No. 1- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

Intent: In flag football, to establish a National Collegiate Championship; further, to establish a women's flag football committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 7.02.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

7.02.2 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women:

(a) Team Sport~~s~~: ~~*flag football and*~~ rugby; and

[7.02.2-(b) unchanged.]

[7.02.2.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 7.3.2.1, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote, Roll Call]

7.3.2.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. An active member institution in good standing, regardless of division, is eligible for the National Collegiate Championships, if a division championship in the respective sport is not offered in its division. Such an institution is required to meet only the institutional and individual eligibility requirements of its division that govern the sport in question. Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports:

Women's acrobatics and tumbling
Women's beach volleyball
Women's bowling
Men's fencing
Women's fencing
Women's flag football
Men's gymnastics
Women's gymnastics
Women's ice hockey
Men's and women's rifle
Men's and women's skiing
Women's stunt
Men's volleyball
Men's and women's water polo
Women's wrestling

[7.3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 8.8, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote, Roll Call]

8.8 Common Committees -- Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities.

[8.8.1 through 8.8.4 unchanged.]

8.8.5 Flag Football Committee, Women's. The Women's Flag Football Committee shall consist of six voting members and one Division I student-athlete as a nonvoting member. The committee may include additional nonvoting members. The committee shall include at least one voting representative from each division.

[8.8.5 through 8.8.10 renumbered as 8.8.6 through 8.8.11, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 18.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote, Roll Call]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~*94*~~**95** national championships. There are ~~*15*~~**16** National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 9.3.10 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (~~*15*~~**16**).

Men (4)	Men and Women (2)	Women (~~9~~10)
Fencing	Rifle	Acrobatics and Tumbling
Gymnastics	Skiing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)		Bowling
Water Polo		Fencing
		Flag Football
		Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Stunt
		Water Polo
		Wrestling (Divisions I and II)

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (NCAA Committee on Access, Opportunity, and Impact).

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Flag football has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since January 2026. In spring 2026, based on unofficial data, 40 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports sponsorship requirements, putting the sport at the legislative required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 130 member institutions have indicated their intent to sponsor flag football during the 2026-27 academic year, demonstrating continued growth. Sponsorship of flag football as an NCAA championship is expected to further accelerate interest and participation. The NCAA's continued focus and investment in expanding women's sports, investing in championship opportunities, and strengthening the NCAA's media rights agreements make this an opportune time to elevate a new women's sport. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), youth and K-12 participation have grown significantly, with girls' high school flag football experiencing a 60% year-over-year growth. NFHS also reported that there were approximately 69,000 reported high school participants in 2024-25. Flag football attracts a varied recruiting pool of student-athletes and has relatively low barriers to entry. Flag football will be an Olympic sport in 2028, and a professional league is expected to begin operations in 2027.

No. 1- FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- EQUIVALENCY SPORTS -- MAXIMUM EQUIVALENCY LIMITS -- MEN'S SPORTS -- OVERALL LIMIT -- ELIMINATION OF OVERALL LIMIT

Intent: In all men's sports other than football and basketball, to eliminate the limit of 60 total awards in any academic year.

Bylaws: Amend 15.4.2.1.1.1, as follows:

[Division Dominant provision, Division II, Roll Call]

~~*15.4.2.1.1.1 Overall Limit. An institution shall not provide more than an equivalent of 60 total awards in all men's sports other than football and basketball in any academic year.*~~

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Legislation Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Rationale: Following the adoption of the new constitution at the 2022 Convention, the NCAA Division II President's Council, now named the NCAA Division II Executive Board, established the NCAA Division II Implementation Committee, which was charged with starting and leading the work to review the division's rules and policies and make recommendations to ensure that changes were consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution. The NCAA Division II Legislation Committee was tasked with reviewing various bylaws, which included Bylaw 15. Currently, an institution may not provide more than 60 total awards in all men's sports other than football and basketball in any academic year. This proposal does not change team equivalency limits and institutions will remain responsible for adhering to Title IX requirements. Finally, Division I previously had an overall equivalency limit in Division I men's sports, but that limit was eliminated in 1985.

No. 1- DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS -- MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Intent: In men's volleyball, to establish a Division II Men's Volleyball Championship; further, to establish an NCAA Division II Men's Volleyball Committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend Figure 8-2, as follows: *(Immediate)*

[Division II, Roll Call]

Figure 8.2 Sports Committee Membership

FIGURE 8-2
Division II Sports Committee
Membership

Committee	Number of Members
Baseball Committee	8
Basketball Committee, Men's	8
Basketball Committee, Women's	8
Bowling Committee, Women's	5, including a secretary-rules editor, who shall be a nonvoting member.^
Cross Country Committee, Men's and Women's	8, four members shall represent men's cross-country interests, four members shall represent women's cross-country interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II cross-country regions.
Field Hockey Committee	4
Football Committee	8, consisting of two representatives from each of the four Division II football regions and each member shall represent a different member conference or independent institution.
Golf Committee, Men's	4
Golf Committee, Women's	4
Lacrosse Committee, Men's	4, each of the Division II lacrosse regions shall be represented.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's	4, consisting of equal representation from each region.
Rowing Committee, Women's	3
Soccer Committee, Men's	8
Soccer Committee, Women's	8
Softball Committee, Women's	8
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's	5, two members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests, and two members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with one position allocated for a man, and one position allocated for a woman with one additional member representing diving interests.
Tennis Committee, Men's and Women's	8, consisting of three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two unallocated positions.
Track and Field, Men's and Women's	8, four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with three positions allocated for men, three positions allocated for women, and two positions unallocated. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division II track and field regions*.
Volleyball Committee, Men's	**4^**
Volleyball Committee, Women's	8
Wrestling Committee, Men's	6

^ ~~*The Women's Bowling Committee s*~~**S**hall have playing rules and championships administration responsibilities.

* The Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee shall be responsible for the Division II indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows: *(August 1, 2028)*

[Division II, Roll Call]

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.1 unchanged.]

17.1.4 Sports Subject to Segment Limitations. Playing-season-segment limitations are applicable to all team sports that are listed in Bylaw 17.02.16.1 and all individual sports listed under Bylaw 17.02.16.2. In those sports for which the National Collegiate Championship is the only NCAA championships opportunity (i.e., men's and women's fencing, men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's rifle, men's and women's skiing, ~~*men's volleyball,*~~ men's water polo, women's ice hockey, women's water polo, women's beach volleyball, women's wrestling), an institution's playing season shall be limited to the same length as Division I institutions, and this limitation shall be implied in all following legislative references affecting the sport.

[17.1.5 through 17.1.10 unchanged.]

[17.2 through 17.27 unchanged.]

17.28 Volleyball.

[17.28.1 unchanged.]

17.28.1.1 Length of Playing Season -- ~~*Men*~~**Championship and Nonchampionship Segments -- Men**. The length of an institution's playing season ~~*in volleyball 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 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur*~~**for both segments in men's volleyball shall be limited by the dates and regulations set forth in the remainder of this section.**.

17.28.1.2 ~~*Preseason Practice*~~**First Date of Practice** -- **Championship Segment --** Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's volleyball **in the championship segment** before ~~*September 7*~~**January 10** or the ~~*institution's*~~ first day of classes ~~*for the fall term*~~, whichever is earlier.

17.28.1.3 First Date of Competition -- **Championship Segment --** Men. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's volleyball before ~~*September 7 or the institution's first day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier*~~**February 1**.

17.28.1.3.1 Exception -- February 1 on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday. When February 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment before the Friday preceding February 1.

17.28.1.3.2 Exceptions. The following men's volleyball dates of competition (games or scrimmages) may be conducted any time during the men's volleyball playing and practice season:

(a) Alumni game [see Bylaw 17.28.1.7.3-(d)];

(b) Fundraising activity [see Bylaw 17.28.1.7.3-(f)];

(c) Celebrity sports activity [see Bylaw 17.28.1.7.3-(g)];

(d) Discretionary exemptions (see Bylaw 17.28.1.7.4).

17.28.1.4 End ~~*of Regular Playing Season*~~ **Date of Practice and Competition** -- **Championship Segment --** Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in ~~*volleyball*~~ **the championship segment** by the conclusion of the ~~*National Collegiate Men's Volleyball*~~**NCAA Division II Men's Volleyball** Championship (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.28.1.5 First Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Men. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in outside competition in the nonchampionship segment before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier.

17.28.1.6 End Date of Practice and Competition -- Nonchampionship Segment -- Men. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in the nonchampionship segment not later than November 15.

[17.28.1.5 renumbered as 17.28.1.7, unchanged.]

17.28.1.~~5~~**7**.3 Annual Exemptions -- Men. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's volleyball shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament ~~*in volleyball (or the tournament used to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA Volleyball Championship)*~~**or playoff**;

(b) Independents Championship. Competition in one championship meet or tournament among independent member institutions that are not members of an intercollegiate athletics conference in all sports, or for a specific sport that is not part of a conference, conducted at the end of the championship segment and prior to the NCAA championship;

~~*(b) Conference Playoff. Competition involving member institutions that tie for a conference volleyball championship. Such teams may participate in a single-elimination playoff to determine the conference's automatic entry in an NCAA Volleyball Championship without the date(s) of competition being counted as a postseason tournament;*~~

[17.28.1.5.3-(c) through 17.28.1.5.3-(d) renumbered as 17.28.1.7.3-(c) through 17.28.1.7.3-(d) unchanged.]

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

(~~*f*~~ **e**) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any dates of competition ~~*in volleyball*~~**played** in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico or Canada, by a member institution located outside ~~*the area in question*~~**those locales**;

(~~*g*~~ **f**) Fundraising Activity. Any ~~*volleyball*~~ activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate **(or in individual sports per Bylaw 17.02.16.2, in which team members of that sport 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;

[17.28.1.5.3-(h) relettered as 17.28.1.5.3-(g) renumbered as 17.28.1.7.3-(h) relettered as 17.28.1.7.3-(g), unchanged.]

(~~*i*~~ **h**) U.S. National Team. One 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")*~~**as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport**.

17.28.1.7.4 Discretionary Exemptions -- Men. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in men's volleyball each year. An institution may exempt not more than three from this list annually:

(a) Foreign Team in United States. A date of competition against a foreign team in the United States played in the facility in which the member institution regularly plays its home dates of competition;

(b) Non-Division II Four-Year Collegiate Institution. An exhibition date of competition against non-Division II four-year collegiate institution(s); or

(c) Scrimmages. A scrimmage with outside competition, provided the scrimmage is conducted without official scoring.

17.28.1.7.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.28.1.7.4-(c), official scoring has occurred when either institution participating in the scrimmage satisfies either of the following conditions:

(a) The signing of a scorebook by an official; or

(b) The score is used for individual or seasonal statistics.

[17.28.1.5.4 renumbered as 17.28.1.7.5, unchanged.]

~~*17.28.1.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities -- Men. 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 17.28.1.1, except as permitted in Bylaws 17.1.6.3 and 17.1.6.3.1.*~~

~~*17.28.1.6.1 Summer Practice -- Men. 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 approved by the Management Council. 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.*~~

17.28.1.8 Out-of-Season and Nonchampionship Segment Athletically Related Activities -- Men. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the championship segment, except for the following:

(a) Conditioning, Weight Training and/or Team Activities. Student-athletes shall not engage in conditioning, weight training and/or team activities before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier, in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3; and

(b) Nonchampionship Segment Activities. During the segment in which the NCAA championship does not occur, student-athletes may participate in any practice or competition activity as permitted by other legislation provided such activity is restricted to a period of 45-consecutive calendar days, omitting vacation and examination days officially announced or on days that the institution is closed due to inclement weather, as long as no practice or competition occurs on such days. The 45-consecutive calendar days must be within the dates set forth in Bylaws 17.28.1.5 and 17.28.1.6, and shall not commence prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. (See Bylaws 17.1.6.2 and 17.1.6.6 for daily and weekly hour limitations and required days off.)

17.28.1.8.1 Summer Practice -- Men. 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 approved by the Management Council. 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.

[17.28.1.7 through 17.28.1.8 renumbered as 17.28.1.9 through 17.28.1.10, unchanged.]

[17.28.2 unchanged.]

[17.29 through 17.34 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 18.3, as follows: *(August 1, 2028)*

[Division II, Roll Call]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~*95*~~**96** national championships. There are ~~*15*~~**14** National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are ~~*26*~~**27** Division I championships, ~~*26*~~**27** Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. (See Bylaw 9.3.10 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship.) The current championships are as follows:

[18.3.1 unchanged.]

18.3.2 NCAA Division II Championships (~~*26*~~**27**).

Men (~~*12*~~13)	**Women (14)**
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Bowling
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Field Hockey
Golf	Golf
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Soccer	Rowing
Swimming and Diving	Soccer
Tennis	Softball
Indoor Track and Field	Swimming and Diving

Outdoor Track and Field	Tennis
Wrestling	Indoor Track and Field
Volleyball	Outdoor Track and Field
	Volleyball

D. Bylaws: Amend 18.3.1, as follows: *(August 1, 2028)*

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote, Roll Call]

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (~~15~~**14**).

Men (~~4~~3)	**Men and Women (2)**	**Women (9)**
Fencing	Rifle	Acrobat and Tumbling
Gymnastics	Skiing	Beach Volleyball
~~*Volleyball (Divisions I and II)*~~		Bowling (Divisions I and III)
Water Polo		Fencing
		Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Stunt
		Water Polo
		Wrestling (Divisions I and II)

Source: NCAA Division II Executive Board [Management Council (Championships Committee)].

Effective Date:
Section A: Immediate
Sections B, C, D: August 1, 2028

Rationale: Membership survey results indicate strong support for establishing a Division II-specific championship from the existing National Collegiate championship. Those results indicated that among those institutions that sponsor men's volleyball, there is a strong preference for competing in and winning a Division II championship as opposed to a National Collegiate championship. As of the 2025-26 academic year, 36 Division II institutions sponsored men's volleyball, which triggered a review of whether to establish a Division II Men's Volleyball Championship. The immediate effective date for the formation of a Division II men's volleyball committee will permit the men's volleyball committee to begin its work in January 2027 to prepare for the first Division II championship in spring 2029.

No. 1- ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS -- INSTITUTIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS OPPORTUNITIES

Intent: To amend the name, image and likeness legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.1.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.1.5 Name, Image and Likeness.

[14.1.5.1 unchanged.]

14.1.5.2 Institutional Name, Image and Likeness Agreements. An institution shall not enter into a name, image and likeness agreement or provide direct payment to a student-athlete for use of the student-athlete's name, image or likeness.

[14.1.5.2 renumbered as 14.1.5.3, unchanged.]

14.1.5.4 Employment by Name, Image and Likeness Entity. Institutional athletics department staff members may not be employed by a name, image and likeness entity.

14.1.5.~~3~~**5** Institutional Involvement in Student-Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Opportunities. An institution may provide assistance and services (e.g., identify specific name, image and likeness opportunities, facilitate deals between student-athletes and third parties**, communicate with a name, image and likeness entity regarding specific student-athlete requests/demand for compensation, match specific student-athletes with third-party NIL opportunities**) to a student-athlete pursuing name, image and likeness opportunities, provided:

[14.1.5.3-(a) through 14.1.5.3-(c) renumbered as 14.1.5.5-(a) through 14.1.5.5-(c) unchanged.]

[14.1.5.3.1 renumbered as 14.1.5.5.1, unchanged.]

[14.1.5.4 through 14.1.5.5 renumbered as 14.1.5.6 through 14.1.5.7, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Rationale: Currently, an institution may not communicate with a name, image and likeness (NIL) entity regarding specific student-athlete requests or demands for compensation or encourage the NIL entity to fulfill a student-athlete's request. Further, an institution's athletics department staff members may not assist in matching specific student-athletes with third-party NIL opportunities. Allowing more institutional involvement in student-athlete NIL opportunities will enhance the student-athlete experience by allowing institutions to directly connect student-athletes with available NIL opportunities and provide student-athletes with more support as they navigate potential NIL opportunities. It will remain impermissible for an institution to enter into an NIL agreement or provide payment to a student-athlete. It would also remain impermissible for an institutional athletics staff member to be employed by an NIL entity.

No. 1- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- USE OF LOGOS ON EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND APPAREL

Intent: To permit the placement of additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos on a student-athlete's athletics equipment, uniforms and apparel in non-NCAA championship athletics competition and pregame and postgame activities, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.10, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.1.10 Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the applicable sports playing rules are satisfied and the following criteria are met. [D]

[17.1.10-(a) through 17.1.10-(b) unchanged.]

17.1.10.1 Additional Commercial or Nonprofit Trademarks or Logos. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment and wear a uniform and apparel that includes additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos in athletics competition, pregame activities (e.g., pregame press conference) and postgame activities (e.g., on-court celebration, postgame press conference) pursuant to the following conditions: [D]

(a) Uniforms and Apparel. The entirety of a student-athlete's uniform and apparel may include up to two additional trademarks or logos during competition, up to two additional trademarks or logos during pregame activities for such competition and up to two additional trademarks or logos during postgame activities after such competition.

(b) Equipment. One additional trademark or logo that appears on one single piece of equipment (e.g., shoe, helmet, bat, baseball glove, batting or golf glove, hockey or lacrosse stick, goggles, ski) used by a student-athlete.

(c) Placement of Additional Trademarks or Logos. Additional trademarks and logos shall be placed in a consistent manner on the equipment, uniform and apparel used by each student-athlete of a team. The trademarks and logos shall not interfere with required uniform markings, consistent with applicable playing rules. The placement of the additional trademarks or logos shall be subject to restrictions set forth in the playing rules for the applicable sport.

(d) Size of Additional Trademarks or Logos. Each additional trademark or logo shall not exceed four square inches in area (rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the trademark or logo. The student-athlete's institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel and

equipment shall not bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's trademark or logo that is in addition to another trademark/logo that is contrary to the size restriction.

(e) NCAA Championships Competition. A student-athlete's use of athletics equipment and wearing of a uniform and apparel that includes additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos in NCAA championship competition, pregame activities (e.g., pregame press conference) and postgame activities (e.g., on-court celebration, postgame press conference) is subject to NCAA championships policies. [D]

17.1.10.2 Additional Commercial or Nonprofit Trademark or Logo -- Conference Championship Competition. During conference championship competition, pregame activities (e.g., pregame press conference) and postgame activities (e.g., on-court celebration, postgame press conference), the entirety of a student-athlete's uniform and apparel may include an additional commercial or nonprofit trademark or logo (in addition to the two additional commercial or nonprofit trademarks or logos permitted pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.10.1) subject to the placement and size restrictions in Bylaw 17.1.10.1-(c) and (d). The additional trademark or logo must be the same for pregame activities, competition and postgame activities. [D]

[17.1.10.1 renumbered as 17.1.10.3, unchanged.]

~~*17.1.10.2 Pre- or Postgame Activities. The restriction on the size of a manufacturer's or distributor's logo is applicable to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of the institution's competition, which includes any pre- or postgame activities (e.g., postgame celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences) involving student-athletes.*~~ [D]

[17.1.10.3 through 17.1.10.4 renumbered as 17.1.10.4 through 17.1.10.5, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Legislation Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Rationale: The landscape of intercollegiate athletics has undergone a profound transformation in recent years, driven largely by the opportunities for student-athletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness. This shift has opened the door to new commercial opportunities for student-athletes and institutions alike. Amending these rules would not only reflect the evolving nature of intercollegiate athletics but also provide tangible benefits to athletics programs, student-athletes and the institutions they represent. This proposal applies appropriate limitations on the number and placement of commercial trademarks or logos, striking a balance between tradition and innovation, offering financial and developmental benefits while maintaining the core values of intercollegiate athletics.

No. 1- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- FIRST PERMISSIBLE CONTEST

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition before the Friday preceding the Monday that is 17 weeks before the Division II men's and women's championship selection dates.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.4.3 First Contest. A member institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball before **the Friday preceding** the Monday that is 17 weeks before the Division II men's and women's championship selection dates, except as provided under Bylaw 17.4.3.1.

[17.4.3.1 through 17.4.3.2 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Rationale: Under current legislation an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball before the Monday that is 17 weeks before the Division II men's and women's championship selection date, with a few exceptions. This change will provide institutions with the opportunity to start the basketball season on Friday in order to participate in region challenge events which are typically played that first week (Friday - Saturday - Sunday).

Position Statement(s): *Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport*: The committee agreed to take no position on this proposal. The CSMAS Prevention and Performance Subcommittee was unaware of any evidence suggesting that the proposed change is necessary to better support student-athlete health and safety;

however, it noted no known health and safety rationale to oppose the proposal. Additionally, the subcommittee noted that this change would likely increase the demands on the sports medicine staff (e.g., athletic trainers, team physicians, licensed mental health providers) with the biggest burden placed on athletic trainers.
NCAA Division II Legislation Committee.: The committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.
NCAA Division II Management Council.: The council agreed to oppose this proposal. The council noted that this change would create additional demands on sports medicine staff and noted concerns with facilities and staff availability, given the overlap with fall sports that are still in season and utilizing the same facilities for practice and competition (e.g., volleyball). The council also expressed additional concerns regarding the impact this change may have on the Life in the Balance philosophy in Division II, specifically highlighting an increase in the number of proposals that amend the basketball playing and practice season to start earlier.
NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees.: The committees agreed to support this proposal. The committees noted that the proposal aims to prevent multiple competitions within a single week. Additionally, the committees believe this approach serves the best interests of student-athletes and aligns with the Division II Life in the Balance philosophy. Further, this proposal provides flexibility in allowing Division II basketball programs to schedule contests over the first weekend, which in turn spreads out scheduling opportunities and potentially reduces missed class time for student-athletes.