pathways. Current restrictions limit opportunities that are otherwise commonplace and appropriate in most Division I sports. The benefit of opportunities to promote volleyball outweighs the potential impact on recruiting that hosting intercollegiate competition in conjunction with competition involving prospective student-athletes may cause.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Restrictions on hosting competition involving prospective student-athletes is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal eliminates a monitoring burden in women's volleyball.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal may provide additional meaningful opportunities for prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

Apr 15, 2026: In Progress The Cabinet amended the proposal to include men's volleyball.

No. 2026-21 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- NUMBER OF NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT CONTESTS

Intent: In baseball, to increase, from two to four, the number of contests in which an institution and student-athletes may participate against outside competition during the nonchampionship segment of the playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 Baseball. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~two~~ **four** contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.4.5.3 and 17.4.5.4.

[17.4.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 56 baseball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~two~~ **four** contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests 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).

[17.4.5.3 through 17.4.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.4.6 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Increasing the maximum number of contests during the nonchampionship segment provides additional participation opportunities for student-athletes during the nonchampionship segment and allows student-athletes to gain meaningful exposure in a controlled environment. Expanding nonchampionship competition promotes informed decision-making regarding player roles and roster depth while alleviating roster-related challenges related to conducting fall intrasquad scrimmages. Existing restrictions on missed class time related to the nonchampionship segment would be maintained.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides increased competitive opportunities for student-athletes during the nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; dependent on local decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Variable; dependent on local decision-making.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-22 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – FINAL DATE FOR POSTSEASON GAME – FCS

Intent: In championship subdivision football, to specify that the final date for postseason competition must occur no later than the second Monday in January.

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 17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 End of Playing Season. A member institution's last contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football shall not be played after the second Saturday or the following Sunday in December, except for the following:

[17.13.5-(a) through 17.13.5-(b) unchanged.]

[17.13.5.1 unchanged.]

17.13.5.2 Final Date for Postseason Game. In bowl subdivision football, the postseason football games in Bylaw 17.13.5-(b) must be played not later than the third Monday in January. In championship subdivision football, the postseason games in Bylaw 17.13.5-(b) must be played not later than the ~~Sunday before~~ the second Monday in January.

[17.13.6 through 17.13.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Extending the length of the postseason by one day provides the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee greater scheduling flexibility.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The final date for postseason competition in championship subdivision football is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by providing greater scheduling flexibility.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-23 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FIELD HOCKEY – PRESEASON PRACTICE

Intent: In field hockey, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 21 calendar days before the institution's first regular-season contest.

Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

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

[17.12.1 unchanged.]

17.12.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey prior to **21** ~~16~~ calendar days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before that first scheduled regular-season contest).

[17.12.3 through 17.12.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Amending the start date for practice fosters equitable practice environments that prioritize the well-being and development of all student-athletes. This adjustment will not alter the institution's overall playing season but will enhance preparation for competitive play.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The field hockey first permissible date for preseason practice is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Enhances the prospective student-athlete experience by allowing more time for development.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase based on institutional decisions.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-24 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIELD HOCKEY AND GOLF -- IN-SEASON FOREIGN COMPETITION

Intent: In field hockey and golf, to eliminate the limitations on in-season foreign competition.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

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

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.3 and 17.12.5.4. 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.

[17.12.5.1.1 through 17.12.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~17.12.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable field hockey contests or dates of competition in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests or dates of competition played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.34), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.~~

[17.12.5.2 through 17.12.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.12.6 through 17.12.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.14.1 through 17.14.4 unchanged.]

17.14.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.14.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in golf during the permissible golf playing season to 24 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.5.2 and 17.14.5.3 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.14.5.1.1 through 17.14.5.1.2 unchanged.]

~~17.14.5.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in golf in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.34), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.~~

[17.14.5.1.4 renumbered as 17.14.5.1.3, unchanged.]

[17.14.5.2 through 17.14.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.14.6 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee and NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The recommendation to eliminate the in-season foreign competition limitations will permit institutions to participate in foreign competition on a more frequent basis.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Consistent playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal enhances the student-athlete experience by providing additional opportunities to travel internationally and have cultural experiences.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on institutional decisions to participate in in-season foreign competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Varies based on institutional decisions to participate in in-season foreign competition.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-25 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GOLF – PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION

Intent: In golf, to modify the first permissible practice date and first permissible date of competition, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.14.1 unchanged.]

17.14.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in golf before ~~September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term~~ **the third Thursday in August or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term**, whichever is earlier.

[17.14.2.1 through 17.14.2.2 unchanged.]

17.14.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (match or practice match) with outside competition in golf before ~~September 1 or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term~~ **the fourth Thursday in August or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term**, whichever is earlier.

[17.14.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.14.4 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Golf Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: In golf, the first permissible date of preseason practice varies significantly due to the differences in institutional academic calendars. Specifically, student-athletes attending schools with a later first day of class have meaningfully less preseason practice opportunity compared to other student-athletes. Adjusting the first permissible practice date to the third Thursday in August or five days before the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, will promote more consistency in preseason start dates by allowing schools with later start dates to begin practice sessions earlier. Correspondingly, adjusting the first date of competition to occur a week after the first preseason practice date ensures all institutions have at least one week of practice before competition.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Consistent playing and practice seasons are nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal ensures more consistency in the preseason practice opportunities for student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies; dependent on institutional decisions and academic calendar.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Varies; dependent on institutional decisions and academic calendar.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-26 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – WOMEN'S LACROSSE – FIRST CONTEST DATE

Intent: In women's lacrosse, to specify that an institution shall not engage in its first contest or date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday that is 16 weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship game.

Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

17.17 Lacrosse. Regulations for computing the lacrosse playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.17.1 through 17.17.2 unchanged.]

17.17.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

[17.17.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Women. An institution shall not engage in its first contest or date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to:

[17.17.3-(b)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) Championship Segment. The Friday that is ~~15~~ **16** weeks before the Friday immediately preceding the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship game.

[17.17.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.17.4 through 17.17.8 unchanged.]

Source: Division I Women's Lacrosse Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: By moving up the first permissible contest or date of competition, an additional week will alleviate some of the burden of midweek, in-conference travel and allow for an extra week of planning to better support and accommodate student-athletes' academic schedules.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The first contest date is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would alleviate the compression of contests during the championship segment in order to prioritize student-athlete well-being and reduce missed class time due to competition travel.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-27 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S SOCCER -- REDISTRIBUTION OF MEN'S SOCCER PLAYING SEASON MODEL

Intent: To amend the men's soccer playing and practice season, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

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[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

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 through 17.1.7.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

[17.1.7.3.1 through 17.1.7.3.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier.

[17.1.7.3.5.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3.5.2 Exception -- Men's Soccer. In men's soccer, all activities that occur during the transition period and preseason shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.22.2.

[17.1.7.3.5.2 through 17.1.7.3.5.3 renumbered as 17.1.7.3.5.3 through 17.1.7.3.5.4, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3.6 through 17.1.7.3.8 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games, National Invitation Tournament, or Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament, and during participation in NCAA championships.

[17.1.7.4.1 through 17.1.7.4.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4.3 Preseason Practice -- Sports Other Than Football **and Men's Soccer**. In sports other than football **and men's soccer**, an institution is not required to provide student-athletes with one day off per week during preseason practice that occurs prior to the first day of classes, or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier.

[17.1.7.4.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4.5 Preseason Practice -- Men's Soccer. In men's soccer, between the start of preseason practice and the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest, all countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week.

[17.1.7.4.5 through 17.1.7.4.8 renumbered as 17.1.7.4.6 through 17.1.7.4.9, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.5 through 17.1.7.8 unchanged.]

17.1.7.9 Additional Required Days Off. An institution shall provide a student-athlete with 14 additional days off during the playing season (including vacation periods during the season) or outside the playing and practice season during a regular academic term when classes are in session. Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days. However, a student-athlete may participate in voluntary activities. The seven-day discretionary period (see Bylaw 17.1.7.12.7) at the conclusion of the championship segment does not count toward this requirement. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted during the days off.

[17.1.7.9.1 through 17.1.7.9.3 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.10 through 17.1.7.11 unchanged.]

17.1.7.12 Additional Required Days Off -- Men's Soccer. In men's soccer, an institution shall provide student-athletes with two additional days off (consecutive days) in the fall segment and three additional days off (consecutive days) in the spring segment. Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days.

17.1.7.12.13 Additional Restrictions.

17.1.7.12.13.1 No Class Time Missed in Conjunction with Nonchampionship Segment Competition -- Baseball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, **Women's Soccer**, Softball and Volleyball. In baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, **women's soccer**, softball and volleyball, no class time shall be missed in conjunction with nonchampionship segment competition, including activities associated with such competition (e.g., travel and other pregame or postgame activities).

[17.1.7.12.1.1 through 17.1.7.12.1.2 renumbered as 17.1.7.13.1.1 through 17.1.7.13.1.2, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.12.2 through 17.1.7.12.8 renumbered as 17.1.7.13.2 through 17.1.7.13.8, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.13 renumbered as 17.1.7.14, unchanged.]

[17.1.8 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

[17.2 through 17.21 unchanged.]

17.22 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. ~~The length of an institution's playing season in soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. A transition period (see Bylaw 17.23.2) shall not count toward the 132-day season.~~

(a) Men. The length of an institution's playing season in men's soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, consisting of a fall and spring segment (each segment consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.4.5, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. A transition period (see Bylaw 17.22.2) shall not count toward the 132-day season.

(b) Women. The length of an institution's playing season in women's soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. A transition period (see Bylaw 17.22.3) shall not count toward the 132-day season.

17.22.2 Transition Period -- Men. In men's soccer, outside of the playing season and prior to the institution's first day of classes of the applicable term, an institution may commence transition period practice sessions beginning seven calendar days prior to the first permissible preseason practice date for the applicable segment. A transition period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction;

(b) All countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be prohibited during two calendar days per week; and

(c) An institution shall not play a contest or engage in a date of competition with outside competition (game or exhibition).

[17.22.2 renumbered as 17.22.3, unchanged.]

17.22.34 Preseason Practice -- Men. In men's soccer, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 16 calendar days before ~~the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first scheduled regular-season contest):~~:

(a) Fall Segment. The 13th Thursday prior to Thanksgiving Day.

(b) Spring Segment. The Friday of the 11th weekend before the first round the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

[17.22.4 renumbered as 17.22.5, unchanged.]

17.22.56 First Contest or Date of Competition -- Men. An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before ~~the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend:~~:

(a) Fall Segment. The 11th Thursday prior to Thanksgiving Day (see Figure 17-2).

(b) Spring Segment. The Friday before the 9th weekend before the first round of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

17.22.~~56~~.1 Exception – Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. In men's soccer, an institution may play up to ~~three~~ **five (three during the fall segment, two during the spring segment)** soccer scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest ~~during a particular academic year~~ **of the applicable segment**, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.22.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.22.8.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.22.8.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played ~~during the preseason practice period~~ prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest **of the applicable segment**.

[17.22.6 renumbered as 17.22.7, unchanged.]

17.22.~~78~~ End of Regular Playing Season. ~~A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in soccer by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.~~

(a) Men. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by:

(1) Fall Segment. The Saturday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day.

(2) Spring Segment. The conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship game.

(b) Women. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in soccer by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.22.~~89~~ Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.22.9.1 Minimum Number of Contests -- Institutional -- Men. In men's soccer, an institution shall schedule at least the following minimum number of intercollegiate contests:

(a) Fall Segment. Eight regular-season contests.

(b) Spring Segment. Three regular-season contests.

17.22.~~89~~.~~12~~ Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. ~~A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4. 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.~~

(a) Men. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's soccer during the institution's playing season in any one year to 20 contests and five scrimmages or exhibitions, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4, which may include:

(1) Fall Segment. A maximum of 18 contests (15 regular-season contests and three scrimmages or exhibitions) that may be played during the fall segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4.

(2) Spring Segment. A maximum of 10 contests (eight regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions) that may be played during the spring segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4.

(b) Women. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4. 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.

17.22.~~89~~.~~12~~.1 Exception – Isolated Institution -- **Women. # In women's soccer, if** there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor soccer (for the applicable gender) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.

17.22.~~89.12~~.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel -- **Women.** ~~Once~~ **In women's soccer, once** every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.

17.22.~~89.12~~.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in soccer in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.35), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

~~17.22.~~89.23~~ Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. *An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.12, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.*~~

(a) Men. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 men's soccer contests and five scrimmages or exhibitions which include not more than 18 contests (15 regular-season contests and three scrimmages or exhibitions) during the fall segment and not more than 10 contests (eight regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions) during the spring segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.12, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

(b) Women. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.12, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.22.8.3 through 17.22.8.4 renumbered as 17.22.9.4 through 17.22.9.5, unchanged.]

[17.22.9 through 17.22.11 renumbered as 17.22.10 through 17.22.12, unchanged.]

[17.23 through 17.34 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current season no longer reflects modern expectations for student-athlete well-being, development, or fan engagement. This proposal intends to support student-athlete health, performance, academic balance, long-term development and reduce midyear transfers. Further, this proposal emphasizes the opportunity for redistribution of existing resources, rather than expansion. The proposal does not increase the number of days counting toward the 132-day playing season or increase the maximum number of contests.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposed enhancements to student-athlete well-being outweigh monitoring or compliance burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: A redistributed and decompressed season spanning consecutive semesters would meaningfully reduce time demands during any single academic term, resulting in fewer midweek contests and less missed class time.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Varies.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Apr 1, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-28 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – FIRST CONTEST – EXCEPTION – AVCA SHOWCASE PARTICIPATION RESTRICTION

Intent: In women's volleyball, to permit participation in the AVCA Showcase no more than two times every three years.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 Volleyball. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.29.1 through 17.29.2 unchanged.]

17.29.3 First Contest – Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible contest shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

[17.29.3.1 unchanged.]

17.29.3.2 Exception – American Volleyball Coaches Association Showcase. An institution may participate in the AVCA Showcase before the first permissible contest date per Bylaw 17.29.3. An institution may not participate in the AVCA Showcase more than two times in a ~~four~~ **three**-year period.

[17.29.4 through 17.29.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The AVCA Showcase was established to promote volleyball through early season, high visibility competition that expands national exposure. Reducing the participation restriction advances growth of the sport overall without significantly reducing the opportunity for women's volleyball programs to participate for the first time.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The AVCA Showcase has demonstrated significance to promote the growth of a national audience for women's volleyball.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides a meaningful opportunity for student-athletes to engage in a high-level competition environment and with a significant audience.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

No. 2026-29 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL – NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT TRAVEL – ELIMINATE GROUND TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTION

Intent: In field hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball, to eliminate the restriction to ground transportation for travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

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

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.12.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.12.5.3 and 17.12.5.4. ~~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.~~

~~17.12.5.1.1 Exception – Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor field hockey located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.~~

~~17.12.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.~~

[17.12.5.1.3 renumbered as 17.12.5.1.1, unchanged.]

[17.12.5.2 through 17.12.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.12.6 through 17.12.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.7 unchanged.]

17.22.8 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.22.8.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in soccer during the institution's soccer playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.8.3 and 17.22.8.4. ~~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.~~

~~17.22.8.1.1 Exception – Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor soccer (for the applicable gender) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.~~

~~17.22.8.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.~~

[17.22.8.1.3 renumbered as 17.22.8.1.1, unchanged.]

[17.22.8.2 through 17.22.8.4 unchanged.]

[17.22.9 through 17.22.11 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 Softball. Regulations for computing the softball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.4 unchanged.]

17.23.5 Number of Contests.

17.23.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.23.5.3 and 17.23.5.4. ~~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.~~

~~17.23.5.1.1 Exception – Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than eight other Division I institutions that sponsor softball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and eight.~~

~~17.23.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.~~

[17.23.5.1.3 through 17.23.5.1.4 renumbered as 17.23.5.1.1 through 17.23.5.1.2, unchanged.]

[17.23.5.2 through 17.23.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.23.6 through 17.23.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 Volleyball. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.29.1 through 17.29.6 unchanged.]

17.29.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition – Women.

17.29.7.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 32 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.29.9 and 17.29.10. ~~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.~~

~~17.29.7.1.1 Exception – Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than four other Division I institutions that sponsor women's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four.~~

~~17.29.7.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.~~

[17.29.7.1.3 renumbered as 17.29.7.1.1, unchanged.]

[17.29.7.2 unchanged.]

17.29.8 Number of Dates of Competition – Men.

17.29.8.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.29.9 and 17.29.10. ~~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.~~

~~17.29.8.1.1 Exception – Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than four other Division I institutions that sponsor men's volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four.~~

~~17.29.8.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception – Nonchampionship Segment Travel. Once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.~~

[17.29.8.1.3 renumbered as 17.29.8.1.1, unchanged.]

[17.29.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.29.9 through 17.29.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Field Hockey Oversight Committee, Men's Soccer Oversight Committee, Women's Soccer Oversight Committee and Women's Volleyball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Institutions are best positioned to make decisions surrounding competition-related transportation during both the championship and nonchampionship segments. Local autonomy will allow institutions to make decisions to promote the well-being of student-athletes and promote additional flexibility during the nonchampionship segment. Further, this proposal would not amend the prohibition on missed class time for nonchampionship segment competition.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Deregulation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: This proposal would eliminate a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow institutions to make local decisions regarding what mode of transportation would best support the success and well-being of student-athletes across both the championship and nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decision-making.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

Apr 15, 2026: In Progress The Cabinet amended the proposal to include field hockey, soccer, softball and men's volleyball.

Championships and Postseason Football

No. 2026-30 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- CONTEST STATUS -- EXCEPTION -- INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to eliminate criteria related to an institution's multiyear Academic Progress Rate for identifying alternates if there are an insufficient number of institutions that meet the definition of a deserving team to participate in postseason bowl games.

Bylaws: Amend 18.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

18.7 Postseason Football.

[18.7.1 unchanged.]

18.7.2 Postseason Bowl Games. The conditions and requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in the NCAA postseason football handbook.

18.7.2.1 Contest Status. A contest shall serve the purpose of providing a national contest between deserving teams. A "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses. Tie games do not count in determining a team's won-lost record. Further, if forfeiture of a regular-season football victory is required by the Committee on Infractions or a conference, or is self-imposed by an institution as a result of a violation of NCAA rules, neither of the competing institutions may count that contest in satisfying the definition of a "deserving team."

[18.7.2.1.1 through 18.7.2.1.2 unchanged.]

18.7.2.1.3 Exception – Insufficient Number of Eligible Institutions. If an insufficient number of institutions meet the definition of a deserving team pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 to participate in postseason bowl games in a particular year, an institution that meets a condition set forth below shall be eligible to participate as an alternate in such a bowl game. All deserving teams must be selected before an alternate may be selected. The terms of participation in the bowl game shall be the same for the alternate as the terms that were applicable to the originally contracted conference participant. All institutions that meet the first condition below must be selected before an institution that meets the second condition may be selected and so forth in descending order:

[18.7.2.1.3-(a) through 18.7.2.1.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) An institution that finished its season with a minimum of five wins that count toward meeting the definition of a deserving team and a maximum of seven losses but achieved a multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) that permits postseason participation. ~~Alternates identified pursuant to this condition shall be identified as eligible in descending order based on the institutions' multiyear Academic Progress Rates.~~

~~(1) If multiple institutions achieved the same multiyear rate, the institution with the highest single-year Academic Progress Rate, beginning with the most recent reporting year and continuing until a higher rate is found, shall be identified as eligible first. An institution that is identified as an alternate must declare whether it will participate in a bowl game. An alternate institution that declares an intention to participate shall select an available bowl game in which to participate.~~

[18.7.2.1.3-(d)-(2) renumbered as 18.7.2.1.3-(d)-(1), unchanged.]

[18.7.2.2 through 18.7.2.3 unchanged.]

[18.7.3 through 18.7.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: This proposal provides additional flexibility and opportunities for selection of postseason bowl participants. The proposal does not change the Academic Progress Rate requirement to be considered for postseason competition.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Postseason Bowl Game selection criteria is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. There are no additional monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal may provide for postseason opportunities for student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 31, 2026: In Progress

Division Membership

No. 2026-31 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- RECLASSIFICATION OF FOOTBALL SUBDIVISION -- ELIGIBILITY FOR POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

Intent: To specify that an institution in the reclassification process from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision is eligible for participation in postseason bowl games or games in the College Football Playoff, provided the institution is in full compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements, and all reclassification requirements.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.5, as follows:

20.5 Multidivision Classification/Reclassification of Football Subdivision.

[20.5.1 through 20.5.2 unchanged.]

20.5.3 Championships Eligibility/**Eligibility for Postseason Bowl Games.** A member of Division I that has forwarded to the national office written notice of its intention to change its football membership classification from Championship Subdivision to Bowl Subdivision per Bylaw 20.5.2.1 no longer shall be eligible for participation in the Division I Football Championship. **An institution in the reclassification process from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision is eligible for participation in postseason bowl games or games in the College Football Playoff, provided the institution is in full compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements, and all reclassification requirements.**

[20.5.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 18.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

18.7 Postseason Football.

[18.7.1 unchanged.]

18.7.2 Postseason Bowl Games. The conditions and requirements that must be met in order for an institution to participate in a postseason bowl game are set forth in the NCAA postseason football handbook.

18.7.2.1 Contest Status. A contest shall serve the purpose of providing a national contest between deserving teams. A "deserving team" shall be defined as one that has won a number of games against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents that is equal to or greater than the number of its overall losses. Tie games do not count in determining a team's won-lost record. Further, if forfeiture of a regular-season football victory is required by the Committee on Infractions or a conference, or is self-imposed by an institution as a result of a violation of NCAA rules, neither of the competing institutions may count that contest in satisfying the definition of a "deserving team."

[18.7.2.1.1 through 18.7.2.1.2 unchanged.]

18.7.2.1.3 Exception -- Insufficient Number of Eligible Institutions. If an insufficient number of institutions meet the definition of a deserving team pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 to participate in postseason bowl games in a particular year, an institution that meets a condition set forth below shall be eligible to participate as an alternate in such a bowl game. All deserving teams must be selected before an alternate may be selected. The terms of participation in the bowl game shall be the same for the alternate as the terms that were applicable to the originally contracted conference participant. All institutions that meet the first condition below must be selected before an institution that meets the second condition may be selected and so forth in descending order:

[18.7.2.1.3-(a) through 18.7.2.1.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) An institution that is in its final year of reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision and meets the definition of a deserving team pursuant to Bylaw 18.7.2.1 or the exception in Bylaw 18.7.2.1.1.

[18.7.2.1.3-(d) relettered as 18.7.2.1.3-(c), unchanged.]

[18.7.2.2 through 18.7.2.3 unchanged.]

[18.7.3 through 18.7.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: If an institution that is reclassifying from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision is in full compliance with all Football Bowl Subdivision legislation and membership requirements and is meeting all reclassification requirements, it should be eligible to participate in postseason bowl games or the College Football Playoff.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Eligibility for postseason bowl games is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. There are no additional monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides the opportunity for postseason bowl game participation for student-athletes at reclassifying institutions.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Apr 1, 2026: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2026-34 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- TIME PERIOD FOR OFF-CAMPUS CONTACTS -- WOMEN'S BOWLING

Intent: In women's bowling, to specify that off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before July 5 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 13.1.1.1.3 unchanged.]

13.1.1.1.4 Exception -- Women's Bowling. In women's bowling, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or the individual's family members) before July 5 at the conclusion of the individual's sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.1.1.4 through 13.1.1.1.5 renumbered as 13.1.1.1.5 through 13.1.1.1.6, unchanged.]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.4 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Cabinet (Women's Bowling Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Adjusting the first opportunity for off-campus recruiting contacts reduces confusion by prospective student-athletes regarding permissible recruiting activities at regional and national-level events due to differing recruiting timelines for NCAA Division I, Division II and Division III institutions.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The women's bowling first contact date is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Provides consistency to permissible recruiting activities across NCAA divisions at July recruiting events.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Apr 15, 2026: In Progress Introduced by the Division I Cabinet.

Academic Eligibility

No. 2026-35 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- ELIMINATE NATURAL OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE LAB REQUIREMENT

Intent: To eliminate the natural or physical science lab course requirement from the qualifier and academic redshirt core-course requirements.

Bylaws: Amend 14.3.1, as follows:

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers and Academic Redshirts. A student-athlete who enrolls in a member institution as an entering freshman with no previous full-time college attendance shall meet the following academic requirements, as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, as approved by the Board of Governors, and any applicable institutional and conference regulations, to be considered a qualifier or an academic redshirt.

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications:

(a) A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.300 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the following:

English	4 years
Mathematics (Three years of mathematics courses at the level of Algebra I or higher). (Computer science courses containing significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of mathematics also may be accepted.)	3 years
Natural or physical science (including at least one laboratory course if offered by the high school). (Computer science courses containing	2 years

significant programming elements that meet graduation requirements in the area of natural or physical science also may be accepted.)

Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science	1 year
Social science	2 years
Additional academic courses [in any of the above areas or world language, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion (e.g., comparative religion) courses]	4 years

The record of the above courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office; and

[14.3.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[14.3.1.1.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.1.2 Exception – Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete presenting a core-course grade-point average of 3.000 or higher (based on a maximum of 4.000) in a minimum of 14 core courses upon completion of six semesters (or the equivalent) shall be certified as a qualifier. The 14 core courses shall include three core courses in English, two in mathematics, two in natural or physical science (*including at least one laboratory course, if offered*), two additional core courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science and five additional core courses in any NCAA core area. The record of the courses and course grades must be certified by the Eligibility Center using either an official high school transcript forwarded directly from the high school or a high school transcript forwarded by an institution's admissions office.

[14.3.1.1.2.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.2 Academic Redshirt. An academic redshirt may receive institutional athletically related financial aid but may not compete during the first academic year of residence. An academic redshirt may practice only on campus or at the institution's regular practice facility during the first regular academic term of residence. An academic redshirt must successfully complete nine semester or eight quarter hours of academic credit in each applicable regular academic term in order to be eligible for practice in the immediately subsequent term of the initial academic year of residence. An academic redshirt is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.000 (based on a maximum 4.000) in a successfully completed core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses per Bylaw 14.3.1.3, including the required courses set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(a).

[14.3.1.2.1 unchanged.]

[14.3.1.3 through 14.3.1.5 unchanged.]

[14.3.2 through 14.3.5 unchanged.]

Source: Division I Academics and Eligibility Committee

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, the initial-eligibility certification for a prospective student-athlete must include a lab course requirement if it is offered by the prospective student-athlete's high school. The NCAA High School Review Committee reviewed initial-eligibility data related to the science lab requirement and noted the application of this requirement, which results in different certification processes solely based on what is offered by a high school. Additionally, the science lab requirement is no longer necessary, given that the existing criteria used to review science courses are sufficient for determining whether a course is college preparatory.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation governing core-course requirements is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by making the application of natural or physical science core-course requirement consistent for all prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Apr 15, 2026: In Progress Introduced by the Division I Cabinet.