
Recruiting

No. 2025-19 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS AND SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- DEFINITION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to modify the definition of a prospective student-athlete for purposes of the tryouts and camps and clinics legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

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[13.01 through 13.02 unchanged.]

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

[13.1.1 through 13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.16 unchanged.]

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

[13.1.7.18 through 13.1.7.19 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.10 unchanged.]

13.11 Tryouts.

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

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

[13.11.1.3 through 13.11.1.15 unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

13.12 Sports Camps and Clinics.

13.12.1 Institution's Sports Camps and Clinics.

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

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

[13.12.1.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

[13.13 through 13.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The current recruiting environment in men's college basketball is focused primarily on Division I transfer and high school prospective student-athletes and, as a result, the recruitment of younger athletes has significantly declined over the last two years. Given current recruiting trends, the rules that define seventh and eighth graders as prospective student-athletes for the purposes of camps and clinics and tryouts seem unnecessary and overly restrict this population of students from participating in on-campus activities. Changing the definition of a prospective student-athlete to an individual who has begun classes for the ninth grade will allow for more on-campus opportunities for seventh and eighth graders to attend camps and clinics throughout the year and may be beneficial for college basketball as it would allow institutions to generate goodwill within their communities. Finally, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Engagement Group and National Association of Basketball Coaches support this recommendation.

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 30, 2025: In Progress

Ethical Conduct

No. 2025-20 ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Intent: To eliminate the prohibition on wagering on professional sports.

Bylaws: Amend 10, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

10 Ethical Conduct

[10.01 unchanged.]

10.02 Definitions and Applications.

10.02.1 Sports Wagering. Sports wagering includes placing, accepting or soliciting a wager (on a staff member's or student-athlete's own behalf or on the behalf of others) of any type with any individual or organization on any intercollegiate, or amateur ~~or professional~~ team or contest. Examples of sports wagering include, but are not limited to, the use of a bookmaker or parlay card; internet sports wagering; auctions in which bids are placed on teams, individuals or contests; and pools or fantasy leagues in which an entry fee is required and there is an opportunity to win a prize.

[10.02.2 unchanged.]

[10.1 through 10.2 unchanged.]

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, or amateur ~~or professional~~ athletics competition:

- (a) Staff members of an institution's athletics department;
- (b) Nonathletics department staff members who have responsibilities within or over the athletics department (e.g., chancellor or president, faculty athletics representative, individual to whom athletics reports);
- (c) Staff members of a conference office; and
- (d) Student-athletes.

10.3.1 Scope of Application. The prohibition against sports wagering applies to any institutional practice or any intercollegiate or amateur competition (~~intercollegiate, amateur or professional~~) in a sport in which the Association conducts championship competition, in bowl subdivision football and in emerging sports for women.

[10.3.1.1 unchanged.]

[10.3.2 unchanged.]

[10.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Ethical Conduct

Rationale: Protecting the integrity of intercollegiate athletics is paramount and the rules prohibiting wagering activities involving intercollegiate athletics activities must remain in place; however, based on the current legal and regulatory landscape, NCAA legislation should not prohibit wagering on professional sports. In addition, currently, 38 states (plus Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico) offer legal sports betting in some format. There are 30 states that have online sports betting via either smartphone apps or websites. The most recent data on sports wagering by student-athletes indicate that 21% of men's sports student-athletes across all divisions violated NCAA bylaws within the previous year by wagering on sports for money (over 10% reported wagering on sports once per month or more). Over 5% of women's sports student-athletes reported wagering on sports in the past year. With the implementation of the House settlement and changes to the governance structure on the horizon, it is appropriate to deregulate NCAA legislation in areas that do not require national standards. Finally, this change will allow NCAA enforcement efforts related to sports wagering to focus on behaviors that directly impact the integrity of intercollegiate athletics.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes, the sports wagering legislation is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by eliminating prohibitions that do not impact the integrity of intercollegiate athletics and providing opportunities for student-athletes to seek help for problem gambling without fear of losing eligibility for competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Jul 30, 2025: In Progress