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Second Publication of Proposed Legislation

114th Annual Convention

This publication presents all proposed amendments to NCAA Division II legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the September 1 deadline in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA Division II Manual. No attempt has been made to place them in topical groupings or in the order in which they eventually might appear in the Convention agenda. Each proposal is accompanied not only by the traditional statement of intent and proposed effective date, but also by a statement of rationale.

The order of the membership-sponsored proposal(s) contained in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation has changed in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. The order of the seven proposals in the second publication will change in the Official Notice. The numeral 2 has been placed in front of the proposal number to help identify its position in the second publication. In addition, for each proposal that appeared in the initial publication, a parenthetical follows the proposal number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2020 Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Presidents Council, have until 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 to submit amendments to these proposals. Such amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification set forth in the printed proposal. Amendments-to-amendments submitted by the membership must have eight sponsors from active member institutions in Division II. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by at least one member conference (on behalf of eight or more of their active member institutions) in Division II. It should be noted that an amendment-to-amendment of a dominant provision of Constitution 1 and 2 and elsewhere may only be sponsored by the Board of Governors. It should also be noted that proposals that are withdrawn after the September 15 sponsor-modification deadline appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation; however, information will be included in the Official Notice to indicate the sponsor's intent to withdraw the proposal at the Convention.

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Refer to Appendix B for information about how to request an interpretation.

This publication represents the second of three publications dealing with Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of Constitution 5. The third publication will be as follows:

November 15 - Official Notice of the 2020 Convention. This publication will contain all Division II legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline.
2019-20 Legislative Calendar

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Constitution 5, is summarized here for convenience of reference.

July 15: Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division II membership. Each amendment must include a statement of intent and a separate statement of rationale (200 words or less), as well as identification of the designated primary contact person.

July 15: Legislation Committee Review. The committee reviews proposals by the membership and works with the primary contact person for each amendment to ensure that the proposal meets the intent of the sponsor, to ensure that the placement of the amendment is consistent with the organizational integrity of the Manual, and to edit the intent and rationale statements of the sponsors for clarity and brevity.

August 7: Presidents Council Consideration. The NCAA Division II Presidents Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews the proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

August 15: Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

August 15-September 15: Sponsor-Modification Period. Sponsors are permitted to refine and change their proposals in any manner germane to the original proposal. Member institutions and conferences are invited to offer any suggested revisions of a proposal to the primary contact person listed with the proposal. Additionally, members that believe an amendment should not be modified should inform the primary contact person.

September 1: Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 15: Deadline for submission by all sponsors (with submission by the primary contact person) of any modification to their original amendments. These modifications may represent either greater or lesser changes; they need only be germane to the original proposal.

September 23: Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all Division II membership-sponsored proposals (as modified) and includes all proposals sponsored by the Division II Presidents Council.

September 23-November 1: Amendment-to-Amendment Period. The Division II Presidents Council as well as the membership (see Constitution 5.3.5.3) may submit amendments to the Division II proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. These amendments-to-amendments may not increase the modification of the provisions to be amended; they must fall between the provisions of the circularized amendment and the current provisions.

November 1: Deadline for all resolutions and amendments-to-amendments to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Division II Presidents Council and Board of Governors are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if it deems such action necessary.

November 15: Mailing and Posting of the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division II proposed legislation, resolutions and properly submitted amendments-to-amendments.

January 22-25, 2020: NCAA Convention. All delegates have the opportunity to download the NCAA Events app prior to arriving at the Convention. The NCAA Events app contains the most up-to-date meeting schedule and other helpful Convention information.

Division II Legislation Committee

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Legislative Proposals Submitted by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and by the Division II Membership

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption by the Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Further, all amendments with an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention will contain in the rationale statement reasons for such an effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.]

[Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in *italics* and strikethrough are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **bold** and underlined are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]
Membership

No. 2-1  NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- ATHLETICS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION DESIGNEE

Intent: To specify that the president or chancellor of an active member institution, and 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.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

3.3 Active Membership.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

   [3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.22 unchanged.]

   3.3.4.23 Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. The president or chancellor of 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.

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

B. Constitution: Amend 3.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

3.4 Member Conference.

[3.4.1 through 3.4.3 unchanged.]

3.4.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

   [3.4.4.1 through 3.4.4.5 unchanged.]

   3.4.4.6 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.

[3.4.5 through 3.4.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: The designation of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee represents the Association's recognition of inclusion as a core value. The designation 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 the conduit for consistent and thorough dissemination of diversity and inclusion-related information between conference offices, campuses, the athletics departments and the NCAA. The staff member given the designation may be either internal or external to the athletics department. The contact information for the designated staff member will be entered on the institution’s or conference’s NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the definition of an athletics diversity and inclusion designee (ADID)?
Answer: An ADID is a staff member that the chancellor/president or commissioner or their proxy appoints in areas related to diversity and inclusion within athletics departments and member campuses. The designee will serve as the department’s/office’s conduit for information related to national, local and campus level issues of diversity and inclusion; and the department’s/office’s promoter of diverse and inclusive practices related to athletics.

Question No. 2: Who may be designated as an athletics diversity and inclusion designee?

Answer: The ADID can be any staff member of the institution or conference office that is appointed by the chancellor/president or commissioner (or their proxy).

Question No. 3: Does this proposal require the athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be a newly hired position?

Answer: No, the role can be an added responsibility to an existing staff position; however, the Minority Opportunities and Interest Committee (MOIC) recommends that it not be an institution’s director of athletics.

Question No. 4: Will institutions be required to report to the NCAA the name of the individual appointed as the athletics diversity and inclusion designee?

Answer: Yes, annually, the contact information for the ADID will be submitted through the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographic Form.

No. 2-2 (1-1) NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- COMPOSITION OF ACTIVE CONFERENCES -- REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT CONFERENCES

Intent: To require that a current active Division II member conference maintain a minimum of eight active member institutions.

Constitution: Amend 3.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

3.4 Member Conference.

3.4.1 Eligibility.

[3.4.1.1 unchanged.]

3.4.1.2 Composition of Active Conferences. All of the members of the conference shall be active members of this Association. A conference with 14 eight or more active NCAA members may accept an institution in the provisional period of the Division II membership process (see Bylaw 20.2.2) into active conference membership.

[3.4.1.2.1 unchanged.]

[3.4.1.3 through 3.4.1.6 unchanged.]

3.4.2 through 3.4.6 unchanged.

Source: East Coast Conference, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference, Conference Carolinas, Great Northwest Athletic Conference, Gulf South Conference, Northeast-10 Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Rationale: In 2012, the member conference legislation was amended to require existing conferences to have a minimum of 10 members by 2022. The aim was to ensure long term stability of leagues. While there has been some membership growth, there has also been increased instability within conferences. Schools have changed affiliations, institutions closed, reclassified, merged or dropped athletic programs altogether. These are difficult times for smaller private and public institutions, many of which are in a battle for enrollment and resources. Forecasts show a strong potential for increases in institutions closing or merging and, in turn, athletic programs being negatively affected. While there is a waiver available for active conferences that may fall below the 10-member requirement, without a guarantee of a waiver for as long as needed, the concern about a conference’s ability to operate will always be an issue, causing schools to seek other affiliations. Maintaining the eight institution requirement for active Division II conferences will allow current conferences that may be unable to locate new members due to attrition, location or other factors to continue to provide services to their membership. This proposal does not impact the current requirements for new conferences to have 10 active members.
Frequently Asked Questions:

**Question No. 1:** What is the current minimum number of institutions required to become a Division II conference?

**Answer:** Current legislation requires an active Division II conference to have a minimum of eight active Division II institutions. By 2022, a conference will be required to have 10 active Division II institutions.

**Question No. 2:** Does this proposed change apply to active and new conferences alike?

**Answer:** No. This change applies to the active conferences within Division II. A new conference applying to Division II would be required to have 10 member institutions.

**Question No. 3:** Will there be a waiver opportunity for a conference that falls below the minimum of eight active institutions?

**Answer:** Yes. Such waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Division II Membership Committee.

**Position Statement(s):**

*Membership Committee:* The Membership Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

*Presidents Council, Management Council:* The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors. The Councils also noted the importance of membership and conference stability. Additionally, this proposal takes into account the evolving landscape of higher education and enrollment challenges faced by many institutions.
Organization

No. 2-3 ORGANIZATION -- DIVISION II PRESIDENTS COUNCIL -- ELECTION/TERM OF OFFICE -- SIX YEAR TERM OF OFFICE AND THREE YEAR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR TERM LIMIT

Intent: To specify that a member of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve one six-year term with no immediate re-election; further, to specify that the chair and vice chair of the Division II Presidents Council shall serve for a period of not more than three years with no immediate re-election.

Constitution: Amend 4.3.3.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

4.3.3.2 Term of Office. Members of the Presidents Council shall serve four-six year terms, which shall conclude following the annual NCAA Convention. Presidents Council members are not eligible for immediate re-election. A Presidents Council member may be elected to an additional term on the Presidents Council after three years have elapsed. An individual who has served two terms on the Presidents Council may not serve further on the Presidents Council.

4.3.3.2.1 Chair and Vice Chair. The chair and the vice chair of the Council shall each serve terms not to exceed two three years. The chair and vice chair shall not be eligible for immediate re-election to that position. In addition, a member must serve a minimum of one year on the Presidents Council before serving as chair or vice chair.

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for members serving on the Presidents Council on or after August 1, 2020.

Rationale: Current legislation specifies that Division II Presidents Council members shall serve four-year terms. Allowing Council members to serve a six-year term will bring greater continuity and stability of service to the Presidents Council. In addition to continuity for the Presidents Council, the increased length of service will assist with continuing of service by Presidents Council members on the NCAA Board of Governors and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee. Given the duties of the Presidents Council, including establishing the strategic direction of the division, longevity of service and historical memory will benefit the division overall. Further, with the increase of service terms for Council members, the service term for the chair and vice chair should also be increased. Increased continuity for the leadership of the Council will aid in continuity for the Division II representatives on the NCAA Board of Governors and the leadership of the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No 1: What is the current legislation regarding the term limit for Division II Presidents Council members?

Answer: Currently, a member of the Division II Presidents Council may serve a four-year term.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, how will the terms of service for the Presidents Council members change?

Answer: A member of the Presidents Council may serve a six-year term.

Question No. 3: What is the current legislation regarding the term limit for the chair and vice chair of Presidents Council?

Answer: The chair and vice chair of the council may serve terms not to exceed two years.

Question No. 4: If adopted, how will the terms of service for the chair and vice chair of Presidents Council change?

Answer: The chair and vice chair may serve a three-year term.

Question No. 5: How will this proposal impact current Presidents Council members?

Answer: Anyone on the Presidents Council on or after August 1, 2020 will be permitted to serve a total of six years.
Intent: To replace the "permission to contact" legislation related to four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; further, to specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of written notification of transfer.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.1.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact with the student-athlete of an NCAA Division II institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining the written permission of the first institution's athletics director (or an athletics administrator designated by the athletics director) to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact or notification through the notification of transfer process. Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete of an NCAA Division I or Division III institution, an athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's interest shall comply with the rules of the applicable division for making contact with a student-athlete. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer and shall not provide athletically related financial assistance to the student-athlete until the student-athlete has attended the second institution for one academic year. If permission is granted to contact the student-athlete, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. (See Bylaw 13.1.5 for legislation regarding contacts and Bylaw 13.1.3.1 for legislation regarding telephone calls.) If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within 14 consecutive calendar days of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within 14 consecutive calendar days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Permission to contact is not required for Before making contact, directly or indirectly, with a student-athlete at an NAIA institution; however, the Division II institution's director of athletics (or an individual designated by the director of athletics) must send notification of recruitment to the NAIA institution prior to contact with an NAIA student-athlete.

13.1.1.2.1 Hearing Opportunity. If the institution decides to deny a student-athlete's request to permit any other institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the athletics director (or his or her designee) shall inform the student-athlete in writing, within 14 consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, that he or she, on request, shall be provided a hearing conducted by an institutional entity or committee outside of the athletics department (e.g., the office of student affairs, the office of the dean of students, or a committee composed of the faculty athletics representative, student-athletes and nonathletes faculty/staff members). The notification of the hearing opportunity shall include a copy of the institution's policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing, including the deadline by which a student-athlete must request such a hearing. The institution shall conduct the hearing and provide written results of the hearing to the student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days of receiving a student-athlete's written request for the hearing. The student-athlete shall be provided the opportunity to actively participate (e.g., in person, via telephone) in the hearing. If the institution fails to conduct the hearing or provide the written results to the student-athlete within 30 consecutive calendar days, permission to contact the student-athlete shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete.

13.1.1.2.2 Notification of Transfer. A student-athlete may initiate the notification of transfer process by providing his or her institution with a written notification of transfer at any time. The student-athlete's institution shall enter his or her information into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days of receipt of a written notification of transfer from the student-athlete. [D]

13.1.1.2.2 Student-Athlete Withdrawn From Four-Year College. A member institution may contact a student-athlete who has withdrawn officially from a four-year collegiate institution without obtaining permission from the first institution permission in writing authorization through the notification of transfer process only if at least one academic year has elapsed since the withdrawal.

13.1.1.2.3 Transfer from Institution on Probation. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain permission in writing authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during...
the remaining seasons of the student-athlete's eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment.

[13.1.1.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.1.2.5 Discontinued Sport Exception. Permission to contact Authorization through the notification of transfer process is not required for a student-athlete at an institution that indicates through public announcement that the student-athlete's sport will be discontinued.

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.1.3.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.6.1.3.1 Transfer Student. If a student-athlete attending a four-year institution desires to transfer and that institution provides the permission authorization required (per Bylaw 13.1.1.2), it is permissible for a second institution to provide the student-athlete one official visit to that institution's campus.

C. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director first obtaining authorization through the notification of transfer process. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.5.1 through 14.5.5.4 unchanged.]

D. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.1.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

15.1.1 Eligibility of Student-Athletes for Athletics Aid. A student-athlete must meet applicable NCAA (see Bylaw 14), conference and institutional regulations to be eligible for athletics aid. A student-athlete may be awarded athletics aid during any term in which a student-athlete is in regular attendance (i.e., was enrolled initially in a minimum full-time program of studies as defined by the certifying institution during that term). If these regulations are met, the student-athlete may be granted athletics aid for a maximum of 10 semesters/15 quarters. Any athletics financial aid provided after 10 semesters/15 quarters is left to the discretion of the institution consistent with institutional policies for awarding financial aid in general. [Note: See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for the financial aid implications in the prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission of that institution's athletics director.]

[15.1.1.1 through 15.1.1.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference and East Coast Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020, for any four-year college student-athlete transferring during the 2020-21 academic year, and thereafter.

**Rationale:** This proposal presents a notification-based alternative to replace the existing permission to contact model and improve the recruiting environment associated with four-year college transfer student-athletes. Pursuant to a notification model, a student-athlete would be permitted to explore transfer opportunities at another institution once written notification is provided. Once a notification of transfer has been submitted, the student-athlete would be entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal, which will provide more transparency for coaches and student-athletes. Separating access to athletics aid from a permission to contact or notification model enhances student-athlete well-being because a student-athlete's eligibility for financial aid at a new institution would be based on the general legislative requirements applicable to all student-athletes.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** How does the notification of transfer legislation differ from permission to contact?

**Answer:** The charts below summarize the current and proposed legislation for transfers.
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<td>Permission to contact is provided in writing or through the NCAA Transfer Portal and is specific to one institution.</td>
<td>A student-athlete’s information is entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days, which is visible to all institutions.</td>
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If Proposal No. 2020-6 is adopted:

**ELIGIBILITY LEGISLATION:**

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**Question No. 2:** If this proposal is adopted, will institutions still be able to deny the use of the one-time transfer exception to prevent the student-athlete from being immediately eligible?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 3:** May an institution place restrictions within the NCAA Transfer Portal on which institutions a student-athlete may contact?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 4:** May an institution reduce or cancel a student-athlete’s athletics aid once the student-athlete is placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal?

**Answer:** No. A student-athlete’s written notification to be placed into the NCAA Transfer Portal does not, in and of itself, constitute a voluntary withdrawal from a sport. Therefore, it is not permissible for an institution to reduce or cancel a student-athlete’s athletics aid during the period of the award based on their written notification of transfer.

**Question No. 5:** If a student-athlete, who has signed an athletics aid agreement prior to July 1 for the following academic year, requests to be placed in the NCAA Transfer Portal, may an institution cancel their athletics aid?

**Answer:** No. An institution may only reduce or cancel the student-athlete’s athletics aid after the period of the award (i.e., by July 1 of the following year).

**Position Statement(s):**

- **Legislation Committee:** The Legislation Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.
- **Management Council:** The Management Council agreed to support this proposal. The Council noted the student-athlete friendly nature of the proposal, by eliminating the ability for institutions to restrict access to athletics aid for a student-athlete who decides to transfer to another institution.
- **Presidents Council:** The Presidents Council agreed to oppose this proposal. The Council noted concerns about how a notification of transfer model might impact competitive equity in the division, frequency of transfers, and student-athletes’ progress toward their degrees.
Intent: To eliminate the requirement that a current transcript must be provided to an institution prior to issuing a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid.

Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

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

[13.9.1 unchanged.]

13.9.2 Transcript Prior to National Letter of Intent or Written Offer of Athletics Aid. An institution shall not provide a high school, college-preparatory school, two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid until the prospective student-athlete presents the institution with a current high school, college-preparatory school or college transcript (official or unofficial). [D]

13.9.2.1 Exception—High School or College Preparatory School Prospective Student Athlete With a Final Academic Certification. An institution may provide a high school or college preparatory school prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid without having received a current high school or college preparatory transcript, provided the prospective student-athlete’s final academic certification has been issued by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

[13.9.3 unchanged.]

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: This proposal helps ease the burden of compliance for prospective student-athletes, high school counselors, collegiate coaches and institutional compliance administrators without a negative impact on the recruiting process. Eliminating the current transcript requirement prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid would avoid additional paperwork for prospective student-athletes, high school counselors, collegiate coaches and institutional compliance administrators. The immediate effective date would eliminate the requirement to receive a current transcript prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletics aid during spring 2020.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation?

Answer: Prior to an institution providing a high school, college-preparatory school, two-year or four-year college prospective student-athlete with a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid, the prospective student-athlete must first present a Division II institution with a current high school, college-preparatory school or college official or unofficial transcript.

Question No. 2: Would this proposal eliminate the need for a transcript?

Answer: No, the proposal only eliminates the requirement that the transcript be current. A prospective student-athlete would still be required to provide a transcript prior to the institution offering a National Letter of Intent or written offer of athletically related financial aid.

Position Statement(s): Legislation Committee: The Legislation Committee agreed to support this proposal. The committee noted that institutions should have the discretion to request additional information regarding a prospective student-athlete’s academic record when there are concerns but it should not be a legislated requirement for all students. This proposal also will ease the burden on compliance administrators. Management Council: The Management Council agreed to take no position on this proposal. Presidents Council, Academic Requirements Committee: The Presidents Council and the Academic Requirements Committee agreed to oppose this proposal. The council and committee noted the importance of having current academic information for a prospective student-athlete prior to offering a National Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement, which ensures that the institution can make informed decisions on how to allocate scholarship dollars and prospective student-athletes can be properly advised on their academic status. The council and committee acknowledged that a current transcript is no longer required for official visits; however, there is a minimal financial
impact associated with an official visit (e.g., lodging, meals, transportation) compared to the cost of an athletics scholarship.

No. 2-6 (1-4) RECRUITING – TRYOUTS – PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES – TRYOUTS – EXCEPTION - LENGTH OF TRYOUT ACTIVITIES FOR GOLF

**Intent:** In golf, to increase the permissible length of tryout activities for a prospective student-athlete to five hours.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site at which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete’s junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(e) unchanged.]

(f) The time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to two hours; and

(1) **Exception.** In golf, the time of the tryout activities (other than the physical examination) shall be limited to five hours.

[13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

**Source:** Peach Belt Conference and Gulf South Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Currently, the length of a tryout for a prospective student-athlete shall not exceed two hours. In golf, however, it takes approximately five hours to complete a round of golf, which exceeds the two hours allowed for a permissible tryout. Due to the unique nature of the sport, it is necessary for a Division II coach to observe a prospective student-athlete for an entire round of golf in order to effectively evaluate a prospect's ability to manage the mental and physical requirements of the sport. This change will align the tryout legislation with other areas of the legislation like the daily and weekly hour limitations where golf has been provided extended time for activities due to the time required to complete a round of golf. An immediate effective date will allow Division II golf prospective student-athletes to participate in an extended tryout during the spring and summer of 2020.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation?

**Answer:** Currently, a prospective student-athlete in all sports may participate in a tryout lasting up to two hours.

**Question No. 2:** Will a golf prospective student-athlete be required to participate in a tryout for the entire five hours?

**Answer:** No. It will be left to the institution to determine the length of the tryout, but it may not exceed five hours.

**Question No. 3:** Will this proposal increase the daily and weekly hour limitations for currently enrolled golf student-athletes participating in the tryout?

**Answer:** No. A current golf student-athlete would need to adhere to the daily and weekly hour limitations set forth in Bylaws 17.1.6.1 (daily and weekly hour limitations - playing season) and 17.1.6.3 (weekly hour limitations - outside of playing season).

**Position Statement(s):** Presidents Council, Championships Committee, Management Council, Legislation Committee, Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees: The Presidents Council, Management Council, Championships Committee, Men’s and Women’s Golf Committees and Legislation Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.

No. 2-7 (1-5) RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS – WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – EXTENSION OF SPRING CONTACT PERIOD AND ELIMINATION OF EVALUATION PERIOD AT NONSCHOLASTIC EVENTS OCCURRING BETWEEN MAY 18 THROUGH JUNE 14

**Intent:** In women’s basketball, to amend the recruiting calendar as follows: (1) To extend the spring contact period through the third weekend in May; and (2) To eliminate the May 18 through June 14 evaluation period.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.2, as follows:

**Date Printed:** 11/21/2019
13.17.2 Women's Basketball. The following contact and evaluation periods shall apply to women's basketball:

[13.17.2-(a) through 13.17.2-(g) unchanged.]

(h) March 1 through 30 days after the Saturday after the initial date for the Division I women's basketball spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Contact Period

[13.17.2-(i) through 13.17.2-(j) unchanged.]

(k) During four nonscholastic women's events occurring between May 18 and June 14 selected at the discretion of the institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics: Evaluation Period

[13.17.2-(l) relettered as 13.17.2-(k), unchanged.]

Source: Bentley University, American International College, Assumption College, East Stroudsburg University, Franklin Pierce University, Le Moyne College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Stonehill College, The College of Saint Rose, Thomas Jefferson University and University of New Haven.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Rationale: With Life in the Balance serving as Division II’s philosophy, this proposal seeks to provide balance for both prospective student-athletes, their families and current head and assistant women's basketball coaches. Establishing a quiet period following the third weekend in May through June 14 will allow coaches to have these weekends free from recruiting obligations, providing for balance in their personal and professional lives. Eliminating this evaluation period will create consistency with Division II men's basketball and would also effectively align this portion of the spring recruiting calendar with Division I Women's Basketball. This proposal supports responsible use of time, staffing and resources across Division II.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: If this proposal is adopted, how will the current legislation be impacted?

Answer: The chart below outlines the current and proposed legislation.

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Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, how will the Division II women’s basketball recruiting calendar compare to the Division II men’s basketball and Division I women’s basketball recruiting calendar?
**Answer**: The chart below outlines how the proposed change will align with the Division II men’s basketball recruiting calendar and Division I women’s basketball recruiting calendar.

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**Position Statement(s)**: Presidents Council, Management Council, Legislation Committee, Women’s Basketball Committee: The Presidents Council, Management Council, Legislation Committee and the Women’s Basketball Committee agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.
### Eligibility

**No. 2-8**  
**ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER RULE -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPETITION -- TRANSFER FROM A NON-DIVISION II INSTITUTION**

**Intent:** To specify that a transfer student-athlete from a non-Division II institution is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete’s term(s) of participation; further, to specify that a Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 unchanged.]

14.2.4.1 Transfer from a Non-Division II Institution. The Division II season of competition legislation does not apply to a transfer student-athlete's previous participation at a non-Division II institution (e.g., NCAA Division I or III, NAIA, two-year college). A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation applicable to the division or association of which the previous institution was a member during the student-athlete's term(s) of participation.

14.2.4.1.1 Exception -- Division III Transfer. A Division III student-athlete who is charged with a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation will not be charged with a season of competition upon transfer to a Division II institution.

[14.2.4.1.1 through 14.2.4.1.5 renumbered as 14.2.4.1.2 through 14.2.4.1.6, unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Legislation Committee)].

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for a student-athlete who transferred to a Division II institution during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

**Rationale:** Current Division II legislation requires institutions to re-assess a transfer student-athlete's participation history prior to his or her enrollment at the Division II institution to determine if the transfer student-athlete used a season of competition based on Division II legislation. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the Legislation Committee agreed that a transfer student-athlete's participation should be assessed based on the legislation of the institution where participation occurred because the student-athlete made the decision based on their understanding of the rules applicable to them at the time when the competition occurred. However, an exception should be established for a Division III transfer who is charged a season of participation for practice only under Division III legislation to allow that individual to transfer and not be charged with use of the season(s) in Division II. This maintains the current application for Division III transfers to Division II.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** How does the current legislation apply to a transfer student-athlete?

**Answer:** Currently, a Division II institution must reassess a transfer student-athlete's participation history under Division II legislation.

**Question No. 2:** What is the current legislation in Division I and Division III regarding the reassessment of the participation history of a transfer student-athlete?

**Answer:** Division I uses the legislation of the division that is most beneficial to the transfer student-athlete. The assessment is based on Division I legislation or the legislation of the NCAA division where participation occurred.
Division III does not reassess the student-athlete’s participation history. They apply the legislation of the division where participation occurred.

**Question No. 3:** If adopted, will a Division II institution need to determine if a non-Division II transfer student-athlete used a season of competition?

**Answer:** No. A Division II institution will apply the legislation where the participation occurred based on the information provided by the previous institution (e.g., transfer tracer).

**Question No. 4:** Does this proposal apply retroactively?

**Answer:** Yes. This proposal has a retroactive effective date and would apply to a transfer student-athlete that transferred during the 2018-19 academic year and thereafter.

**No. 2-9 (1-6)**

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**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that contests played as part of a conference challenge event shall be included in both the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2.5, as follows:

14.2.5 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of competition by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from an injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.5-(a) through 14.2.5-(b) unchanged.]

(c) The injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not participated in more than three contests or dates of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport), or 30 percent of the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in his or her sport (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.1 for information regarding percent calculation in track and field and Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.2 for information regarding percent calculation in basketball). Competition (excluding alumni games, fundraising activities, celebrity sports activities, scrimmages and exhibition contests per Bylaw 17 in the applicable sport) against outside participants during the playing season that concludes with the NCAA championship, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation. In basketball, contests played as part of a conference challenge shall be countable under this limitation.

[14.2.5.1 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver:

[14.2.5.2.1 through 14.2.5.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.3 First-Half-of-Season Calculation. The first half of the season is measured by the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 in the sport. In determining if an injury or illness occurs prior to the first competition of the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship in a sport with an odd number of contests or dates of competition, the injury or illness must have occurred prior to the beginning of the contest or date of competition that starts the second half of the season that concludes with the NCAA championship (e.g., an injury or illness occurring at any time after the beginning of the scheduled sixth game of an 11-game schedule would be considered to be after the first half of the institution’s season and would not qualify the student-athlete for a hardship waiver).

[14.2.5.2.3.1 through 14.2.5.2.3.2 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.3.3 First Half-of-Season Calculation - Basketball. If an institution participates in a conference challenge event, the first half of the season shall be measured by the maximum number of contests set forth in Bylaw 17 plus the number of contests played in the conference challenge event. For example, if an institution participates in two contests as part of a conference challenge event, the injury or illness...
must have occurred prior to the start of the 15th contest (e.g., 26 contests plus two conference challenge contests).

[14.2.5.2.4 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.5 Percent Calculation. The following requirements apply in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.5-(c) and 14.2.5.2.3 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaws 17 and 20.)

14.2.5.2.5.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the percent calculation shall be based on the maximum number of contests or dates of competition set forth in Bylaw 17 for the applicable sport.

[14.2.5.2.5.1.1 unchanged.]

14.2.5.2.5.1.2 Denominator in Percent Calculation - Basketball. If an institution participates in a conference challenge event, the denominator shall include the number of contests played in the conference challenge event. For example, if an institution participates in two contests as part of a conference challenge event, the denominator in the percent calculation would be 28 (e.g., 26 contests plus two conference challenge contests).

[14.2.5.2.5.2 unchanged.]

[14.2.5.2.6 through 14.2.5.2.7 unchanged.]

Source: Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for any incapacitating injury or illness, or other extenuating circumstance occurring on or after August 1, 2020.

Rationale: Basketball student-athletes are currently at a disadvantage when determining the percent calculation, as well as the first-half-of-season calculation for hardship waivers. For the percent calculation, conference challenge event contests are included in the numerator but not in the denominator. The first-half-of-season calculation is also based on the maximum permissible number of contests for basketball, which does not include conference challenge event contests. These contests should be included in these calculations because they count toward regional and national rankings. However, the calculations should be altered to also include the conference challenge event contests in the denominator for percent calculations, as well as overall for first-half-of-season calculations, to avoid an unfair disadvantage for basketball student-athletes.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding conference challenge events?

Answer: Current legislation permits an institution to exempt a maximum of two basketball contests played as part of a conference challenge event from the maximum number of contest limitations.

Question No. 2: What is the current legislation regarding the inclusion of the conference challenge events in the denominator in the percent and first-half-of-the-season calculation?

Answer: Currently, when determining the percent calculation, conference challenge events are included in the numerator, however, they are not included in the denominator. When determining the first half of the season calculation, conference challenge contests are not taken into account.

Question No. 3: If adopted, how will this proposal impact the application of the legislation?

Answer: An institution that participates and exempts a conference challenge event will be permitted to include the contest(s) in the denominator in the percent and first-half-of-season calculations. For example, if an institution participates in two contests as part of a conference challenge event, the first half of the season calculation and denominator for the percent calculation shall be the maximum number of contests set forth in Bylaw 17 for the sport of basketball plus two contests played in the conference challenge event (i.e., 26 contests plus two conference challenge event contests).

Question No. 4: If this proposal is adopted, when would the new criteria become effective?
**Answer:** The new criteria would be effective for any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs on or after August 1, 2020. Any injury, illness or extenuating circumstance that occurs prior to August 1, 2020, would be evaluated under the current legislation.

**Position Statement(s):** *Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement:* The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement agreed to oppose this proposal. The committee noted that allowing basketball to include a conference challenge event is against the intent of the legislation of treating all sports equally by requiring all sports to use the Bylaw 17 maximum contests or dates of competition for hardship waiver calculations, which was implemented to ease the burden of the application of the hardship legislation. Additionally, allowing basketball to include a conference challenge event in the numerator and denominator and the first-half-of-season calculation for a hardship waiver may potentially open the door for the request(s) of other annual exemptions to be included in the hardship waiver calculation. Finally, the committee noted there have been a limited number of cases where a student-athlete was over the threshold due to participation in a conference challenge event, and in those instances, there is an appellate process that institutions should utilize.

*Presidents Council, Management Council:* The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support this proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.
Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2-10 (1-7) PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS - OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- FOURTH DAY OF CLASSES

**Intent:** In fall championship sports, to specify that an institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities before the institution's fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester).

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations – Outside of Playing Season.

**17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football.** In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a) through 17.1.6.3.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) In fall championship sports, from the beginning of the institution’s fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) through the day before the institution's declared start date of the nonchampionship segment, a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than four hours per week may be spent on team activities;

[17.1.6.3.1-(d) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.2 Football. In football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and review of game film shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.2-(a) unchanged.]

**b) During the institution's second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester), a student-athlete's participation may not begin until the fourth day of classes:**

[17.1.6.3.2-(b) through 17.1.6.3.2-(c) relettered as 17.1.6.3.2-(c) through 17.1.6.3.2-(d), unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.3 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and Northeast-10 Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Rationale:** Current legislation does not permit spring championship sports to begin countable athletically-related activities until September 7 or the fourth day of classes in the fall semester. The same restriction does not occur during the second term (e.g., spring semester, winter quarter) of the academic year for fall championship sports. The three days allowed for spring championship sport student-athletes at the beginning of the fall term provides time for those individuals to acclimate themselves to their classes, prior to beginning weightlifting, conditioning, and team activities; which, supports student-athlete well-being and academic success. However, fall championship sport student-athletes do not have the same accommodation. This proposal would more closely align legislation for fall sport student-athletes with spring sport student-athletes. In addition, midyear transfers in fall championship sports would have more time to assimilate to a new institution before beginning out-of-season activities. Administratively, this also provides a three-day period at the beginning of the term to focus on certification issues that arise for sports in the championship season before addressing out-of-season student-athletes.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** Currently, when are fall championship sports permitted to participate in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities during the second term of the academic year?

**Answer:** In fall championship sports, a student-athlete may begin participating in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities from the beginning of the institution’s second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester) through the day before the institution’s declared start date of the nonchampionship segment.
**Question No. 2:** If adopted, when will fall championship sports be permitted to participate in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities during the second term of the academic year?

**Answer:** Fall championship sports student-athletes will not be permitted to begin weight training, conditioning and/or team activities until the institution’s fourth day of classes for the second term of the academic year (e.g., winter quarter, spring semester).

**Question No. 3:** Will this proposal alter the permissible start date of the nonchampionship segment for fall championship sports?

**Answer:** No. Fall championship sports will not be permitted to start practice or participate in intercollegiate competition in the nonchampionship segment before February 15.

**Position Statement(s): Legislation Committee:** The Legislation Committee agreed to take no position on this proposal.

*Presidents Council, Management Council:* The Presidents Council and Management Council agreed to support the proposal based on the rationale presented by the sponsors.

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**No. 2-11 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOCCER -- FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- EXCEPTION -- DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FALL FESTIVAL**

**Intent:** In soccer, to specify that in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first contest in men’s and women’s soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.3, as follows:

17.19.3 First Contest -- Championship Segment. A member institution shall not play its first contest with outside competition in the championship segment before the Thursday preceding September 6.

**17.19.3.1 Exception -- Division II National Championships Fall Festival. In years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, a member institution shall not engage in its first contest in soccer before the Thursday preceding August 30.**

[17.19.3.1 renumbered as 17.19.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships Committee)].

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Rationale:** Under current legislation and due to recent changes in the soccer championship date formula, soccer loses a week of its competitive season during years in which the festival occurs in the fall, due to the timing of the festival. The loss of a week results in less time for student-athletes to recover between matches. The compacted season also reduces the opportunity for nonconference, in-region play, which is essential to the ranking and selection of teams for the postseason. This exception will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in Division II’s marquee championship event without having to experience the negative impact of a shortened season. A similar proposal was previously adopted for women’s volleyball at the 2018 NCAA Convention.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** How does this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** This proposal would provide an exception in years in which the Division II National Championships Festival occurs in the fall, moving up the first permissible date of competition in the championship segment to the Thursday preceding August 30.

**Question No. 2:** How does this proposal affect the first permissible practice date for soccer?

**Answer:** In years which the Festival occurs in the fall, institutions would be permitted to begin practice one week earlier than currently legislated.

**Question No. 3:** Will institutions be required to start the playing season one week earlier in Festival years?

**Answer:** No.
Emerging Sports Package

No. 2-12  DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL AID AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

Intent: To add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.03, as follows:

20.03 Emerging Sports for Women.

20.03.1 Definition of Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.10.3.2):

(a) Team Sports: acrobatics and tumbling and rugby; and

[20.03.1-(b) unchanged.]

[20.03.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.4.2, as follows:

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.4.2.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.4.2.1.1 unchanged.]

15.4.2.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.2.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows:

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[15.4.2.1.3 through 15.4.2.1.4 unchanged.]

[15.4.2.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.16 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:

[17.02.16-(a) through 17.02.16-(c) unchanged.]
17.02.16.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

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[17.02.16.2 unchanged.]

[17.02.17 through 17.02.18 unchanged.]

[17.1 unchanged.]

17.2 Acrobatics and Tumbling. Regulations for computing the acrobatics and tumbling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (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 by Bylaw 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in acrobatics and tumbling prior to September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier.

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. A member 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. A member 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 (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling to 12 dates of competition, which may include not more than two tri-meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3, 17.2.5.4 and 17.2.5.5.

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member 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 17.30), 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 12 dates of competition, which may include not more than two tri-meets. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3, 17.2.5.4 and 17.2.5.5.

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 in acrobatics and tumbling;

(b) Season-Ending Championship. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championship). 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 Meet. One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;
(d) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any dates of competition 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 those locales;

(e) Fundraising Activity. Any 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 to benefit 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 maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in acrobatics and tumbling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

(1) The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

(2) The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director; and

(g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate national governing body in that sport.

17.2.5.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling 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.

17.2.5.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.2.5.4-(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.

17.2.5.5 Once-in-Four Years Exemption -- Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted 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 17.1.6.3.

17.2.6.1 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 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 his or her sport.

17.2.6.1.1 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.

17.2.7 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 acrobatics and tumbling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts.

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in acrobatics and tumbling 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.
17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside acrobatics and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur acrobatics and tumbling team.

17.2.9.1.2.1 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 acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.30.

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.

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing acrobatics and tumbling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.2.2.

17.2.9.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures.

[17.2 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.3 through 17.31, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 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 acrobatics and tumbling, the institution’s team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.9 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.10 Acrobatics and Tumbling. In acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and tri-meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Tri-meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two tri-meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests by a member institution.

[20.10.3.3.10 through 20.10.3.3.11 renumbered as 20.10.3.3.11 through 20.10.3.3.12, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Women’s Athletics)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

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. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to providing robust participation opportunities during the regular season and post season, including the national championship.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements?

Answer: A Division II institution may use emerging sports to help meet the NCAA membership minimum sport-sponsorship requirements provided minimum contest and participant requirements are met.

Question No. 2: What is the proposed championship segment for women’s acrobatics and tumbling?

Answer: Spring.

Question No. 3: Are all three divisions considering proposals to add women’s acrobatics and tumbling to the emerging sports lists for women?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If a Division II institution has a varsity acrobatics and tumbling team, will the team need to apply NCAA Division II legislation?

Answer: Yes. Any team recognized by the institution as a varsity team must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association.

No. 2-13 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, RECRUITING, ELIGIBILITY, 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 recruiting, eligibility, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.03, as follows:

20.03 Emerging Sports for Women.

20.03.1 Definition of Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women (see Bylaw 20.10.3.2):
[20.03.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian, and triathlon and women's wrestling.

[20.03.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.2.1, as follows:

13.11.2.1 Tryouts. A member institution may conduct a tryout of a prospective student-athlete only on its campus or at a site which it normally conducts practice or competition beginning June 15 immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school and only under the following conditions (see Bylaw 17.02.15 for tryouts of currently enrolled students):

[13.11.2.1-(a) through 13.11.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The tryout may include tests to evaluate the prospective student-athlete's strength, speed, agility and sport skills. Except in the sports of football, ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's wrestling and women's wrestling, the tryout may include competition. In the sport of football, the prospective student-athletes shall not wear helmets or pads;

[13.11.2.1-(e) through 13.11.2.1-(g) unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.7, as follows:

14.7 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaws 14.3.1.2.3, 14.3.1.6.3 and 17.02.10) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.

14.7.1 Outside Competition, Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in his or her sport (other than basketball) if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions) until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

[14.7.1.1 unchanged.]

14.7.1.2 Additional Restriction -- Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period 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.

[14.7.1.3 unchanged.]

[14.7.2 through 14.7.3 unchanged.]

14.7.3.4 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. It is permissible for a student-athlete to participate in outside competition as an individual during the academic year in the student-athlete's sport, provided the student-athlete:

[14.7.3.4-(a) through 14.7.3.4-(c) unchanged.]

14.7.3.4.1 No Competition Between Beginning of Academic Year and November 1 -- Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's 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.

[14.7.3.5 unchanged.]

[14.7.4 through 14.7.6 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 15.4.2, as follows:

15.4.2 Equivalency Sports.

15.4.2.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

[15.4.2.1.1 unchanged.]

15.4.2.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.2.1) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in each women's sport, as follows:
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[15.4.2.1.3 through 15.4.2.1.4 unchanged.]

[15.4.2.2 unchanged.]

**E. Bylaws: Amend 16.8, as follows:**

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition.

16.8.1 Permissible. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to represent the institution in practice and competition (including expenses for activities/travel that are incidental to practice or competition). In order to receive competition-related expenses, the student-athlete must be eligible for competition. [D]

16.8.1.1 Exception -- Practice Partner at the NCAA Division II Men's Wrestling Championship. In wrestling, an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses to an eligible student-athlete not selected for the NCAA Division II Men's Wrestling Championship, to serve as a practice partner for a student-athlete who was selected for championship participation.

[16.8.1.2 through 16.8.1.3 unchanged.]

[16.8.2 unchanged.]

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

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.16.2 Individual Sports. The following are classified as individual sports for purposes of this bylaw:

- Bowling, Women's
- Cross Country
- Equestrian, Women's
- Fencing
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Rifle
- Skiing
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field, Indoor and Outdoor
- Triathlon, Women's
- Wrestling, Men's and Women's

[17.02.17 through 17.02.18 unchanged.]

[17.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.
17.1.6.3.1 Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight training, conditioning and/or team activities shall be permitted, as follows:

[17.1.6.3.1-(a) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(1) through 17.1.6.3.1-(a)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) In men's and women's wrestling, from September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term, whichever is earlier, through the day before October 10.

[17.1.6.3.1-(b) through 17.1.6.3.1-(e) unchanged.]

[17.1.6.3.2 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

[17.1.6.4 through 17.1.6.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

[17.2 through 17.26 unchanged.]

17.27 Wrestling, Men's.

Regulations for computing the men's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (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 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.27.2 Weight Training, Conditioning, Team Activities and/or Practice. A member institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3 before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the fall term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's wrestling before 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 before November 1.

17.27.3.1 Exceptions. The following men's wrestling dates of competition may be conducted at any time during the men's wrestling playing and practice season:

[17.27.3.1-(a) through 17.27.3.1-(d) unchanged.]

[17.27.4 unchanged.]

17.27.5 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 (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.27.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.27.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible men's wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.6.3, 17.27.6.4 and 17.27.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.27.6.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member 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.

17.27.6.2 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 two-day
meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. 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.

17.27.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in men's wrestling shall exclude the following:

[17.27.6.3-(a) through 17.27.6.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member institution’s team who participate in local celebrity activities in men's wrestling conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

[17.27.6.3-(g)-(1) through 17.27.6.3-(g)-(2) unchanged.]

[17.27.6.3-(h) through 17.27.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

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

[17.27.6.4-(a) through 17.27.6.4-(c) unchanged.]

[17.27.6.4.1 unchanged.]

[17.27.6.5 unchanged.]

[17.27.7 through 17.27.8 unchanged.]

17.27.9 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.

17.27.10 Other Restrictions.

17.27.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate men's wrestling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate men's wrestling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed 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) during the institution's intercollegiate men's wrestling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.27.10.1.2 Out of Season. A student-athlete is not permitted to practice or compete on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team or as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. At other times, 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.

17.27.10.1.2.1 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 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.29.

[17.27.10.1.2.2 unchanged.]

17.27.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing men's wrestling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.27.2.

[17.27.10.2.1 unchanged.]

17.28 Wrestling, Women's.
Regulations for computing the women's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (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 17.1.6.5 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.28.2 Weight Training, Conditioning, Team Activities and/or Practice. A member institution shall not commence weight training, conditioning and/or team activities in accordance with Bylaw 17.1.6.3 before September 7 or the institution's fourth day of classes for the spring term (as set forth in its catalog, counting Monday through Friday only), whichever is earlier. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in women's wrestling before October 10.

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's wrestling before November 1.

17.28.3.1 Exceptions. The following women's wrestling dates of competition may be conducted at any time during the women's wrestling playing and practice season:

(a) Alumni game [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(d)];

(b) Fundraising activity [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(f)];

(c) Celebrity sports activity [see Bylaw 17.28.6.3-(g)]; and

(d) Discretionary exemptions (see Bylaw 17.28.6.4).

17.28.4 Limitations on Countable Athletically Related Activities and Transportation -- Winter Break. (See Bylaw 17.02.18 for the definition of the winter break.)

17.28.4.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities. A student-athlete shall not participate in any countable athletically related activities during the winter break (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

17.28.4.2 Transportation. An institution shall not provide transportation in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break.

17.28.4.2.1 Exception -- Travel on the First Day of the Winter Break. An institution may travel on the first day of the winter break after an away-from-home competition, provided that is the earliest practical opportunity to return to campus.

17.28.5 End of Regular Playing Season. A member 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 (see Bylaw 17.1.7 for additional regulations regarding the end date of practice and competition).

17.28.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible women's wrestling season to 16 dates of competition, which may not include more than two two-day meets or no more than two occasions in which dual meets held on two consecutive days that shall count each as a single date of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.28.6.3, 17.28.6.4 and 17.28.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.28.6.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member 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 or Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.30), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.28.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. 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.
17.28.6.3 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 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;

(c) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship,
NAIA championship). 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;

(d) Alumni Game. One date of competition with an alumni team of the institution;

(e) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Canada. Any dates of competition 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 those locales;

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any 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 to
benefit 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);

(g) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a maximum of two student-athletes from a member
institution's team who participate in local celebrity activities in women's wrestling conducted for the
purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

1. The student-athletes do not miss class as a result of the participation; and

2. The involvement of the student-athletes has the approval of the institution's athletics director.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against a U.S. national team as selected by the appropriate
national governing body in that sport; and

(i) National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals. Competition in the National Wrestling Coaches
Association National Duals.

17.28.6.4 Discretionary Exemptions. The following may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of
dates of competition in women's wrestling each year. An institution may not exempt 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.

17.28.6.4.1 Official Scoring. For purposes of Bylaw 17.28.6.4-(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 season statistics.

17.28.6.5 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption—Foreign Tours. An institution may exempt the dates of competition
played on a foreign tour, provided the tour occurs only once in a four-year period and is conducted in
accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

17.28.7 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 17.1.6.3.
17.28.7.1 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 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 his or her sport.

17.28.7.1.1 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.

17.28.8 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 wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but cannot conduct the individual's workouts.

17.28.9 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 camps or clinics.

17.28.10 Other Restrictions.

17.28.10.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.10.1.1 In Season. A student-athlete shall be denied eligibility for intercollegiate women's wrestling competition for the remainder of the season if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate women's wrestling squad or team, he or she competes or has competed as a member of any outside wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate women's wrestling season (see Bylaw 14.7.5 for exceptions and waivers).

17.28.10.1.2 Out of Season. A student-athlete is not permitted to practice or compete on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team or as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. At other times, there are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member 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.

17.28.10.1.2.1 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 women's wrestling team, except as provided under Bylaw 14.7.5, 16.8.1.2.1 and 17.30.

17.28.10.1.2.2 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.

17.28.10.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. It shall be permissible to designate a single date for issuing women’s wrestling equipment and for taking squad pictures after the beginning of classes in the fall term or the day before the beginning of a segment as specified in Bylaw 17.28.2.

17.28.10.2.1 Exception for Sundays. If the day before the beginning of a segment is a Sunday, the member institution may designate the preceding Saturday for issuing equipment and taking squad pictures.

[17.28 through 17.30 renumbered as 17.29 through 17.31, unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 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, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:
**Team Sports** | **Minimum Contests** | **Individual Sports** | **Minimum Contests** | **Minimum Participants**
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
Baseball | 24 | Women's Bowling | 8 | 5
Basketball | 22 | Cross Country | 5 | 5
Beach Volleyball | 8 | Equestrian | 6 | 12
Field Hockey | 10 | Men's Fencing | 6 | 5
Football | 8 | Women's Fencing | 6 | 5
Men's Ice Hockey | 20 | Golf | 6 | 5
Women's Ice Hockey | 20 | Men's Gymnastics | 6 | 6
Men's Lacrosse | 8 | Women's Gymnastics | 6 | 5
Women's Lacrosse | 10 | Rifle | 8 | 4
Women's Rowing | 6 | Skiing | 5 | 5
Women's Rugby | 9 | Swimming and Diving | 8 | 11
Soccer | 10 | Tennis | 10 | 5
Softball | 24 | Track and Field, Indoor | 4 | 10
Men's Volleyball | 9 | Track and Field, Outdoor | 4 | 14
Women's Volleyball | 15 | **Men's Wrestling** | 12 | 7
Men's Water Polo | 15 | **Women's Wrestling** | 13 | 7
Women's Water Polo | 10 | Women's Triathlon | 4 | 3

[20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.11 unchanged.]

**H. Bylaws:** Amend 21.3, as follows:

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.]

**I. Administrative:** Amend 31.3.4.6, as follows:

31.3.4.6 Sport 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 and **men's** wrestling.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics)].

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**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. Finally, 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, socio-economic 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.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** May an emerging sport be used to satisfy sport sponsorship requirements?

**Answer:** A Division II institution may use emerging sports to help meet the NCAA membership minimum sport-sponsorship requirements provided minimum contest and participant requirements are met.
**Question No. 2:** What is the proposed championship segment for women's wrestling?

**Answer:** Winter.

**Question No. 3:** Are all three divisions considering proposals to add women's wrestling to the emerging sports lists for women?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 4:** If the institution has a women's wrestling team, will that team need to apply NCAA Division II legislation?

**Answer:** Yes. Any team recognized by the institution as a varsity team must apply the constitution, bylaws, interpretations and other legislation of the Association.
Appendix A

Legislative Proposal Number Changes

This appendix lists proposals that are included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives their corresponding numbers in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation. Please note that not all proposals that appear in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation were included in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

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Appendix B

Request for Interpretation

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation may be requested via electronic mail to the primary contact persons at kwolf@ncaa.org or chooks@ncaa.org, not later than November 21, 2019. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.