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## **2022-23 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Publication of Proposed Legislation**

The Council-Governance POPL presents all proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly sponsored for the 2022-23 legislative cycle.

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

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

### **Division I Council-Governance Legislative Process for the 2022-23 Legislative Cycle**

The following provides key deadlines and information regarding the 2022-23 NCAA Division I Council-governance legislative process. For more information regarding the legislative process, see NCAA Division I Constitution 9.3.2.

#### **December 15:**

- Deadline for amendments to proposals identified for January vote.
  - Only proposals introduced by the Council may be identified for a January vote. Additionally, such proposals must impact student-athlete well-being and must be time sensitive.
  - Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

#### **NCAA Convention/January Council Meeting:**

- Council votes on proposals identified for January vote. Council may introduce amendments to any proposal (Council-introduced or conference-sponsored) scheduled for April vote.
- All modifications of Council-introduced proposals are permissible, provided they are germane to the original proposal. Amendments to conference-sponsored amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.
- Division I Issues Forum includes opportunity for discussion of proposals in legislative cycle.

#### **February 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):**

- Deadline for sponsors to refine/adjust their own proposals (sponsor modification period).
- All modifications permissible, provided they are germane to the concept of the original proposal.
- Deadline for conferences to submit amendments to proposals (amendment-to-amendment period).
- Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

#### **February 8:**

- NCAA Division I Official Notice available, which includes final version of proposals for Council's April vote.

#### **April Council Meeting:**

- Council votes on all remaining proposals.

## Council-Governance Proposals in the 2022-23 Legislative Cycle

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

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## Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

### No. 2022-31 AMATEURISM AND ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- STANDARD END OF GRACE PERIOD

**Intent:** In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to specify that a student-athlete must enroll full time in a regular academic term by October 1 or March 1 immediately after the student-athlete's grace period expires in order to avoid the application of delayed enrollment penalties.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.8, as follows:

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.6 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[12.8.1 through 12.8.2 unchanged.]

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

[12.8.3.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year period (**by October 1 or March 1 immediately after one year has elapsed**) after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the one-year period (~~the next opportunity to enroll after one calendar year has elapsed~~) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the one-year period, if the student-athlete has engaged in competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

[12.8.3.2.1.1 through 12.8.3.2.1.5 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (~~or the first opportunity to enroll~~ **by October 1 or March 1 immediately** after six months have elapsed) after the student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the student-athlete's class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

- (a) The student-athlete shall be charged with a season of intercollegiate eligibility for each calendar year after the six-month period has elapsed (~~or the next opportunity to enroll~~) and prior to full-time collegiate enrollment during which the student-athlete has participated in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9.
- (b) After the six-month period, if the student-athlete has engaged in organized competition per Bylaw 12.02.9, on matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year of residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition.

[12.8.3.2.2.1 through 12.8.3.2.2.4 unchanged.]

[12.8.3.3 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.]

[12.8.4 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

**Rationale:** A standard date is currently used by the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the end of the one-year time period after a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date or the graduation date of the prospective student-athlete's high school class for purposes of delayed enrollment. Using a standard date promotes flexibility and consistency in the certification of all prospective student-athletes. While this standard date is currently applied through Council-Approved Review Process Guidelines, codification of the standard date simplifies educational messaging, promotes consistency and permits proactive guidance regarding when prospective student-athletes should stop competing to avoid a delayed-enrollment condition.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. The application of delayed enrollment legislation is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal standardizes and simplifies the determination of how the delayed enrollment legislation applies.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal treats all student-athletes who delay initial full-time collegiate enrollment in a fair and equitable manner.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

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## Recruiting

No. 2022-32 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS

**Intent:** To amend the official and unofficial visit legislation, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02.18, as follows:

13.02.18 Visits by Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.02.18.1 Official Visit. An official visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit financed in whole or in part by the member institution.

13.02.18.2 Unofficial Visit. An unofficial visit to a member institution by a prospective student-athlete is a visit made at the prospective student-athlete's own expense. The provision of any expenses ~~or entertainment valued at more than \$100~~, **except as otherwise permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7**, by the institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall require the visit to become an official visit, ~~except as permitted in Bylaws 13.5 and 13.7~~.

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Transportation.

[13.5.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.

13.5.2.1 General Restrictions. An institution may pay a prospective student-athlete's actual transportation costs for an official visit to its campus from any location, provided the prospective student-athlete returns to the original point of departure or travels to the prospective student-athlete's home, educational institution or site of competition. Use of a limousine or helicopter for such transportation is prohibited. [R]

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (~~except the prospective student-athlete's coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2~~) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. [R]

13.5.2.2.1 Use of Automobile. The institution or representatives of its athletics interests shall not provide an automobile for use during the official visit by the prospective student-athlete or by a student host. [R]

13.5.2.2.2 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete and Family Members. Except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4, a coaching staff member shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete in the coach's sport to or from an official visit unless the prospective student-athlete travels only by automobile. If such transportation is used, the ~~48-hour period of the~~ official visit shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete's family members) during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. On completion of the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit**, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately. [R]

[13.5.2.2.2.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2.2.3 ~~On-Campus~~ **Local** Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) ~~around campus~~ during the official visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus, institutional vehicles normally used to transport the institution's athletics teams, or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member or student host. [R]

13.5.2.3 Air Transportation. An institution providing air transportation to a prospective student-athlete **and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete** to and from an official campus visit must use commercial transportation at coach-class airfare. Coaching staff members shall not accompany a prospective student-athlete to or from an official visit when air travel is used, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.5.2.4. [R]

13.5.2.3.1 Ticket Discounts. An institution may not arrange payment of the airline ticket to allow a prospective student-athlete (or ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members or friends~~ **those accompanying the prospective student-athlete**) to take advantage of ticket bonuses, rebates, refunds, upgrades or other benefits connected with the purchase of the ticket. [R]

13.5.2.4 From Airport or Bus or Train Station. During the official visit, any member of an institution's athletics department staff may provide ground transportation for a prospective student-athlete and ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members~~ **those accompanying the prospective student-athlete** between the campus and any bus or train station or airport. If a prospective student-athlete is transported by a member of the institution's athletics department from an airport or bus or train station other than the major airport or bus or train station nearest the institution, the ~~48-hour~~ official visit ~~period~~ begins with the initiation of the ground transportation by the member of the institution's athletics department staff.

13.5.2.5 Visiting Two or More Institutions. Two or more institutions to which a prospective student-athlete is making official visits on the same trip may provide travel expenses, provided there is no duplication of expenses, only actual and necessary expenses are provided, and the ~~48-hour~~ **two night** visit limitation is observed at each institution. [R]

13.5.2.6 Transportation of ~~Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members or Friends~~ **Individuals Accompanying a Prospective Student-Athlete**. An institution ~~shall not permit its athletics department staff members or representatives of its athletics interests to pay, provide or arrange for the payment of transportation costs incurred by family members or friends of a prospective student-athlete to visit the campus or elsewhere; however, an institution may:~~ **may provide the actual round-trip cost for up to four individuals to accompany a prospective student-athlete on an official visit.** [R]

(a) ~~Provide automobile-mileage reimbursement to a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, even if family members or friends accompany the prospective student-athlete;~~

(b) ~~Permit the family members of a prospective student-athlete to ride in an automobile driven by a coaching staff member for the purpose of providing ground transportation to a prospective student-athlete as part of an official visit; and~~

(c) ~~Provide transportation between its campus and any bus or train station or airport for the family members of a prospective student-athlete making an official visit.~~

~~13.5.2.6.1 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

~~13.5.2.6.2 Exception -- Transportation Expenses for a Prospective Student-Athlete's Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual round-trip costs for up to two family members to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete's sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. The institution may use an institutional vehicle normally used to transport prospective students visiting campus, an institutional vehicle normally used to transport the institution's athletics team or the personal vehicle of an institutional staff member. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such transportation. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. [R]

[13.5.4 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 13.6, as follows:

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 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

~~13.6.2.2 Number of Official Visits -- Prospective Student-Athlete Limitation.~~

~~13.6.2.2.1 Sports Other Than Basketball. In sports other than basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following completion of high school and five beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.2.2 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of five expense-paid visits to Division I institutions from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, five additional visits from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and five visits beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit. [D]~~

~~13.6.2.2.3 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may take a maximum of four expense-paid visits to Division I institutions before October 15 following the prospective student-athlete's completion of high school and three expense-paid visits to Division I institutions beginning October 15 following the completion of high school, including visits related to a possible transfer. These restrictions apply regardless of the number of sports in which the prospective student-athlete is involved. A prospective student-athlete is not required to graduate from high school in order to receive a permissible post-high school visit.~~

13.6.2.21.46 Nonqualifier or Academic Redshirt in First Year. A prospective student-athlete who is not a qualifier and who is enrolled in the prospective student-athlete's first year of full-time enrollment (first two semester or three quarters) at a two-year college may not be provided an expense-paid visit to a member institution. Such a prospective student-athlete may be provided an expense-paid visit once the individual has completed an academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at a two-year college.

13.6.2.32 Number of Official Visits -- Institutional Limitations. An institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete before October 15 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer. [D]



13.6.2.32.1 Exception – Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach. After a new head coach is hired, an institution may finance one additional visit for a prospective student-athlete who previously received an official visit to the institution. Visits provided pursuant to this exception shall also be excluded from the limitations on the number of official visits set forth in Bylaws ~~13.6.2.2~~, 13.6.2.3.2, 13.6.2.3.3, 13.6.2.3.4, 13.6.2.3.5 and 13.6.2.3.7. [D]

[13.6.2.3.2 renumbered as 13.6.2.2.2, unchanged.]

13.6.2.32.3 Men's Basketball. ~~In men's basketball, an institution may finance one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete from August 1 through July 31 of the prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, one visit from August 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school through October 14 following completion of high school and one visit beginning October 15 following completion of high school, including a visit related to a possible transfer.~~ An institution may provide up to 28 official visits in a rolling two-year period (each year measured August 1 through July 31). A national service academy may provide up to 34 official visits in a rolling two-year period; however, the institution shall not exceed 28 official visits prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent of the first year in each rolling two-year period. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]

[13.6.2.3.4 through 13.6.2.3.7 renumbered as 13.6.2.2.4 through 13.6.2.2.7, unchanged.]

[13.6.2.4 renumbered as 13.6.2.3, unchanged.]

13.6.2.54 Visit While Competing in Open Event. A host institution may pay the expenses of a recruited prospective student-athlete to participate in an established "open" event, provided the expenses of all other competitors in that event are paid; the expenses are not paid from athletics department (nonmeet) funds; and the expenses of the prospective student-athlete are limited to actual transportation, room and board. This trip shall be considered the one paid visit to the institution's campus with the prospective student-athlete remaining not more than **48 hours two nights**.

[13.6.2.6 renumbered as 13.6.2.5, unchanged.]

[13.6.3 unchanged.]

13.6.4 Length of Official Visit. ~~An official visit to an institution shall not exceed 48 hours.~~ **An institution shall not provide more than two consecutive nights of lodging to a prospective student-athlete in conjunction with an official visit.** A prospective student-athlete may remain in the locale in which the institution is located after the ~~permissible 48-hour period~~ **visit** for reasons unrelated to the official visit, provided that at the completion of the ~~48-hour~~ visit, the individual departs the institution's campus, and the institution does not pay any expenses thereafter, including the cost of return transportation to the prospective student-athlete's home. Additionally, if the prospective student-athlete does not return home prior to attending the institution, the one-way transportation to the campus would be considered a violation of Bylaw 13.5.4, which prohibits transportation to enroll. [D]

13.6.4.1 ~~48-Hour Period Defined~~ **Transportation.** ~~The 48-hour period of the official visit begins at the time the prospective student-athlete arrives on the institution's campus, rather than with the initiation of the prospective student-athlete's transportation by a coach or the time of the prospective student-athlete's arrival at the airport or elsewhere in the community (see Bylaws 13.5.2.4, 13.6.4.1.1 and 13.6.4.1.2).~~ The prospective student-athlete's transportation to and from the campus must be without delay for personal reasons or entertainment purposes. The institution may not pay any expenses for entertainment (other than the actual and reasonable cost of meals) in conjunction with the prospective student-athlete's transportation. At the completion of the ~~48-hour~~ visit, the prospective student-athlete must depart the institution's campus immediately; otherwise, the institution may not pay any expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete upon departure from the institution's campus, including the cost of the prospective student-athlete's transportation home.

13.6.4.1.1 Coach Accompanying Prospective Student-Athlete. If a coach accompanies a prospective student-athlete on an official visit by automobile per Bylaw 13.5.2.2.2, the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit** shall begin when the coach begins transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus. A coach who makes an in-person, off-campus contact (any dialogue in excess of an exchange of a greeting) with the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members during a permissible contact period prior to transporting the prospective student-athlete to campus for an official visit is charged with a countable contact. Upon completion of the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit**, the coach shall terminate contact with the prospective student-athlete and the prospective student-athlete's family members immediately.

13.6.4.1.2 Lodging in the Locale of the Institution Before Visit. A prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete may receive lodging in the locale

of the institution without beginning the ~~48-hour period~~ **visit** if the prospective student-athlete arrives in the locale too late to begin the official visit that day.

13.6.74.1.13 Meals and Lodging While in Transit. ~~It is permissible for an institution to pay a prospective student-athlete's actual costs for reasonable expenses (e.g., meals, lodging)~~ **An institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete** incurred while traveling to and from campus on the official visit. ~~In basketball, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for up to two family members that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on the official visit.~~

13.6.4.2 Exception to ~~48-Hour Period~~ for Extenuating Circumstances. An **institution may provide a prospective student-athlete with additional expenses in conjunction with an** official visit ~~may extend beyond 48 hours~~ for reasons beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete and the institution (e.g., inclement weather conditions, natural disaster, flight delays or cancellations, airport security activity).

13.6.5 Transportation on Official Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on the official visit, see Bylaw 13.5.2.

13.6.6 Accommodations on Official Visit. A prospective student-athlete on an official visit **and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete** shall be provided lodging and meals as lodging and meals are normally provided to regular students. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a 30-mile radius of the institution's campus. Lodging may not include special accessories (e.g., Jacuzzis, luxury suite) that are not available generally to all guests residing at the establishment. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.7 for restrictions on meals provided to prospective student-athletes on official visits.) [R]

13.6.6.1 Lodging for Additional Persons. An institution may provide lodging for up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Additional persons (~~e.g., additional family members, friends~~) may stay in the same room as the prospective student-athlete or other ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete, but the institution shall not pay the costs resulting from the additional occupants. The additional occupants shall not be prospective student-athletes being recruited by the institution. [R]

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit.

13.6.7.1 General Restrictions. An institution may provide entertainment, pursuant to Bylaw 13.6.7.5, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus. Entertainment and contact by representatives of the institution's athletics interests during the official visit are prohibited. ~~It is not permissible to entertain friends (including dates) of a prospective student-athlete at any time at any site.~~ [R]

~~13.6.7.1.1.1 Meals and Lodging in Transit for Family Members -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution may pay the actual costs for meals and lodging for a prospective student-athlete's family members (expenses for up to two people) that are incurred while traveling to and from campus to accompany the prospective student-athlete on an official visit.~~

13.6.7.2 Complimentary Admissions. During the official visit, a maximum of five\* complimentary admissions to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes may be provided to a prospective student-athlete. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and may be issued through digital ticketing or a pass list on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box or bench area is specifically prohibited. [~~\*A nonautonomy conference or institution that has not opted in to the more restrictive autonomy provision may provide six complimentary admissions.~~] [R]

[13.6.7.2.1 through 13.6.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[13.6.7.3 through 13.6.7.4 unchanged.]

**13.6.7.5 Entertainment Expenses. An institution may cover the actual costs (up to \$60 per person) of entertaining a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete during an official visits, which excludes the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. Additional individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the official visit may pay the actual cost of entertainment arranged by the institution. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos.**

13.6.7.56 Student Host. A student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. *The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete:* [R]

- ~~(a) A maximum of \$75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of \$150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, the staff member's entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional \$40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;~~
- ~~(b) Complimentary meals, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete during the prospective student-athlete's official visit; and~~
- ~~(c) Complimentary admissions to campus athletics events, provided the student host is accompanying the prospective student-athlete to the events during the prospective student-athlete's official visit.~~

~~13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the \$75-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used. [D]~~

13.6.7.56.21 Nonqualifier and Academic Redshirt Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.10.3) or an academic redshirt (see Bylaw 14.02.10.2) may not serve as a student host during the student-athlete's first academic year of residence. [D]

[13.6.7.5.3 renumbered as 13.6.7.6.2, unchanged.]

13.6.7.67 Student Support Group Assisting in Recruiting. An institution may not provide a free meal or entertainment to a member of an institutional student support group that assists in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete during an official visit unless the student is designated as the one student host for that prospective student-athlete. Any additional arrangement between the institution and members of such a support group (e.g., compensation, providing a uniform) is left to the discretion of the institution.

13.6.7.78 Meals on Official Visit. The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals** accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the ~~\$75-per-day~~ entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. An institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger) to the prospective student-athlete and up to four ~~family members~~ **individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete** in addition to the three meals. [R]

~~13.6.7.7.1 Entertainment at Staff Member's Home. A luncheon, dinner or brunch at the home of an institutional staff member (e.g., the athletics director, a coach, a faculty member or the institution's president) may be held for a prospective student-athlete on an official visit, provided the entertainment is on a scale comparable to that of normal student life, is not excessive in nature and occurs on only one occasion. [R]~~

13.6.7.89 Normal Retail Cost. If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution's athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or ~~the prospective student-athlete's family members~~ **individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete**, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the ~~\$75-per-day~~ **\$60 per person** entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the ~~\$75-per-day~~ **\$60 per person** entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R]

[13.6.7.9 through 13.6.7.10 renumbered as 13.6.7.10 through 13.6.7.11, unchanged.]

[13.6.8 through 13.6.9 unchanged.]

**D. Bylaws:** Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

[13.7.1 through 13.7.2 unchanged.]

**13.7.3 Entertainment/Tickets General Restrictions.** During an unofficial visit, an institution may not pay expenses or provide entertainment except for complimentary admissions to a home athletics event, one meal (on an occasional basis if the prospective student-athlete is provided more than one unofficial visit) and parking expenses for a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete. The prospective student-athlete may pay the actual cost of additional meals and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes.

**13.7.3.1 General Restrictions Complimentary Admissions.** ~~During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary~~ **Complimentary** admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) **may be provided** to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution's main campus in which the institution's intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or those accompanying the prospective student-athlete in the facility's press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.3.5. [R]

~~13.7.3.1.1 Exception — Nontraditional Family. If a prospective student-athlete is a member of a nontraditional family (e.g., divorce, separation), the institution may provide up to two additional complimentary admissions to the prospective student-athlete in order to accommodate the family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete (e.g., stepparents) to attend a home athletics event.~~

~~13.7.3.1.2 Meals. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit to an institution may pay the actual cost of meals (or the regular cost of training-table meals) and eat with other prospective student-athletes who are on their official visits or with enrolled student-athletes. [R]~~

~~13.7.3.1.2.1 Exception — Championship Subdivision Football. A championship subdivision football program that restricts its total number of official visits to 25 may provide one meal to a football prospective student-athlete in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution also may provide one meal to the prospective student-athlete's family members in the institution's on-campus student dining facilities without the visit counting as an official visit, provided it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal under similar circumstances to all prospective students' family members visiting the campus. A prospective student-athlete who is given such a meal may not also be provided by the institution with an official visit in any sport. [R]~~

~~13.7.3.1.2.2 Exception — Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, a prospective student-athlete visiting an institution's campus as part of an admissions event (open house) may be provided with one meal in the institution's on-campus student dining facility and may have contact with institutional coaching staff members only during such an event without the visit counting as an official visit. The institution must be able to certify that it is the institution's normal policy to provide such a meal to all prospective student-athletes (including nonathletes) attending the admissions event. [R]~~

**13.7.3.21.1 Home Games at Site Other Than Regular Home Facility.** If an institution schedules any regular-season home games at a site not designated as its regular home facility, the host institution may provide a maximum of ~~three~~ **five** complimentary admissions to any such game for the exclusive use of a prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete. Tournament and postseason games are excluded. The institution shall not arrange or permit any other entertainment or payment of expenses, including transportation, except as permitted in Bylaw 13.7.3.4. [R]

**13.7.3.31.2 Conference Tournaments.** A member institution may not provide complimentary admissions to a prospective student-athlete for a postseason conference tournament. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R]

**13.7.3.41.3 NCAA Championships or Other Postseason Contests.** The provision of complimentary or reduced-cost admissions to prospective student-athletes for an NCAA championship (all rounds) or other postseason contests (e.g., bowl game, NAIA or NIT championship) constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. The prospective student-athlete may purchase tickets to such events only in the same manner as any other member of the general public. [R]

**13.7.3.1.54 Reserving Game Tickets.** An institution may reserve tickets (in addition to the permissible complimentary admissions) for the use of additional individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete

during an unofficial visit and for seat locations adjacent to the complimentary seats being provided to the prospective student-athlete. Such tickets must be purchased at face value. [R]

**13.7.3.1.5 Meal on Unofficial Visit. The one meal that may be provided by the institution to a prospective student-athlete and up to four individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete shall be similar to meals normally provided to regular students. Local commercial facilities may be used but at a scale comparable to that of normal student life and only within a within one mile of campus boundaries.**

~~13.7.3.1.6~~ *Parking. An institution may not arrange special parking for a prospective student-athlete to use while attending a member institution's campus athletics event during an unofficial visit.* [R]

~~13.7.3.1.4~~ **2.4** Transportation During Unofficial Visit. For regulations relating to transportation on an unofficial visit, see Bylaw 13.5.3.

~~13.7.3.1.3~~ **3** Housing -- Lodging in Dormitories. A prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit may stay in an enrolled student-athlete's dormitory room only if the prospective student-athlete pays the regular institutional rate for such lodging. [R]

~~13.7.3.1.4~~ **8** Student Host. A student host must either be a current student-athlete or a student who is designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policies for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general.

~~13.7.3.1.7~~ **7** Academic Interviews. An athletics department staff member may arrange academic interviews for a prospective student-athlete on an unofficial visit.

~~13.7.3.5~~ **5** Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete's athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team's attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution's athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than the institution providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. Such admissions may be provided during a dead period. [R]

~~13.7.3.6~~ **6** Visit Related to National Student-Athlete Day or National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution's campus for activities related to National Student-Athlete Day and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. [R]

~~13.7.3.7~~ **7** Professional Tryout or Workout Activities. During an unofficial visit, a prospective student-athlete may not attend events in which professional tryout or workout activities occur. (See Bylaw 13.6.7.10.) [R]

[13.7.4 through 13.7.5 renumbered as 13.7.8 through 13.7.9, unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 13.8, as follows:

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.8.1 Entertainment Restrictions. Entertainment of a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved shall be limited to providing a maximum of two complimentary admissions (issued through digital ticketing or a pass list) to home intercollegiate athletics events at any facility within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus, which must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such entertainment shall not include food and refreshments, room expenses, or the cost of transportation to and from the campus or the athletics event. It is not permissible to provide complimentary admissions to any postseason competition (e.g., NCAA championship, conference tournament, bowl game). An institutional coaching staff member is expressly prohibited from spending funds to entertain the prospective student-athlete's coach on or off the member institution's campus. [D]

[13.8.1.1 unchanged.]

**13.8.1.2 Exception -- Official or Unofficial Visits. A high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved may receive the benefits outlined in Bylaws 13.5, 13.6 and 13.7 as one of four individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official or unofficial visit.**

[13.8.1.2 through 13.8.1.5 renumbered as 13.8.1.3 through 13.8.1.6, unchanged.]

[13.8.2 through 13.8.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2023

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The NCAA Division I Transformation Committee charged the NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Modernization of the Rules Subcommittee with effectuating transformational change in modernizing the division's rules. In reviewing existing rules, the subcommittee was instructed to assess whether regulation is necessary on the national level. If regulation is necessary, it should prioritize the needs of the modern student-athlete. Visits to campus are an integral part of the decision-making process for prospective student-athletes and those who assist them in their decisions. An institution should have the autonomy to determine whether to provide expenses to the individuals who may accompany the prospective student-athlete to assist in the college decision-making process. Maintaining necessary guardrails, including one official visit per prospective student-athlete per institution, a limit on the number of individuals who may receive expenses, a cap on entertainment expenses and a two-night limit on the length of an official visit helps ensure that visits to campus focus on the college decision making process rather than serve as a recruiting inducement or celebrityization of the prospective student-athlete's presence on campus. Finally, the opportunity to provide a meal and parking expenses during unofficial visits is reasonable and reduces monitoring burdens.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal enhances the official and unofficial visit experience for prospective student-athletes and provides increased support to those accompanying prospective student-athletes to assist prospective student-athletes and institutions in making informed decisions during the recruiting process.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal simplifies the length of official visit legislation and provides additional benefits to prospective student-athletes on unofficial visits which will decrease the monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal supports informed decision making during the recruiting process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential costs associated with opportunities to provide expenses to individuals accompanying a prospective student-athlete on an official visit and to provide minimal expenses during unofficial visits.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

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| Nov 14, 2022: | In Progress |  |
| Jan 11, 2023: | In Progress | Modified to remove the proposed elimination of sport-specific institutional official visit limitations that apply to baseball, basketball, and football. |
| Jan 11, 2023: | Referred    | Referred to the Legislative Committee to consider dividing the proposal for separate votes in April 2023.  |

**No. 2022-33 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS, PRIVATE LESSONS AND ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS AT CAMPS AND CLINICS -- MEN'S GYMNASTICS**

**Intent:** In men's gymnastics, to: (a) Eliminate the requirement that all prospective student-athletes participating on a local sports club an institution's coach is involved with live within a 50-mile radius of the institution; (b) Permit an institution's athletics department or an institution's athletics booster group to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes; (c) Permit an institution's coach to provide private lessons to prospective student-athletes; (d) Eliminate camp and clinic attendance restrictions; and (e) Permit a student-athlete or former

student-athlete who is participating in practice pursuant to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body exception to engage in coaching activities.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

13.11.2 Permissible Activities.

[13.11.2.1 through 13.11.2.3 unchanged.]

13.11.2.4 Local Sports Clubs. In sports other than basketball ~~and~~ football **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) 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 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 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 to assign a prospective student-athlete who lives outside the 50-mile area to another coach of the club. A coach 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]

[13.11.2.4.1 through 13.11.2.4.2 unchanged.]

13.11.2.4.3 Institutional Sponsorship of Local Sports Club. Neither an institution's athletics department nor an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes. It is permissible for a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department (e.g., physical education department, recreation department) to sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes, provided no athletics department staff member is involved with the club team. [D]

[13.11.2.4.3.1 unchanged.]

**13.11.2.4.3.2 Exception -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, an institution's athletics department or an institution's athletics booster group may sponsor a local sports club that includes prospective student-athletes and an athletics department staff member may be involved with a club team that is sponsored by a department of the institution that operates independent of the athletics department.**

[13.11.2.4.4 through 13.11.2.4.5 unchanged.]

[13.11.2.5 through 13.11.2.6 unchanged.]

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs. ~~Participation~~ **In sports other than men's gymnastics, participation** by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. **In men's gymnastics, an institution and athletics department staff members may be involved in any capacity (e.g., host, coach, consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), in recognized state, regional, national or**

international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body.  
[D]

[13.11.3.3.1 through 13.11.3.3.3 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.4 through 13.11.3.6 unchanged.]

**13.11.3.7 Private Lessons -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, a coach may teach private lessons to a prospective student-athlete, provided the following conditions are met:**

**(a) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are at a rate commensurate with fees charged to all individuals;**

**(b) Fees charged to the prospective student-athlete are not paid by individuals or entities other than the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's family members; and**

**(c) A student-athlete may be employed by the institution's coach during the private lessons, provided compensation is provided pursuant to the criteria of Bylaw 12.4.1.**

[13.11.3.7 through 13.11.3.10 renumbered as 13.11.3.8 through 13.11.3.11, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.12, as follows:

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.2 unchanged.]

13.12.1.3 Attendance Restriction. A **in sports other than men's gymnastics, a** member institution's sports camp or clinic shall be open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender).

[13.12.1.4 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 through 13.12.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 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]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.5 unchanged.]

**13.12.2.3.6 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Men's Gymnastics. In men's gymnastics, an institution's athletics department personnel 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 men's gymnastics institutional camps (e.g., 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).**

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.7 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.7 through 13.12.2.3.8, unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.8 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, **Men's Gymnastics,** Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, **men's gymnastics,** softball and women's volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel 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 institutional camps (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). [D]

[13.12.2.3.9 through 13.12.2.3.10 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.10 through 13.12.2.3.11, unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Full-Time Enrollment.



14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. (See Bylaw 12.8.2.5.) [D]

[14.2.1.1 through 14.2.1.7 unchanged.]

14.2.1.8 Exception – U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body – Practice. A student with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, or a former student-athlete may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.2.1.8-(a) through 14.2.1.8-(d) unchanged.]

(e) ~~The~~ **In sports other than men's gymnastics, the** individual does not participate in any coaching activities unless the institution designates the individual in the appropriate coaching limits;

[14.2.1.8-(f) through 14.2.1.8-(g) unchanged.]

[14.2.2 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee College Sports Sustainability Think Tank was charged with recommending actionable priorities in Olympic sports to support and sustain the ongoing development of elite student-athletes at NCAA institutions and encourage the continued growth of Olympic sports. In men's gymnastics, the think tank identified several areas of NCAA recruiting rules, that when broadly applied across all sports, stifle the growth of the sport. Deregulation of recruiting legislation in men's gymnastics in a manner consistent with specific recommendations from the USOPC College Sports Sustainability Think Tank will boost engagement, promotion and cooperation across community/youth programs, college varsity teams and the national team. These efficiencies will sustain the ongoing development of elite student-athletes at NCAA institutions and promote the partnership between the NCAA and USOPC.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal aims to deregulate recruiting restrictions in men's gymnastics that will enable continued growth in the sport.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal decreases the recruiting monitoring burden in men's gymnastics.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal will allow institutional staff to have increased engagement with prospective student-athletes in order to encourage continued participation and development in men's gymnastics.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

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## Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2022-36 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL – NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT COMPETITION – ELIMINATE INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION

**Intent:** In women's beach volleyball, to eliminate the limit of four institutional dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.5, as follows:

17.5 Women's Beach Volleyball. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.4 unchanged.]

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.5.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted ~~and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted~~, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.5.5.3 and 17.5.5.4.

[17.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

~~17.5.5.1.2 Pairs Tournament – Institutional – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single institutional date of competition, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.~~

~~17.5.5.1.3 Participation in Multiple Tournaments on the Same Day or Days – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, an institution that participates in multiple pairs tournaments on the same day or days may select any day on which all the tournaments are conducted as one institutional date of competition.~~

17.5.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

17.5.5.2.1 Pairs Tournament – Student-Athlete – Nonchampionship Segment. During the nonchampionship segment, a pairs tournament shall count as a single date of competition for participating individuals, regardless of the number of days during which tournament competition takes place.

[17.5.5.3 through 17.5.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.5.6 through 17.5.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** This proposal permits women's beach volleyball student-athletes to participate in four individual pairs tournaments during the nonchampionship segment, which provides a competitive experience that is similar in length and format to similarly aligned sports with nonchampionship segments that include multiple day tournaments. The women's beach volleyball nonchampionship segment does not operate as a team sport compared to the championship segment. This proposal allows for nonchampionship segment competition to be based on individual dates of competition, rather than institutional dates of competition.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal provides women's beach volleyball student-athletes additional competition opportunities during the nonchampionship segment.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would be easily monitored and enforced by tracking student-athlete participation.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal provides women's beach volleyball student-athletes meaningful opportunities to develop in a competition environment during the nonchampionship segment.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with potential increases in nonchampionship segment competition.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress

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## Championships and Postseason Football

### No. 2022-37 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- SPORT SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY -- CROSS COUNTRY

**Intent:** In cross country, to specify that an institution shall have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in order to be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship.

**Bylaws:** Amend 18.4.2.2, as follows:

18.4.2.2 Championships -- Eligibility. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in an NCAA championship, a member institution also shall:

[18.4.2.2-(a) through 18.4.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

(e) In **cross country and** indoor and outdoor track and field, have met the minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

[18.4.2.2.1 through 18.4.2.2.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023 (applicable to student-athletes who initially enroll full time at a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2023).

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Championships and Postseason Football

**Rationale:** This proposal would provide consistency across championships by preventing an institution that sponsors indoor and/or outdoor track, but not cross country, from being able to have distance runners compete at the cross country championships. Currently, an institution that sponsors cross country but doesn't sponsor indoor and/or outdoor track cannot compete at track championships. The delayed effective date provides notice to prospective student-athletes regarding eligibility for the 2023 cross-country championships. This legislative change would not impact student-athletes who enrolled before August 1, 2023.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. The promotion of consistency across championships involving many of the same participants and coaches is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The consistency of application outweighs minimal monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** It supports student-athlete well-being by requiring consistent standards for any institution to compete in the cross country national championships.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Institutions that have not achieved the minimum requirements will be required to add contests and participants if they intend to compete for championships eligibility.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Institutions that have not achieved the minimum requirements may add contests.

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 14, 2022: In Progress