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Division I Council-Governance Legislative Process for the 2019-20 Legislative Cycle

The following provides key deadlines and information regarding the 2019-20 NCAA Division I Council-governance legislative process. For more information regarding the legislative process, see NCAA Division I Constitution 5.3.2.

November 15:

• POPL available, which includes conference-sponsored and Council-introduced proposals.

December 1:

• Notice provided to membership regarding proposals identified by the Council (or Council Coordination Committee) for a 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.

December 15:

• Deadline for amendments to proposals identified for January vote.
• 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 (i.e., 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.
• Legislative Forum conducted for discussion of proposals in legislative cycle.

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

• Deadline for sponsors to refine/adjust their own proposals (i.e., 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 (i.e., 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.

February Legislative Committee Meeting:

• Legislative Committee holds in-person meeting to review proposals, discuss feedback and develop preliminary positions.
• Positions are presented in a chart to be provided to conferences to assist in preparation for the Council’s April vote.

Date Printed: 11/21/2019
April Council Meeting:

- Council votes on all remaining proposals.
Council-Governance Proposals in the 2019-20 Legislative Cycle

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and strike-through 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.]
Supports

Financial Aid

No. 2018-76 FINANCIAL AID – MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT – EQUIVALENCY
SPORTS – EQUIVALENCY COMPUTATIONS

Intent: In equivalency sports, to specify that an institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of
each element (other than books) in the numerator or denominator of an equivalency calculation.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.3.2, as follows:

15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2)
to a counter shall be computed as follows:

(a) Once a student becomes a counter, the institution shall count all institutional aid (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) received up
to the value of a full grant-in-aid. Exempted government grants per Bylaw 15.2.5 and exempted institutional aid
per Bylaw 15.02.5.4 specifically are excluded from this computation.

(b) A fraction shall be created, with the amount received by the student-athlete (up to the value of a full grant-in-aid) as
the numerator and the full grant-in-aid value for that student-athlete as the denominator based on the actual cost
or average cost of a full grant for all students at that institution.

(c) The sum of all fractional and maximum awards received by counters shall not exceed the total limit for the sport in
question for the academic year as a whole.

[15.5.3.2.1 through 15.5.3.2.2 unchanged.]

15.5.3.2.3 Additional Requirements. The following additional requirements shall apply to equivalency
computations:

(a) An institution may use either the actual cost or average cost of any or all the elements each element (other
than books) in the numerator or denominator of the equivalency calculation, provided the same method is
used in both the numerator and denominator for each element. Either method (or different combinations of
methods among elements) A different method may be used for each student-athlete on the same team or for
separate teams generally.

[15.5.3.2.3-(b) through 15.5.3.2.3-(c) unchanged.]

[15.5.3.2.4 through 15.5.3.2.5 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Eliminating the requirement that the same method (i.e., actual cost or average cost) must be used in both
the numerator and denominator in an equivalency computation would allow greater access to athletics aid for
student-athletes in equivalency sports by providing institutions with flexibility to identify the most beneficial
equivalency calculation. Federal financial aid guidelines and the NCAA limitation on the amount of aid an
individual may receive will continue to apply and provide appropriate limits on the amount of aid a student-athlete
may receive.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies by institutional practice.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Sep 1, 2018: Submitted to National Office
Sep 28, 2018: In Progress
The Council determined that the proposal will be considered in April 2020. The Council modified the effective date to August 1, 2021.

### Athletics Personnel

**No. 2019-19 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- FOOTBALL -- TIME SPENT UNDER CONTRACT AS PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL PLAYER**

**Intent:** In football, to specify that time spent under contract as a professional football player is excepted from the application of the requirement that a graduate assistant coach must either have received his or her first baccalaureate degree or have exhausted athletics eligibility within the previous seven years.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant – Football. In football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:

[11.01.3-(a) through 11.01.3-(j) unchanged.]

11.01.3.1 **Exception -- Professional Football Player.** Time spent under contract as a professional football player is excepted from the application of the requirement that a graduate assistant coach must either have received his or her first baccalaureate degree or have exhausted athletics eligibility within the previous seven years.

[11.01.3.1 renumbered as 11.01.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** The graduate assistant coach role is a common point of entry into the coaching profession for former student-athletes. However, the current graduate assistant coach legislation precludes an individual who played professional football for more than seven years from serving as a graduate assistant coach. Currently, a student-athlete wishing to pursue a college football coaching career after a professional football career is better served to forego graduation to delay the start of the seven-year period. Thus, like the service exception to the five-year period of eligibility, time spent as a professional football player should be exempted when calculating the seven-year period for a graduate assistant coach.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal impacts the pool of potential graduate assistant candidates for all football programs.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. This proposal would not create additional burden. A graduate assistant coach’s eligibility must already be evaluated and participation as a professional athlete is an objective measure.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** This proposal would allow student-athletes to receive coaching from former professional football players with more experience.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

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**No. 2019-20 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- FOUR COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS TO ALL ATHLETICS EVENTS -- FOOTBALL**

**Intent:** In football, to permit a graduate assistant coach to receive four complimentary tickets to all the institution's intercollegiate athletics events.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

11.01.3 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Football. In football, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree and has either received his or her first baccalaureate degree or has exhausted athletics eligibility (whichever occurs later) within the previous seven years and qualifies for appointment as a graduate assistant under the policies of the institution. The individual is not required to be enrolled in a specific graduate degree program unless required by institutional policy. The following provisions shall apply:

[11.01.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The individual may not receive compensation or remuneration in excess of the value of a full grant-in-aid for a full-time student, based on the resident status of that individual, and the receipt of four complimentary tickets to all the institution’s intercollegiate football and basketball games athletics events;

[11.01.3-(c) through 11.01.3-(j) unchanged.]

[11.01.3.1 unchanged.]

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** Currently, a graduate assistant coach is limited to four complimentary tickets to the institution's intercollegiate football and basketball games. Limiting a graduate assistant coach to four complimentary tickets in these sports is inconsistent with the benefits provided to other coaches. Allowing a graduate assistant coach to receive four complimentary tickets to all an institution's intercollegiate athletics events would be a nominal benefit and would reduce the monitoring burden related to complimentary tickets. This proposal would also provide an opportunity for a graduate assistant coach to assist in additional on-campus recruiting efforts and provide general support to all other teams at the institution. An institution could still determine the appropriate allotment and administration of the complimentary tickets.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal provides for more consistency for complimentary admissions for all coaching positions.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. Creating consistency in complimentary admissions would reduce monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** The proposal would allow graduate assistants to support and attend the games of student-athletes across all sports.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal and variable based on institutional decision to provide graduate assistant coaches complimentary admissions.

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

History:

   Jul 12, 2019: Submitted to National Office
   Nov 12, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-21  ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- SCOUTING OPPONENTS -- ANY INSTITUTIONAL STAFF MEMBER

Intent: To specify that an institutional staff member may scout future opponents also participating in the same event at the same site; further, to specify that an institutional staff member may attend a contest in the institution's conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates.

Bylaws: Amend 11.6.1, as follows:

11.6.1 Off-Campus, In-Person Scouting Prohibition. Off-campus, in-person scouting of future opponents (in the same season) is prohibited, except as provided in Bylaws 11.6.1.1 and 11.6.1.2.

   11.6.1.1 Exception -- Same Event at the Same Site. An institution's coaching staff institutional staff member may scout future opponents also participating in the same event at the same site.

   11.6.1.2 Exception -- Conference or NCAA Championships. An institution's coaching staff institutional staff member may attend a contest in the institution's conference championship or an NCAA championship contest in which a future opponent participates (e.g., an opponent on the institution's spring nonchampionship-segment schedule participates in a fall conference or NCAA championship).

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Currently, only members of an institution's coaching staff are permitted to attend a contest involving future opponents participating in the same event at the same site (e.g., multiteam event) or at conference or NCAA championship event. As a result, all other noncoaching staff members (e.g., director of operations) are technically prohibited from attending such events on days when their team is not competing. This standard presents practical challenges, is difficult to monitor and does little to promote competitive equity because noncoaching staff members are precluded from providing technical or tactical instruction directly to student-athletes.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal establishes consistency and eliminates unnecessary monitoring burdens.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would eliminate unnecessary monitoring burdens by permitting all institutional staff members to attend contests involving future opponents.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would increase the number of staff members who may provide administrative support to student-athletes who are also attending such contests for entertainment or scouting purposes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal. Possible costs associated with the attendance of additional staff.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

   Jul 12, 2019: Submitted to National Office
   Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
No. 2019-22 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- ADDITIONAL COACHES -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMIES -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Intent: In men's ice hockey, to permit a national service academy to employ one additional coach.

Bylaws: Amend 11.7.6, as follows:

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

[11.7.6.1 unchanged.]

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 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:

[11.7.6.2.1 through 11.7.6.2.4 unchanged.]

11.7.6.2.5 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. A national service academy may employ two additional coaches in basketball and one additional coach in men's ice hockey.

[11.7.6.2.6 through 11.7.6.2.8 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Current legislation provides opportunities for student-athletes to gain coaching experience while enrolled as full-time undergraduate students and encourages student-athletes who departed their institutions before graduating (e.g., to pursue a professional athletics career) to return and finish their degrees while allowing institutions to earn additional APR points. While the vast majority of institutions can provide an opportunity for a former student-athlete to return to his or her institution (and an undergraduate student assistant coach is not required to be within his or her five-year period of eligibility), the service academies do not have such an option. Specifically, in men's ice hockey, this situation has placed the service academies at a competitive disadvantage. Current legislation places a limit on the number of student assistant coaches to address competitive equity concerns. While the overall impact of the legislation is positive, an unintended consequence has been a competitive disadvantage for the service academies. Permitting one additional coach to be employed in men's ice hockey at the national service academies will help to alleviate this disadvantage.

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

Is the proposal consequent or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal helps create competitive equity between service academies and other member institutions.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow men's ice hockey cadet-athletes at service academies to experience similar quantitative mentorship and coaching attributes within a men's ice hockey coaching staff as men's ice hockey student-athletes experience at non-service academies.

Estimated Budget Impact: Will vary based upon service academies hiring decisions; potential expenses to add an additional coaching position.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Athletics Eligibility

No. 2019-23 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE -- WAIVER CRITERIA -- REDSHIRT DURING ANY YEAR

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that a student-athlete must be in his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment to satisfy the redshirt criterion of a five-year rule waiver.

**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 of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student’s home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

[12.8.1.1 through 12.8.1.6 unchanged.]

12.8.1.7 Five-Year Rule Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or its designated committee, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers of the five-year rule as it deems appropriate.

12.8.1.7.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence under the following circumstances:

(a) The student-athlete did not use a season of intercollegiate competition in his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment due to an institutional decision to redshirt the student-athlete; the student-athlete was listed on the institution’s squad list and was eligible for competition during the segment of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship; and the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate competition in one other season due to circumstances beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution; or

(b) The student-athlete is deprived of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his or her sport within the five-year period of eligibility for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution.

[12.8.1.7.1.1 through 12.8.1.7.1.4 unchanged.]

[12.8.2 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** Conference USA

**Effective Date:** Immediate; applicable to a student-athlete who qualifies for a waiver that would provide the opportunity to participate in four seasons of competition within a five-year period.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Eligibility

**Rationale:** Limiting waivers of the five-year period of eligibility to situations in which redshirts occur only in the initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment is not supportive of student-athlete well-being. In most cases, a redshirt decision is made by the coaching staff with little or no choice afforded to the student-athlete. Expanding the criteria to allow the redshirt to occur in any year of enrollment is in the best interest of student-athletes.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The proposal is consequential and significant as it advances student-athlete well-being and the overall student-athlete experience by optimizing participation opportunities.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal would support student-athlete well-being by allowing additional participation opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal to none; a student-athlete may remain at an institution for an additional year if a five-year rule waiver is approved.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Could provide an additional year of eligibility.

Position Statement(s):

None

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**Athletics Personnel**

No. 2019-25 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND RECRUITING -- INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EMPLOYMENT AT ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION AND REASSIGNMENT AFTER ONE SEASON -- FBS

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to specify that the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete’s relatives, legal guardians or coaches) only while employed at another four-year institution; further, to specify that an institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for the previous academic year.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.8.3.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.8.3.5 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

[13.8.3.5.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.5.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two academic years.

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 11.4.4, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

11.4.4 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the
prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

[11.4.4.1 unchanged.]

11.4.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least two academic years.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.20, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.02.20 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is any person who maintains (or directs others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s family members, or coaches at any point during the prospective student-athlete’s participation in football, and whose contact is directly or indirectly related to either the prospective student-athlete’s athletic skills and abilities or the prospective student-athlete’s recruitment by or enrollment in an NCAA institution. This definition includes, but is not limited to, family members, handlers, personal trainers and coaches. This definition does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with the prospective student-athlete, the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians, or coaches only while employed at a four-year institution. An individual who meets this definition retains such status during the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete at the institution.

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: The current definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete is intentionally broad but leads to some unintended consequences. Specifically, individuals attempting to move from coaching at one four-year institution to a noncoaching position at another institution often meet the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete. The current requirement to evaluate all potential relationships an individual had with current student-athletes and recruited prospective student-athletes can create a barrier for a staff member (coaching or noncoaching) seeking career advancement and it imposes a substantial administrative burden for both the current and potential institutions. In most instances, any relationships that exist were established while the individual was performing duties that were related to employment at the previous institution and that were permissible per NCAA legislation. These types of relationships can and should be distinguished from relationships established by traditional third parties based on the prospective student-athlete’s recruitment or athletic skills and abilities.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The current IAWP legislation can create an inordinate amount of work for the previous institution and potential institution.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would provide a substantial reduction in monitoring burden, particularly for institutions that have a full staff transition and replace multiple noncoaching staff members.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Student-athlete eligibility would not be impacted in situations addressed by this proposal.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:
Recruiting

No. 2019-27 RECRUITING -- TELEPHONE CALLS -- UNLIMITED CALLS SURROUNDING THE INITIAL DATE OF THE NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete starting the Sunday before until 48 hours after 7 a.m on the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

[13.1.3.1 through 13.1.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3 Exceptions.

[13.1.3.3.1 through 13.1.3.3.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3.3.3 Letter-of-Intent Signing-Date Exception. Institutional coaching staff members (see Bylaw 13.1.3.4.1) may make unlimited telephone calls to a prospective student-athlete on the initial date for the signing of the National Letter of Intent and during the two days immediately following the initial signing date.

13.1.3.3.1 Football Exception. In football, institutional coaching staff members may make unlimited telephone calls to prospective student-athletes during the period 48 hours starting the Sunday before and until 48 hours after 7 a.m. on the initial signing date for the National Letter of Intent.

[13.1.3.4 unchanged.]

[13.1.3.4 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current football recruiting calendar has lengthy contact periods before the early and regular National Letter of Intent signing periods in December and February, respectively. During these contact periods, telephone calls to prospective student-athletes may be made at the institution’s discretion. However, the Sunday before the initial date for the signing period of the National Letter of Intent is a one-day quiet period. In football, only one telephone call per week is permitted during a quiet period. At 7:00 a.m. the following day, telephone calls are once again unlimited due to the legislated exception for football. Expanding the exception to allow unlimited telephone calls to begin on the Sunday before the initial National Letter of Intent signing date would be easier to apply and would reduce the possibility of unintentional violations.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Addressing this anomaly in the recruiting calendar would simplify the rule for all football coaches and compliance administrators.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would reduce the existing monitoring burden to monitor phone calls on one day.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow a prospective student-athlete to have additional communication with coaches earlier in the week leading up to the signing period.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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### Athletics Personnel

No. 2019-28 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT -- INSTITUTIONALLY-ISSUED DEVICES AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

**Intent:** To specify that staff members of the athletics department of a member institution must conduct all telephone calls and electronic correspondence related to the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete on a device (cell phone, computer, tablet) issued by the institution; further, such staff members must disclose information, at the institution’s discretion, regarding any individual with whom the staff member communicated for recruiting purposes.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.1, as follows:

11.1 Conduct of Athletics Personnel.

[11.1.1 through 11.1.3 unchanged.]

11.1.4 Institutionally-Issued Devices and Disclosure of Information. Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution must conduct all telephone calls and electronic correspondence related to the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete on a device (cell phone, computer, tablet) issued by the institution. Such staff members must disclose information, at the institution’s discretion, regarding any individual with whom the staff member communicated for recruiting purposes.

[11.1.4 through 11.1.5 renumbered as 11.1.5 through 11.1.6, unchanged.]

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** Recruiting is the lifeblood of a successful program, building relationships is the lifeblood of recruiting and relationships are commonly built through communication that occurs via telephone calls and electronic correspondence. Institutions may regularly monitor various recruiting communications and some institutions may already require coaches to use institutionally issued devices. Institutions and NCAA enforcement may have limitations in terms of monitoring the activities of coaches (e.g., wiretaps are not feasible), but requiring the use of institutionally issued devices sets a clear expectation of transparency and disclosing information on individuals involved in the recruitment process allows institutions to track the frequency or patterns of such engagement. Such a rule provides an enforcement mechanism in the event coaches do not comply—particularly for those coaches who would intentionally circumvent the rule.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. Requiring the use of institutionally issued devices would set a clear expectation of transparency and would allow institutions to track the frequency or patterns of engagement with individuals related to recruitment of prospective student-athletes.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary depending on whether an institution currently requires staff members to use institutionally issued equipment for recruiting purposes.

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

#### No. 2019-31 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS

**Intent:** To specify that evaluation of multiple contests in a multiple-day event that occurs on consecutive days shall count as a single evaluation; further, to specify that evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a multiple-day event shall count as a single observation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.12 unchanged.]

13.1.7.13 Tournament and Multiple-Day Event Evaluations. Evaluation during each day of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) held during the academic year shall count as a separate evaluation except as follows (see Bylaws 13.1.4.1.1 and 13.1.4.2.3.1):

(a) Evaluation of multiple contests in a tournament or multiple-day event that occurs on consecutive days (and normally at the same site) shall count as a single evaluation.

(b) Evaluation of multiple contests in a single tier of a tournament or multiple-day event (e.g., sectional, district, regional) shall count as a single observation. If a particular tier of a tournament is subdivided into identifiable segments (e.g., conducted on different weekends), evaluation of contests in each identifiable segment counts as a single observation.

13.1.7.13.1 Other Multiple-Day Events. Evaluations at a multiple-day event (e.g., jamboree, round robin, showcase) constitute separate evaluations for each day of the event unless the event is conducted in a tournament format in which a winner of the event is determined.

[13.1.7.14 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mid-American Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Currently, evaluating prospective student-athletes at a multiple-day event conducted outside the traditional tournament format may consume half an institution’s recruiting opportunities for participating prospective student-athletes. Attending each day of a multiple-day event results in fewer separate opportunities to evaluate a prospective student-athlete who participates in a sport in which such events are common (e.g., soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, softball). Permitting all multiple-day events to count as a single evaluation, pursuant to the same rules, ensures consistency and equity across all events and sports.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Establishing consistent standards for multiple-day events is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would eliminate the burden of determining the specific format of a multiple-day event.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable; would include additional recruiting costs associated with potential increase in recruiting evaluations.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-32 RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- ELIMINATE CONSIDERATION OF ATHLETICS AWARD WINNER STATUS

Intent: To specify that an institution may employ a prospective student-athlete prior to completion of the senior year in high school, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures and without the intervention of any member of the institution’s coaching staff.

Bylaws: Amend 13.2.4, as follows:

13.2.4 Employment of Prospective Student-Athletes.

13.2.4.1 Prior to Completion of Senior Year – Nonathletics Award Winners. An institution’s athletics department may employ a prospective student-athlete who is not an athletics award winner and not recruited by the institution, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., bulletin board listings). Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. (See Bylaw 13.12.1.7.1.1.)

13.2.4.21 Prior to Completion of Senior Year – Athletics Award Winners. An institution may employ a prospective student-athlete who is an athletics award winner in any department outside intercollegiate athletics, provided the employment is arranged through normal institutional employment procedures (e.g., website, bulletin board listings) and without the intervention of any member of the institution’s coaching staff (e.g., no involvement with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete). Any compensation received by the prospective student-athlete must be for work actually performed and commensurate with the going rate for such services in the locale. For purposes of this bylaw, institutional recreation programs, even if reporting to the athletics director, may be considered outside the intercollegiate athletics department. An institution may hire a prospective student-athlete, who is an athletics award winner, in its recreation programs, only if recreation and facility managers and no intercollegiate coaches are involved with the hiring and supervision of these employees. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.)

13.2.4.32 After Completion of Senior Year. An institution may arrange for employment or employ any a prospective student-athlete (regardless of athletics award winner status) and the institution’s coaching staff may be involved with the hiring or supervision of the prospective student-athlete, provided the employment does not begin prior to the completion of the prospective student-athlete’s senior year in high school. (See Bylaws 13.12.1.7.1 and 13.12.1.7.1.1.)

[13.2.4.3.1 renumbered as 13.2.4.2.1, unchanged.]

[13.2.4.4 renumbered as 13.2.4.3, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, there are differing standards for an institution to permissibly hire a prospective student-athlete dependent on his or her athletics award winner status. Simplifying and consolidating employment legislation that applies before completion of the senior year will make it easier for coaches, prospective student-athletes and parents to understand. Further, precluding coaches from being involved in hiring or supervision will protect recruiting integrity and reduce monitoring burdens. An immediate effective date is proposed because this proposal eliminates monitoring burden and does not require institutional time to adjust.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts any institution that employs or may employ a prospective student-athlete.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would eliminate the monitoring burden of determining whether a prospective student-athlete is an athletics award winner to verify which conditions must be considered in the hiring process.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would permit an institution to offer additional employment opportunities to deserving prospective student-athlete aged individuals.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-33 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- PERSONALIZED VIDEO/AUDIO MATERIAL AFTER COMMITMENT

Intent: To specify that after a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment, an institution may provide, via electronic correspondence or digital media storage device, video/audio material personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness.

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1.10, as follows:

13.4.1.10 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, subject to the following provisions: [D]

(a) The video/audio material may be posted to the institution's website;

(b) The video/audio material may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness;

(c) The video/audio material may not be created by an entity outside the institution; and

(d) The video/audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.10.1.

13.4.1.10.1 Pre-enrollment Information Exception -- After Commitment. An institution may provide any necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format (e.g., video playbook, game clips) to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she After a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment, an institution may provide the following via electronic correspondence or digital media storage device (e.g., DVD, flash drive): Such information may be provided via a digital media storage device (e.g., DVD, flash drive). [D]

(a) Video/audio material personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness; and

(b) Necessary pre-enrollment information regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format (e.g., video playbook, game clips).

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal would modernize the legislation to align with current technology and provides common sense flexibility to institutions interacting with committed prospective student-athletes (e.g., sending a
personalized GIF to a committed prospective student-athlete to celebrate his or her commitment). Because institutions must continue to follow other electronic correspondence restrictions (e.g., material cannot be created by an entity outside of the institution) this proposal would not encourage excessive recruiting correspondence.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal impacts recruiting nationally.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. Once a prospective student-athlete commits to an institution, this proposal would eliminate a monitoring burden related to electronic correspondence.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None.

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**No. 2019-34 RECRUITING -- INSTITUTION’S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- ADVERTISEMENTS -- 14-DAY REQUIREMENT**

**Intent:** To specify that an institution must publicly advertise an institutional camp or clinic at least 14 calendar days before the first date of the camp or clinic.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.4, as follows:

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

[13.4.1 through 13.4.2 unchanged.]

13.4.3 Advertisements and Promotions.

[13.4.3.1 unchanged.]

13.4.3.2 Camp or Clinic Advertisements or Promotions. An institutional camp or clinic advertisement or promotion (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) must indicate that the camp or clinic is open to any and all entrants (limited only by number, age, grade level and/or gender) **and must be published at least 14 calendar days before the first date of the camp or clinic.**

[13.4.3.2.1 through 13.4.3.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.4.3.3 through 13.4.3.5 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.12.1, as follows:


[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.5 unchanged.]

13.12.1.6 Advertisements. **An institution must publicly advertise (e.g., camp brochure, website, newspaper or magazine advertisement) an institutional camp or clinic at least 14 calendar days before the first date of a camp or clinic.** Restrictions: **Additional** restrictions relating to advertisements of an institution's sports camps and clinics in recruiting publications are set forth in Bylaw 13.4.3.2. Such **additional** restrictions do not apply to sports camp and clinic advertisements in nonrecruiting publications (e.g., a member institution's game program). [D]

[13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment
**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Although current legislation requires an institutional camp or clinic to be appropriately advertised, there continues to be wide variation regarding the appropriate amount of time an advertisement must appear before the start of the camp or clinic. As a consequence, concerns associated with "pop-up" camps that are allegedly created to circumvent recruiting rules continue to increase. Therefore, this proposal seeks to establish a clear and uniform standard for appropriately advertising a camp or clinic in the interest of preventing such pop-up camps. An institution would continue to be responsible for determining whether other aspects of a proposed camp or clinic (e.g., number of participants, skill level of participants, method of advertisement, cost, etc.) establish that it is truly open to any and all entrants as required under current legislation. Finally, a camp or clinic that is rescheduled due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., inclement weather) shall be considered to have been appropriately advertised if the camp was previously advertised at least 14-days before the original start date and any rescheduled dates are published in a reasonable time frame.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. Camps and clinics are nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. The proposal would establish a clear and consistent standard for what constitutes appropriate advertisement of a camp or clinic.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential increase related to advertising.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

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**No. 2019-35 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL VISITS -- FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT -- NONTRADITIONAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR -- BASEBALL, MEN'S BASKETBALL, LACROSSE AND SOFTBALL**

**Intent:** In baseball, lacrosse and softball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete who attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere) may not be provided an official or unofficial visit earlier than the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school; further, in men's basketball, to specify that a prospective student-athlete who attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere) may not be provided an official visit earlier than the opening day of classes of his junior year in high school and an unofficial visit may not occur earlier than the opening day of classes of his sophomore year in high school.

A. **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 unchanged.]

13.6.2.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse, and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of his or her 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 his or her junior year in high school.**

13.6.2.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 at the beginning of his 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 his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.1.4 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

[13.7 unchanged.]

13.7.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, 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 his or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her 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 his or her junior year in high school.

13.7.1.3 Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, 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 his family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his sophomore 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 opening day of classes of his sophomore year in high school.

[13.7.1.4 through 13.7.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.7.2 through 13.7.5 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In baseball, men's basketball, lacrosse, and softball, adjusting the first permissible date for official and unofficial visits for prospective student-athletes attending schools using a nontraditional academic calendar promotes consistency with the first permissible dates for telephone calls and recruiting materials. Official and unofficial visits should be treated similarly to provide a more equitable recruiting experience for a prospective student-athlete who attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Consistent recruiting standards are consequential.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would provide consistency and eliminate unnecessary delay in elements of the recruiting process, which outweighs the burden of tracking a different standard associated with nontraditional calendars.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: In the sports that already accommodate nontraditional academic calendars for telephone calls and recruiting materials, this proposal would mitigate the impact of a delay for the first permissible date for official and unofficial visits on prospective student-athletes who attend institutions that use nontraditional calendars.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None
History:

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No. 2019-36 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- NUMBER OF OFFICIAL VISITS -- INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS -- FOOTBALL -- APRIL 1-MARCH 31

Intent: In football, to specify that the annual basis in which an institution may provide official visits shall be April 1 through March 31.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

[13.6.2.1 through 13.6.2.2 unchanged.]

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

[13.6.2.3.1 through 13.6.2.3.4 unchanged.]

13.6.2.3.5 Football. In football, an institution may provide 56 official visits an annual basis (August April 1 through July March 31). A national service academy or an institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent may provide 70 official visits, 56 of which may be provided prior to the initial date of the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent. The institution must maintain a written record of the visits provided. [D]

[13.6.2.3.5.1 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3.6 through 13.6.2.3.7 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.4 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference and Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: In football, current legislation states that an institution may provide official visits on an annual basis, defined as August 1 through July 31. Institutions may provide official visits to prospective student-athletes beginning April 1 of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school, a window that spans two recruiting classes (juniors and seniors in high school). Adjusting the window to run from April 1 through March 31 will allow institutions to manage the allotment of official visits by aligning the limit with one recruiting class at a time.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. It is consequential to have the different components of official visit legislation work in a coordinated and integrated way.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would ease the administrative burden currently associated with allocating the annual allotment of official visits across two recruiting classes.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Simplifying the legislation would make the rules clearer for prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

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No. 2019-39 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- VISIT UNRELATED TO RECRUITMENT -- ADMITTED STUDENT MEETING WITH COACH

Intent: To specify that during a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 through 13.6.7 unchanged.]

13.6.8 Visit Unrelated to Athletics Recruitment. During a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment (e.g., admissions weekend) and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution's coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

[13.6.8 renumbered as 13.6.9, unchanged.]

Source: The Ivy League

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Many institutions have events for admitted students. Often, the institution provides a few meals and sometimes lodging or travel expenses. These are visits unrelated to athletics recruiting, but due to the institution providing expenses, coaches may not meet with a prospective student-athlete without triggering official visit legislation. It is awkward for an admitted prospective student-athlete to not be allowed to speak with a coach while on campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is consequential to many institutions that conduct events for admitted students and provide expenses.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be enforceable as it should be clear if a prospective student-athlete is admitted to the institution.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow a prospective student-athlete to meet with a coach during a visit unrelated to athletics recruitment, which would help build relationships and better prepare these individuals for transition to college.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:
No. 2019-40 RECRUITING -- ENTERTAINMENT, REIMBURSEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL/TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACHES -- MEAL DURING COACHES CLINIC OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Intent: To specify that an institution may provide a meal valued at not more than $25 to a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is attending the institution's coaching clinic or professional development event.

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 unchanged.]

13.8.2 Material Benefits. Arrangements by an institution that involve a material benefit for a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach, or for any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved, (e.g., the provision of a gift such as a tangible item bearing the institution's insignia, the offer to pay a portion of the coach's or other individual's personal expenses, compensation based on the number of campers sent to an institution's camp, or an arrangement to provide transportation for the coach or other individual) are prohibited. [D]

13.8.2.1 Gifts at Coaches Clinic. An institution may not provide gifts to high school, preparatory school or two-year college coaches in conjunction with its coaches clinic or other events. This specifically prohibits the provision of a door prize to the coach, even if the cost of the prize is included in the cumulative admission fee (the admission fee charged to each person, when combined, would cover the cost of the prize). Materials (e.g., clipboards, file folders) may be provided to each person attending the clinic, provided the items are included in the registration or admission fee. [D]

13.8.2.2 Meal During Coaches Clinic or Professional Development Event. An institution may provide a meal valued at not more than $25 to a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach who is attending the institution's coaching clinic or professional development event.

[13.8.3 unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: For institutional coaches clinics or professional development events, there should be flexibility to provide scholastic coaches with a meal as part of their attendance. The nominal value ($25) of the benefit would not serve as a recruiting inducement. Instead, the meal should be viewed as a token of appreciation for the coach's attendance at the clinic or professional development session.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal addresses a common issue. College coaches often provide education to scholastic coaches.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be enforceable and the monitoring burden (e.g., tracking food costs) is worth the benefit.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Not applicable.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal, based on how often an institution chooses to provide a meal.

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

Position Statement(s):

None
History:

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No. 2019-41 RECRUITING AND FINANCIAL AID -- LIMIT ON SIGNINGS AND INITIAL COUNTERS -- PROFESSIONAL DEPARTURES AND MEDICAL NONCOUNTERS -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that the annual limit on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid (bowl subdivision only) and the annual limit on the number of initial counters shall increase by one for the subsequent academic year for each instance of the following circumstances: (1) A counter becomes ineligible based on the application of legislation governing draft and inquiry; and (2) A counter becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements and Offers.

[13.9.1 through 13.9.3 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. [D]

[13.9.3.3.1 through 13.9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3.4 Exception -- Professional Departure or Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. The limit of 25 signings shall increase by one for the subsequent academic year for each instance of the following circumstances:

(a) A counter becomes ineligible based on the application of legislation governing draft and inquiry (see Bylaws 12.2.4.2 and 12.2.4.2.4); and

(b) A counter becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 15.5.1.2).

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

15.5.6 Football Limitations.

15.5.6.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1) and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each institution.

15.5.6.1.1 Exception -- Professional Departure or Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. The limit of 25 initial counters shall increase by one for the subsequent academic year for each instance of the following circumstances:

(a) A counter becomes ineligible based on the application of legislation governing draft and inquiry (see Bylaws 12.2.4.2 and 12.2.4.2.4); and

(b) A counter becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics (per Bylaw 15.5.1.2).

[15.5.6.2 through 15.5.6.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

15.5.6 Football Limitations.
15.5.6.2 Championship Subdivision Football. There shall be an annual limit of 30 on the number of initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1), an annual limit of 63 on the value of financial aid awards (equivalencies) to counters, and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each Football Championship Subdivision institution.

15.5.6.2.1 Exception -- Professional Departure or Counter Who Becomes Injured or Ill. The limit of 30 initial counters shall increase by one for the subsequent academic year for each instance of the following circumstances:

(a) A counter becomes ineligible based on the application of legislation governing draft and inquiry (see Bylaws 12.2.4.2 and 12.2.4.2.4); and

(b) A counter becomes injured or ill to the point that he or she apparently never again will be able to participate in intercollegiate athletics (see Bylaw 15.5.1.2).

[15.5.6.2.1 renumbered as 15.5.6.2.2, unchanged.]

[15.5.6.3 through 15.5.6.4 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current initial counter and annual signing legislation may restrict institutions from providing the maximum 85 scholarships following significant roster attrition. Exceptions to increase the initial counter limit and annual signing limit for medical noncounters and early departures to the National Football League would serve as objective criteria to permit institutions to provide more athletics aid within the overall team counter limit. This proposal would improve the experience for student-athletes who otherwise would not be permitted to receive athletics aid due to the initial counter or annual signing limit.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The opportunity for additional student-athletes to receive athletics aid within the overall counter limit is consequential.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would permit institutions to provide athletically related financial aid to additional student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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Financial Aid

No. 2019-42 RECRUITING AND FINANCIAL AID -- LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT/ OFFER OF FINANCIAL AID SIGNINGS AND INITIAL COUNTERS – FBS

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to specify that there shall be a limit of 50 initial counters in a rolling two-year period, with no more than 30 initial counters in any one year; further, to specify that there shall be an annual limit
of 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.9.3.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.9.3.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. [D]

[13.9.3.3.1 through 13.9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

[15.5.1 unchanged.]

15.5.1.10.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 30 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.

[15.5.1.10.1.1 through 15.5.1.10.1.3 unchanged.]

[15.5.2 through 15.5.5 unchanged.]

15.5.6 Football Limitations.

15.5.6.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of 50 initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1) in a rolling two-year period and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each institution.

[15.5.6.2 through 15.5.6.4 unchanged.]

[15.5.7 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** Big 12 Conference and Mid-American Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, an institution is limited to 25 initial counters and subject to an annual limit of 25 National Letter of Intent or offer of financial aid signings. An institution that experiences significant roster attrition may spend years rebuilding a roster back to the annual limit of 85 counters. With a national landscape that has seen an increase in transfers, early professional departures, hardships and general attrition, institutions are continually having to find new ways to maintain rosters that ensure a healthy number of student-athletes for practice and competition and maintain competitive balance. Allowing for 50 initial counters over a rolling two-year period with no more than 30 signings in one year would provide an institution the opportunity to adjust for significant and/or unexpected losses while maintaining the spirit of the current initial counter legislation.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal would impact all bowl subdivision football programs.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. The benefits of providing flexibility for initial counters and annual signings would outweigh minimal monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** This proposal would permit an institution to provide athletically related financial aid that would otherwise be unavailable.
Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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Recruiting

No. 2019-43 RECRUITING AND FINANCIAL AID -- LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF SIGNINGS -- EXCEPTION -- REPLACEMENT -- FBS

**Intent:** In bowl subdivision football, to specify that in the year an individual counts toward the annual limit on signings, the institution may replace him, in the following circumstances: (1) The individual requests and receives a full release from a National Letter of Intent; (2) The individual chooses not to enroll at the institution; or (3) The individual’s financial aid is canceled based on one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements and Offers.

[13.9.1 through 13.9.3 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time. [D]

[13.9.3.3.1 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3.2 Exception -- Replacement. In the year an individual counts toward the annual limit on signings, the institution may replace him, under the following conditions:

(a) The individual requests and receives a full release from his or her National Letter of Intent;

(b) The individual chooses not to enroll at the institution; or

(c) The individual’s institutional financial aid is cancelled under one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2.

[13.9.3.3.2 through 13.9.3.3.3 renumbered as 13.9.3.3.3 through 13.9.3.3.4, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1.10.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

15.5.1.10.1 Limitation on Number of National Letter of Intent/Offer of Financial Aid Signings -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of prospective student-athletes who may sign a National Letter of Intent or an institutional offer of financial aid and student-athletes who may sign a financial aid agreement for the first time.

[15.5.1.10.1.1 through 15.5.1.10.1.3 unchanged.]

15.5.1.10.4 Exception -- Replacement. In the year an individual counts toward the annual limit on signings, the institution may replace him, under the following conditions:

(a) The individual requests and receives a full release from his or her National Letter of Intent;

(b) The individual chooses not to enroll at the institution; or
(c) The individual's institutional financial aid is cancelled under one of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.3.4.2.

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: A prospective or current student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or offer of athletically related financial aid may decide not to attend or may decide to leave the institution. The individual may make such a decision in various circumstances (e.g., head coaching change, family hardship). In such circumstances, the institution is not permitted to provide athletically related financial aid to another individual if the annual limit of 25 has been reached. If a release from a National Letter of Intent has been granted, or the prospective student-athlete has decided not to enroll at the institution, this proposal would allow the institution to replace the individual and allow another person to sign a National Letter of Intent (time period permitting) or offer of athletically related financial aid. Additionally, if the prospective or current student-athlete's athletically related financial aid is canceled (e.g., renders himself or herself ineligible, fraudulent misrepresentation, provides written notification of transfer), the institution should be permitted to replace that individual.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Due to the impact on student-athlete well-being and recruiting, it is a nationally significant issue.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. There would be minimal monitoring beyond what is currently necessary for monitoring the number of individuals signing a National Letter of Intent and/or financial aid agreement. In addition, adoption of this proposal could reduce the number of waiver requests submitted to address these situations. Finally, there are already monitoring procedures in place for other financial aid bylaws involving voluntary withdrawals that also could be used to monitor these proposed exceptions.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by allowing another student-athlete to receive athletics aid that might be available when another individual chooses to not attend or chooses to leave the institution.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

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No. 2019-46 RECRUITING -- PUBLICITY AFTER COMMITMENT -- COMMITMENT BEFORE NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT REGULAR SIGNING PERIOD

Intent: For an institution that subscribes to the National Letter of Intent program, to specify that if a prospective student-athlete only signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or only submits a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, there are no restrictions on publicity related to the prospective student-athlete as of the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport.

Bylaws: Amend 13.10.3, as follows:

13.10.3 Publicity After Commitment. There are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. In basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this provision does not apply to a prospective student-athlete who only signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport.
other than basketball and football, for institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program this provision does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission prior to the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. If a prospective student-athlete only signs the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or only submits a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission, there are no restrictions on publicity related to the prospective student-athlete as of the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. For an institution that does not subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, there are no restrictions on publicity related to a prospective student-athlete after he or she has signed the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, except as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.1. (See Bylaw 13.9.3.) [D]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current legislation regarding publicity after commitment, along with the associated six-page educational column (December 10, 2018), is extraordinarily difficult to apply. The complexity of this guidance makes it difficult for institutions to apply this legislation properly, virtually ensuring inconsistent application among Division I institutions. This proposal would make the legislation consistent across all sports and simplify it to help with proper application.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Simplifying the application of the legislation will benefit coaches, compliance administrators and other institutional staff at all institutions.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposal would simplify the legislation and reduce monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Not applicable.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-47 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEFINITION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women's volleyball, for purposes of the tryout rule and the regulations related to camps and clinics, to specify that a prospective student-athlete is an individual who has started classes for the seventh grade.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.15 unchanged.]

13.1.7.16 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than men's basketball, and 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 men's basketball, and 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]

[13.1.7.17 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]
B. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

13.11.1.1 Definition of "Prospective Student-Athlete" for Tryout-Rule Purposes -- Sports Other Than Men's Basketball, and Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than men's basketball, and 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 -- Men's Basketball, and Softball and Women's Volleyball. In men's basketball, and 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.]

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


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 -- Men's Basketball, and Softball and Women's Volleyball. In men's basketball, and 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 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference and Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** By expanding the definition of a prospective student-athlete to include seventh and eighth graders for purposes of camps, clinics and tryouts, this proposal supports the goals of recently adopted early recruiting legislation. Additionally, it would reduce the involvement of third parties and outside influences in the recruiting process, which have become commonplace in women's volleyball. Finally, this proposal would assist in creating a healthier recruiting environment by shifting recruiting activity away from camps and clinics, which were established to provide instruction and education not to serve as a recruiting opportunity.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Recruiting activity and camps and clinics are nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would not create additional burden as it simply changes the current analysis from ninth grade to seventh grade.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would promote a healthier recruiting environment for all parties involved in the recruiting process including prospective student-athletes and their families.

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

Position Statement(s):
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No. 2019-48 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES -- USA ELITE, HOPES OR TOPS NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUT CAMP -- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Intent: In women's gymnastics, to specify that an institution may not host, sponsor or conduct USA Elite, HOPES or TOPs national team athletic activities (e.g., tryout camp or clinic, group workout, verification) in which women's gymnastics prospective student-athletes participate on its campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice or competition by any of the institution's sport programs; further, to specify that an institution may host, sponsor or conduct a national, regional or state USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic camp or clinic once every four calendar years, provided the institution is selected by USA Gymnastics through a process that is open to all university programs within the nation, region or state.

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 through 13.11.1.3 unchanged.]

13.11.1.14 USA Elite, HOPES or TOPs Practice or Competition -- Women's Gymnastics. In women's gymnastics, an institution [including any institutional department (e.g., athletics, recreational/intramural)] may not host, sponsor or conduct USA Elite, HOPES or TOPs national team athletic activities (e.g., tryout camp, clinic, group workout, verification) involving prospective student-athletes on-campus or at an off-campus facility regularly used by the institution for practice and/or competition by any of the institution's sport programs.

13.11.1.4415 Tryout Events. A member institution or conference may not host, sponsor or conduct a tryout camp, clinic, group workout or combine (e.g., combination of athletics skill tests or activities) devoted to agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes at any location. An institution or conference shall not host, sponsor or conduct any portion (e.g., instructional clinic) of an event that also includes agility, flexibility, speed or strength tests for prospective student-athletes that are conducted at a separate location. In sports other than bowl subdivision football, a member institution's staff members may only attend (subject to sport-specific restrictions) such an event sponsored by an outside organization if the event occurs off the institution's campus and is open to all institutions (see Bylaw 13.1.7.4.5). [D]

13.11.1.4415.1 Exception -- National Team Tryout Events. In sports other than basketball and women's gymnastics, it is permissible for an institution to host national team tryout events conducted by the applicable national governing body (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9 and 13.11.1.11). In women's gymnastics, an institution may host, sponsor or conduct a national, regional or state USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic camp or clinic once every four calendar years, provided the institution is selected by USA Gymnastics through a process that is open to all university programs within the nation, region or state.

[13.11.1.15 renumbered as 13.11.1.16, unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference and Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting
Rationale: In the recent past, institutions have hosted a variety of national team tryout camps, clinics and workouts on their campuses. This practice has benefited a limited number of women's gymnastics teams from a recruiting perspective, to the detriment of other programs that did not have the opportunity to host such events. This proposal would prevent these types of camps/clinics from being used for recruiting purposes. In order to create a more equitable recruiting landscape, all institutions would be restricted from hosting these national team tryout camps/clinics/workouts unless they meet a once-every-four-years exception and are selected by USA Gymnastics through a process that is open to all university programs within the region or state.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal affects all women's gymnastics programs.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The location and timing of these events would allow for easy monitoring. The merits of responsible recruiting would outweigh any monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Not applicable.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
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No. 2019-50 RECRUITING -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS -- STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS -- REMOVE WRESTLING

Intent: To remove wrestling from the tryout exception that permits an institution's athletics department staff member to participate in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered by the applicable governing body that include prospective student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

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 -- Sports Other Than Wrestling

Participation in sports other than wrestling, 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. [D]

[13.11.3.3.1 through 13.11.3.3.3 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.4 through 13.11.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference and Southern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting
Rationale: In recent years Division I wrestling coaches have seen the focus of USA Wrestling regional training centers shift from the development of enrolled students for national and international competitions to the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. Institutions hosting USA Wrestling regional training centers are provided additional access to prospective student-athletes in a difficult to regulate environment. This proposal would negate the recruiting advantage currently held by institutions hosting regional training centers, lessen monitoring burdens on the host institution's compliance staff and allow institutional staff members involved with regional training centers to focus their attention on the development of current student-athletes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is nationally significant as it has substantial impact on all institutions that sponsor wrestling.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would lessen the monitoring burdens on institutions as prospective student-athletes would no longer be permitted to participate in regional training centers.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would strengthen student-athlete success as it would allow institutional staff members involved with regional training centers to focus their attention on current student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
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No. 2019-52 RECRUITING -- INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST AND DECEMBER 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1 -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than basketball and football, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during June, July, and August [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in those months] and December 15 through February 1.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:


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 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.7 Sports Other Than Football and Basketball. In sports other than football and basketball, an institution's camp or clinic may be conducted only during the months of June, July and August [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and December 15 through February 1.

[D]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate; a contract signed before 08/01/19 may be honored or a camp or clinic publicized before 08/01/19 may be conducted outside of the specified periods.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting
Rationale: In an effort to curtail early recruiting, recently adopted legislation prohibits an institution from all forms of contact and communication (including on-campus contact) with a prospective student-athlete until after his or her sophomore year in high school. As a result of these changes, camps and clinics are now being used as a mechanism to invite prospective student-athletes to an institution’s campus and engage with them for recruiting purposes. This proposal would limit the time frame within which institutional camps and clinics may occur by permitting them only during traditional camp periods (summer and winter vacation periods). In turn, precluding camps and clinics during the regular academic year will also allow coaching staff members to concentrate on their teams and will ensure that current student-athletes are not being pressured into staffing such camps and clinics. Finally, this proposal would not preclude an institution from conducting a camp or clinic outside of the designated time periods if the camp or clinic does not involve prospect-aged individuals. Such camps and clinics are more likely to satisfy the true intent of a camp and will continue to provide employment opportunities for select staff.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal promotes the ideals of recently adopted early recruiting legislation by significantly limiting the use of institutional camps and clinics as a mechanism to circumvent the legislation.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would establish a clear and consistent time period for conducting institutional camps and clinics that involve prospective student-athletes and would significantly reduce the administrative and monitoring burden associated with conducting such camps throughout the year.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: By limiting institutional camps and clinics that involve prospective student-athletes to only periods of time in which institutional vacation periods normally occur, this proposal would support student-athlete success and well-being by increasing the time coaching and administrative staff members have available to provide development and support to student-athletes during the regular academic year.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on current practices regarding camps and clinics.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): May reduce time demands associated with staffing institutional camps and clinics during the regular academic year.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-53 RECRUITING – INSTITUTION’S SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS – NO CAMPUS TOURS – SPORTS OTHER THAN WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Intent: In sports other than women’s basketball, to specify that an institution may not conduct a campus tour during the institution’s camp or clinic; however, the institution may conduct a tour of facilities used during the camp or clinic; further, a prospective student-athlete may participate in a campus tour generally available to all prospective students, provided the athletics department is not involved in arranging or conducting the tour.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:

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. 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 his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation
periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown.

[13.12.1.5.1 through 13.12.1.5.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.7 Campus Tours During Institutional Camps or Clinics -- Sports Other Than Women's Basketball. In sports other than women's basketball, an institution's coach may arrange and institution may not conduct a campus tour during the institution's camp or clinic, provided the format of the tour has been approved by an institutional authority outside the athletics department (e.g., admissions office); however, an institution may conduct a tour of facilities used during the camp or clinic (e.g., residential hall, cafeteria, training room). A prospective student-athlete may participate in a campus tour generally available to all prospective students, provided the athletics department is not involved in arranging or conducting the tour.

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation that permits a campus tour during an institutional camp or clinic was originally adopted in 2016. Since that time, significant changes have been made to recruiting legislation in sports other than basketball and football. Most notably, a series of changes were made to address early recruiting. Changes included prohibiting a coach from contacting a prospective student-athlete or providing an unofficial visit until after the prospective student-athlete's sophomore year in high school. As a result of these changes, camps and clinics are now being used as a mechanism to invite prospective student-athletes to an institution's campus and engage with them for recruiting purposes. Such overt recruiting activity is antithetical to the recently adopted early recruiting legislation and inconsistent with the fundamental purpose of a camp or clinic. This proposal would preclude campus tours, which are the only remaining direct form of recruiting activity permitted with freshmen and sophomores during a camp or clinic. Finally, consistent with other early recruiting legislation, this proposal would not preclude a prospective student-athlete from participating in a regular campus tour that is available to all prospective students (e.g., admissions tour). Women's basketball is not included in this proposal because legislation to permit recruiting activities during camps and clinics was adopted in 2017.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Recruiting activities and camps and clinics are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be enforceable and any monitoring burdens are greatly outweighed by the value of eliminating recruiting activity from camps and clinics.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: In precluding recruiting activity during a camp or clinic, this proposal would provide a better overall camp and clinic experience for all prospective student-athletes who attend.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jul 12, 2019: Submitted to National Office

Nov 12, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-55 RECRUITING -- INSTITUTION'S SPORTS CAMPS OR CLINICS -- TIMING AND EMPLOYMENT -- INSTITUTIONAL CAMPS AND CLINICS ONLY -- MEMORIAL DAY-JULY 31 -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women’s volleyball, to specify that an institution’s camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31; further, to specify that an institution’s coach or noncoaching staff member with
responsibilities specific to women’s volleyball may be employed in any capacity only by his or her institution’s camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution’s camps or clinics.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


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 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.7 Women’s Volleyball. An institution’s women’s volleyball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. [D]

[13.12.1.2 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 (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.6 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women’s Volleyball. In women’s volleyball, an institution’s coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women’s volleyball 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). However, it is not permissible for a women’s volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women’s volleyball to be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in an institutional camp or clinic or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is conducted off the institution’s campus during a quiet period be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution’s camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution’s camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. It is not permissible for a women’s volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women’s volleyball to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Limiting employment of coaches and noncoaching staff specific to women’s volleyball to institutional camps and clinics would stop one recruiting practice developed to circumvent early recruiting legislation. Currently, for example, camps surrounding fall competition have been used to evade restrictions on prospective student-athletes taking unofficial visits prior to their junior year in high school. This proposal would close one loophole that has allowed early recruiting to persist in women’s volleyball.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal addresses a national issue that allows institutions to circumvent early recruiting legislation.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would eliminate monitoring burdens during the academic year.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would reduce pressures associated with early recruiting.

Estimated Budget Impact: Eliminates expense and revenue associated with conducting camps during the academic year.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Limits when a student-athlete may work an institutional camp or clinic.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-56 RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- TIMING AND EMPLOYMENT -- INSTITUTIONAL AND NONINSTITUTIONAL CAMPS -- MEMORIAL DAY - JULY 31 -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that an institution's women's volleyball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31; further, to specify that an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed in any capacity by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year institution's camps or clinics or may serve in any capacity in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic during the period of Memorial Day through July 31.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


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 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.7 Women's Volleyball. An institution's women's volleyball camp or clinic shall be conducted only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. [D]

[13.12.1.2 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 (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.6 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clincis -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics or 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). However, it is not permissible for a women's volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball to be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) in an institutional camp or clinic or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is conducted off the institution's campus during a quiet period Employment in an institutional or noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic may occur only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]
[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: Big East Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: With the new early recruiting legislation, college coaches have been running "recruiting camps/clinics" as a means to continue to recruit younger prospective student-athletes. This proposal would limit the time frame in which such camps could occur. Additionally, there has been an increase in college camps associated with tournaments since the adoption of the new early recruiting legislation. This proposal would address that concern, as well.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Integrity and Sportsmanship.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal addresses a national issue that allows institutions to circumvent the early recruiting legislation.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be enforceable and the merits would support efforts to limit "recruiting" camps and clinics.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would reduce pressures associated with early recruiting.

Estimated Budget Impact: Eliminates expense and revenue associated with conducting camps during the academic year.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Limits when a student-athlete may work an institutional camp or clinic.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office

Nov 14, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-57 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDAR -- WOMEN’S BASKETBALL -- 130 RECRUITING-PERSON DAYS AND EXTEND APRIL CONTACT PERIOD

Intent: In women’s basketball, to modify the recruiting calendar to: (1) Increase recruiting-person days from 112 to 130; (2) Extend the April contact period through April 30, as specified; and (3) Eliminate the evaluation period that occurs the third weekend of May.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 unchanged.]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.9 unchanged.]

13.02.10 Recruiting-Person Days -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a women's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Women’s basketball staff members shall not exceed **130** recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach’s involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation.

[13.02.10.1 through 13.02.10.2 unchanged.]

[13.02.11 through 13.02.20 unchanged.]
13.1 Contacts and Evaluations. Recruiting contacts (per Bylaw 13.02.4) and telephone calls by institutional staff members or representatives of the institution’s athletics interests are subject to the provisions set forth in this bylaw. [D]

[13.1.1 through 13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5.5 Women’s Basketball. In women’s basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). 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. Women’s basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach’s involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. [D]

[13.1.5.5.1 through 13.1.5.5.2 unchanged.]

[13.1.5.6 through 13.1.5.11 unchanged.]

[13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women’s Basketball. In women’s basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaws 13.1.5.5 and 13.1.5.8). Women’s basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach’s involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. [D]

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 National Team Activities and Regional Championships. During quiet and dead periods, 10 of the 130 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at the following: [D]

(a) National Team Activities. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any live organized athletic activity (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, intra-squad competition) involving a national team, including junior level teams (e.g., U18 national team) provided the team is coached by a Division I institution’s coach (head or assistant) or has a Division I coach involved (e.g., floor coach, selection committee member, evaluator) and the activity is approved, sponsored or conducted by the applicable national governing body (e.g., USA Basketball); and

(b) Regional Championships. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any regional championship [e.g., International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.] that is approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with such events, provided the practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer.

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.18 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.2 unchanged.]

13.17.3 Women’s Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women’s basketball:

(a) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) Monday through Friday of the week immediately following the second Saturday in August: Recruiting Shutdown
(b) September 9-29: Contact Period
(c) September 30 through the last day of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Period
   (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
   (2) December 24 through 26: Dead Period
(d) March 1 through Thursday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game April 30 [except for (1) through (4) below]: Contact Period
   (1) Contacts with juniors are not permissible the Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game.
   (2) The Friday before the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through the Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
   (3) Easter weekend (Friday through Sunday): Quiet Period
   (4) The third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (i) and (ii) below]: Evaluation Period (evaluations permissible at nonscholastic events only)
      (i) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (Friday through Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.
      (ii) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter occurs during the third weekend in April, the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.
(e) Friday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Dead Period
   (1) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Quiet Period
(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday and the third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Periods (evaluations during the third weekend in April permissible at nonscholastic events only)
   (1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.
   (2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter occurs during the third weekend in April, the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.
(g) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent May 1 through July 5 [except when Bylaw 13.17.3 (f)(1) or (2) applies and except for (1) and (2) below]: Quiet Period
   (1) Monday immediately after the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in May: Recruiting Shutdown
   (2) The third weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May: Evaluation Period (including evaluations at nonscholastic events)
(h) July 6 through July 12: Evaluation Period
(i) July 13 through July 20: Dead Period
(j) July 21 through July 25: Evaluation Period
(k) July 26 through July 31: Quiet Period
(l) During the National Junior College Athletic Association championship competition: Evaluation Period
(m) The following state-specific evaluation times are permissible:
(1) In those states that play the high school basketball season in the spring, evaluations shall be permissible only April 8-28 and July 8-31.
[13.17.4 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

**Source:** Big Ten Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Teams are commonly participating in postseason events in March, which limits opportunities for off-campus contacts. Therefore, extending the contact period through April allows for more opportunities for interaction with prospective student-athletes. Increasing the number of recruiting-person days from 112 to 130 would bring the limit in women's basketball into alignment with the limit in men's basketball. This increase would render the third weekend of May evaluation period unnecessary.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal is significant for all women's basketball programs.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would ease monitoring burden by extending and simplifying the April contact period and increasing the total number of recruiting-person days.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential increase in recruiting costs.

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

**Position Statement(s):**
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**No. 2019-58 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDAR -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- MARCH CONTACT PERIOD**

**Intent:** In women's basketball, to specify that: (1) The March contact period shall be March 1 through the Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game; (2) The dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game shall start the Thursday prior to the game; and (3) Contacts with a high school junior may occur during the March contact period.

**A. 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 his or her family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

13.1.1.1.1 through 13.1.1.1.2 unchanged.

13.1.1.1.3 Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or her family members) before March 1 of her junior year in high school. **Contacts with a high school junior may occur from March 1 of her junior year through the day before the official start of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Convention (through 11:59 p.m., in the prospective student-athlete's locale).** 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]

13.1.1.4 through 13.1.1.1.5 unchanged.]
[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.3 unchanged.]
[13.1.2 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.2 unchanged.]

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(c) unchanged.]

(d) March 1 through Thursday Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game: Contact Period

(e) Friday Thursday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Dead Period

[13.17.3-(e)-(1) unchanged.]

[13.17.3-(f) through 13.17.3-(m) unchanged.]

[13.17.4 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The end of the March contact period and the start of the dead period associated with the Final Four was not updated when the Final Four was recently changed from the Sunday-Tuesday schedule to the Friday-Sunday schedule. As a result of the change, the WBCA Convention now starts earlier and overlaps with the end of the contact period. This proposal would eliminate the conflict and prevent coaches from having to choose between recruiting and attending the opening day of the WBCA Convention.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. It is consequential to encourage all women’s basketball coaches to attend the Women’s Final Four and WBCA Convention.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Not applicable.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office

Nov 13, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-59 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- DEAD AND QUIET PERIOD SURROUNDING NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING DATES

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that the dead periods surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent shall apply only to prospective student-athletes who are eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; further, to specify that for all other prospective student-athletes, the days surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent (Monday through Thursday) shall be quiet periods.
Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.2 unchanged.]

13.17.3 Women’s Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women’s basketball:

[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) September 30 through the last day of February [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Period

(1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the fall signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.

[13.17.3-(c)-(2) unchanged.]

[13.17.3-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Friday prior to the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship game through Thursday of the week that includes the Thursday immediately preceding the initial date for spring signing of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Dead Period

(1) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Quiet Period

(f) The Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Quiet Period

(g) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period for prospective student-athletes eligible to sign a National Letter of Intent; Quiet Period for all other prospective student-athletes.

[13.17.3-(f) through 13.17.3-(m) relettered as 13.17.3-(h) through 13.17.3-(o), unchanged.]

[13.17.4 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: With the implementation of the two recruiting shutdown periods in women’s basketball, coaches are provided with protected windows of time to focus support on their current student-athletes and attain a better work-life balance. Preserving the dead periods for the class of prospective student-athletes signing a National Letter of Intent is important. Establishing quiet periods for other prospective student-athletes during the fall signing period will provide the opportunity for coaches to remain on campus and continue to build relationships with the next class of prospective student-athletes, who could potentially use the new window to make unofficial visits. Coaches still would not be permitted to recruit off campus during the period surrounding the initial signing dates of the National Letter of Intent.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is both consequential and nationally significant because it supports prospective student-athletes in making more informed college selections.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal minimally impacts monitoring burden as it applies to a limited group of prospective student-athletes. The potential for prospective student-athletes to make more informed college selections outweighs the burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would afford prospective student-athletes with an additional opportunity to familiarize themselves with the academic and athletic rigors of a particular campus environment and athletics program. Better familiarity would lead to more informed decisions, and ultimately, a greater likelihood of succeeding once the prospective student-athlete enrolls.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Minimal impact; limited to time spent with visiting prospective student-athletes.

Position Statement(s):
None

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**No. 2019-61 RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS – FOOTBALL – GRADUATE TRANSFER CONTACT PERIOD**

**Intent:** In football, to specify that the Monday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through April 14 shall be a contact period for a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Football.

13.17.5.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to bowl subdivision football:

[13.17.5.1-(a) through 13.17.5.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Monday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through the last day of February [except for (1) below]: Dead Period

(1) For a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program: Contact Period

(e) March 1 through April 14 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) For a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program: Contact Period

[13.17.5.1-(f) through 13.17.5.1-(g) unchanged.]

13.17.5.2 Championship Subdivision Football. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to championship subdivision football:

[13.17.5.2-(a) through 13.17.5.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent [except for (1) below]: Dead Period

(1) For a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program: Contact Period

(e) Friday following the initial date for the regular signing period of the National Letter of Intent through April 14 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) For a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program: Contact Period

[13.17.5.2-(f) through 13.17.5.2-(g) unchanged.]

[13.17.6 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020
Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current recruiting calendar is designed for high school prospective student-athletes, not graduate transfers. The dead and quiet periods in February, March and April severely restrict the opportunity for a graduating student-athlete to explore transfer options and for an institution to adequately evaluate and develop a relationship with the prospective graduate transfer. Graduate transfers and students who are on track to complete their academic obligations to the previous institution are mature enough to handle the potential increased recruiting activity.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being and The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is consequential to the recruiting process for graduate transfers.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would deregulate recruiting legislation for graduate transfers.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide a better opportunity for a graduate transfer to make a more informed decision about future enrollment and participation opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in recruiting expenses during February, March, and April.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential increase in time involved in recruiting activities during the semester prior to transfer.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 13, 2019: Draft
Nov 14, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-62    RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN’S GOLF -- 80 EVALUATION DAYS

Intent: In women’s golf, to establish a recruiting calendar, as specified; further, to specify that each institution shall be limited to 80 evaluation days per year.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.7.2, as follows:

13.02.7.2 Evaluation Days -- Football, Men’s Golf, Women's Volleyball and Women’s Beach Volleyball. An evaluation day is defined as one coach engaged in the evaluation of any prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight). Two coaches making evaluations on the same day shall use two evaluation days. See Bylaws 13.1.7.4.4, 13.1.7.9, 13.1.7.10, and 13.1.7.12 and 13.1.7.13.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.12 unchanged.]

13.1.7.13 Evaluation Days -- Women’s Golf. In women’s golf, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach’s employment activities in instructional camps or clinics do not count toward the evaluation days limitations.

[13.1.7.13 through 13.1.7.18 renumbered as 13.1.7.14 through 13.1.7.19, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.6 unchanged.]
13.17.7 Women's Golf. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to women's golf:

(a) August 1 through the day before Thanksgiving Day [except for (1) below]: Contact Period

   (1) Monday through Thursday of the week that includes the initial signing date of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period

(b) Thanksgiving Day through the Sunday immediately after Thanksgiving Day: Dead Period

(c) The Monday immediately after Thanksgiving Day through July 31: Contact Period

[13.17.7 through 13.17.13 renumbered as 13.17.8 through 13.17.14, unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, there is no recruiting calendar in women's golf and no limit on the number of days in which a coach may engage in off-campus recruiting evaluations. Sometimes, coaches feel pressure to go to tournaments just to be seen when no actual evaluations are necessary. If there is a limit on the number of evaluation days, a coach must prioritize the events that he or she will attend. However, this proposal would still allow both the head and assistant coach to recruit for a sufficient amount of time throughout the year. This structure gives an assistant coach the opportunity to gain experience recruiting on the road, which will better prepare him or her to be a head coach. The establishment of a recruiting calendar in women's golf promotes an appropriate balance between a coach's need to support and supervise current student-athletes and opportunities for prospective student-athletes to interact with coaches.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts all women's golf programs.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The benefits of establishing a limit on evaluation days would outweigh the minimal monitoring burden of managing evaluation days.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide opportunities for coaches to focus on current student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential reduction in recruiting expenses.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

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Intent: In cross country and track and field, to establish a dead period from the first day of the preliminary rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the preliminary rounds.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.9 unchanged.]

13.17.10 Cross Country/Track and Field. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to cross country and track and field:

[13.17.10-(a) through 13.17.10-(c) unchanged.]
(d) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

(1) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: Dead Period

(2) The first day of the preliminary rounds of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the preliminary rounds: Dead Period

(2 3) The first day of the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships through the day of the completion of the championships: Dead Period

[13.17.11 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: By designating a dead period during the preliminary rounds of the NCAA championships, coaches would have the opportunity to maintain focus on their student-athletes who are competing. A dead period in conjunction with the preliminary rounds provides equitable recruiting opportunities for participating institutions in relation to all other institutions.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being and The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is nationally significant because all institutions that sponsor outdoor track and field could have student-athletes competing in the preliminary rounds.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be easily enforceable because it would establish a dead period for all cross country and track and field programs.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would support student-athlete success because it would allow coaches to focus their attention on current student-athletes competing in the preliminary rounds.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential for reduction in recruiting expenditures.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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**Academic Eligibility**

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<td><strong>Intent</strong>: To specify that if a student-athlete reports for initial enrollment at the certifying institution before the student’s academic record has been certified, the institution may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid.</td>
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<td><strong>A. Bylaws</strong>: Amend 14.3.5, as follows:</td>
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<td>14.3.5.1 Participation Prior to Certification. If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may</td>
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practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as certified by the Eligibility Center) to continue practicing, to continue receiving athletically related financial aid or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid.  

[14.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]  
[14.3.5.2 through 14.3.5.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.6, as follows:  

14.5.4.6 Two-Year College Transfer Regulations. The following regulations shall be applied in administering the eligibility requirements for two-year college transfers.  

[14.5.4.6.1 through 14.5.4.6.6 unchanged.]  

14.5.4.6.7 Participation Prior to Certification. If a two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before the student’s high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period, unless he or she has established the minimum requirements to receive such aid, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing, to continue receiving athletically related financial aid or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid.  

[14.5.4.6.8 unchanged.]  

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference  

Effective Date: August 1, 2020  

Category: Amendment  

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility  

Rationale: Currently, an institution may not provide athletically related financial aid to an incoming student-athlete before the student’s high school or two-year college academic record has been certified. As a result, an incoming student-athlete awaiting final certification experiences a delay in receiving athletically related financial aid. This delay causes many of these incoming student-athletes, especially those enrolling at midyear, to delay enrollment and fall behind academically. This proposal would allow an institution to provide athletically related financial aid to an incoming student-athlete within a 45-day temporary certification period to avoid a delay in enrollment.  

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.  

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The merits of providing aid to allow for enrollment would outweigh any burdens associated with monitoring.  

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would remove a barrier that prevents a student-athlete from enrolling before his or her eligibility is certified.  

Estimated Budget Impact: None.  

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

Position Statement(s):  

None  

History:  

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office  

Nov 12, 2019: In Progress
No. 2019-66 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS -- WAIVERS OF PROGRESS-TOWARD-DEGREE RULE -- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION -- FINAL TRYOUTS

Intent: To specify that the international competition waiver of the progress-toward-degree rule shall apply during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in final tryouts and the officially recognized training programs that directly qualify participants for tryouts for the Pan American Games, Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 through 14.4.3.6 unchanged.]

14.4.3.7 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. The following waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee.

[14.4.3.7-(a) unchanged.]

(b) International Competition. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in the Pan American Games, Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. Credits earned by the student during the term or terms to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24-/36-hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which an international competition waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.

[14.4.3.8 through 14.4.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Over time, several competitive events have been added to the international competition waiver of progress-toward-degree legislation. However, the only tryouts and training programs that qualify for use of the waiver are those for Olympic competition. Like the Olympics, the other listed elite level events are significant opportunities for a student-athlete to compete at the highest level. This proposal would expand the legislation to treat tryouts and training programs the same across the listed elite level competitions. The limit of two semesters or three quarters throughout the student-athlete's career would remain in place to prevent potential abuse.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being and The Commitment to Sound Academic Standards.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The proposal supports student-athletes whose international competition opportunities impact enrollment or completion of an academic term or terms.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide equal treatment of student-athletes pursuing the listed elite international competition opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

No. 2019-70 FINANCIAL AID -- SUMMER FINANCIAL AID -- ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES -- AID AWARDED FOR FOLLOWING YEAR

**Intent:** To specify that after initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school if the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.8-(a) through 15.2.8-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaws 15.02.5.1 and 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.02.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.2, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.2.8.1.1 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.2 Enrolled Student-Athletes. After initial full-time enrollment during a regular academic year, a student-athlete shall not receive athletically related financial aid to attend the certifying institution's summer term or summer school unless the student-athlete received such athletically related aid from the certifying institution during the student-athlete's previous academic year at that institution or the student-athlete has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

[15.2.8.1.2.1 through 15.2.8.1.2.2 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.2.3 Exception for First-Time Recipient in the Next Academic Year. A student-athlete who has not received athletically related financial aid from the certifying institution during a previous academic year may receive athletically related financial aid to attend the institution's summer term or summer school, provided he or she has been awarded athletically related financial aid for the following academic year.

[15.2.8.1.3 through 15.2.8.1.4 unchanged.]

[15.2.8.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, a student-athlete may receive athletics aid during the summer only if he or she received athletics aid the previous year or will be a first-time recipient of athletics aid for the upcoming year. The "first-time" provision prevents a student-athlete from receiving summer aid if he or she previously received athletics aid, but not during the previous year. This proposal simplifies the summer financial aid legislation and enhances
student-athlete well-being by allowing a student-athlete to receive athletics aid during the summer if the student-athlete received aid in the previous academic year or will receive athletics aid in the upcoming academic year.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Expanding opportunities for student-athletes to receive financial aid is consequential.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would simplify the legislation related to eligibility for summer financial aid.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would permit summer financial aid to be provided to more student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential minimal increase in financial aid provided during summer school.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**
- Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
- Nov 12, 2019: In Progress

**No. 2019-71 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS -- INCREASE FROM 12 TO 14**

**Intent:** In women’s gymnastics, to increase, from 12 to 14, the maximum limitation on athletics grants in aid (counters).

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

[15.5.1 unchanged.]

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

15.5.2.1 Maximum Limits. An institution shall be limited in any academic year to the total number of counters (head count) in each of the following sports:

- Women’s Gymnastics 14
- Women’s Tennis 8
- Women’s Volleyball 12

[15.5.2.2 through 15.5.2.8 unchanged.]

[15.5.3 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** Pac-12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** This proposal seeks to provide additional opportunities for women’s gymnastics student-athletes. Further, this proposal would allow women’s gymnastics teams to build greater roster depth, which could reduce student-athlete workload issues. It has been over 20 years since the last increase in the women’s gymnastics scholarship limit.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. It is consequential to provide more scholarships to deserving student-athletes.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would not increase monitoring burdens.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Yes. Women’s gymnastics student-athletes would have additional scholarship opportunities, additional team depth and the potential to reduce overuse and workload issues while concentrating more on their specialties and strengths.

Estimated Budget Impact: Increase in financial aid costs is commensurate with number of additional grants-in-aid provided.

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

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No. 2019-72 FINANCIAL AID -- MIDYEAR REPLACEMENT -- CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER AND TRACK AND FIELD

Intent: In cross country, soccer and track and field, to specify that the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) and has exhausted eligibility but remains enrolled at the institution may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter; further, to specify that the aid provided to the second student-athlete does not count toward the team’s maximum equivalency limits for the remainder of the academic year.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows:

15.5 Maximum Institutional Grant-in-Aid Limitations by Sport.

[15.5.1 through 15.5.2 unchanged.]

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.5.3.1.1 through 15.5.3.1.3 unchanged.]

15.5.3.1.4 Midyear Replacement -- Cross Country, Soccer and Track and Field. In cross country, soccer and track and field, the financial aid of a counter who graduates at midyear or who graduates during the previous academic year (including summer) and has exhausted eligibility but remains enrolled at the institution may be provided to another student-athlete without making the second student-athlete a counter. The financial aid provided to the second student-athlete does not count toward the team's maximum equivalency limits for the remainder of the academic year.

[15.5.3.2 unchanged.]

[15.5.4 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Currently, an institution is required to count the financial aid equivalency value awarded to a counter who has exhausted eligibility and remains enrolled at the institution toward team limits for the entire academic year. As a result, institutions are often required to count athletically related financial aid provided to a student-athlete who has graduated and exhausted eligibility and is no longer part of the team. Allowing an institution to replace a student-athlete who has graduated and exhausted eligibility at midyear but remains enrolled will permit institutions to continue to provide athletics aid to the graduate at its discretion while providing the same equivalency value to another deserving current student-athlete. This proposal would provide more opportunities for student-athletes to receive athletically related financial aid.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Providing more opportunities for additional student-athletes to receive athletically related financial aid is nationally significant.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. Any increased monitoring burden would be outweighed by the opportunity for additional student-athletes to receive athletics aid.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide more opportunities for student-athletes to receive athletically related financial aid in support of their academic pursuits.

Estimated Budget Impact: The cost associated with providing athletically related financial aid to a second student-athlete during the same academic year.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

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**Playing and Practice Seasons**

**No. 2019-74 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – FOOTBALL – USE OF FOOTBALLS DURING WALK-THROUGHS**

**Intent:** In football, to specify that footballs may be used during a walk-through.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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[17.01 unchanged.]

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

[17.02.1 through 17.02.19 unchanged.]

17.02.20 Walk-Through – Football. In football, a walk-through is a countable athletically related activity dedicated to reviewing plays and formations. During a walk-through, it is permissible for student-athletes to simulate positioning and offensive and defensive alignments, provided no conditioning or contact activities occur. Further, it is not permissible for student-athletes to wear any protective equipment (e.g., helmet, shoulder pads) or use any equipment related to the sport (e.g., football, blocking sleds) other than footballs. However, during the preseason practice period, footballs may be used.

[17.1 through 17.9 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Practice.

[17.10.2.1 through 17.10.2.3 unchanged.]

17.10.2.4 Five-Day Acclimatization Period. In football, preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including walk-ons who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice or who begin practice at any other point in the playing season, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) During the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length.
(1) Exception -- During the five-day acclimatization period, an institution has the option of conducting one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length, or one on-field testing session (speed, conditioning or agility tests) per day, not to exceed one hour in length and one on-field practice, not to exceed two hours in length. In addition, an institution may conduct one one-hour walk-through session (during which footballs may be used) per day of the acclimatization period pursuant to Bylaw 17.02.20. Student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions (testing, practice or walk-through) occurring that day. During this time, student-athletes may not attend any meetings or engage in other athletically related activities (e.g., weight lifting); however, time spent receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of the recovery time. If an institution conducts only a walk-through on a particular day during the acclimatization period, that day does not count toward the required five days of acclimatization, but the walk-through counts toward the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period.

[17.10.2.4-(c) through 17.10.2.4-(d) unchanged.]

[17.10.2.4.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2.5 Preseason Activities After Five-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining preseason practice period shall be conducted as follows:

[17.10.2.5-(a) through 17.10.2.5-(c) unchanged.]

17.10.2.5.1 Exception -- "Walk-Throughs." During the preseason practice period after the five-day acclimatization period, a walk-through is not considered an on-field activity for purposes of the limit on the number of hours of on-field practice activities. If a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day. Footballs may be used during walk-throughs in the preseason practice period.

[17.10.3 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

[17.11 through 17.31 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation permits the use of footballs in walk-throughs that occur during the preseason practice period; however, footballs may not be used in walk-throughs that are not considered regular practice at other times (out-of-season activities, nonpractice days of spring practice period). Having different standards for different times causes confusion. This proposal will establish one standard for the use of footballs during all walk-throughs that are not considered regular practice. Sprinting and competitive speed drills are not allowed during such walk-throughs, and the use of footballs should not change the speed of a walk-through.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The proposal creates a consistent rule for all walk-throughs.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would create a consistent rule for easier monitoring and education.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide a minimal amount of additional skill development during walk-through sessions and would provide consistency in the student-athlete experience during walk-throughs.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:
Intent: In basketball and football, to specify that a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities after eight semesters or 12 quarters of enrollment without being enrolled in summer school, provided the institution certifies that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing regular academic year.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

17.1.7.2.1.5.1 Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction.

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Basketball. In basketball, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1-(k) unchanged.]

(i) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing regular academic year.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1.2 through 17.1.7.2.1.5.1.3 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.2 Football. In football, a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). A student-athlete who is enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours in one summer term that is fewer than eight weeks in duration may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and review of practice and game film for up to eight weeks (not required to be consecutive weeks). Participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than two hours per week spent on film review.

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Football. In football, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to eight weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

[17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1-(a) through 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1-(k) unchanged.]

(i) After eight semesters or 12 quarters: completion of the student-athlete's specific baccalaureate degree requirements (no minimum grade-point average required) or the institution certifies that the student-athlete is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing fall term regular academic year.
Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete may not participate in required summer athletic activities without being enrolled in summer school after eight semesters or 12 quarters of enrollment unless the student-athlete has completed his or her specific degree requirements (or, in football, is enrolled in all remaining degree-applicable credit hours in the ensuing fall term). Permitting a student-athlete who would graduate within the following academic year to participate without being enrolled in summer school would allow a senior student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in other activities during the summer, such as internships and other career development programs.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Providing opportunities for student-athletes to participate in other developmental opportunities is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would offer opportunities that outweigh the potential burden of certifying enrollment in necessary courses.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would promote participation in experiential learning and professional development opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings in a reduction of nondegree applicable coursework taken during the summer.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-78 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TEAM SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL -- VACATION-PERIOD WORKOUT SESSIONS INITIATED BY STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: In team sports other than basketball and football, to specify that a coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.5 unchanged.]

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1, except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.2.6.1 unchanged.]

17.2.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Session. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.2.7 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]
B. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women’s. 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.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.5 unchanged.]

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching 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.]

17.4.6.2 **Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.4.7 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

C. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 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.)

[17.9.1 through 17.9.5 unchanged.]

17.9.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.9.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.9.6.1 unchanged.]

17.9.6.2 **Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.9.7 through 17.9.8 unchanged.]

D. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.13, as follows:

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

[17.13.1 through 17.13.5 unchanged.]

17.13.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.13.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.13.6.1 unchanged.]

17.13.6.2 **Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions.** A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.13.7 through 17.13.8 unchanged.]

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.14, as follows:

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

[17.14.1 through 17.14.5 unchanged.]

17.14.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.14.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.14.6.1 unchanged.]
17.14.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.14.7 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.16, as follows:

17.16 Rowing. Women's. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs.

[17.16.1 through 17.16.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.16.6.1 unchanged.]

17.16.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.16.7 through 17.16.9 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

17.17 Rugby, Women's. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.17.1 through 17.17.5 unchanged.]

17.17.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.17.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.17.6.1 unchanged.]

17.17.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.17.7 through 17.17.8 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.5 unchanged.]

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.19.6.1 unchanged.]

17.19.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.19.7 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.20, as follows:

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

[17.20.1 through 17.20.5 unchanged.]
17.20.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. 

[17.20.6.1 unchanged.]

17.20.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.20.7 through 17.20.8 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.10 unchanged.]

17.25.11 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. 

[17.25.11.1 unchanged.]

17.25.11.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.5 unchanged.]

17.26.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.26.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2. 

[17.26.6.1 unchanged.]

17.26.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.26.7 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation permits a coach in an individual sport to participate in individual-workout sessions with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. This proposal extends the same opportunity to team sport student-athletes other than basketball and football student-athletes, who have summer access opportunities. Many student-athletes may not have the opportunity to return home during a vacation period due to distance, time or budget constraints. Such student-athletes may wish to use vacation periods for athletic improvement, while others may wish to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with their coach. This proposal would allow a student-athlete in a team sport to seek instruction and guidance from a countable coach when there are fewer demands on the student-athlete's time in a manner consistent with opportunities in
individual sports. This legislation would not allow for an entire team to practice with the coach during the vacation periods. The legislation would only permit individual-workout sessions if the student-athlete initiates the request.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal provides student-athletes in team sports other than basketball and football with the opportunity to engage their coach for additional training and development.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. This proposal would not increase monitoring burden. The same analysis and education already exists in individual sports.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** This proposal would allow a student-athlete to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with his or her coach and develop his or her skills.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Additional time spent in voluntary workout sessions as initiated by the student-athlete.

**Position Statement(s):** None

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**Intent:** In soccer and women's volleyball, to specify that a coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.5 unchanged.]

17.19.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

17.19.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.19.7 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.10 unchanged.]

17.25.11 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.
17.25.11.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

17.25.11.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions -- Women. A women's volleyball coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference
Effective Date: April 1, 2020
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation permits a coach in an individual sport to participate in a workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team, provided the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. Extending the same opportunity in soccer and women's volleyball will allow student-athletes in those sports the opportunity to request and receive additional instruction and guidance from a countable coach when there are fewer demands on the student-athlete's time. Many student-athletes may not have the opportunity to return home during a vacation period or the summer due to distance, time or budget constraints. Such student-athletes may wish to use vacation periods or the summer for athletic improvement, while others may simply wish to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with their coaches in order to receive proper coaching instruction without working with an outside third party.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Providing additional opportunities for instruction to student-athletes is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. An institution would monitor this activity in the same manner as it does for individual sports.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide an opportunity for additional student-athletes to have access to coaches and receive proper instruction to improve their skills.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Additional time spent in voluntary workout sessions as initiated by the student-athlete.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-81 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- SOCCER AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In soccer and women's volleyball, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school (or meets an exception to enrollment) to engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to four consecutive weeks before preseason practice begins; further, to specify that participation in such activities shall be limited to three days per week and a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 unchanged.]
17.1.7.2.1.5.3 Soccer and Women's Volleyball. In soccer and women's volleyball, an institution may designate up to four consecutive weeks before preseason practice begins during which student-athletes may engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction. To be eligible to participate, a student-athlete must be enrolled in summer school during the designated four weeks or otherwise enrolled in at least three degree-applicable (pursuant to Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) credit hours during the summer. Participation in such activities shall be limited to three days per week and a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction.

17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1 Exception to Summer School Enrollment -- Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Soccer and Women's Volleyball. In soccer and women's volleyball, a student-athlete who received athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to four consecutive weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete has achieved a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.200 (based on a maximum 4.000 and as computed pursuant to institutional policies applicable to all students) and has successfully completed the following academic requirements based on the applicable number of full-time terms of enrollment:

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

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

17.1.7.2.1.5.3.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Soccer and Women's Volleyball, In soccer and women's volleyball, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to four consecutive weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

17.1.7.2.1.5.3.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Soccer and Women's Volleyball. In soccer and women's volleyball, if the institution does not offer summer school courses, a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.3), provided he or she
has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would provide student-athletes opportunities for both academic and athletic improvement and may increase retention and graduation rates. Specifically, this proposal would encourage institutions to provide additional opportunities for summer school enrollment and may enhance the critically important relationship between coach and student-athlete. Further, it is fair to expect that enhancing the coach and student-athlete relationship will also enhance the student-athlete’s connection with the institution. Allowing limited athletically related activities in a structured environment will establish stronger relationships and enhance the overall student-athlete experience. The summer athletic activities will also help better prepare student-athletes for participation in regular in-season practice sessions.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Providing additional opportunities to student-athletes is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposal would be straightforward to enforce. There is a limited increase in monitoring burden. Institutional compliance offices are already monitoring summer athletic activities.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide student-athletes with an opportunity for access to their coaches during the summer, by which they could improve sport-related skills, strength and conditioning.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase to summer budgets for summer financial aid and institutional and human resources to support summer athletics activities in these sports.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): A maximum of eight hours per week for four weeks of athletically related activities.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-82 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND MEN'S WATER POLO

Intent: In cross country, soccer and men's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 16 calendar days before the institution's first regular-season contest; further, in women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 17 calendar days before the institution's first regular season contest.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

[17.6.1 unchanged.]

17.6.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in cross country prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.

[17.6.3 through 17.6.8 unchanged.]
C. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) 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).

[17.19.3 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

D. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 unchanged.]

17.25.2 Preseason Practice -- Women. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's volleyball prior to **the date that permits a maximum of 29 units** (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to **17 calendar days** before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest (excluding the early alumni match) or September 1, whichever is later. If the first scheduled contest occurs before September 1, the institution shall count back one practice unit for each day (excluding Sundays) from September 1 (beginning with August 31) through the date of the first scheduled contest. Thereafter, the institution shall apply the formula as prescribed in Bylaw 17.02.13. An institution may not begin practice in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

[17.25.3 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 unchanged.]

17.26.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) Men. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo prior to **the date that permits a maximum of 21 units** (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to **16 calendar days** before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.

[17.26.2-(b) unchanged.]

[17.26.3 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

**Source:** Big West Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Current preseason practice legislation in fall sports is unnecessarily confusing to coaches, student-athletes and administrators. This proposal eliminates the practice unit calculation in favor of a simple counting method. The result would be a consistent application of the applicable number of days before the first regular-season competition each year. A consistent date ensures preseason practice is the same length every year, promotes transparency to student-athletes and simplifies budgeting for preseason expenses without significantly changing the legislation. The proposed change in calculation method would have resulted in the same first practice date in the majority of fall sports within the past five years. In one sport, the first practice date would have changed by one day once over the past five years. In another sport, the proposed calculation method would have resulted in a first practice date within one day of the practice unit method every year over the past five years.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal simplifies an unnecessarily complicated calculation of the first permissible practice date.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would be easily enforceable and is less burdensome to monitor than the current legislation.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by increasing transparency surrounding the first permissible practice date.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal, as the proposal is based on the average of the first permissible practice dates within the past five years.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Minimal, as this proposal is based on the average of the first permissible practice dates within the past five years.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-85 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ACADEMIC ORIENTATION -- INSTITUTIONAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMS AND TIMING OF SESSIONS

Intent: In football, to modify the academic orientation period for first-time participants such that: (1) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period at any time during preseason practice through the institution’s 10th day of class of the fall term; or (2) Student-athletes may participate in an in-person institutional orientation session open to all incoming students at any time before or during the five-day acclimatization period, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Practice.

[17.10.2.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2.2 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not fewer than six hours of academic orientation unless Bylaw 17.10.2.2-(d) is satisfied. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options:

(a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time prior to or during the five-day acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities prior to the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;

(b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day prior to the start of the five-day acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day, or

(c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the five-day acclimatization period at any time during preseason practice through the institution's 10th day of class of the initial fall term. The
orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the five-day this period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours); or

(d) **Student-athletes may participate in an in-person institutional orientation session open to all incoming students (e.g., summer bridge program, summer orientation, academic success course) at any time before or during the five-day acclimatization period. The session may include fewer than six hours of academic content.**

17.10.2.3 Academic Orientation -- First-Time Participants -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, an institution must establish an academic orientation period for those student-athletes who are beginning their initial seasons of eligibility for football practice at the institution. The period shall include not less than six hours of academic orientation. The academic orientation period requirement may be satisfied through the following options:

(a) An institution may conduct the required academic orientation period any time before or during the five-day acclimatization period for student-athletes enrolled in summer classes or participating in summer conditioning activities before the student-athlete's first season of eligibility in football at the certifying institution;

(b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day before the start of the five-day acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day;

(c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the five-day acclimatization period at any time during preseason practice through the institution's 10th day of class of the initial fall term. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the five-day this period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours); or

(d) Student-athletes may participate in an in-person institutional orientation session open to all incoming students (e.g., summer bridge program, summer orientation, academic success course) at any time before or during the five-day acclimatization period. The session must be conducted in-person and must may include a minimum of fewer than six hours of academic content.

[17.10.2.4 through 17.10.2.5 unchanged.]

[17.10.3 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mountain West Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Under current legislation, many student-athletes participate in time consuming institutional orientation programming. However, in bowl subdivision football, institutional orientation programs for all students cannot satisfy the legislated academic orientation requirement, and in championship subdivision football institutional orientation programs are required include six hours of programming. This proposal would promote institutional autonomy and eliminate redundancy by allowing an institutional requirement for all students to serve as an equivalent of the orientation requirement. An immediate effective date would permit institutions to utilize existing institutional programming beginning with the 2020 fall term.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Academic orientation and time demands on student-athletes are nationally significant.

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

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would reduce student-athlete time demands due to the elimination of redundant orientation activities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential cost savings due to a reduction in redundant programming.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potentially less time spent on redundant orientation activities.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-86 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST AND NUMBER OF CONTESTS EXEMPTION -- JOINT PRACTICE SESSION WITH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION

Intent: In football, to permit a joint practice session to occur after the five-day acclimatization period and before the first permissible contest, as specified; further, to specify that the joint practice session is exempted from the maximum number of football contests.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 through 17.10.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day (see Figure 17-2).

17.10.3.1 Exception -- Joint Practice Session With Four-Year Institution. A joint practice session may occur after the five-day acclimatization period and before the first permissible contest, provided it meets the following criteria:

(a) The joint practice session may only be conducted with another four-year institution;

(b) The joint practice session must be included within the limit of 25 on-field, preseason practices and is subject to applicable preseason practice period regulations (e.g., length of on-field practice) (see Bylaw 17.10.2.5);

(c) The joint practice session may consist of only drills and skill-instruction. Scrimmages are not permitted;

(d) All practice activities must follow the Interassociation Consensus: Year-Round Football Practice Contact for College Student-Athlete Recommendations;

(e) The joint practice session must be conducted in privacy and without publicity. Individuals other than athletics department staff members and those necessary to conduct a football practice may not be present during the practice. The institution shall ensure that the practice is free from public view; and

(f) No class time shall be missed by football student-athletes in conjunction with the joint practice session, including all associated activities (e.g., travel, pregame and post-game activities).

[17.10.3.1 through 17.10.3.2 renumbered as 17.10.3.2 through 17.10.3.3, unchanged.]

[17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Contests.

[17.10.5.1 unchanged.]

17.10.5.2 Annual Exemptions.

17.10.5.2.1 Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, the maximum number of football contests shall exclude the following:

[17.10.5.2.1-(a) through 17.10.5.2.1-(h) unchanged.]

(i) Joint Practice Session With Four-Year Institution. One joint practice session that meets the criteria of Bylaw 17.10.3.1.

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

[17.10.5.2.2-(a) through 17.10.5.2.2-(j) unchanged.]

(k) **Joint Practice Session With Four-Year Institution.** One joint practice session that meets the criteria of Bylaw 17.10.3.1.

[17.10.6 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mid-American Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Student-athletes in many sports other than football have an opportunity to test themselves and measure their preparation by facing an opponent in scrimmages or exhibitions. A joint practice with another institution during the preseason would allow football student-athletes an opportunity to better prepare for the upcoming season. The joint practice would not be an additional day of practice and would be subject to all preseason practice legislation (e.g., length of practice, one on-field practice per day); therefore, no additional time demands would be made on student-athletes other than travel for the visiting team.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal is significant for all institutions that sponsor football.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The benefits of a joint practice would outweigh the minimal additional monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** A joint practice would provide an opportunity for student-athletes to better understand their skills and needs, and an opportunity to better transition into the season without adding additional competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable, would depending on travel.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Minimal, would depend on travel.

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

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Nov 14, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-87 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- EXCEPTION FOR A REGULAR-SEASON CONTEST IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY

**Intent:** To specify that an institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in a foreign country may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day; further, to specify that an institution that uses this exception must provide its student-athletes with five additional days off from all countable athletically related activities during the institution's declared playing season.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 through 17.10.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in football prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day (see Figure 17-2).
17.10.3.3 Exception -- In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in a foreign country may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. An institution that uses this exception must provide its student-athletes with five additional days off from all countable athletically related activities during the institution's declared playing season.

Source: American Athletic Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference and Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Competition in a foreign country provides a valuable educational and cultural opportunity for student-athletes; however, the travel associated with such competition can negatively impact student-athlete recovery and preparation for the next contest. In a 14-week playing season, which includes a conference championship game, 12 games are scheduled in 13 weeks. Due to travel, participating in a regular-season game in a foreign country essentially eliminates the opportunity for a bye week. This proposal will provide scheduling flexibility to allow student-athletes adequate time to rest and recover following international travel. To offset the opportunity to commence official preseason practice sessions five days earlier, an institution will be required to provide student-athletes with five additional days off during the regular season. The five days are in addition to all other required days off, but do not have to be consecutive. Finally, legislative relief waivers have been granted in previous years to allow institutions to participate in a regular-season game in a foreign country before the first permissible contest date, noting the unique opportunity for student-athletes to compete on an international stage and support from the American Football Coaches Association.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This is a nationally significant issue as the opportunities are increasing for such competitions. Several institutions in multiple conferences have received waivers to participate in international competition, and the legislation should be updated to eliminate the need to file a waiver.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal may cause a minimal increase in monitoring related to the additional five days off during the season, but the benefit to student-athletes outweighs the monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Student-athletes in other sports have an opportunity to participate in a foreign tour. While football teams may take foreign tours (and forgo postseason opportunities), the opportunities to play "American football" against foreign competition are quite limited. Thus, providing this opportunity for competition in a foreign country would allow football student-athletes to benefit from the experience of foreign travel and educational opportunities.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; additional costs related to preseason practice and international travel.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Variable; time associated with early reporting for preseason practice and travel to foreign competition prior to the start of classes.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-88 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S LACROSSE -- FIRST CONTEST -- EXCEPTION -- PRESEASON SCRIMMAGES/EXHIBITION GAMES

Intent: In men's lacrosse, to specify that: (1) An institution shall not commence practice sessions in the championship segment prior to January 7; (2) An institution shall not engage in its first competition (game or scrimmage) in the championship segment prior to the Saturday that is 15 weeks before the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving Day.
preceding the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship game; and (3) An institution may play up to three lacrosse scrimmages or exhibition games prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest, provided they are conducted during the institution’s declared playing season and are counted against the maximum number of contests.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 Lacrosse. Regulations for computing the lacrosse 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.

(a) Men. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in lacrosse prior to **September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.** the following dates:

1. **Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

2. **Championship Segment. January 7.**

[17.14.2-(b) unchanged.]

17.14.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

(a) Men. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in lacrosse prior to **September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.** the following dates:

1. **Nonchampionship Segment. September 7 or the institution's first day of classes, whichever is earlier.**

2. **Championship Segment. The Saturday that is 15 weeks before the Saturday immediately preceding the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship game.**

[17.14.3-(b) unchanged.]

17.14.3.1 Exception – Preseason Scrimmages/Exhibition Games — **Women's Lacrosse. In women's lacrosse, an institution may play up to three lacrosse 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, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.14.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.14.5.1).** Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.14.5.3 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.

[17.14.4 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** Colonial Athletic Association

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Men's lacrosse teams often designate early-season contests as scrimmages or exhibitions. This proposal would support the commitment to student-athlete well-being by permitting a student-athlete to compete against outside competition in a preseason exhibition or scrimmage without using one of his four seasons of competition, pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.3.1.4 (Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice scrimmages). The current rule often places coaches in a difficult position to decide whether to play a student-athlete in a limited amount of competition or to preserve the student-athlete's season of eligibility. The opportunity to play in a small number of scrimmages or exhibition games will ease this decision for coaches and help the student-athlete's development and transition to the college game. This proposal would apply in the same way as similar rules that currently exist in women's lacrosse, basketball, field hockey, soccer and volleyball. The proposal would not increase the overall number of contests played by an institution's men's lacrosse team.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal impacts all men's lacrosse programs.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes, This proposal would reduce the monitoring burden related to a student-athlete’s participation in a scrimmage or exhibition contest.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal would allow a student-athlete to gain competition experience through participation in scrimmage or exhibition contests without using a season of eligibility.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

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No. 2019-89 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN’S SOCCER -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- THURSDAY BEFORE 12TH WEEKEND BEFORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: In men’s soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first 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.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.2 unchanged.]

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

(a) 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 Friday 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.

[17.19.3-(b) unchanged.]

[17.19.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.19.4 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Many institutions open the regular season by participating in a four-team weekend tournament that includes games played on a Friday and Sunday. Allowing teams to play the first game on a Thursday would allow for additional scheduling flexibility that could include adding a day of rest in between games of an opening-weekend tournament. Moreover, the flexibility to schedule the first game on a Thursday would help an institution ease logistical conflicts created if a home football game were to be moved to the same Friday night.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. It is common practice to open the regular season with a four-team weekend tournament.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would not increase monitoring burdens.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Additional flexibility in scheduling the opening weekend would allow additional rest between games, which directly impacts the success and well-being of student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential additional costs related to the team reporting for preseason practice one day earlier.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential for a longer (presumably by one day) season-opening road trip if a team were to participate in an away tournament with games on Thursday and Sunday rather than Friday and Sunday. Potential for one additional day of missed class if classes are in session.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-90 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – MEN'S SOCCER – ACADEMIC YEAR PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON MODEL

Intent: In men's soccer, to modify the playing and practice season, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season.

(a) **Men.** The length of an institution's playing season in men's soccer shall be limited to a 132-day season, which shall consist of a fall and spring segment (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(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 per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.19.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) **Men.**

(1) **Fall Segment.** For the fall segment, an institution shall not commence practice sessions before the Friday of the 13th weekend before Thanksgiving Day.

(2) **Spring Segment.** For the spring segment, an institution shall not commence practice sessions before the Friday of the 11th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) 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).

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

(a) Men.

(1) **Fall Segment.** An **For the fall segment, an** institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Friday before the 11th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship **Thanksgiving Day** (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

(2) **Spring Segment.** For the spring segment, an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest with outside competition before the Friday before the 9th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.
[17.19.3-(b) unchanged.]

17.19.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmages/Exhibition Games.

(a) **Men.** An institution may play up to three (two during the fall segment, one during the spring segment) scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest of the applicable segment, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.19.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.19.5.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest of the applicable segment.

(b) **Women.** An institution may play up to three 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, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.19.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.19.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.19.5.3 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.

17.19.4 End of Regular Playing Season.

(a) **Men.**

(1) **Fall Segment.** For the fall segment, an institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the Sunday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day. A seven-day discretionary period shall be provided starting with the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day, during which countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited.

(2) **Spring Segment.** For the spring segment, an institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

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

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional.

(a) **Men.**

(1) **Fall Segment.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the fall segment to 14 contests (12 regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. Not more than two of the 14 fall-segment contests may occur midweek (defined as Monday through Thursday).

(2) **Spring Segment.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the spring segment to nine contests (eight regular-season contests and one scrimmage or exhibition). Not more than one of the nine contests may occur midweek (defined as Monday through Thursday).

(b) **Women.** An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the 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 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. 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.

17.19.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution **Women's Soccer.** If 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.

17.19.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel **Women's Soccer.** 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.

[17.19.5.1.3 unchanged.]

17.19.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete.

(a) Men. An individual student-athlete may participate in not more than 14 contests (12 regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions) during the fall segment and not more than nine contests (eight regular-season contests and one scrimmage or exhibition) during the spring segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student 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.

(b) Women. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student 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.

[17.19.5.3 through 17.19.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.19.6 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The men’s soccer community has spent considerable time developing consensus for a new playing season model that would redistribute the playing season throughout the academic year. The current one-term approach to the competition schedule features a highly compressed competitive schedule in the fall that culminates with the NCAA championship in mid-December. The degree of compression in the fall is inconsistent with emerging sports-sciences data, which have indicated increased injury rates when two matches are played per week as opposed to one. The sponsors also recognize potential concerns regarding preseason acclimatization, transition periods and training between matches and welcome collaboration with the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport to further enhance this model. NCAA data have also shown that men’s soccer student-athletes arrive to college with the third highest GPA among men’s sports, yet finish with the fifth highest GPA. This phenomenon could be attributable to the frequency of midweek games, in addition to first-year students adjusting to being full-time student-athletes during the compressed fall term. By redistributing the playing and practice season, the proposed model would benefit student-athletes in a number of ways. Specifically, there would be academic and health benefits by nearly eliminating midweek games. In addition, student-athletes would have more time to focus on final exams and friends and family, as the season would pause before Thanksgiving Day and would not restart until mid-February. The balanced season more closely aligns with the playing and training seasons in professional and international soccer. Finally, the balanced model would improve the student-athlete experience during conference and NCAA championships by increasing the likelihood of good weather and better fan attendance. All these improvements can be accomplished while maintaining the current 132-day format for the season, which would ensure that the overall amount of time student-athletes are in-season would not increase.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is significant to all men’s soccer programs.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Yes. This proposal has significant student-athlete benefits, including less missed class time, additional rest and recovery between contests and more similar training to professional and international soccer.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable. A later start to preseason in the fall could result in cost savings. Different scheduling approaches and the elimination of the current ground-transportation restriction in the spring could lead to cost increases.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): No increase to length of playing season; projected to have less missed class time due to fewer midweek contests.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2019-92 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION -- 32 CONTESTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 32 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.2 unchanged.]

17.25.3 First date of competition Contest -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition 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 date of competition contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition 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 date of competition contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

17.25.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition contest, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition contests (see Bylaw 17.25.7.1). A contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition contests per Bylaw 17.25.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition contest.

[17.25.4 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

17.25.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition 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 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. 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.

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition contests in women's volleyball 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition 32 contests in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or 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.

[17.25.8 unchanged.]

17.25.9 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of compete dates of competition in volleyball shall exclude the following:

[17.25.9-(a) through 17.25.9-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Alumni Game. One compete date of competition in volleyball each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(f) Foreign Team in the United States. One compete date of competition in volleyball each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) Hawaii or Alaska. Any compete dates of competition in volleyball in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

[17.25.9-(h) through 17.25.9-(i) unchanged.]

(j) U.S. National Team. One compete date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for volleyball as a U.S. national team.

[17.25.9-(k) unchanged.]

17.25.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of compete dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.

[17.25.11 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, in women's volleyball, institutions commonly exceed 28 contests under the "dates of competition" format by playing double-headers early in the season. Additionally, it is not uncommon for three matches to be played over a two-day period. Moving from 28 dates of competition to a limit of 32 contests would allow institutions to ease the compression of early-season matches. Student-athletes would participate in a comparable number of actual matches, but the matches could be more evenly distributed throughout the season.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts all women's volleyball programs.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow competition to be more evenly distributed throughout the season.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase related to additional competition days, which could include additional away competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential reduction in instances of multiple competitions in a single day; however, would increase total number of competition days.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

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Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 30 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.2 unchanged.]

17.25.3 First Date of Competition Contest -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition 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 date of competition contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition 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 date of competition contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

17.25.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmage/Exhibition Contest. An institution may play one scrimmage or exhibition contest (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season date of competition contest, provided the scrimmage or exhibition contest is conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.25.1 and is counted against the maximum number of dates of competition contests (see Bylaw 17.25.7.1). A contest that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of dates of competition contests per Bylaw 17.25.9 shall count against the maximum if it is played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season date of competition contest.

[17.25.4 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

17.25.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition 30 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 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. 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.

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition contests in women's volleyball 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition 30 contests in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or 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.

[17.25.8 unchanged.]

17.25.9 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in volleyball shall exclude the following:

[17.25.9-(a) through 17.25.9-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Alumni Game. One contest or date of competition in volleyball each year against an alumni team of the institution;
(f) Foreign Team in the United States. One contest or date of competition in volleyball each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(g) Hawaii or Alaska. Any contests or dates of competition in volleyball in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

[17.25.9-(h) through 17.25.9-(i) unchanged.]

(j) U.S. National Team. One contest or date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for volleyball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

[17.25.9-(k) unchanged.]

17.25.10 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of contests or dates of competition in volleyball during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the member institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.

[17.25.11 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal simplifies how competitions are counted in volleyball. Currently, programs are limited to 28 dates of competition in the championship segment, which often includes days when teams participate in multiple competitions (e.g., tournaments, double-headers). Dates of competition are typically a measure utilized by individual sports to allow additional flexibility in scheduling when individual team members are participating in multiple events at different locations. This flexibility is not needed in volleyball. The change to contests would provide all institutions with the same number of competition opportunities over the course of the championship season and provide student-athletes additional time by reducing the likelihood of multiple competitions in a single day. This change also aligns women's volleyball with other teams sports that use contests rather than dates of competition.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts all women's volleyball programs.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would support student-athlete well-being by reducing the likelihood of multiple competitions in a single day.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase related to additional competition days, which could include additional away competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential reduction in instances of multiple competitions in a single day; however, would increase total number of competition days.

Position Statement(s):
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Infractions Program
Intent: To specify that a vacation of team records penalty may only be applied if there is a finding of a lack of institutional control or failure to monitor.

Bylaws: Amend 19.9, as follows:

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 through 19.9.6 unchanged.]

19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties:

[19.9.7-(a) through 19.9.7-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

(1) Vacation of individual records and performances;

(2) Vacation in cases in which there is a finding of a lack of institutional control or failure to monitor, vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or, in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or

(3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

[19.9.7-(h) through 19.9.7-(l) unchanged.]

19.9.8 Penalties for Level III Violations. Penalties for Level III violations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

[19.9.8-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Forfeiture/vacation of individual records and performances in contests in which an ineligible student-athlete participated;

[19.9.8-(c) through 19.9.8-(i) unchanged.]

[19.9.9 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Vacation of team records is one of the most serious and visible penalties that attaches to an institution’s reputation. As such, it should be applied only in serious cases in which there is clear institutional culpability.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance and The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Level I and Level II infractions cases are consequential for the institution and involved individuals, and the vacation of records is a serious penalty applied in the most serious circumstances.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Not applicable.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would support student-athlete well-being by maintaining records in situations that do not involve a finding of failure to monitor or lack of institutional control.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None
History:

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**Playing and Practice Seasons**

No. 2019-95 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES AFTER COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- TENNIS

**Intent:** In tennis, to specify that up to one hour of on-court practice activities (which may not include conditioning, strength training or film review) may be conducted after competition on the same day as the competition, provided: (a) Competition is scheduled to occur on consecutive days against different opponents at different sites; and (b) The on-court activities occur at the site where competition is scheduled to occur the next day.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

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

- [17.1.7.1 through 17.1.7.2 unchanged.]
- 17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.
  - [17.1.7.3.1 unchanged.]
  - 17.1.7.3.2 Competition Day. All competition and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities.
  - 17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition. Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament).

  - **17.1.7.3.2.1.1 Exception -- Tennis.** In tennis, up to one hour of on-court practice activities (which may not include conditioning, strength training or film review) may be conducted after competition on the same day as the competition, provided:

    - (a) **Competition is scheduled to occur on consecutive days against different opponents at different sites; and**
    - (b) **The on-court practice activities occur at the site where competition is scheduled to occur the next day.**

- [17.1.7.3.3 through 17.1.7.3.8 unchanged.]
  - [17.1.7.4 through 17.1.7.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** Big Sky Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Many institutions have to schedule tennis contests against multiple opponents on a single away-from-home trip. In some cases, the dates and/or times of the contests require that the traveling team play back-to-back contests on Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. This proposal would help reduce missed class time, reduce travel costs and help a team without a large travel budget to meet sport sponsorship requirements. Additionally, under the current legislation, a team that travels to different competition locations on consecutive days may have a competitive disadvantage based on factors such as different court surfaces and changes in altitude. This proposal would allow student-athletes to participate in limited practice activities and help them acclimate to varying conditions.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Fair Competition.
**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal is significant for all tennis programs and supports current scheduling practices.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would minimally impact current monitoring (e.g., CARA logs) of countable athletically related activities.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would allow coaches to support student-athletes as they prepare for the following day’s competition. Further, many student-athletes may feel obligated, under the current rules, to participate in voluntary activities. Therefore, it is unlikely that this proposal would significantly increase time demands.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** No increase to weekly time limitations; however, up to one additional hour of countable activity could be required on a day competition.

**Position Statement(s):**

None

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**NCAA Membership**

No. 2019-102 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REVIEW

**Intent:** To specify that an active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and confirm such completion to the NCAA.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Member Conference.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 unchanged.]

3.3.4.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office.

[3.3.4.2 through 3.3.4.7 renumbered as 3.3.4.3 through 3.3.4.8, unchanged.]

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** This proposal would hold Division I conferences to a similar standard that is applied to their member institutions. The equity, diversity and inclusion review is intended to help inform policy and diversity initiatives and is supportive of Foundational Goal No. 5 of the Board of Directors Strategic Areas of Emphasis for 2018-2023. This proposal would simply require that each conference submit written confirmation that it has completed the review to the national office. Each conference will independently conduct its review and determine what follow-up may be necessary. Each conference will be responsible for reviewing its own policies, procedures and initiatives.
The conference review will not include a review of its institutions. A working group of conference representatives has reviewed and supports this proposal.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion.

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Legislation related to the Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The benefits of encouraging equity, diversity and inclusion outweigh a minimal monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** A diversity, equity and inclusion review would encourage a conference office to support a more diverse and inclusive environment for its member schools and student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with completing the review.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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No. 2019-103 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REVIEW -- PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE

**Intent:** To specify that failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.2 unchanged.]

3.2.4.3 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member institution shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. **Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.**

[3.2.4.4 through 3.2.4.24 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** NCAA Membership

**Rationale:** Completion of the once-in-five years equity, diversity and inclusion review helps ensure consistent progress toward a more diverse Association and is consistent with Foundational Goal No. 5 of the Board of Directors Strategic Areas of Emphasis for 2018-23. Creating a penalty structure for noncompliance with this membership requirement will emphasize the importance completing the review in a timely manner. The fine structure will be similar to the existing fine structure for other membership requirements. Enabling the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee to establish and maintain the specific fine structure and timeline in its policies and procedures allows for more nimble reactions to changes in the divisional financial environment, as well as any legislated changes.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Legislation related to the Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion is nationally significant.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would encourage an institution to complete a diversity, equity and inclusion review, which would help support a more diverse and inclusive environment for student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None, if an institution completes the once-in-five years equity, diversity and inclusion review.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-104 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY -- PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE

Intent: To specify that failure to complete the student-athlete health and safety survey shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

Constitution: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.21 unchanged.]

3.2.4.22 Student-Athlete Health and Safety Survey. An active member institution shall complete a student-athlete health and safety survey on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures as determined by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. Failure to complete the student-athlete health and safety survey shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

[3.2.4.23 through 3.2.4.24 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Rationale: The student-athlete health and safety survey requirement was adopted to allow a real-time view of emerging standards of care for the administration of sports medicine programs. Institutional failure to complete the membership requirement by the established deadline undermines the "real-time" intent of the legislation. Creating a penalty structure for noncompliance with this membership requirement will emphasize the importance completing the survey in a timely manner. The fine structure will be similar to the existing fine structure for other membership requirements. Enabling the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee to establish and maintain the specific fine structure and timeline in its policies and procedures allows for more nimble reactions to changes in the divisional financial environment, as well as any legislated changes.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance and The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Encouraging completion of the health and safety survey is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would encourage institutions to complete the student-athlete health and safety survey, which is used to evaluate emerging standards of care and promote better support of student-athlete well-being.

Estimated Budget Impact: None, if an institution completes the health and safety survey.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-105 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ATHLETICS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION DESIGNEE

Intent: To specify that an active member institution or conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

Constitution: Amend 3, as follows:

3 NCAA Membership
[3.01 through 3.1 unchanged.]

3.2 Active Membership.
[3.2.1 through 3.2.3 unchanged.]

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.
[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.24 unchanged.]

3.2.4.25 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member institution shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

[3.2.5 through 3.2.6 unchanged.]

3.3 Member Conference.
[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.
[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.7 unchanged.]

3.3.4.8 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. An active member conference shall designate an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.] 

3.6 unchanged.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Rationale: The designation of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee symbolically and practically represents the Association’s recognition of inclusion as a core value. It also supports the Presidential Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics. It is the responsibility of each member institution to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity as acknowledged in Constitution 2.2.2 (Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity). While the NCAA national office provides valuable resources and programming to support the membership’s efforts toward creating and maintaining inclusive environments, often institutional and conference personnel are not aware of available resources or opportunities. This proposal seeks to create a network of colleagues who will serve as conduits for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, athletics departments and the NCAA. The designated staff member may be either internal or external.
Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

No. 2019-106 VARIOUS BYLAWS -- PARALYMPIC AND PARAPAN AMERICAN GAMES AND PARALYMPIC TEAMS

Intent: To specify that legislation applicable to the Olympic Games and Olympic teams and athletes shall apply to the Paralympic Games and Paralympic teams and athletes; further, to specify that legislation applicable to the Pan American Games shall apply to the Parapan American Games.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12, as follows:

12 Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

[12.01 through 12.1 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1 Prohibited Forms of Pay. "Pay," as used in Bylaw 12.1.2 above, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

[12.1.2.1.1 through 12.1.2.1.3 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4 Expenses, Awards and Benefits. Excessive or improper expenses, awards and benefits.

12.1.2.1.4.1 Cash or Equivalent Award. Cash, or the equivalent thereof (e.g., trust fund), as an award for participation in competition at any time, even if such an award is permitted under the rules governing an amateur, noncollegiate event in which the individual is participating. An award or a cash prize that an individual could not receive under NCAA legislation may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different individual or agency.

[12.1.2.1.4.1.1 through 12.1.2.1.4.1.2 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4.1.3 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

[12.1.2.1.4.1.3 unchanged.]

[12.1.2.1.4.2 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4.3 Expenses from an Outside Sponsor. An individual who participates in a sport as a member of a team may receive actual and necessary expenses for competition and practice held in preparation for such competition (directly related to the competition and conducted during a continuous time period
preceding the competition) from an outside sponsor (e.g., team, neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization). An individual who participates in a sport as an individual (not a member of a team) may receive actual and necessary expenses associated with an athletics event and practice immediately preceding the event, from an outside sponsor (e.g., neighbor, business) other than an agent or a representative of an institution's athletics interests (and, after initial full-time collegiate enrollment, other than a professional sports organization).

[12.1.2.1.4.3.1 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.4.3.2 Expenses/Benefits Related to Olympic or Paralympic Games. Members of an Olympic or Paralympic team may receive all nonmonetary benefits and awards provided to members of an Olympic or Paralympic team beyond actual and necessary expenses and any other item or service for which it can be demonstrated that the same benefit is available to all members of that nation's Olympic or Paralympic team or the specific sport Olympic or Paralympic team.

[12.1.2.1.4.4 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.5 Payment Based on Performance. Any payment conditioned on the individual's or team's place finish or performance or given on an incentive basis that exceeds actual and necessary expenses, or receipt of expenses in excess of the same reasonable amount for permissible expenses given to all individuals or team members involved in the competition.

[12.1.2.1.5.1 unchanged.]

12.1.2.1.5.2 Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country's national Olympic and/or Paralympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

[12.1.2.1.5.2 through 12.1.2.1.5.3 unchanged.]

[12.1.2.1.6 through 12.1.2.1.7 unchanged.]

[12.1.2.2 through 12.1.2.3 unchanged.]

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.

[12.1.2.4.1 through 12.1.2.4.12 unchanged.]

12.1.2.4.13 Expenses for Participation in Olympic or Paralympic Exhibitions. An individual may receive actual and necessary expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or the nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event to participate in Olympic or Paralympic tours or exhibitions involving Olympic or Paralympic team members and/or members of the national team, provided that if the individual is a student-athlete, he or she misses no class time, and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition.

[12.1.2.4.13 unchanged.]

12.1.2.4.14 Commemorative Items for Student-Athletes Participating in Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup Events. It is permissible for student-athletes to receive commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event.

[12.1.2.4.15 unchanged.]

[12.1.3 unchanged.]

12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

[12.2.1 through 12.2.2 unchanged.]

12.2.3 Competition.
[12.2.3.1 unchanged.]

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. An individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport if the individual ever competed on a professional team (per Bylaw 12.02.12) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment or prize money that exceeds his or her actual and necessary expenses, which may only be provided by the sponsor of the event.

[12.2.3.2.1 through 12.2.3.2.4 unchanged.]

12.2.3.2.5 Exception – Olympic, Paralympic, or National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses).

[12.2.3.3 unchanged.]

[12.2.4 through 12.2.5 unchanged.]

[12.3 through 12.4 unchanged.]

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Education or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may use a student-athlete's name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met:

[12.5.1.1-(a) through 12.5.1.1-(i) unchanged.]

[12.5.1.1.1 through 12.5.1.1.3 unchanged.]

12.5.1.1.4 Player/Trading Cards. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational or nonprofit agency may distribute but may not sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete's name or picture.

12.5.1.1.4.1 Exception – Olympic, Paralympic, or National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, Paralympic or national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, Paralympic or national team.

[12.5.1.1.5 through 12.5.1.1.6 unchanged.]

[12.5.1.2 through 12.5.1.8 unchanged.]

12.5.1.9 Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section.

[12.5.1.9.1 unchanged.]

[12.5.2 through 12.5.4 unchanged.]

[12.6 through 12.7 unchanged.]

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 of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:
12.8.1 Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall complete his or her seasons of participation within five calendar years from the beginning of the semester or quarter in which the student-athlete first registered for a minimum full-time program of studies in a collegiate institution, with time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government being excepted. For international students, service in the armed forces or on an official religious mission of the student’s home country is considered equivalent to such service in the United States.

[12.8.1.1 through 12.8.1.5 unchanged.]

12.8.1.6 Athletics Activity Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, or a committee designated by it, shall have the authority to waive this provision by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting to permit student-athletes to participate in:

(a) Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and, Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition;

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts; or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[12.8.1.6 through 12.8.1.7 unchanged.]

[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 time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her 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:

[12.8.3.2.1-(a) through 12.8.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.1.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete’s first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1:

(a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may be selected to a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and established regional competition (e.g., North American Championships, European Championships) or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or
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 after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her 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:

12.8.3.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2-(b) unchanged.

12.8.3.2.2.2 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2:

(a) Official Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalent (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

12.8.3.2.2-(c) unchanged.

12.8.3.2.2.4 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

12.8.3.2.2.4-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2.4-(b) unchanged.

12.8.3.2.2.4.1 unchanged.

12.8.3.2.2.4.2 Exception -- Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.4.

12.8.3.2.2.4.3 unchanged.

12.8.3.3 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.

12.8.4 through 12.8.6 unchanged.

12.9 through 12.12 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 through 13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.14 unchanged.]

13.1.7.15 Coaches’ Attendance at Elite and Junior Level International Events. Coaching staff members may attend Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Paraacade) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, U19 World University Games) that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. However, attendance at qualifying competition for such events, including tryouts, remains subject to the applicable recruiting calendars.

13.1.7.15.1 Associated Practices. A coaching staff member may attend organized practices associated with Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Paraciades) or World University Championships competition or the junior level equivalent competition that occurs outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods (or recruiting periods in men’s basketball), provided such practice time has been designated as part of the event by the event organizer.

[13.1.7.16 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.

13.2 through 13.9 unchanged.

13.10 Publicity.

[13.10.1 unchanged.]

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

[13.10.2.1 unchanged.]

13.10.2.2 Radio/TV Show. A member institution shall not permit a prospective student-athlete or a high school, college preparatory school or two-year college coach to appear, be interviewed or otherwise be involved (in person or via audio or video) on: [D]

[13.10.2.2-(a) through 13.10.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

13.10.2.2.1 Announcer for Broadcast of Prospective Student-Athlete’s Athletics Contest. A member of the athletics staff of a member institution, other than a part-time, noncoaching staff member, may not serve as an announcer or commentator for any athletics contest in which a prospective student-athlete is participating, or appear (in person or by means of audio or video) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games. [D]

[13.10.2.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.10.2.3 through 13.10.2.9 unchanged.]

[13.10.3 unchanged.]

[13.11 through 13.18 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Academic Eligibility

[14.01 through 14.1 unchanged.]

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]
14.2.1.8 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-(e) unchanged.

(f) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately preceding the Olympic or Paralympic Games; and

(g) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic or Paralympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever occurs earlier. A former student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

14.2.1.8 unchanged.

[14.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.3 Waivers. Waivers may be granted to the minimum 12-semester or 12-quarter hour enrollment requirement as follows:

[14.2.3.1 unchanged.]

14.2.3.2 Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships – Competition. The Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee (see Bylaw 21.7.5.2) may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships (including junior levels of such events) who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

[14.2.3.3 through 14.2.3.4 unchanged.]

[14.3 unchanged.]

14.4 Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

[14.4.1 through 14.4.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 through 14.4.3.6 unchanged.]

14.4.3.7 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Rule. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. The following waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee.

[14.4.3.7-(a) unchanged.]

(b) International Competition. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulation of Bylaws 14.4.3.1 and 14.4.3.6-(c) may be prorated at nine hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of participation in the Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, FIFA U-20 World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualififies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters. Credits earned by the student during the term or terms to which the waiver applies may be used to satisfy the 24/36-hour [see Bylaw 14.4.3.1-(a)], percentage-of-degree (see Bylaw 14.4.3.2) and grade-point average requirements (see Bylaw 14.4.3.3). However, a term to which an international competition waiver applies does not count as a term of full-time enrollment for purposes of the 24/36 credit-hour requirement, percentage-of-degree requirements or grade-point average requirements.
14.4.3.8 Waiver – Olympic or Paralympic Games. The Division I Progress-Toward-Degree Waivers Committee may waive this general progress-toward-degree requirement for any participant in the Olympic or Paralympic Games, who because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

[14.4.3.9 through 14.4.3.10 unchanged.]

[14.5 through 14.9 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 unchanged.]

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

[17.02.1 through 17.02.8 unchanged.]

17.02.9 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

[17.02.9 through 17.02.20 unchanged.]

[17.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.7 unchanged.]

17.2.8 Other Restrictions.

17.2.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.2.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.2.8.1.2 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 (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.8.1.1.1).

[17.2.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.2.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.2.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.2.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.2.8.2 through 17.2.8.3 unchanged.]

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.7 unchanged.]

17.3.8 Other Restrictions.

[17.3.8.1 unchanged.]

17.3.8.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team. Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team:

[17.3.8.2-(a) through 17.3.8.2-(b) unchanged.]
(c) Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs and competition – No limitations.

[17.3.8.2-(d) unchanged.]

[17.3.8.3 through 17.3.8.5 unchanged.]

17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women's. 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)

[17.4.1 through 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. An institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's beach volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's beach volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.4.8.1.1.1).

[17.4.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.4.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.4.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.4.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.4.8.2 unchanged.]

17.5 Bowling, Women's. Regulations for computing the bowling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2)

[17.5.1 through 17.5.7 unchanged.]

17.5.8 Other Restrictions.

17.5.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.5.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.5.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.5.8.1.1.1).

[17.5.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.5.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.5.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.5.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.5.8.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.6.1 through 17.6.7 unchanged.]

17.6.8 Other Restrictions.

17.6.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.6.8.1.1 unchanged.]
17.6.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate cross country who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur cross country team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.6.8.1.1.1).

[17.6.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.6.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.6.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.6.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.6.8.2 unchanged.]

17.7 Equestrian, Women's. Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.7.1 through 17.7.8 unchanged.]

17.7.9 Other Restrictions.

17.7.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.7.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.7.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate equestrian who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur equestrian team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.7.9.1.1.1).

[17.7.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.7.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.7.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.7.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.7.9.2 unchanged.]

17.8 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.8 unchanged.]

17.8.9 Other Restrictions.

17.8.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.8.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.8.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate fencing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur fencing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.8.9.1.1.1).

[17.8.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.8.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.8.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.8.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.8.9.2 unchanged.]
17.9 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.) [17.9.1 through 17.9.7 unchanged.]

17.9.8 Other Restrictions.

17.9.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. [17.9.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.9.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate field hockey to practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur field hockey team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.9.8.1.1.1 and 17.9.8.1.1.2).

[17.9.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.9.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.9.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.9.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.9.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.10 unchanged.]

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) [17.11.1 through 17.11.7 unchanged.]

17.11.8 Other Restrictions.

17.11.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. [17.11.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.11.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate golf who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur golf team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.11.8.1.1.1).

[17.11.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.11.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.11.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.11.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.11.8.2 unchanged.]

17.12 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) [17.12.1 through 17.12.8 unchanged.]

17.12.9 Other Restrictions.

17.12.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. [17.12.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.12.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate gymnastics who may practice or compete out of season
on an outside amateur gymnastics team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.12.9.1.1.1).

[17.12.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.12.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.12.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.12.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.12.9.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.13.1 through 17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 Number of Contests.

[17.13.5.1 through 17.13.5.2 unchanged.]

17.13.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude the following:

[17.13.5.3-(a) through 17.13.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

(h) U.S. Olympic or Paralympic Team. One ice hockey contest each year against the U.S. Olympic or Paralympic ice hockey team during that team’s training for participation in the Winter Olympics;

[17.13.5.3-(i) through 17.13.5.3-(m) unchanged.]

[17.13.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.13.6 through 17.13.7 unchanged.]

17.13.8 Other Restrictions.

17.13.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.13.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.13.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate ice hockey who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur ice hockey team, provided such competition on an outside team occurs only during the summer (except as provided in Bylaw 17.13.8.1.1.1).

[17.13.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.13.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.13.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.13.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.13.8.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.14.1 through 17.14.7 unchanged.]

17.14.8 Other Restrictions.


[17.14.8.1.1 unchanged.]
17.14.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate lacrosse to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur lacrosse team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.14.8.1.1.1).

[17.14.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.14.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.14.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.14.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.14.8.2 unchanged.]

17.15 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.15.1 through 17.15.8 unchanged.]

17.15.9 Other Restrictions.

17.15.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.15.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.15.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rifle who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rifle team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.15.9.1.1.1).

[17.15.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.15.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.15.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.15.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.15.9.2 unchanged.]

17.16 Rowing, Women's. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs.

[17.16.1 through 17.16.8 unchanged.]

17.16.9 Other Restrictions.

17.16.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.16.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.16.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate rowing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rowing team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.16.9.1.1.1).

[17.16.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.16.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.16.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.16.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.16.9.2 unchanged.]
17.17 Rugby, Women’s. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
[17.17.1 through 17.17.7 unchanged.]

17.17.8 Other Restrictions.

17.17.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.
[17.17.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.17.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women’s rugby to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur rugby team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.17.9.1.1.1 and 17.17.9.1.1.2).
[17.17.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.17.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:
[17.17.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.17.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
[17.18.1 through 17.18.8 unchanged.]

17.18.9 Other Restrictions.

17.18.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.
[17.18.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.18.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate skiing who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur skiing team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.18.9.1.1.1).
[17.18.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.18.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:
[17.18.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.18.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

17.19 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
[17.19.1 through 17.19.7 unchanged.]

17.19.8 Other Restrictions.

17.19.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.
[17.19.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.19.8.1.2 Out of Season. A member institution may permit not more than five student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate soccer to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur soccer team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.19.8.1.1.1 and 17.19.8.1.1.2).
17.19.8.1.2.1 unchanged.

17.19.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.19.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.19.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.19.8.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.20.1 through 17.20.7 unchanged.]

17.20.8 Other Restrictions.

17.20.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.20.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.20.8.1.2 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 (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.20.8.1.1.1).

[17.20.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.20.8.1.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.20.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.20.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.20.8.2 unchanged.]

17.21 Swimming and Diving. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.8 unchanged.]

17.21.9 Other Restrictions.

17.21.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.21.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.21.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.21.9.1.1.1).

[17.21.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.21.9.1.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.21.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.21.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.21.9.2 unchanged.]

17.22 Tennis. Regulations for computing the tennis 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 Other Restrictions.

17.22.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.22.8.1.1 unchanged.]

17.22.8.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits to the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate tennis who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur tennis team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.22.8.1.1.1).

[17.22.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.22.8.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.22.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.22.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.22.8.2 unchanged.]

17.23 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.8 unchanged.]

17.23.9 Other Restrictions.

17.23.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.23.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.23.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate indoor/outdoor track and field who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur indoor/outdoor track and field team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.23.9.1.1.1).

[17.23.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.23.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.23.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.23.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.23.9.2 unchanged.]

17.24 Triathlon, Women’s. Regulations for computing the triathlon playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.24.1 through 17.24.8 unchanged.]

17.24.9 Other Restrictions.

17.24.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.24.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.24.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate triathlon who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur triathlon team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.24.9.1.1.1).

[17.24.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.24.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.24.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.24.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.24.9.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.12 unchanged.]

17.25.13 Other Restrictions.

17.25.13.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.25.13.1.1 unchanged.]

17.25.13.1.2 Out of Season. In men’s and women’s volleyball, a member institution may permit not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate volleyball to practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur volleyball team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.25.13.1.1.1 and 17.25.13.1.1.2).

[17.25.13.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.25.13.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.25.13.1.2.2-(a) through 17.25.13.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.25.13.2 unchanged.]

17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men’s and women’s water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.8 unchanged.]

17.26.9 Other Restrictions.

17.26.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.26.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.26.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining who may practice or compete out of season on an outside amateur water polo team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaws 17.26.9.1.1.1 and 17.26.9.1.1.2).

[17.26.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.26.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.26.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.26.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.26.9.2 unchanged.]

17.27 Wrestling. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.8 unchanged.]

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

[17.27.9.1.1 unchanged.]
17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.27.9.1.1.1).

[17.27.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.27.9.1.2.2 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 and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.27.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.27.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

[17.27.9.2 unchanged.]

[17.28 through 17.30 unchanged.]

17.31 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

[17.31.1 through 17.31.2 unchanged.]

17.31.3 Exceptions -- All Sports. The following exceptions to the outside-competition regulations are permitted:

[17.31.3-(a) through 17.31.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Olympic or Paralympic Games. A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic or Paralympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic or Paralympic Games, and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic Games tryouts.

(d) Official Pan American or Parapan American Games Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American or Parapan American Games tryouts and competition.

(e) U.S. National Teams. A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams and junior national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[17.31.3-(f) through 17.31.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.31.3 unchanged.]

17.31.3.1 National-Team Criteria. In applying the regulation permitting exceptions for student-athletes to participate during the institution’s intercollegiate season in international competition involving national teams represented in the competition, a national team is defined as one that meets the following criteria:

(a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or non-Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization in that sport);

[17.31.3.1-(b) through 17.31.3.1-(c) unchanged.]

[17.31.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.31.4 through 17.31.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism and Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The change represented the USOPC’s continued support and inclusion of Paralympic athletes. In partnership with the USOPC, NCAA legislation should be updated to
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No. 2019-107 AMATEURISM – EXCEPTIONS TO AMATEURISM RULE – DEVELOPMENT TRAINING EXPENSES FOR ELITE ATHLETES

Intent: To specify that an individual who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive development training expenses from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the national governing body (or the international equivalent) related to sport experts other than coaches, training partners and travel for parents or guardians, coaches and sport experts.

Bylaws: Amend 12.1.2, as follows:

12.1.2 Amateur Status. An individual loses amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition in a particular sport if the individual:

(a) Uses his or her athletics skill (directly or indirectly) for pay in any form in that sport;

(b) Accepts a promise of pay even if such pay is to be received following completion of intercollegiate athletics participation;

(c) Signs a contract or commitment of any kind to play professional athletics, regardless of its legal enforceability or any consideration received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.5.1;

(d) Receives, directly or indirectly, a salary, reimbursement of expenses or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization based on athletics skill or participation, except as permitted by NCAA rules and regulations;

(e) Competes on any professional athletics team per Bylaw 12.02.12, even if no pay or remuneration for expenses was received, except as permitted in Bylaw 12.2.3.2.1;

(f) After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, enters into a professional draft (see Bylaw 12.2.4); or

(g) Enters into an agreement with an agent.

[12.1.2.1 through 12.1.2.3 unchanged.]

12.1.2.4 Exceptions to Amateurism Rule.
12.1.2.4.7 Exception for Training Expenses. An individual (prospective or enrolled student-athlete) who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may receive actual and necessary development training expenses [including grants, but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s)] related to training, coaching, sports experts other than coaches, training partners, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel (including travel for parents or guardians, coaches and sport experts), room and board without jeopardizing the individual’s eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international student-athletes, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: Student-athletes who are members of national teams often experience financial hardship in training and preparing for elite national and international events, such as the Olympics. The current development training expenses legislation does not fully permit certain types of expenses that such student-athletes typically incur in preparing to compete for their country on the world stage. For example, a recent U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee study found the average college swimmer between 2013-2017 had an annual financial gap of $17,000. This gap demonstrates the need for increased flexibility to access U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing body resources associated with preparing to participate in elite international events. This proposal will assist athletes in covering expenses for sport-specific research and technology experts to assist in employing advanced training methods, expenses for training partners and expenses for guardians, coaches, and other experts to assist in the physical and emotional development and training of the athlete in preparing for elite competition.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation to support the Olympic movement is consequential.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would minimally change the monitoring burden yet have a significant impact for elite athletes.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would limit financial hardship experienced by athletes who are members of national teams. Additionally, it would allow elite athletes to be surrounded by their support network (coaches, guardians, sport experts), which would assist in the physical and emotional preparation for elite competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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**Recruiting**

No. 2019-108 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MODEL -- BASEBALL

**Intent:** In baseball, to revise legislation related to contacts; telephone calls; recruiting materials; official and unofficial visits; and camps and clinics, as specified.
A. **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 his or her family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

13.1.1.1.1 Exception -- *Baseball and Football.* In *baseball and football,* off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his family members) before July 1 following the completion of his junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. [D]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.3 unchanged.]

[13.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

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

[13.1.3.1.1 through 13.1.3.1.3 unchanged.]

13.1.3.1.4 Exception -- *Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey.* In *baseball and* men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make telephone calls to an individual (or his family members) at its discretion beginning January 1 of the his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.1.5 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by an Individual at His or Her Expense -- *Baseball, Basketball and Football.* In *baseball, basketball and football,* institutional staff members may receive telephone calls placed by an individual at the individual's expense at any time. [D]

[13.1.3.2.3 through 13.1.3.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.5 Telephone Calls From an Individual -- *Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey.* In *baseball and* men's ice hockey, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his family members) before January 1 at the beginning of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

[13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 unchanged.]

13.1.5.2 *Baseball.* In *baseball,* each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. [D]

[13.1.5.3 through 13.1.5.5 renumbered as 13.1.5.2 through 13.1.5.4, unchanged.]
13.1.5.6 **Baseball and** Men's Ice Hockey. In **baseball and** men's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). Beginning August 1 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 13.1.5.11 renumbered as 13.1.5.6 through 13.1.5.10, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.4, as follows:

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 his or her family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. [D]

13.4.1.1 Exception -- **Baseball, Women's Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball.** In **baseball,** women's basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her 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 his or her family members) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.2 unchanged.]

13.4.1.3 Exception -- **Baseball and** Men's Ice Hockey. In **baseball and** men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his family members) until January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.4 through 13.4.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.4.2 through 13.4.3 unchanged.]

**D. 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 **Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball.** In sports other than **baseball,** basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

13.6.2.1.2 **Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball.** In **baseball,** lacrosse, and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than September 1 of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.6.2.1.3 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.]

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

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

[13.7.1.1 unchanged.]

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13.7.1.2 Baseball and Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, 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 his or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

[13.7.1.3 through 13.7.1.4 unchanged.]

13.7.1.5 Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey. In baseball and men's ice hockey, 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 his or her family members) before January 1 of his sophomore year in high school.

[13.7.2 through 13.7.5 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. 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 his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). 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 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 13.12.1.5.4 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.5.6 through 13.12.1.5.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Through a multiyear process, the Student-Athlete Experience Committee developed a recruiting model that better aligns the decision-making timeline of a prospective student-athlete with the decision-making timeline for any prospective college student. A prospective college student typically begins visiting institutions during his or her junior year of high school. Regarding communications with prospective student-athletes, there is strong support among conferences and coaching associations for a tiered recruiting concept in which communication is permitted before visits and in-person contact. It is important for a coach and a prospective student-athlete to
develop a relationship and determine if there is mutual interest before a visit to campus or off-campus contact. This proposal is the result of additional collaboration with the American Baseball Coaches Association on issues specific to baseball prospective student-athletes. Specifically, this proposal would allow a prospective student-athlete additional time to consider options and build relationships with college coaches before making a decision whether to attend college or pursue professional baseball.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Early recruiting regulations are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would limit early recruiting, which outweighs any additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow recruiting activities to occur at the appropriate time given the unique challenges in baseball and would allow prospective student-athletes to make informed decisions.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable, depending on institutional recruiting practices.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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Intent: In women’s basketball, to specify that evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July may include regularly scheduled club team contests/tournaments and practices that occur outside of the United States.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women’s Basketball. In women’s basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaws 13.1.5.5 and 13.1.5.8). Women’s basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach’s involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. [D]

13.1.7.6.1 Evaluation Periods Other Than July. Evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July shall be limited to: [D]

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices;

(b) Regularly scheduled club team contests/tournaments and practices that occur outside of the United States;

(b c) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; and

(c d) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May.

[13.1.7.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.6.2 through 13.1.7.6.6 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020
Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, opportunities for evaluations of international prospective student-athletes are very limited. In most other countries, there are no scholastic-based sports programs and, therefore, no regularly scheduled high-school contests or practices. Most international women's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on club teams. Consequently, most of the permissible evaluations of international prospective student-athletes occur only at certain national team activities and regional championships. This proposal would provide additional opportunities for coaches to evaluate international prospective student-athletes at live athletics activities. Such evaluations would count toward the 112 permissible recruiting days. This proposal aligns with the 2019-2024 NCAA Women’s Basketball Strategic Plan to grow women’s basketball on the international level.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal addresses an existing issue (lack of evaluation opportunities for international prospective student-athletes) without significantly increasing monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide opportunities for international prospective student-athletes to be evaluated by college coaches.

Estimated Budget Impact: May increase recruiting budget if an institution chooses to recruit internationally.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-110 RECRUITING -- LIMITATIONS ON OFFICIAL VISITS -- MEN’S BASKETBALL -- Timing of Visits

Intent: In men’s basketball, to specify that official visits for high school juniors shall occur from August 1 through July 31 of the junior year and official visits for high school seniors shall occur from August 1 of the senior year through October 14 after the senior year.

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 unchanged.]

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

[13.6.2.2.1 unchanged.]

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 before the completion from August 1 through July 31 of his junior year of high school, five additional visits before October 15 from August 1 of his senior year of high school through October 14 following his completion of high school and five visits beginning October 15 following his 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 unchanged.]

[13.6.2.3 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee)
Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation specifies that junior year official visits may occur through the completion of a prospective student-athlete's junior year and that senior year visits begin immediately following the junior year. The variability in academic years for different prospective student-athletes can result in confusion and missed opportunities for official visits. This proposal would establish a consistent and equitable application of the junior year official visit legislation.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is significant for all men's basketball programs.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would clearly define the timing for junior and senior year official visits, which would be easier to monitor.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would clarify for prospective student-athletes and their families when they are permitted to use their junior and senior year official visits.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-111 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- ATHLETICS STAFF MEMBERS -- CAMP/CLINIC PROVIDING RECRUITING OR SCOUTING SERVICE -- NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Intent: To specify that the NCAA may use a recruiting or scouting service in conjunction with the NCAA College Basketball Academy; further, to specify that such use does not prohibit the employment of athletics department staff at the event.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

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 (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

13.12.2.3.1 Camp/Clinic Providing Recruiting or Scouting Service. No athletics department staff member may be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a camp or clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes. In addition, an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in any capacity by a coaches clinic established, sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization that provides recruiting or scouting services concerning prospective student-athletes, even if prospective student athletes are not involved in the coaches clinic. This provision does not prohibit an athletics department staff member from participating in an officiating camp where participants officiate for, but are not otherwise involved in, a scouting services camp. [D]

13.12.2.3.1 Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA may use a recruiting or scouting service in conjunction with the NCAA College Basketball Academy. Such use does not prohibit the employment of athletics department staff at the event.

[13.12.2.3.2 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation precludes the use of a recruiting or scouting service in conjunction with camps and clinics. This proposal would allow the NCAA to identify a larger pool of Division I prospective student-athletes for participation in the NCAA College Basketball Academy. No recruiting advantage would be gained by an institution as the NCAA is the entity conducting the NCAA College Basketball Academy. The NCAA will maintain full control over the selection of all prospective student-athletes.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation related to the NCAA College Basketball Academy is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow the NCAA to identify a larger pool of prospective student-athletes to participate at the Academy.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost associated with using a recruiting or scouting service.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-112  RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC -- NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Intent: To specify that a noncoaching staff member with basketball specific responsibilities from the host institution and conference office personnel with basketball specific responsibilities may be employed in administrative roles associated with hosting the NCAA College Basketball Academy.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

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 (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.3 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clincs -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball may be employed only at his or her institution's camps or clinics. Participation in such camps or clinics is limited to the months of June, July and August or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days of those months (e.g., May 28-June 3). It is not permissible for a basketball coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to basketball to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

13.12.2.3.3.1 Exception -- NCAA College Basketball Academy. A noncoaching staff member with basketball specific responsibilities from the host institution and conference office personnel with basketball specific responsibilities may be employed in administrative roles (camp registration, camp logistics, facility usage) associated with hosting the NCAA College Basketball Academy. [D]

[13.12.2.3.4 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation precludes basketball staff members from being employed at noninstitutional camps and clinics. A host's noncoaching basketball staff members are in the best position to aid in the conduct of a successful NCAA College Basketball Academy given the knowledge and experience they have regarding their own institutional basketball facilities. The proposal would not permit involved staff to engage in recruiting activities, which would limit any perceived advantage of having these individuals work the event.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation related to the NCAA College Basketball Academy is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would allow appropriate institutional and conference staff to support the NCAA College Basketball Academy, which outweighs the associated monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: By permitting staff familiar with the facilities to work the event, this proposal would improve the experience and well-being of participating prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-113 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN’S BASKETBALL -- JULY QUIET AND AUGUST DEAD PERIOD

Intent: In men’s basketball, to specify that the Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31 shall be a quiet period; further, to specify that August 6-15 shall be a dead period.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 unchanged.]

13.17.2 Men’s Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to men’s basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) through 13.17.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) July 6 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) through (3) below]: Dead Period

(1) The first Thursday-Sunday period in July beginning on or after July 6: Evaluation Period

(2) The final Tuesday-Sunday period in July: Evaluation Period (for NCAA College Basketball Academy only)

(3) The Monday after the conclusion of the NCAA College Basketball Academy through July 31: Quiet Period

(i) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

(1) August 6 through August 15: Dead Period

[13.17.3 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men’s Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate; a contract signed for a camp or clinic before 10/30/19 may be honored or a camp or clinic publicized before 10/20/19 may be conducted during the dead period.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting
**Rationale:** This proposal would allow coaches to conduct institutional camps and official visits during the last week of July following the NCAA College Basketball Academy while maintaining the general prohibition against unofficial visits in July. The dead period in August would provide coaches an established period to spend time with their families after the busy summer recruiting season and before the start of the academic year. In addition, coaches would have the opportunity to invest in relationships with current student-athletes who remain on campus during August. This proposal was recommended by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. Men’s basketball summer recruiting legislation is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. The proposal would not impact monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** The quiet and dead period could provide opportunities for coaches to support current student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable, depending on institutional recruiting practices.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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**No. 2019-114 RECRUITING – MEN’S WRESTLING – DEAD PERIODS**

**Intent:** In wrestling, to specify that: (1) The dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships shall begin two days before and conclude at 6 p.m. the day after the championships; (2) The dead period surrounding the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention shall begin the Wednesday before the convention and extend through August 31 (or the Wednesday before Labor Day, whichever occurs first); (3) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the following Saturday shall be a dead period; however, if the institution has a home football game scheduled during this period, the 48 hours before the game through 48 hours after the game shall be a quiet period; and (4) December 24-27 shall be a dead period.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.13, as follows:

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

[13.17.13.1.1 through 13.17.13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.17.13.1.8 Wrestling. The following dead periods apply to wrestling:

**(a)** The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the following Saturday. If an institution has a home football game scheduled during this period, the 48 hours before the game through 48 hours after the game shall be a quiet period;

**(b)** December 24-27;

**(a)** The day before the first day of Two days before the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon 6 p.m., on the day after the championships; and

**(b)** The Monday Wednesday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention August 31 (or the Wednesday before Labor Day, whichever occurs first).

[13.17.13.2 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment
**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal promotes student-athlete and coach well-being by allowing coaches to remain on campus at the beginning of the academic year and during holiday breaks. A majority of the coaches association membership supports this proposal.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. This proposal is significant to all wrestling programs.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. This proposal would not significantly increase monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** This proposal would encourage coaches to be on campus and to be available for current student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable, depending on institutional recruiting practices.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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### Academic Eligibility

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**Intent:** To expand the transferable math credit core-course requirement for two-year college transfers who are nonqualifiers or academic redshirts to include credit accepted as quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) by the certifying institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements.

[14.5.4.1 unchanged.]

14.5.4.2 Nonqualifier.

14.5.4.2.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student:

[14.5.4.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight-quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

[14.5.4.2.1-(c) through 14.5.4.2.1-(d) unchanged.]

14.5.4.2.2 Eligibility for Financial Aid and Practice. A transfer student from a two-year college who was a nonqualifier (per Bylaw 14.3.2.1) is eligible for institutional financial aid and practice during the first academic year of residence only if the student:

[14.5.4.2.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester
or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

[14.5.4.2.2-(c) through 14.5.4.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.2.3 through 14.5.4.2.5 unchanged.]

14.5.4.3 Academic Redshirt. A transfer student from a two-year college who was an academic redshirt (per Bylaw 14.3.1.2) is eligible for competition during the first academic year of residence only if the student:

[14.5.4.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Has completed satisfactorily a minimum of 48 semester or 72 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit acceptable toward any baccalaureate degree program at the certifying institution, including six semester or eight quarter hours of transferable English credit, three semester or four quarter hours of transferable math or quantitative reasoning (or equivalent math/quantitative reasoning) credit and three semester or four quarter hours of transferable natural/physical science credit;

[14.5.4.3-(c) through 14.5.4.3-(d) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.3.1 through 14.5.4.3.3 unchanged.]

[14.5.4.4 through 14.5.4.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020; for incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes initially enrolling full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, only transferable credit that is recognized by the certifying institution math credit may be used to satisfy the transferable math requirement for two-year college transfer student-athletes who are nonqualifiers or academic redshirts. In the nine years since the adoption of the enhanced two-year college transfer requirements, the academic profiles of two-year transfer student-athletes have improved. While the membership has generally adapted to the enhanced academic standards, some institutions and student-athletes remain impeded by the specificity of the transferable math requirement. Specifically, not all institutions recognize a successfully completed transferable quantitative reasoning course as "math" credit, even though the course fulfills the core graduation requirement for a four-year degree. As a result, an incoming transfer student-athlete may be advised to enroll in and complete an additional course that will be recognized as "math" solely to meet the two-year college transferable math requirement. This application may place a financial burden on a two-year college student-athletes who otherwise has successfully completed a statistics or quantitative reasoning course that is accepted by and applies toward his or her degree program. This proposal better accommodates the diverse academic offerings of various institutions by allowing more types of transferable courses to be used to satisfy what the current transferable math requirement was designed to indicate in terms of preparedness for four-year college coursework.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The specificity of the current standard applies to all incoming two-year college transfer student-athletes who are nonqualifiers or academic redshirts.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. No additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Yes. This proposal may reduce the financial burden imposed on student-athletes without disrupting the predictive impact of the two-year college transferable core-course requirements.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): May reduce unnecessary time spent in courses not needed for graduation at the certifying institution.
Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 18, 2019: Division Admin Review
Nov 15, 2019: In Progress


Intent: To permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

[14.6.1-(a) through 14.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and wants to continue athletics participation at the same institution has several academic options. He or she may: (1) continue as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another undergraduate major or degree; (2) seek a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree; or (3) enroll in a graduate or professional school (e.g., traditional master’s degree or graduate certificate program). In contrast, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and seeks to transfer has only one academic option - enroll in a graduate or professional school at the new institution. Graduate school may not be in the academic best interests of all student-athletes who have just completed a baccalaureate degree. For example, a student-athlete who is required to complete prerequisite undergraduate courses before enrolling in a graduate program would not be eligible at another institution, regardless of whether a postgraduate opportunity exists at his or her undergraduate institution. Not only may some student-athletes lack the practical experience to be admitted into many graduate programs, not all student-athletes are interested in a two- or three-year graduate degree. As a result, there is a perception that many student-athletes enroll in graduate programs they have no intention to complete, while they finish their athletics eligibility. These perceptions create unnecessary tensions between athletics and various academic departments. This proposal would alleviate some of those tensions by...
making the postgraduate academic opportunities available to student-athletes consistent, regardless of transfer status. Further, the proposed approach could help student-athletes and academic advisors identify the academic option that best aligns with the student-athlete's interests, qualifications and future career aspirations.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Legislation related to graduate transfer eligibility is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The benefits of expanded enrollment opportunities outweigh any minimal monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** The proposal would provide student-athletes with expanded opportunities to explore various areas of graduate level work and may improve academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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**No. 2019-117 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION – ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION – GENERAL GRADUATE COURSE WORK**

**Intent:** To specify that a graduate student who is enrolled in general graduate course work at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of or is enrolled in general graduate course work (e.g., nondegree, at-large, graduate certificate) at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

[14.6.1-(a) through 14.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Academic Eligibility

**Rationale:** Currently, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and wants to continue athletics participation at the same institution has several academic options. He or she may: (1) continue as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another...
undergraduate major or degree; (2) seek a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree; or (3) enroll in a graduate or professional school (e.g., traditional master’s degree or graduate certificate program). In contrast, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and seeks to transfer has only one academic option - enroll in a graduate or professional school at the new institution. Expanding the graduate academic options available at the next institution will increase the options available to student-athletes and updates the legislation with the postgraduate academic offerings that now exist on many Division I campuses, like graduate certificate programs. Further, this will allow student-athletes to explore various areas of graduate level work and accumulate graduate academic credit in case the student-athlete departs and desires to return at a later date. Lastly, the completion rates are higher for postgraduate student-athletes who enroll in graduate work as opposed to a second undergraduate degree or major (62% vs. 17%). Exploring broader academic options for all postgraduate student-athletes, including those who enroll at a different Division I institution, may have a greater likelihood of improving the academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?**: Yes. Legislation related to graduate transfer eligibility is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?**: Yes. The benefits of expanded enrollment opportunities outweigh any minimal monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?**: This proposal would provide student-athletes with expanded opportunities to explore various areas of graduate level work and may improve academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

**Estimated Budget Impact**: None

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

**Position Statement(s)**:

None

**History**:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-118 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT -- REORGANIZATION AND CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION

**Intent**: To reorganize the structure and clarify the application of the academic misconduct legislation, as specified.

**Bylaws**: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Academic Eligibility

[14.01 unchanged.]

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Misconduct — Post-Enrollment. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters. Post enrollment academic misconduct includes any violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity (e.g., academic offense, academic honor code violation, plagiarism, academic fraud).

[14.02.2 through 14.02.9 renumbered as 14.02.1 through 14.02.8, unchanged.]

14.02.10 Impermissible Academic Assistance — Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. Impermissible academic assistance by a current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests includes, but is not limited to, the provision or arrangement of:

(a) Substantial assistance that is not generally available to an institution’s students and is not otherwise expressly authorized in Bylaw 16.3, which results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point; or

(b) An academic exception that results in a grade change, academic credit or fulfillment of a graduation requirement when such an exception is not generally available to the institution’s students and the exception results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.
14.02.11 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work.

14.02.11.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in academic misconduct or provides impermissible academic assistance at the direction of a nonstudent employee, an institutional staff member per 14.02.11.1(a) or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

[14.02.12 through 14.02.16 renumbered as 14.02.9 through 14.02.13, unchanged.]

14.1 Admission, Enrollment and Academic Credentials.

[14.1.1 unchanged.]

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record.

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

(a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 renumbered as 14.1.2.1 through 14.1.2.4, unchanged.]

[14.2 through 14.8 unchanged.]

14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct Integrity.

14.9.1 General Principle. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters.

14.9.2 Definitions.

14.9.2.1 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work.

14.9.2.1.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in an academic integrity violation at the direction of a nonstudent employee, a student employee who has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

14.9.3 Pre-Enrollment Academic Integrity. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of an institution's athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

(a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

14.9.24 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct Integrity.

14.9.14 Policies and Procedures, Investigation and Adjudication. An institution must:

(a) Have written institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct violations or breaches of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity applicable to the general student body, including
student-athletes. The policies and procedures must be approved through the institution’s normal process for approving such policies and must be kept on file or be accessible on the institution’s website; and

(b) Investigate and adjudicate an alleged academic misconduct violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity in accordance with established policies regardless of whether the misconduct is reported to the NCAA or whether the student-athlete acted alone or in concert with others.

14.9.14.1 Exception Expedited Review. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of an alleged academic misconduct violation by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution's normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution’s website.

14.9.24.12 Prohibited Conduct -- Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity:

(a) Academic misconduct involving involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record;

(b) Academic misconduct involving involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution’s athletics interests; or

(c) Academic misconduct, without involving the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution’s athletics interests, that results in:

1. An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;

2. An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or

3. The erroneous awarding of an Academic Progress Rate point;

14.9.24.23 Prohibited Conduct -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without the knowledge of the student-athlete) in:

(a) Academic misconduct a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity relative to a student-athlete; or

(b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record; or

(c) The provision of academic assistance or an exception that is not otherwise permissible pursuant to Bylaw 16.3, is not generally available to the institution’s students and results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.9.24.3 Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has occurred conduct violates an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, a violation of Bylaw 14.9.24.3-(c) shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has not occurred conduct does not violate an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw 14.9.24.3-(c).

14.9.2.3 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not provide impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete (see Bylaw 14.02.10).

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility
**Rationale:** Based on a review, initiated by the Board of Directors and overseen by the Presidential Forum, of academic misconduct legislation, several legislative edits were suggested. The edits relate to the organization of the legislation and confusion surrounding the nomenclature of "impermissible academic assistance." This proposal would consolidate all academic integrity legislation into one section of Bylaw 14 (consistent with current efforts to refresh and modernize NCAA legislation); eliminate the use of the term "impermissible academic assistance"; and improve the overall clarity of the legislation by embedding the institutional determination of whether a violation of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity has occurred into the legislative mechanics. The recommended consolidation of all legislative authority into 14.9 will ease membership evaluation and application of the legislation. The recommended use of the phrase "academic integrity" (as opposed to "academic misconduct") is intended to encompass the broad spectrum of possible outcomes in academic cases and the different nomenclature used by different institutions. The use of the term should improve clarity and understanding of the application of the legislation. Any violation related to academic integrity could be termed an "academic violation" regardless of the nomenclature used to describe a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity. An instance in which academic assistance or an exception is provided that is not otherwise permissible pursuant to Bylaw 16.3, is not generally available to the institution's students and results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point could also be termed and "academic violation." The recommended organizational and terminology changes do not amend what constitutes a violation but simplify the structure and application of the legislation, consistent with the intent of the academic misconduct legislation adopted in 2016.

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

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**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Academic misconduct legislation is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal does not change the application of the current academic misconduct legislation.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by simplifying and clarifying the application of academic integrity legislation.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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**Financial Aid**

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**No. 2019-119 FINANCIAL AID – EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID – INSTITUTIONAL NEED-BASED AND NON-DISCRETIONARY MERIT-BASED AID**

**Intent:** To specify that the following is exempt and not counted in determining the institution's team financial aid limitations: (1) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines; and (2) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on published criteria that apply to all students; further, to specify that such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.5, as follows:

15.02.5 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.)

[15.02.5.1 through 15.02.5.3 unchanged.]
15.02.5.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution’s financial aid limitations:

(a) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution’s financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines. However, such aid is not exempted for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete’s counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1;

(b) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on published criteria that apply to all students. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete’s counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.2;

(a g) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.7 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete’s cost of attendance has been met);

[15.02.5.4-(b) through 15.02.5.4-(f) relettered as 15.02.5.4-(d) through 15.02.5.4-(h), unchanged.]

[15.02.5.5 through 15.02.5.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Currently, the opportunities for student-athletes to receive institutional financial aid awarded based on demonstrated financial need or merit are limited based on the application of team financial aid limitations. Removing the requirement to include institutional need-based and nondiscretionary merit-based awards in a team’s equivalency computations would positively impact student-athlete well-being by reducing situations in which student-athletes are required to choose between athletics aid and institutional need-based or merit-based grants. As a result, this proposal will reduce the financial burden on student-athletes and their families. These institutional awards would still count toward a student-athlete’s individual limit and render a recruited football or basketball student-athlete a counter upon competition. This proposal presents a hybrid of two proposals considered in the 2018-19 legislative cycle, Proposal Nos. 2018-71 and 2018-72, which were widely supported by the membership based on feedback from conferences. This proposal reflects the wide support for academic and need-based exemptions but stops short of exempting all institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics. Additionally, appropriate safeguards are included to address concerns related to potential abuse.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Providing additional opportunities for financial aid is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The proposal would provide clear guidelines, which minimizes monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow student-athletes to accept need-based and nondiscretionary, merit-based institutional financial aid, which previously may have been declined due team financial aid limitations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-120 FINANCIAL AID -- PRIOR TO INITIAL FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT AT THE CERTIFYING INSTITUTION -- SUMMER AID FOR PERCENTAGE-OF-DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
**Intent:** To specify an institution may provide athletically related financial aid to a transfer student-athlete in the summer prior to initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution for the purpose of completing percentage-of-degree requirements.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.2.8, as follows:

15.2.8 Summer Financial Aid. Summer financial aid may be awarded only to attend the awarding institution's summer term, summer school or summer-orientation program, provided the following conditions are met:

[15.2.8-(a) through 15.2.8-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.8.1 General Stipulations. A student-athlete who is eligible for institutional financial aid during the summer is not required to be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies. However, the student-athlete may not receive financial aid that exceeds the cost of attendance in that summer term. A student-athlete may receive institutional financial aid based on athletics ability (per Bylaws 15.02.5.1 and 15.02.5.2) and educational expenses awarded (per Bylaw 15.2.6.5) up to the value of a full grant-in-aid, plus any other financial aid up to the cost of attendance. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

[15.2.8.1.1 through 15.2.8.1.3 unchanged.]

15.2.8.1.4 Prior to Initial Full-Time Enrollment at the Certifying Institution – Athletics Aid. The following conditions apply to the awarding of athletically related financial aid to a prospective student-athlete (including a prospective student-athlete not certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center as a qualifier) or student-athlete to attend an institution in the summer prior to his or her initial, full-time enrollment at the certifying institution:

[15.2.8.1.4-(a) through 15.2.8.1.4-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Summer coursework is not used for the purpose of completing initial-eligibility, or continuing-eligibility transfer eligibility, or progress-toward-degree requirements per Bylaw 14.4.3.2. However, the hours earned during the summer prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution may be used to satisfy the applicable progress-toward-degree requirements in following years (see Bylaw 14.4.3).

[15.2.8.2 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Current legislation does not allow an institution to provide summer financial aid to an incoming transfer student-athlete if the aid will apply to coursework that would be used for the purpose of completing percentage-of-degree requirements to be eligible for competition upon full-time enrollment. The Committee on Academics supports this proposal. The NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee supports this proposal and believes this change is in the best interest of the student-athlete, ultimately assisting with meeting progress-toward-degree requirements. If an incoming transfer student-athlete is otherwise eligible for financial aid, he or she should not be prohibited from receiving athletics aid if the certifying institution is willing to provide it. This proposal does not impact transfer eligibility requirements.

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

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential increase to institution's summer school budget.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May allow student-athlete to more quickly meet degree requirements at the new institution.

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

- Sep 18, 2019: Division Admin Review
- Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2019-121 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- EXCEPTION -- INDIVIDUAL WORKOUTS -- ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout session and does not miss class.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

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

17.1.7.1 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations -- Playing Season. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.1.7.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class.

[17.1.7.1.1 renumbered as 17.1.7.1.2, unchanged.]

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

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

17.1.7.2.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training. A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered a countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class.

[17.1.7.2.1 through 17.1.7.2.4 renumbered as 17.1.7.2.2 through 17.1.7.2.5, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.11 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Student-athletes who are members of national teams frequently request more flexibility to train with their coaches as a means of utilizing the coaching staff’s experience and expertise to prepare for national team events and to follow national team training plans. Currently, additional opportunities for a student-athlete to train with coaches are limited by restrictions on athletically related activities in season and out of season. An individual-sport student-athlete is permitted to train with his or her coach, at the student-athlete’s request, during institutional vacation periods and/or the summer. However, training for national team events occurs throughout the calendar year and also applies to team-sport student-athletes. Additional access to training with coaches throughout the year would greatly enhance a student-athlete’s preparation and likelihood for success. This proposal would provide flexibility to identified elite student-athletes to better manage their academic responsibilities and national team training plans according to the fluctuations of the international quadrennial calendar. Finally, specifying that a student-athlete shall not miss class for additional voluntary training will continue to ensure an appropriate balance between academic and athletic activity. If adopted, this legislation will apply and will be added to the appropriate autonomy bylaws.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Expanding training opportunities for elite student-athletes to prepare for national team events is nationally significant.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would require additional monitoring to ensure the identified student-athletes are not missing class and are initiating the workouts. However, this burden is outweighed by the significant advantage of allowing the student-athlete to better prepare for national team events.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow an identified student-athlete to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with his or her college coach in preparation for national team events.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Additional time spent in voluntary workout sessions as initiated by the student-athlete.

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-122 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- EXEMPTION FOR SEASON-ENDING EVENT -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than basketball and football, to establish an exemption to the maximum number of contests or dates of competition and the limit on the number of days in the playing and practice season for one season-ending event, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1, as follows:

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 through 17.1.8 unchanged.]

17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.9-(a) unchanged.]

(b) NCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA or NAIA championship event (including play-in contests conducted pursuant to NCAA championships) is considered part of the institution’s declared playing season. An institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation until it is determined by the appropriate committee whether the institution will be selected to participate in the NCAA championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season;

[17.1.9-(c) through 17.1.9-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Season-Ending Event Participation -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation, except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.7.1.3, and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women’s Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution’s declared playing-season limitations in those sports. In sports other than basketball and football, neither practice for nor participation in one non-NCAA season-ending event is considered part of the institution’s declared playing season if the team or individual does not participate in the NCAA championship in that sport;

[17.1.9-(g) unchanged.]

[17.1.9.1 unchanged.]
B. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:
17.2 Baseball. Regulations for computing the baseball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
[17.2.1 through 17.2.4 unchanged.]

17.2.5 Number of Contests.
  [17.2.5.1 through 17.2.5.2 unchanged.]
  17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of baseball contests shall exclude the following:
  [17.2.5.3-(a) through 17.2.5.3-(b) unchanged.]
  (c) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:
  (1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship;
  (2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) baseball championship;
  [17.2.5.3-(d) through 17.2.5.3-(j) unchanged.]
[17.2.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.2.6 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:
17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women's. 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.)
[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.
  [17.4.5.1 through 17.4.5.2 unchanged.]
  17.4.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball shall exclude the following:
  [17.4.5.3-(a) unchanged.]
  (b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's beach volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Beach Championships NCAA championship). A season-ending tournament event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
  [17.4.5.3-(c) through 17.4.5.3-(h) unchanged.]
[17.4.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.4.6 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.5, as follows:
17.5 Bowling, Women's. Regulations for computing the bowling 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 through 17.5.5.2 unchanged.]
  17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following:
[17.5.3-(a) unchanged.]
(b) **NCAA Championship. Season-Ending Event.** Competition in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

[17.5.3-(c) through 17.5.3-(g) unchanged.]  
[17.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.5.6 through 17.5.8 unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws:** Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

[17.6.1 through 17.6.4 unchanged.]

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.6.5.1 through 17.6.5.2 unchanged.]

17.6.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following:

[17.6.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) **Season-Ending Tournaments Event.** Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA cross country championships;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross country championships;

[17.6.5.3-(c) through 17.6.5.3-(h) unchanged.]  
[17.6.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.6.6 through 17.6.8 unchanged.]

**F. Bylaws:** Amend 17.7, as follows:

17.7 Equestrian, Women’s. Regulations for computing the equestrian playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.7.1 through 17.7.4 unchanged.]

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.7.5.1 through 17.7.5.2 unchanged.]

17.7.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in equestrian shall exclude the following:

[17.7.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) **Season-Ending Championship Event Event.** Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in equestrian season-ending event (e.g., national intercollegiate championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

[17.7.5.3-(c) through 17.7.5.3-(g) unchanged.]  
[17.7.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.7.6 through 17.7.9 unchanged.]

**G. Bylaws:** Amend 17.8, as follows:
17.8 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.8.5.1 unchanged.]

17.8.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in fencing;

(b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

1. NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships;

2. Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending fencing tournament (e.g., conference championship, regional tournament) other than an NCAA fencing championship;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in fencing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

[17.8.5.2-(c) through 17.8.5.2-(g) relettered as 17.8.5.2-(d) through 17.8.5.2-(h), unchanged.]

[17.8.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.8.6 through 17.8.9 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

17.9 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.)

[17.9.1 through 17.9.4 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.9.5.1 through 17.9.5.2 unchanged.]

17.9.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.9.3.1):

[17.9.5.3-(a) through 17.9.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.9.5.3-(d) through 17.9.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.9.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.9.6 through 17.9.8 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

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

[17.11.1 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.5.2-(a) unchanged.]
(b) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)–golf championships;

(c) **NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event.** Competition in the NCAA Division I–Golf Championships one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.11.5.2-(d) through 17.11.5.2-(m) relettered as 17.11.5.2-(c) through 17.11.5.2-(l), unchanged.]

[17.11.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.11.6 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

**J. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12, as follows:

17.12 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics 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 Dates of Competition.

[17.12.5.1 unchanged.]

17.12.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following:

(b a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics;

(a b) Season-Ending Tournament **Event**. Competition in one of the following season-ending gymnastics tournaments: event (e.g., NCAA championships), USA Gymnastics Championship, the National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) College Gymnastics Championship or the Women's National Invitational Tournament. A season-ending tournament **event** involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.12.5.2-(c) through 17.12.5.2-(h) unchanged.]

[17.12.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.12.6 through 17.12.9 unchanged.]

**K. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13, as follows:

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

[17.13.1 through 17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 Number of Contests.

[17.13.5.1 through 17.13.5.2 unchanged.]

17.13.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude the following:

[17.13.5.3-(a) through 17.13.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(d e) NCAA Championship Play-In Competition. Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;

(c d) NCAA Championships **Season-Ending Event**. Competition in the one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship, and the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.13.5.3-(e) through 17.13.5.3-(m) unchanged.]

[17.13.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.13.6 through 17.13.8 unchanged.]

**L. Bylaws:** Amend 17.14, as follows:
17.14 Lacrosse. Regulations for computing the lacrosse 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 Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.14.5.1 through 17.14.5.2 unchanged.]

17.14.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in lacrosse shall exclude the following:

[17.14.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(e b) NCAA Championship Play-In Competition. Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(b c) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in an NCAA lacrosse championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.14.5.3-(d) through 17.14.5.3-(i) unchanged.]

[17.14.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.14.6 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.15, as follows:

17.15 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.15.1 through 17.15.4 unchanged.]

17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.15.5.1 through 17.15.5.2 unchanged.]

17.15.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship;

(a b) Season-Ending Tournaments. Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships;

(2) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship competition in rifle;

[17.15.5.3-(b) through 17.15.5.3-(g) relettered as 17.15.5.3-(c) through 17.15.5.3-(h), unchanged.]

[17.15.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.15.6 through 17.15.9 unchanged.]

N. Bylaws: Amend 17.16, as follows:

17.16 Rowing, Women’s. Regulations for computing the rowing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.) The following regulations apply independently to open and lightweight rowing programs.

[17.16.1 through 17.16.4 unchanged.]

17.16.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.16.5.1 through 17.16.5.2 unchanged.]

17.16.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following:

[17.16.5.3-(a) unchanged.]
(b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. **Competition in one season-ending event** *(e.g., NCAA championship)*. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) **NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Women’s Rowing Championship;** and

(2) **Season-Ending Championship Event.** Season-ending competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate rowing championship events for which the institution is qualified and eligible to participate *(e.g., Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships)*;

[17.16.5.3-(c) through 17.16.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.16.4 unchanged.]

[17.16.6 through 17.16.9 unchanged.]

O. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.17, as follows:

17.17 Rugby, Women’s. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. *(See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)*

[17.17.1 through 17.17.4 unchanged.]

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.17.5.1 through 17.17.5.2 unchanged.]

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of rugby dates of competition shall exclude the following:

[17.17.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) **National Governing Body Championship Season-Ending Event.** Competition in the rugby national governing body championship **one season-ending event** *(e.g., rugby national governing body championship)*. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

[17.17.5.3-(c) through 17.17.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.17.4 unchanged.]

[17.17.6 through 17.17.8 unchanged.]

P. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. *(See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)*

[17.18.1 through 17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.18.5.1 through 17.18.5.2 unchanged.]

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following:

(a) **Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing:**

(a b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event** *(e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) **NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Skiing Championships;** and

(2) **Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing;**

[17.18.5.3-(b) through 17.18.5.3-(g) relettered as 17.18.5.3-(c) through 17.18.5.3-(h), unchanged.]

[17.18.4 unchanged.]

[17.18.6 through 17.18.9 unchanged.]

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Q. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.4 unchanged.]

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.19.5.1 through 17.19.5.2 unchanged.]

17.19.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of soccer contests and dates of competition shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.19.3.1):

[17.19.5.3-(a) through 17.19.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments Event.** **Competition in one-season ending event (e.g., NCAA championship).** A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Soccer Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) soccer championship;

[17.19.5.3-(d) through 17.19.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.19.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.19.6 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

R. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.20, as follows:

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

[17.20.1 through 17.20.4 unchanged.]

17.20.5 Number of Contests.

[17.20.5.1 through 17.20.5.2 unchanged.]

17.20.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of softball contests shall exclude the following:

[17.20.5.3-(a) through 17.20.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) **Season-Ending Tournaments Event.** **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship).** A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship;

(2) **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) softball championship;

[17.20.5.3-(d) through 17.20.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.20.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.20.6 through 17.20.8 unchanged.]

S. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.21, as follows:

17.21 Swimming and Diving. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.4 unchanged.]

17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.21.5.1 through 17.21.5.2 unchanged.]
17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following:

[17.21.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships).** A **season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:**

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) swimming championships; and

(3) College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational. Competition in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational.

[17.21.5.3-(c) through 17.21.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.21.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.21.6 through 17.21.9 unchanged.]

**T. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22, as follows:

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

[17.22.1 through 17.22.4 unchanged.]

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.22.5.1 through 17.22.5.2 unchanged.]

17.22.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following:

[17.22.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships).** A **season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:**

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Tennis Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tennis championships;

[17.22.5.3-(c) through 17.22.5.3-(i) unchanged.]

[17.22.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.22.6 through 17.22.8 unchanged.]

**U. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field 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 Dates of Competition.

[17.23.5.1 through 17.23.5.2 unchanged.]

17.23.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field shall exclude the following:

[17.23.5.3-(a) unchanged.]
(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships).** A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

1. **NCAA Championships.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships;

2. **NAIA Championships.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) indoor and outdoor track and field championships;

[17.23.5.3-(c) through 17.23.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.23.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.23.6 through 17.23.9 unchanged.]

V. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 Triathlon, Women’s. Regulations for computing the triathlon playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.24.1 through 17.24.4 unchanged.]

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.24.5.1 through 17.24.5.2 unchanged.]

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon shall exclude the following:

[17.24.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Championship Event. Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women’s triathlon—season-ending event (e.g., national intercollegiate championship). A season-ending tournament event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.24.5.3-(c) through 17.24.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.24.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.24.6 through 17.24.9 unchanged.]

W. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.8 unchanged.]

17.25.9 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in volleyball shall exclude the following:

[17.25.9-(a) through 17.25.9-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship).** A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

1. **NCAA Championship.** Competition in the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship or the National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship;

2. **NAIA Championship.** Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) volleyball championship;

[17.25.9-(d) through 17.25.9-(k) unchanged.]

[17.25.10 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

X. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:
17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men’s and women’s water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.26.5.1 through 17.26.5.2 unchanged.]

17.26.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following:

[17.26.5.3-(a) through 17.26.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) NCAA Championship — Men Season-Ending Event -- Men and Women. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s Water Polo Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(d) NCAA Championship — Women. Competition in the National Collegiate Women’s Water Polo Championship;

[17.26.5.3-(e) through 17.26.5.3-(k) relettered as 17.26.5.3-(d) through 17.26.5.3-(j), unchanged.]

[17.26.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.26.6 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Y. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 Wrestling. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.4 unchanged.]

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.27.5.1 through 17.27.5.2 unchanged.]

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling shall exclude the following:

[17.27.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) wrestling championships;

[17.27.5.3-(c) through 17.27.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.27.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.27.6 through 17.27.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current annual exemptions, including those for postseason competition, vary dramatically from one sport to another, which creates an administrative burden for institutional staff charged with overseeing compliance with playing and practice seasons legislation. This proposal would provide a consistent framework for postseason
division in all sports other than basketball and football. This proposal would also allow for more local decision making and institutional autonomy in determining whether to participate in a season-ending event.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal impacts most sport programs in the Division I membership.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would standardize season-ending event exemptions, thereby minimizing monitoring burden.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would standardize season-ending event exemptions across sports and create a more consistent experience. Additionally, this proposal may allow student-athletes who did not qualify for NCAA championships to participate in other season-ending events.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** May permit participation in a season-ending event that was previously not exempted from the playing and practice season.

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-123 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 28 OR 29 CONTESTS AND ONE QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to: (1) 28 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed three contests per institution; (2) 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution; or (3) 29 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per team;

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or

(c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;

(b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution. An event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;
(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period;

(d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;

(e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and

(f) The event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

17.3.5.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions; provided all such institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.42 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. An in women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.42.1; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.42.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. A in women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association, the National Association of Basketball Coaches or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;

(b) The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and

(d) Each participating institution is using Bylaw 17.3.5.42-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.3.5.42.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. An in women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.42-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.3.5.42-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.43.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season
qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests 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. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.3.5.25 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. An in women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than either 27 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.42.1 or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests 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. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[17.3.5.3 through 17.3.5.4 renumbered as 17.3.5.7 through 17.3.5.8, unchanged.]

[17.3.6 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Qualifying regular-season multiple-team events are an integral part of the Division I men's basketball season and provide an opportunity for quality nonconference competition and experiences. Ninety-two percent of men's basketball teams participated in a multiple-team event in 2018-19. This proposal does not increase or decrease the maximum number of contests but would modernize the legislation and better reflect the original intent. Under the current legislation, questions and issues often arise related to a fourth game. Fourth games have generally been "tack on" games and have included institutions that were not part of the main event. This proposal provides flexibility for institutions to schedule an additional regular season game against an opponent of choice at a preferred time and location. Survey results show that approximately two-thirds of responding conferences prefer this structure.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Multiple-team events are nationally significant in men's basketball.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide a more consistent experience for student-athletes participating in multiple-team events.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on an institution's schedule.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-124 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that each year one contest played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body as a U.S. national team may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:
17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 through 17.3.5.2 unchanged.]

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.3.5.3-(a) through 17.3.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) U.S. National Team -- Women's Basketball. One contest against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in women's basketball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

[17.3.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.3.6 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal aligns with the 2019-2024 Women's Basketball Strategic Plan in relation to growing the game and collaborating with other organizations to help promote the growth of women's basketball. This proposal also provides an opportunity to highlight the U.S. national team, which is comprised of former student-athletes. A legislative relief waiver was approved in summer 2019 to permit eight women's basketball teams to compete in an additional exhibition contest against the U.S. national team during the 2019-20 academic year as the national team prepares for the 2020 Olympic Games.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would add an annual exemption that does not increase monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would promote the growth of women's basketball by highlighting the U.S. national team and providing current student-athletes the opportunity to participate in elite-level competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost of one additional contest in a year in which the exemption is used.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time to participate in one additional contest in a year in which the exemption is used.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-125 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S GOLF -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- AUGUSTA NATIONAL WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Intent: In women's golf, to exempt the Augusta National Women's Amateur from the maximum dates of competition and the declared playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
17.11.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.11.1.1 Exception -- Augusta National Women's Amateur. Participation in the Augusta National Women's Amateur is excluded from an institution's 144-day season.

[17.11.1.1 renumbered as 17.11.1.2, unchanged.]

[17.11.2 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.5.2-(a) through 17.11.5.2-(k) unchanged.]

(l) College All-American Golf Classic. Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition; and

(m) East Lake Cup. Competition in the East Lake Cup; and


[17.11.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.11.6 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would provide a significant and lasting growth opportunity for women's golf and a memorable experience for participants. The event is played at the legendary host venue of the Masters Tournament the week before the start of the Masters and is broadcast live via NBC Sports linear networks and distributed on digital platforms around the world. There would be no budget impact for participating teams because the tournament host provides associated expenses.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would eliminate some monitoring burden associated with a student-athlete's participation in the event.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would help grow women's golf and give student-athletes an additional opportunity to play in elite competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): For those who are selected, time spent participating in the event.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

Intent: In water polo, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 21 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in water polo during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.5.3 and 17.26.5.4.

[17.26.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.26.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student 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.

[17.26.5.3 through 17.26.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.26.6 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, an institution is permitted 21 dates of competition, which may be divided between the championship and nonchampionship segments as the institution chooses. Under the current legislation, programs are struggling to establish a competitive championship segment while also saving playing dates to help develop student-athletes in the nonchampionship segment. This proposal would enhance the student-athlete experience and the development of student-athletes in the nonchampionship segment. The proposed structure is similar to that of other sports, including volleyball, baseball and soccer.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is significant to all institutions that sponsor water polo.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide student-athletes with additional opportunities to develop and compete during the nonchampionship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; cost associated with up to four additional dates of competition.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Variable; time associated with up to four additional dates of competition.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:
No. 2019-127 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- 4-2-4 TRANSFER PARTICIPATING IN JUNE EVENT

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that the outside competition legislation does not apply to a 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athlete participating in a June intercollegiate event.

Bylaws: Amend 17.31.2, as follows:

17.31.2 Outside Competition -- Basketball. A student-athlete who participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition in accordance with the permissible playing season specified in Bylaw 17.3 becomes ineligible for any further intercollegiate competition in basketball (see Bylaws 17.31.3 and 17.31.4 for exceptions and waivers).

[17.31.2.1 unchanged.]

17.31.2.2 Individual Subject to Outside-Competition Regulations. Once a student-athlete becomes a candidate for the institution's basketball team (has reported for the squad), or if the student was recruited by a member institution in part for basketball ability and subsequently enrolls in the institution, this prohibition against outside organized basketball competition remains applicable until the student-athlete's intercollegiate basketball eligibility has been exhausted. This includes time while the student is officially withdrawn from college, fulfilling a residence requirement after transfer to another college, awaiting transfer or enrolled in a nonmember collegiate institution.

17.31.2.2.1 Exception -- 4-2-4 Transfer Participating in June Intercollegiate Event. The outside competition legislation does not apply to a 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athlete participating in a June intercollegiate event (see Bylaw 13.1.7.5.3).

[17.31.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current outside competition legislation continues to apply to a basketball student-athlete even if he or she has transferred to a nonmember institution. This proposal would codify a waiver that was approved for events in the summer of 2019 and allow a 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athlete to participate in June two-year college events that are approved by an applicable two-year college governing body.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Men's basketball summer recruiting legislation is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow 4-2-4 transfer prospective student-athletes to participate in the June intercollegiate events and gain additional exposure to collegiate coaches.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

Infractions Program
Intent: To increase, from five to seven, the number of members of the NCAA Division I Infractions Appeals Committee; further, to specify that at least two members must be from the general public and shall not be connected with a collegiate institution, conference or professional or similar organization.

Bylaws: Amend 19.4, as follows:

19.4 Infractions Appeals Committee.

19.4.1 Composition of Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Infractions Appeals Committee to act as appellate hearing officers for appeals from decisions involving Level I or Level II violations by the Committee on Infractions. The committee shall be comprised of seven members. At least two members shall be from the general public and shall not be connected with a collegiate institution, conference, or professional or similar sports organization, or represent coaches or athletes in any capacity. The remaining members shall presently or previously be on the staff of an active member institution or member conference, but shall not serve presently on the Board of Directors. There shall be no subdivision restrictions except that all nonpublic members may not be from the same subdivision. The committee shall reflect the Association’s commitment to diversity.

[19.4.2 through 19.4.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: An increase in the number of members of the Infractions Appeals Committee will assist in the continued efficient and effective processing of infractions appeals cases. Over the last few years, the number of infractions appeals cases has increased. This has resulted in an increase in the chance that a committee member will have a conflict which may require recusal from a case. It has been increasingly common for the Infractions Appeals Committee members to have to disclose a potential conflict to the parties and/or recuse themselves from an infractions appeals cases due to an actual conflict (e.g., previous connection or employment at institution, institution in the same conference, etc.). While the Infractions Appeals Committee may use former Infractions Appeals Committee members as substitutes, many of the former members are unavailable to serve as a substitute. Further, the implementation of the Independent Accountability Resolution Process has created a new opportunity for a committee member to have to recuse themselves from an infractions appeals case.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The efficient and effective processing of infractions appeals cases is consequential.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The efficient and effective processing of infractions appeals cases ultimately supports student-athlete well-being.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost associated with two additional committee members.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-129 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM – PENALTIES -- CORE PENALTIES FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II VIOLATIONS -- $25,000 FINANCIAL PENALTY

Intent: To increase, from $5,000 to $25,000, the minimum core financial penalty in infractions cases involving one or more Level I or Level II violations.

Bylaws: Amend 19, as follows:
19 Infractions Program.
[19.01 through 19.8 unchanged.]

19.9 Penalties.
[19.9.1 through 19.9.4 unchanged.]

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6.

[19.9.5.1 through 19.9.5.7 unchanged.]

[19.9.6 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

[19.10 through 19.13 unchanged.]

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Alternative financial penalty

Impose this penalty if greater than percent of budget fine + $5,000.

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**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Enforcement/Infractions Process Working Group)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Infractions Program

**Rationale:** The Commission on College Basketball recommended significant increases in core penalties to deter violations. In making this recommendation, the commission emphasized that the rewards of violations currently outweigh the risks. The current $5,000 minimum, which has been in place for decades and is based on the maximum fine for Level III (previously secondary) violations in most cases, no longer sufficiently deters violations. A $20,000 increase in the minimum financial penalty will hold institutions more accountable for Level I and Level II violations. The increase will also help deter violations and reverse the calculation that the rewards of violations outweigh the risks. In cases in which there may be extenuating circumstances, a hearing panel would have discretion to not prescribe the full $25,000 fine. Current legislation allows a hearing panel to impose an additional fine based on a percentage (up to 5% based on mitigation or aggravation) of the total budget for the particular sport program in which the violation occurred.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

No. 2019-130 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- CORE PENALTIES FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II VIOLATIONS -- VACATION OF RECORDS

**Intent:** To specify that if a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations that resulted in a student-athlete competing while ineligible, the penalty of vacation of records shall be prescribed for the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed.

**Bylaws:** Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infractions Program.

[19.01 through 19.8 unchanged.]

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 through 19.9.4 unchanged.]

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6.

[19.9.5.1 through 19.9.5.7 unchanged.]

19.9.5.8 Vacation of Records. The hearing panel shall prescribe vacation of records of contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

(a) Vacation of individual records and performances;

(b) Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or

(c) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

[19.9.6 unchanged.]

19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties:
(g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

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(3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

[19.9.7-(h) through 19.9.7-(l) relettered as 19.9.7-(g) through 19.9.7-(k), unchanged.]

[19.9.8 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

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Financial Penalties: Fine based on participation in NCAA championship and other postseason contexts in which an ineligible student-athlete competed (see Bylaw 19.5.2.1)

Financial Penalties: Negate revenue from sport program for years in which violations occurred

Financial Penalties: Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary distribution for sports sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid

Financial Penalties: Loss of all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including NCAA Men's Basketball Championship) for entire period of postseason ban

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Source: NCAA Division I Council (Enforcement/Infractions Process Working Group)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: The Commission on College Basketball recommended significant increases in core penalties to deter violations. An institution is at a disadvantage when it competes against another institution for which an ineligible student-athlete is participating. The vacation of records penalty is designed to remedy this disadvantage. The current legislation permits the Committee on Infractions to prescribe, as an optional additional penalty, vacation of records of contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competed. The Committee on Infractions has used this legislative authority to prescribe vacation in the overwhelming majority of cases that involve ineligible competition under the current penalty structure. The Infractions Appeals Committee has upheld this penalty in every case it has reviewed under the current structure. Making vacation a core penalty—instead of an optional additional penalty—in cases in which ineligible participation occurs is consistent with how the Committee on Infractions has historically prescribed the penalty, provides additional transparency and reinforces for the membership that the penalty is appropriate. In addition, this proposal appropriately holds institutions more accountable for Level I and Level II violations. Although vacation of records would be a core penalty, if there are extenuating circumstances relating to ineligible competition, a hearing panel would have discretion to not prescribe the penalty.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
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History:

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**Division Membership**

No. 2019-131 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP; PERSONNEL, AMATEURISM, FINANCIAL AID, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN – WOMEN’S ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

**Intent:** To add women's acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

[11.01 through 11.6 unchanged.]

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

[11.7.1 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

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[All other sports unchanged.]
11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 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:

11.7.6.2.3 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, an institution may use the services of two volunteer coaches.

B. Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15 Financial Aid

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

C. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

17.02.18-(a) through 17.02.18-(c) unchanged.

17.02.18.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:
17.2 Acrobatics and Tumbling. Regulations for computing the acrobatics and tumbling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in acrobatics and tumbling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in acrobatics and tumbling prior to the institution's first day of classes for the fall term.

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling prior to February 1.

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in acrobatics and tumbling by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships.

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling during the institution's acrobatic and tumbling playing season to twelve dates of competition, which may not include not more than two triangular meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.2.5.3 and 17.2.5.4.

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than twelve dates of competition (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 team of the institution).

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship;

(b) Season-Ending Event. Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Contest. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Fundraising Activity. Any acrobatics and tumbling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs; provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(f) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's acrobatics and tumbling team who participate in local celebrity acrobatics and tumbling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

   (1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;
   
   (2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and
   
   (3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for acrobatics and tumbling as a U.S. national team; and
(h) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

17.2.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.2.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

17.2.6.2 Vacation-Period and Summer Workout Exception. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for the assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when a student-athlete is engaged in individual skill work. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in triathlon who may be employed (e.g., as camp counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in acrobatic and tumbling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside acrobatic and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate acrobatic and tumbling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate acrobatic and tumbling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.32.3 for exceptions).

17.2.9.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in acrobatics and tumbling may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur acrobatic and tumbling team.

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete outside of the season on an outside, amateur acrobatic and tumbling team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.9.1.1).

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.30 and 17.32.3.

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

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the development program;
(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the development program; and

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

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issues, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.2 through 17.31 renumbered as 17.3 through 17.32, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.4, as follows:

20.02.4 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

(a) Team Sports: acrobatics and tumbling, and rugby; and

[20.02.4-(b) unchanged.]

[20.02.4.1 through 20.02.4.2 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 20.9.6.3, as follows:

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

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[All other sports unchanged.]

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

[20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 unchanged.]

20.9.6.3.10 Acrobatics and Tumbling. In acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and triangular meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Triangular meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two triangular meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests.

[20.9.6.3.10 renumbered as 20.9.6.3.11, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: The sport's potential for growth and support from the sport's national governing body supports this recommendation. In addition, acrobatics and tumbling leadership demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of an NCAA sport student-athlete and how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes are fully integrated into athletics departments. Further, the existing organizational structure and bylaws support efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into current operations. Acrobatics and tumbling is structured as a team sport, however due to the safety and well-being of student-athletes the length of the playing season has been extended to 144-days. Allowing the extended time permits safe skill progression as student-athletes train for competition. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to provide robust participation opportunities during the regular season and postseason, including the national championship.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Position Statement(s):
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No. 2019-132 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PERSONNEL, AMATEURISM, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Intent: To add women's wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

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

11.7.6 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than graduate assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.3 and 11.01.4, student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.01.5 and volunteer coaches per Bylaw 11.01.6) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

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[All other sports unchanged.]  

11.7.6.1 through 11.7.6.2 unchanged.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.13, as follows:

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

13.17.13.1.8 Men's Wrestling. The following dead periods apply to men's wrestling:

(a) The day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships; and

(b) The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

13.17.13.1.9 Women's Wrestling. The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

[13.17.13.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15 Financial Aid

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.
15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.5.3.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.1.2 Women’s Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women’s sports:

Wrestling 10

[All other sports unchanged.]

[15.5.3.1.3 unchanged.]

[15.5.3.2 unchanged.]

[15.5.4 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution’s president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

[17.02.18-(a) through 17.02.18-(c) unchanged.]

[17.02.18.1 unchanged.]

17.02.18.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Women’s Bowling Gymnastics Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
Cross Country Rifle Women’s Triathlon
Women’s Equestrian Skiing Wrestling
Fencing Swimming and Diving
Golf Tennis

[17.02.19 through 17.02.20 unchanged.]

[17.1 through 17.26 unchanged.]

17.27 Men’s Wrestling. Regulations for computing the men’s wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in men’s wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.27.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men’s wrestling prior to October 10.

17.27.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men’s wrestling prior to November 1.

17.27.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in men’s wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men’s wrestling during the permissible men’s wrestling playing season to 16 dates of
competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.5.3 and 17.27.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.27.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met:

[17.27.5.1.1-(a) through 17.27.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

17.27.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in men's wrestling 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.27.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in men's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.27.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student 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.

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in wrestling (or the tournament used to determine the conference’s automatic entries in the NCAA men's wrestling championships);

[17.27.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) men's wrestling championships;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in men's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition in men's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

[17.27.5.3-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any men's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from a member institution’s men's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity men's wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

[17.27.5.3-(g)-(1) through 17.27.5.3-(g)-(3) unchanged.]

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for men's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) NWCA All-Star Meet. One date of competition in men's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and

[17.27.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.27.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.27.6 unchanged.]

17.27.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution’s regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-
athlete is engaged in men's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.27.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in men's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in men's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside men's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate men's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31.3 for exceptions).

[17.27.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.27.9.1.1.1).

17.27.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's men's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1.2.2, 29 and 31.3.

[17.27.9.2 unchanged.]

17.28 Women's Wrestling. Regulations for computing the women's wrestling playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in women's wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.28.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's wrestling prior to October 10.

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's wrestling prior to November 1.

17.28.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.28.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's wrestling during the permissible women's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.28.5.3 and 17.28.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.28.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met:

(a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and

(b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.
17.28.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's wrestling 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 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.28.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 10 dates of competitions in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.28.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student 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.

17.28.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's wrestling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament;

(b) Season-Ending Event. Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

(e) Hawaii or Alaska. Any dates of competition in Hawaii or Alaska, respectively, against an active Division I institution located in Hawaii or Alaska, by a member located outside the area in question;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any women's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's women's wrestling team who participate in local celebrity wrestling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of the participation;

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) NWCA All-Star Meet. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and


17.28.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.

17.28.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.28.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

17.28.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.
17.28.6.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach's team during any institutional vacation period and/or summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

17.28.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in women's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.28.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camp or clinics.

17.28.9 Other Restrictions.

17.28.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31.3 for exceptions).

17.28.9.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five.

17.28.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.28.9.1.1.1).

17.28.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.28 and 17.31.3.

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

(a) the national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;
(b) the national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and
(c) a committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.28.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.28 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.29 through 17.31, unchanged.]

17.32 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

17.32.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

[17.31.1.1 renumbered as 17.32.1.1, unchanged.]
17.32.1.2 Exception -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2.

[17.31.1.3 through 17.31.1.8 renumbered as 17.32.1.3 through 17.32.1.8, unchanged.]

17.32.1.8.1 Exception -- No Competition Before November 1 -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.

[17.31.1.9 through 17.31.1.12 renumbered as 17.32.1.9 through 17.32.1.12, unchanged.]

[17.31.2 through 17.31.5 renumbered as 17.32.2 through 17.32.5, unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.4, as follows:

20.02.4 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

(a) Team Sports: rugby; and

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian and triathlon and wrestling.

[20.02.4.1 through 20.02.4.2 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 20.9.6.3, as follows:

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

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[All other sports unchanged.]

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

[20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.10 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

21 Committees.

[21.02 through 21.2 unchanged.]

21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

[21.3.1 through 21.3.13 unchanged.]

21.3.14 Men's Wrestling Rules Committee. The Men's Wrestling Rules Committee shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.3.14-(a) through 21.3.14-(b) unchanged.]

[21.4 through 21.7 unchanged.]

21.7.2 Representation. No subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee unless approved by a vote of at least 85 percent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, the Council and football-related committees are not subject to this requirement.

21.7.2.1 Exception. The following committees shall not be subject to the requirement that no subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee:
[21.7.2.1-(a) through 21.7.2.1-(p) unchanged.]

(q) **Men's** Wrestling Committee.

[21.7.3 through 21.7.5 unchanged.]

21.7.6 Committees Reporting to the Council. The total composition of the seven standing committees of the Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Competition Oversight Committee, Football Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee) shall consist of approximately 95 members, as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. The composition of other committees that report to the Council is set forth below.

[21.7.6.1 through 21.7.6.2 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3 Competition Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Competition Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.

21.7.6.3.1 Sports Committees.

[21.7.6.3.1.1 through 21.7.6.3.1.2 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3.1.3 Committees with Championships Administration and Sports Issues Responsibilities. These sports committees shall be responsible for administering the Division I championships or National Collegiate Championships in the applicable sport. Those committees that administer National Collegiate Championships may include representatives from member institutions in Divisions II and III. Those committees administering Division I championships may meet with committees administering championships in the same sport in other divisions as appropriate for the efficient administration of the championships.

[21.7.6.3.1.3.1 through 21.7.6.3.1.3.23 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3.1.3.24 **Men's** Wrestling Committee. The **Men's** Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members.

[21.7.6.3.2 unchanged.]

[21.7.6.4 unchanged.]

21.7.7 through 21.7.8 unchanged.

I. **Administrative**: Amend 31.3.4.6, as follows:

31.3.4.6 Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows:

[31.3.4.6-(a) through 31.3.4.6-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Other Individual Sports – cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, tennis and **men's** wrestling. In this category, a sports committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

**Source**: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

**Effective Date**: August 1, 2020

**Category**: Amendment

**Topical Area**: Division Membership

**Rationale**: The continued growth in high school girls wrestling and the number of collegiate institutions sponsoring the sport support this recommendation. In addition, the sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor. There is a commitment at the collegiate level to increase participation opportunities for a more diverse population of student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic status and body size and type), as well as to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women's wrestling.

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

**Estimated Budget Impact**: Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Position Statement(s):
None

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No. 2019-133 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- MULTIDIVISION CLASSIFICATION -- COMPLIANCE REVIEW REQUIREMENT -- PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE

Intent: To remove the penalties for a multidivisional institution's failure to complete a compliance review from the legislation; further, to specify that the penalty structure and timeline for such a failure shall be maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows:

20 Division Membership

[20.01 through 20.2 unchanged.]

20.4 Multidivision Classification/Reclassification of Football Subdivision.

[20.4.1 through 20.4.3 unchanged.]

20.4.4 Compliance Review Requirement. At least once every four years, an active multidivisional institution must engage in a compliance review (at the institution's expense) conducted by an authority outside the athletics department (e.g., Division I multisport conference, outside consultant), subject to approval by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. A copy of the report of the compliance review must be submitted to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

20.4.4.1 Failure to Meet Deadline. A multidivisional institution that fails to complete a compliance review and submit a copy of the report to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee by the end of each four-year period shall be subject to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, be fined $500. An additional $500 shall be imposed if the institution fails to complete the compliance review and submit the report within six months of the end of the applicable four-year period. If the compliance review is not completed and the report submitted within one year of the end of the applicable four-year period, the institution shall be placed in restricted membership status, pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.3, for the following academic year. The institution may be removed from restricted membership status for the following academic year, provided the compliance review is completed and the report is received and approved.

20.4.4.1.1 Waiver. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee may grant a waiver of the penalties in Bylaw 20.4.4.1 based on extenuating circumstances that prevent the completion of the compliance review and submission of the report.

[20.5 through 20.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: Removing the specific penalties from the legislation and enabling the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee to establish and maintain the fine structure and timeline in its policies and procedures allows for more nimble reactions to changes in the divisional financial environment, as well as any legislated changes. The initial values and timeline of the penalty structure will be consistent with those currently legislated.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is consequential for multidivisional institutions.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Student-athlete success and well-being are supported when multidivisional institutions complete the required compliance reviews.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

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**Executive Regulations**

No. 2019-134 EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Intent:** To move the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to NCAA policy.

**Administrative:** Amend 31.1, as follows:

31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.

[31.1.1 through 31.1.13 unchanged.]

**31.1.14 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities.** The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.

**31.1.14.1 Advertising.** Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases in which doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however, the following expressly are prohibited:

(a) Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below);

(b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products; and

(c) Organizations promoting gambling.

**31.1.14.1.1 Malt Beverages, Beer and Wine Advertisements.** Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials).

**31.1.14.1.2 Sponsorships.** A championships activity or promotion may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies at any time.

**31.1.14.1.2.1 Professional Sports Organizations.** A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an NCAA championship competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. The NCAA may receive financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a specific NCAA championship competition event, including ancillary activities and promotions.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Executive Regulations
**Rationale:** Moving the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to policies and procedures would offer an opportunity to keep the Association's policies more current and consistent, and offer the flexibility to align them with those of other athletics organizations. If removed from the legislation, the policies and procedures would be included in championships handbooks. The NCAA Board of Governors discussed NCAA championships advertising and restrictions and supports appropriate modifications.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The proposal would not impact monitoring burdens or enforcibility.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** Not applicable.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Potential for increase in revenue from NCAA championships depending on updates to policies.

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

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress