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## **DIVISION III SECOND PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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# **DIVISION III LEGISLATION**

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## **Second Publication of Proposed Legislation 119th Annual Convention**

This publication presents all the proposed amendments to NCAA Division III legislation that were properly submitted in accordance with the July 15 and September 1 deadlines in the NCAA legislative calendar. The proposals herein appear in the order in which they would appear, if adopted, in the NCAA 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. **The order of the seven proposals in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation will change in the Official Notice. The numeral 2 has been placed in front of each proposal number to help identify its position in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.** In addition, for each proposal that was approved in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, a parenthetical follows the proposed number, which identifies the proposal's number as it appeared in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Each proposal is accompanied by the traditional statement of intent, proposed effective date and a statement of rationale.

By September 15, any sponsors of a membership-sponsored proposal were permitted to refine and change the amendments in any manner that was germane to the proposal. Such changes could either increase or decrease the modification set forth in the original proposal. All of these changes have been incorporated in this Second Publication of Proposed Legislation, which also includes all proposals submitted by September 1 by the NCAA Division III Management Council and Presidents Council.

No new proposals may be submitted for the 2025 NCAA Convention inasmuch as the July 15 and September 1 deadlines have passed. Member institutions and conferences, as well as the Management Council and Presidents Council, now have until November 1 by 5 p.m. Eastern time to submit amendments to the 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 20 or more active member institutions for proper sponsorship in Division III. In addition, amendments-to-amendments may be sponsored by two or more member conferences in Division III. It should 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 (see Appendix B).

This publication represents the second in a series of three publications addressing Convention legislation, as dictated by the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 9. The third publication will be as follows:

**Official Notice of the 2025 Convention.** Issued on November 15 and contains all Division III legislation for the Convention, including all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions submitted by the November 1 deadline.

### **2023-24 Legislative Calendar**

The legislative calendar, as set forth in Bylaw 9 is summarized here for convenience of reference.

**July 15:** Deadline for submission of amendments by the Division III 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, and must be sponsored by at least one conference or at least 10 individual institution sponsors.

**July 17-18:** Management Council Consideration. The Management Council considers legislative proposals that it may wish to sponsor. It also reviews proposals submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline.

**August 2:** Presidents Council consideration. The 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.

**Not Later Than August 15:** Posting of Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation.

**Date IPOPL is Posted through 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. Also,

members that believe an amendment should not be modified should so inform the primary contact person.

**September 1:** Deadline for submission of amendments sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council.

**September 1:** Deadline for proper co-sponsorship of membership proposals. The proposals must receive proper co-sponsorship from one additional conference (if originally sponsored by one conference) or 10 additional individual institutions (if originally sponsored by 10 institutions) or it will be withdrawn.

**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 amendment.

**Not Later Than September 23:** Posting of Second Publication of Proposed Legislation. This publication includes all membership-sponsored proposals as modified and includes all proposals sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council.

**Date SPOPL is Posted through November 1:** Amendment-to-amendment period. The Presidents Council and Management Council as well as the membership (see Bylaw 9.3.4.2) may submit amendments to the 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 original proposed amendment and the current provisions.

**November 1:** Deadline for all amendments-to-amendments and resolutions to be received in the national office. No amendments-to-amendments sponsored by the membership may be submitted after this date. The Presidents Council and Management Council are authorized to submit further amendments-to-amendments at the Convention if they deem such action necessary.

**November 15:** Publishing the Official Notice of the Convention. This publication includes all Division III proposed legislation and the properly submitted amendments-to-amendments and resolutions.

**January 14-17, 2025:** NCAA Convention. Voting on proposals will occur at the business session.

#### **Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee**

Rachana Bhat, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges

Harry Dumay, Elms College

Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Andrew Green, Central College (Iowa)

Jack Langan, Cornell College (SAAC rep.)

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Danielle O'Leary, William Peace University

Sarah Otey, University Athletic Association

Andrea Ricketts-Preston, Mount Holyoke College

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**LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP**

[Note: Pursuant to Bylaw 9.3.11, 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 an effective date other than the first day of August following the Convention, the rationale statement shall contain reasons why the amendment has an alternative effective date. Those proposals that are given an immediate effective date and are adopted become effective on adjournment of the Convention.]

Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appears in *italics and strikethrough* are to be deleted.
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface and are underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.

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## Presidents Council Grouping

### No. 2-1 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

**Intent:** Amend the Division III Legislative process as follows: (a) establish an initial membership proposal submission deadline of July 1st that only requires statements of intent and rationale, along with the impacted bylaws; (b) allow for a comment period for proposals through September 1; (c) establish an alternate membership proposal submission deadline of September 15 if the proposal meets the sponsorship threshold of four multisport conferences or 20 member institutions representing four multisport conferences; (d) establish September 15 as the final sponsorship date for governance proposals; (e) produce a publication of proposed legislation on October 1; and (f) permit four multisport conferences or 20 institutions representing four multisport conferences or the Division III Presidents or Management Councils (by a three-quarter vote) to offer amendments-to-amendments that increase the modification of a proposal.

**Bylaws:** Amend 9.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

#### 9.3 Amendment Process.

##### 9.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

[9.3.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.1.2 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. A proposed amendment to a division dominant provision may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, ~~sponsors of proposed amendments~~ **Presidents Council** may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.2.2** ~~only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended.~~

9.3.1.3 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Federated Provisions. A proposed amendment to a federated provision of the bylaws may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original amendment. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.3.2** ~~only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. [See Bylaw 9.3.4.2.2.2 for when a proposed amendment may increase the modification.]~~

##### 9.3.2 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

[9.3.2.1 unchanged.]

9.3.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision **that does not increase the modification to the provision** may be sponsored by the Presidents Council. **Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision that increases the modification to the provision.**

[9.3.2.3 unchanged.]

##### 9.3.3 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division III Legislation.

[9.3.3.1 unchanged.]

9.3.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of a provision of the bylaws may be sponsored ~~by~~ **as follows:**

**(a) An amendment-to-amendment that does not increase the modification of the original amendment may be sponsored by:**

**(1) The Management Council or Presidents Council;**

**(2) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or**

**(3) Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and**

**signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.**

(a) ~~The Management Council or Presidents Council;~~

(b) ~~Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or~~

(c) ~~Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.~~

**(b) An amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification of the provision, but is still germane to the original intent of the proposal, may be sponsored by:**

**(1) Management Council or Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting;**

**(2) All sponsors of the original proposal;**

**(3) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges from four or more member conferences, on written verification of sponsorship signed by each sponsoring member's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or**

**(4) Four or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.**

[9.3.3.2.1 unchanged.]

[9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

#### 9.3.4 Submission Deadline.

[9.3.4.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.1 Amendments. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be sponsored by the Presidents Council in accordance with the following deadlines:

(a) Annual Convention – September ~~7~~**15**.

[9.3.4.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[9.3.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. The Presidents Council must submit amendments to its original amendments in writing and such amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time ~~September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time~~ November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. The Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification specified in the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Presidents Council and copies are distributed before or during the appropriate business session.

#### 9.3.4.2 Legislation.

9.3.4.2.1 Amendment. Deadline dates for receipt at the national office of proposed amendments are as follows:

9.3.4.2.1.1 Amendment Proposed by Membership.

- (a) Annual Convention – ~~5 p.m. Eastern time July 15 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 15 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.~~

**(1) 5 p.m. Eastern time July 1 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 1 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.**

**(2) 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15 provided sponsorship by four conferences or twenty member institutions representing at least four conferences (including the required chancellor or president approval). The submission requires the complete legislated text.**

[9.3.4.2.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[9.3.4.2.1.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.2 Amendments Sponsored by Management Council or Presidents Council.

- (a) Annual Convention – September ~~7~~**15**.

[9.3.4.2.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.2.1 Exception. The Presidents Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1.

9.3.4.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. Any amendment-to-amendment ~~submitted by those other than the original sponsors shall not increase the modification of the original and~~ must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention.

9.3.4.2.2.1 Exception – Management Council or Presidents Council. The Management Council or Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification of the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements provided that in each instance the proposed amendment to an amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the respective council and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

~~9.3.4.2.2.2 Exception – Membership-sponsored amendments. The original sponsors of a membership proposal (must include all of the sponsors) may submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification specified in the original, provided it is still germane to the intent of the original amendment.~~

9.3.4.2.3 Cost Considerations. The sponsors of each proposed amendment or amendment-to-amendment must include a written financial impact statement regarding the potential financial impact (e.g., additional costs, cost savings) of the proposed legislation as it applies to the NCAA, conferences, institutions, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes.

### 9.3.5 Notification to Membership.

#### 9.3.5.1 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

9.3.5.1.1 ~~Initial~~ Publication. Amendments to division dominant provisions sponsored by the Presidents Council shall be published for the information of the membership as follows:

- (a) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** for an annual Convention.

[9.3.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.5.1.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.1.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to division dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds



majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to division dominant provisions submitted by the Presidents Council in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

#### 9.3.5.2 Amendments to Legislation.

9.3.5.2.1 Initial Publication. Proposed amendments shall be published for the information of the division as follows:

- (a) ~~Not later than August 15~~ **Following July 1 and until September 1** -- Those proposed by the membership, including the primary contact person's name, title and member institution or member conference, as well as the sponsors' statements of intent and rationale and any amendments designated for inclusion by the Management Council or Presidents **Council shall be posted and available to the membership for comment**; and
- (b) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** -- Those submitted by the Management Council or Presidents Council and those modified by the sponsors; or

[9.3.5.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

9.3.5.2.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.2.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.2.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments to proposed amendments submitted by the amendment's original sponsors in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

[9.3.6 through 9.3.12 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Following the adoption of the NCAA Constitution in 2022, the Division III governance structure tasked the Interpretations and Legislation Committee with reviewing the division's legislative process. The goals of the review was to encourage more membership participation in the legislative process as well as foster greater collaboration between the governance structure and membership at large with the legislative process. This package of concepts to amend the legislative process represents feedback from the Division III governance structure, as well as affiliate groups within the membership in furtherance of those goals.

**Budget Impact:** None.

#### No. 2-1 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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**Bylaws:** Amend 9.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

### 9.3 Amendment Process.

#### 9.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

[9.3.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.1.2 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. A proposed amendment to a division dominant provision may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, ~~sponsors of proposed amendments~~ **Presidents Council** may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended ~~only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended~~ **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.2.2.**

9.3.1.3 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Federated Provisions. A proposed amendment to a federated provision of the bylaws may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15 through September 15, sponsors of proposed amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original amendment. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.3.2, only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended.** [See Bylaw 9.3.4.2.2.2 for when a proposed amendment may increase the modification.]

#### 9.3.2 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

[9.3.2.1 unchanged.]

9.3.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision **that does not increase the modification to the provision** may be sponsored by the Presidents Council. **Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision that increases the modification to the provision.**

[9.3.2.3 unchanged.]

#### 9.3.3 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division III Legislation.

[9.3.3.1 unchanged.]

9.3.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of a provision of the bylaws may be sponsored ~~by~~ **as follows:**

~~(a) The Management Council or Presidents Council;~~

~~(b) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or~~

~~(c) Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.~~

**(a) An amendment-to-amendment that does not increase the modification of the original amendment may be sponsored by:**

**(1) The Management Council or Presidents Council;**

**(2) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or**

**(3) Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.**

**(b) An amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification of the provision, but is still germane to the original intent of the proposal, may be sponsored by:**

**(1) Management Council or Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting;**

**(2) All sponsors of the original proposal;**

- (3) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges from four or more member conferences, on written verification of sponsorship signed by each sponsoring member's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or
- (4) Four or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.

[9.3.3.2.1 unchanged.]

[9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

#### 9.3.4 Submission Deadline.

[9.3.4.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.1 Amendments. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be sponsored by the Presidents Council in accordance with the following deadlines:

(a) Annual Convention – September ~~15~~.

[9.3.4.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[9.3.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. The Presidents Council must submit amendments to its original amendments in writing and such amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time ~~September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time~~ November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. The Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification specified in the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Presidents Council and copies are distributed before or during the appropriate business session.

#### 9.3.4.2 Legislation.

9.3.4.2.1 Amendment. Deadline dates for receipt at the national office of proposed amendments are as follows:

9.3.4.2.1.1 Amendment Proposed by Membership.

(a) ~~Annual Convention – 5 p.m. Eastern time July 15 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 15 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.~~

**(1) 5 p.m. Eastern time July 1 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 1 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.**

**(2) 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15 provided sponsorship by four conferences or twenty member institutions representing at least four conferences (including the required chancellor or president approval). The submission requires the complete legislated text.**

[9.3.4.2.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.1.1 Exception. The Presidents Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after July 15.

9.3.4.2.1.2 Amendments Sponsored by Management Council or Presidents Council.

(a) Annual Convention – September ~~15~~.

[9.3.4.2.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.2.1 Exception. The Presidents Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1.

9.3.4.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. Any amendment-to-amendment ~~submitted by those other than the original sponsors shall not increase the modification of the original and~~ must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention.

9.3.4.2.2.1 Exception – Management Council or Presidents Council. The Management Council or Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification of the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements provided that in each instance the proposed amendment to an amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the respective council and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

*9.3.4.2.2.2 Exception – Membership-sponsored amendments. The original sponsors of a membership proposal (must include all of the sponsors) may submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification specified in the original, provided it is still germane to the intent of the original amendment.*

9.3.4.2.3 Cost Considerations. The sponsors of each proposed amendment or amendment-to-amendment must include a written financial impact statement regarding the potential financial impact (e.g., additional costs, cost savings) of the proposed legislation as it applies to the NCAA, conferences, institutions, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes.

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9.3.5.1.1 ~~Initial~~ Publication. Amendments to division dominant provisions sponsored by the Presidents Council shall be published for the information of the membership as follows:

(a) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** for an annual Convention.

[9.3.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.5.1.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.1.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to division dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to division dominant provisions submitted by the Presidents Council in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

9.3.5.2 Amendments to Legislation.

9.3.5.2.1 Initial Publication. Proposed amendments shall be published for the information of the division as follows:

(a) ~~Not later than August 15~~ **Following July 1 and until September** – Those proposed by the membership, including the primary contact person's name, title and member institution or member conference, as well as the sponsors' statements of intent and rationale and any amendments designated for inclusion by the Management Council or Presidents Council **shall be posted and available to the membership for comment**; and

(b) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** – Those submitted by the Management Council or Presidents Council and those modified by the sponsors; or

[9.3.5.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

9.3.5.2.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.2.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.2.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments to proposed amendments submitted by the amendment's original sponsors in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

[9.3.6 through 9.3.12 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee)]

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Following the adoption of the NCAA Constitution in 2022, the Division III governance structure tasked the Interpretations and Legislation Committee with reviewing the division's legislative process. The goals of the review was to encourage more membership participation in the legislative process as well as foster greater collaboration between the governance structure and membership at large with the legislative process. This package of concepts to amend the legislative process represents feedback from the Division III governance structure, as well as affiliate groups within the membership in furtherance of those goals.

**Budget Impact:** None.

No. 2-2 ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS -- ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT -- CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR GRADUATED STUDENTS ENROLLED AT A NON-MEMBER INSTITUTION THAT HAS A FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH A DIVISION III INSTITUTION

**Intent:** To create an exception that would allow a student who has graduated from a Division III institution to maintain their athletics eligibility for that Division III institution while enrolled at an accredited non-member institution without a varsity athletics program, provided there is a formal institutional academic relationship between the Division III institution and the accredited non-member institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.1, as follows:

[Roll Call]

14.1 General Eligibility Requirements.

[14.1.1 through 14.1.5 unchanged.]

14.1.6 Admission and Enrollment.

14.1.6.1 Admission. A student-athlete shall not represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition unless the student has been admitted as a regularly enrolled student to a program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree in accordance with the regular, published entrance or admissions policies of that institution.

**14.1.6.1.1 Exception. A graduated student-athlete may maintain their eligibility at the certifying institution while enrolled at a second non-member institution, provided:**

- (a) The graduated student is enrolling in a program in which the certifying institution has a formal institutional academic agreement with a non-member institution;**
- (b) The non-member institution is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and shall not have a varsity intercollegiate athletics program;**
- (c) The graduated student will be continuing to represent the certifying institution they most recently attended as an undergraduate student; and**
- (d) The graduated student is meeting all other enrollment and eligibility requirements to be eligible for participation.**

[14.1.7 through 14.1.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2025

**Rationale:** This concept represents a response to the evolving relationships between institutions to establish pathways to graduate-level degrees. This proposal provides participation opportunities in scenarios when there is a clear connection between the certifying institution and the graduated student. Specifically, it establishes a pathway to eligibility for students who have graduated from the certifying Division III institution and enroll at an accredited nonmember institution when a formal academic relationship exists (e.g., institution-wide academic consortium, 4-1 program, 3-2 program). Similar pathways already exist legislatively for concurrent enrollment and cooperative educational exchange programs. The concept aligns with the Division III Philosophy Statement in that it provides continued participation opportunities for students with remaining eligibility while maintaining the connection to the Division III institution.

**Budget Impact:**

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## General Grouping

No. 2-3 (1-3)

### FEDERATED PLAYING RULES EXEMPTIONS

**Intent:** To establish a process by which Division III may consider federating sport-specific playing rules that have either a financial or philosophical impact for Division III institutions.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.32, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.32 Playing Rules. Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA, or an outside organization (see Bylaw 31.1.6), develops playing rules. Division III member institutions may be exempt from applying playing rules that the Division III Management Council determines places an unreasonable financial burden on Division III institutions or is otherwise incompatible with Division III philosophical principles. Management Council may not exempt institutions from following a rule if such would create an unsafe environment for student-athletes. It is not mandatory that those rules be used in institutional scrimmages, exhibitions or other forms of practice with outside competition.

[17.32 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 21.11.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21.11.3 Duties and Responsibilities. The Management Council shall:

[21.11.3-(a) through 21.11.3-(i) unchanged.]

**(j) Establish and oversee the Division III federated playing rules process.**

**(k) At its discretion, or as requested by two conferences or 20 member institutions, review whether an exemption to a common playing rule is appropriate.**

**(1) Management Council will utilize the appropriate existing committees, as well as any other relevant groups as the basis of their review. The membership may also be surveyed.**

**(2) Health and Safety determinations will be made by CSMAS and/or SSI, with consultations of relevant committees, outside groups or associations.**

**(3) The full membership will certify any Management Council votes.**

**Source:** Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Little East Conference, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Presidents' Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** With the adoption of the revised NCAA Constitution in January of 2022, all three NCAA divisions ratified language providing flexibility for division, sub-division or federated level to establish rules for sports competition and participation "as deemed necessary." The current federated rules process for Division III, which is captured in policy as opposed to legislation, has been ineffective in including meaningful and representative Division III input on playing rules changes. The existing process is not representative of the entire division and is insufficient in determining which playing rules are most appropriately federated. This proposal would allow Management Council, a body legislatively designed to be representative of the entire Division, to review proposed rules changes for a philosophical or financial impact on Division III and take action to exempt Division III from approved common playing rules. The federated exemptions would become effective immediately based on Management Council's action and would be subject to ratification by the entire Membership (on a timeline determined by the Management Council, either at Convention or at times appropriate to the playing rules change cycle).

**Budget Impact:** None

**Position Statement(s):** *Management Council:* The Management Council supports this proposal because it will permit the governance structure to be directly involved in the implementation of playing rules that would have notable financial or philosophical impacts for the division. Further, the requirement to have exemptions ratified on an

annual basis would guarantee that the larger Division III membership has the opportunity to react to proposed changes.

No. 2-4 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING

**Intent:** In women's wrestling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship and to establish a women's wrestling committee.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 18.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~910~~ national championships. ~~Eleven~~**Twelve** are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships (see Bylaw 31.02.2 for information about the classification and terminology of championships and see Bylaw 18.2.1 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship). The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championship (~~127~~).

<b>Men (3)</b>	<b>Men and Women (3)</b>	<b>Women (65)</b>
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo
		<b><u>Wrestling</u></b>

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 20, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20 Division Membership.

[20.01 through 20.02 unchanged.]

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

[20.02.6-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports. Triathlon ~~and women's wrestling~~.

[20.02.6 through 20.02.7 unchanged.]

[20.1 through 20.12 unchanged.]

20.12.1 Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. Separate championships in each division are not sponsored in the following sports:

Women's beach volleyball	Men's and women's skiing
Women's bowling	Men's volleyball (Divisions I and II)
Men's and women's fencing	Men's water polo
Men's gymnastics	Women's water polo
Women's gymnastics	<b><u>Women's wrestling</u></b>
Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)	

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



[20.12.2 unchanged.]

[20.13 through 20.15 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 21, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21 Committees.

[21.02 through 21.3 unchanged.]

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

[21.4.1 through 21.4.7 unchanged.]

**21.4.8 Wrestling Committee, Women's. The Women's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members. The committee shall include at least one representative from each division.**

[21.5 through 21.13 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year. Adding women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Sport aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. This proposal would be effective immediately to allow the women's wrestling committee to begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.

**Budget Impact:** \$1.5 million recurring annually for establishing a championship and committee (also includes broadcast production cost)

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## Presidents Council Grouping

### No. 2-5 (1-4) MULTISPORT CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP SIZE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

**Intent:** To align NCAA Division III legislative requirements for a multisport conference to be consistent with the membership size requirements for a single sport conference as well as to align legislative requirements for membership size for a multisport conference with the NCAA Division III legislation related to eligibility for Automatic Qualifiers and access to NCAA Division III Championships.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 20.02.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.02.3.3 Member Conference. A member conference is a group of at least ~~seven~~**six** colleges and/or universities that conducts competition among its members and determines a conference champion in one (single-sport conference) or more (multisport conference) sports (in which the NCAA conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition), duly elected to conference membership under the provisions of this article. A member conference is entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete in NCAA championships.

[20.02.3.3.1 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 20.9, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.9.1.2 Composition of Conference. A conference shall be comprised of at least ~~seven~~**six** core institutions. Provisional or reclassifying member institutions in their third year of the membership process may be considered core institutions for purposes of comprising a conference, provided there are at least four active member institutions. A conference may include provisional members in addition to the seven core members.

[20.9.1.2.1 through 20.9.1.2.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2025

**Rationale:** The current NCAA Division III bylaw 20.9.1.2.2 dictates that for a single-sport conference, formal conference status may be granted provided it has six active NCAA member institutions. However, the current NCAA Division III bylaw for a multisport conference requires seven active member institutions. This proposal seeks to create consistency amongst the legislative requirements for both a single-sport conference and a multisport conference. In addition, this proposal seeks to better align the multisport conference membership legislative requirements with the current Division III bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 regarding eligibility of multisport conferences to receive an Automatic Qualifier to Division III Championships. Specifically, bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 only requires six member institutions that fulfill other requirements articulated in order to secure or maintain Automatic Qualifier access to NCAA Division III Championships. Thus, this proposal will not have an immediate impact or change on the requirements related to championship access or securing/maintaining an AQ for a multisport conference. Moreover, this proposal aligns with recent decisions in the NCAA Division III governance structure modifying Bylaw 31.3.1.1 to establish an access ratio of 1:6.0 in team sports. This proposal will ultimately better align applicable membership requirement and championships access bylaws for both single-sport and multi-sport conferences.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Position Statement(s):** *NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships and Membership Committees)]*: The Presidents and Management Councils and the referenced committees support this proposal because it aligns the multisport conference size requirement with the current automatic qualifier standard and provides institutions and conferences with consistency and clarity.

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## General Grouping

### No. 2-6 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- THREE-YEAR PROVISION -- ESTABLISH A WAIVER

**Intent:** To establish a waiver of the reclassification three-year provision to shorten the process from three years to two years.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.6, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.6.4 Three-Year Provision. Reclassifying membership shall not be less than a three-year period. At the end of the three-year period, a reclassifying member shall be eligible for active membership (see Bylaw 20.8.3).

**20.6.4.1 Waiver. An institution in the reclassifying membership process may apply for a waiver of the third year of the process provided the following criteria are met:**

- (a) The waiver is requested in conjunction with the submission of the year two annual report;**
- (b) The reclassifying member shall administer its athletics program in accordance with all Division III bylaws during Year 2 of the reclassifying process; and**
- (c) The reclassifying member must comply with all financial aid requirements set forth in Bylaw 15. The institution shall not award athletically related financial aid to incoming students (e.g., freshmen, transfers) beginning with the first year of the reclassification process and thereafter. Following the completion of year one, the institution may no longer award athletically related financial aid to any student. The institution may honor previously awarded athletically related financial aid to students that choose not to participate in athletics. During the second year of reclassification, the institution must complete the Division III financial aid electronic reporting process and Level II review by the Division III Financial Aid Committee.**

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Membership Committee).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2025

**Rationale:** For institutions within the reclassifying membership that are philosophically and functionally prepared for active membership, the third year can be an unnecessary delay in the Division III membership process rather than a benefit. Consequently, institutions that have clearly demonstrated a commitment to the Division III philosophy, sports-sponsorship and financial aid requirements and fulfilled reports and related communication expectations should have the opportunity to seek a waiver of the three-year requirement to shorten the period to two years provided they meet the specified criteria.

**Budget Impact:** None.

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## Presidents Council Grouping

### No. 2-7 (1-5) DIVISION III COMMITTEES -- ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP -- STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -- CHANGE IN COMPOSITION

**Intent:** Allow for each multi-sport conference and the group of independents to have a primary representative on National SAAC.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.9.5.11.1, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21.9.5.11.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of:

- (a) One student-athlete from each **multi-sport conference**. ~~unit represented in the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee partnership program. A unit shall consist of two partnered conferences.~~ Independent institutions shall collectively be represented **by one student-athlete**. ~~as one additional unit. If there is an odd number of Division III conferences, the unpaired conference and all independent institutions shall collectively be represented as one additional unit;~~ and

[21.9.5.11.1-(b) unchanged.]

~~21.9.5.11.1.1 Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison. Each conference and group of independents without a member on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, shall have a student-athlete designated as a Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison. Compositional requirements, roles and responsibilities and term limits for this liaison role shall be set forth in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee policies and procedures.~~

**Source:** American Rivers Conference and Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Rationale:** This proposal aims to provide more clarity and consistency in the role of committee members. Under the current committee structure associate members rely on their partner conference's primary member for updates on meetings the associate members do not attend, creating inconsistent communication from the national committee to conference and institutional SAACs. The term length for associate members, coupled with the possibility of rolling on as primary members, has been confusing to navigate for student-athletes and conference staff. With longer and consistent service terms for all committee members (2-3 years, as opposed to just one year for some current associate members) the committee would be able to get more impactful work accomplished. Having all committee members serving in the same capacity (primary members) would improve committee operations. The immediate effective date aligns with committee member term expirations after the NCAA Convention. Estimated budget impact includes the cost of additional student-athletes attending the in-person November meetings.

**Budget Impact:** \$33,000

**Position Statement(s):** *NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Management Council):* The Presidents and Management Councils support this proposal because it will increase student-athlete engagement at the conference, institutional and national levels.

## 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 [cberg@ncaa.org](mailto:cberg@ncaa.org) or [jmyers@ncaa.org](mailto:jmyers@ncaa.org), not later than November 21. 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.