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This publication contains all 2019-20 legislative cycle proposals for consideration by the NCAA Division I Council during its April 23-24 meeting. All of the proposals in this publication were properly sponsored by conferences or introduced by the Council.

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[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 are underlined are to be added; and those words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division I legislation.]
Financial Aid

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.3.2, as follows:

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

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

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

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

[15.5.3.2.1 through 15.5.3.2.2 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[15.5.3.2.4 through 15.5.3.2.5 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies by institutional practice.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports

Legislative Committee No Formal Position

History:

Sep 1, 2018: Submitted to National Office

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

**Athletics Personnel**

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

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

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

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

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

[11.01.3 unchanged.]

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

[11.01.3.1 renumbered as 11.01.3.2, unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate; applicable to an individual appointed as a graduate assistant for fall 2020 and beyond.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** The graduate assistant coach role is a common point of entry into the coaching profession for former student-athletes. However, the current graduate assistant coach legislation precludes an individual who played professional football for more than seven years from serving as a graduate assistant coach. Currently, a student-athlete wishing to pursue a college football coaching career after a professional football career is better served to forego graduation to delay the start of the seven-year period. Thus, like the service exception to the five-year period of eligibility, time spent as a professional football player should be exempted when calculating the seven-year period for a graduate assistant coach. The proposal's effective date would allow an institution to provide financial aid to an individual during summer 2020 if he or she has been accepted for enrollment as a graduate student and appointed a graduate assistant for fall 2020.

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

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

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** Yes. This proposal would not create additional burden. A graduate assistant coach’s eligibility must already be evaluated and participation as a professional athlete is an objective measure.
**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would allow student-athletes to receive coaching from former professional football players with more experience.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

- Football Oversight Committee Supports
- Legislative Committee Supports

**History:**

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

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

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.6.1, as follows:

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

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

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

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

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

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

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

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. This proposal would eliminate unnecessary monitoring burdens by permitting all institutional staff members to attend contests involving future opponents.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would increase the number of staff members who may provide administrative support to student-athletes who are also attending such contests for entertainment or scouting purposes.

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

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

Position Statement(s):

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History:

- Jul 12, 2019: Submitted to National Office
- Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

No. 2019-22 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- ADDITIONAL COACHES -- NATIONAL SERVICE ACADEMIES -- MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

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

Bylaws: Amend 11.7.6, as follows:

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

- [11.7.6.1 unchanged.]
- 11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:
  - [11.7.6.2.1 through 11.7.6.2.4 unchanged.]
  - 11.7.6.2.5 Additional Coaches -- National Service Academies. A national service academy may employ two additional coaches in basketball and one additional coach in men's ice hockey.
  - [11.7.6.2.6 through 11.7.6.2.8 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

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

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal helps create competitive equity between service academies and other member institutions.

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee No Formal Position

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 12, 2019: In Progress
Feb 1, 2020: In Progress Sponsor modified the effective date from August 1, 2020 to immediate.
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

Athletics Eligibility

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 12.8, as follows:

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.6 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

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

[12.8.1.1 through 12.8.1.6 unchanged.]

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

12.8.1.7.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period.

This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence under the following circumstances:

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

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

[12.8.1.7.1.1 through 12.8.1.7.1.4 unchanged.] [12.8.2 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

Source: Conference USA

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

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Limiting waivers of the five-year period of eligibility to situations in which redshirts occur only in the initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment is not supportive of student-athlete well-being. In most cases, a redshirt decision is made by the coaching staff with little or no choice afforded to the student-athlete. While the proposal would expand the criteria to allow the redshirt to occur in any year of enrollment it would maintain the requirement that a student-athlete would need a separate denied participation opportunity (non-redshirt year) to qualify for the five-year rule waiver. Expanding the criteria to allow the redshirt to occur in any year of enrollment is in the best interest of student-athletes.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The proposal is consequential and significant as it advances student-athlete well-being and the overall student-athlete experience by optimizing participation opportunities.

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Supports
Football Oversight Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports
Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee Supports

History:

Jun 28, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 14, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

Athletics Personnel

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.4, as follows:

11.4 Employment of High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College Coaches, or Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[11.4.1 unchanged.]

11.4.2 Individual Associated with a Prospective Student-Athlete – Men’s Basketball. In men’s basketball, during a two-year period before a prospective student-athlete’s anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the prospective student-athlete’s actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

[11.4.2.1 unchanged.]

11.4.2.2 Exception – Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two one full seasons season. A season is defined as the time between the institution’s start of on-court preseason practice and the institution’s last regular-season contest.

11.4.3 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete – Women’s Basketball. In women’s basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete’s anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete’s actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) or enter into a contract for future employment with an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

[11.4.3.1 unchanged.]

11.4.3.2 Exception – Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two one full seasons season. A season is defined as the time between the institution’s start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution’s last regular-season contest.

[11.4.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.19, as follows:

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

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.8.3, as follows:

13.8.3 Employment Conditions.
[13.8.3.1 through 13.8.3.2 unchanged.]

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

[13.8.3.3.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.3.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two one full seasons season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of the institution’s last regular-season contest.

13.8.3.4 Individual Associated with a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, during a two-year period before a recruited prospective student-athlete's anticipated enrollment and a two-year period after the recruited prospective student-athlete's actual enrollment, an institution shall not employ (or enter into a contract for future employment with) an individual associated with the recruited prospective student-athlete in any athletics department noncoaching staff position or in a strength and conditioning staff position.

[13.8.3.4.1 unchanged.]

13.8.3.4.2 Exception -- Reassignment. An institution may reassign an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete from a countable coaching staff position to a noncoaching staff position or strength and conditioning staff position, provided the individual has been a countable coach at the institution for at least the previous two one full seasons season. A season is defined as the time between the institution's start of on-court preseason practice and the end of institution’s last regular-season contest.

[13.8.3.5 through 13.8.3.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 11.4.4, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

[11.4.4.1 unchanged.]

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

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.20, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

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

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

[13.8.3.5.1 unchanged.]

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

**Source**: Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date**: August 1, 2020

**Category**: Amendment

**Topical Area**: Athletics Personnel

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

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

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

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

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

**Estimated Budget Impact**: None.

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

**Position Statement(s)**:

- Football Oversight Committee: Supports
- Legislative Committee: Supports
- Women's Basketball Oversight Committee: No Formal Position

Recommends further discussion with committee in April.

**History**:

Date Printed: 03/29/2020
No. 2019-28 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- CONDUCT -- INSTITUTIONALLY-ISSUED DEVICES AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

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

Bylaws: Amend 11.1, as follows:

11.1 Conduct of Athletics Personnel.

[11.1.4 through 11.1.3 unchanged.]

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

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

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

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

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Not applicable.
Estimated Budget Impact: Will vary depending on whether an institution currently requires staff members to use institutionally issued equipment for recruiting purposes.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee: Opposes
Football Oversight Committee: Opposes
Legislative Committee: Opposes
Women's Basketball Oversight Committee: Opposes

The committee noted: (1) Differences in what institutions provide to coaching staffs; and (2) Currently, institutions and coaches are required to follow NCAA recruiting rules, regardless of device used.

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Recruiting

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.4, as follows:

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

[13.4.1 through 13.4.2 unchanged.]

13.4.3 Advertisements and Promotions.

[13.4.3.1 unchanged.]

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

[13.4.3.2.1 through 13.4.3.2.2 unchanged.]

[13.4.3.3 through 13.4.3.5 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:


[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.5 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate
Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase related to advertising.

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

Position Statement(s):

- Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
- Legislative Committee Supports
- Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee Supports

History:

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.8, as follows:

13.8 Entertainment, Reimbursement and Employment of High School/College-Preparatory School/Two-Year College Coaches and Other Individuals Associated With Prospective Student-Athletes.

[13.8.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[13.8.3 unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

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The committee noted concern with unlimited nature and feels current rule is appropriate.

History:

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- Nov 13, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.)

[Federated provision, FBS only]

13.9 Letter-of-Intent Programs, Financial Aid Agreements and Offers.
[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Letter of Intent Restriction. A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. However, an institution may permit a prospective student-athlete to sign an institutional or conference letter of intent during the National Letter of Intent early signing period in the applicable sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

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

[13.9.3.3.1 through 13.9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

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

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

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.)

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) through 15.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

[15.5.1.1 through 15.5.1.9 unchanged.]

15.5.1.10 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

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

[15.5.1.10.1.1 through 15.5.1.10.1.3 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[15.5.2 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6.1, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on initial counters and beyond.)

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

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

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

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

D. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6.2, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on initial counters and beyond.)

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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

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

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

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

[15.5.6.2.1 renumbered as 15.5.6.2.2, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date:
Sections A, B: Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.
Sections C, D: Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on initial counters and beyond.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal.

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

Position Statement(s):
Ready for Vote

The committee will further review and discuss proposal.

Recommends a holistic review of the limit on signings and initial counters and defers to the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee's position on Proposal Nos. 2019-41, 42 and 43.

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Financial Aid

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.9.3.3, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.)

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

[13.9.3.3.1 through 13.9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows: (Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and initial counters and beyond.)

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

15.5.1 Counters. A student-athlete shall be a counter and included in the maximum awards limitations set forth in this bylaw under the following conditions:

[15.5.1-(a) through 15.5.1-(b) unchanged.]

[15.5.1.1 through 15.5.1.9 unchanged.]

15.5.1.10 Offers Exceeding Maximum Allowable Awards. An institution may offer more than the maximum number of permissible awards in a sport (per Bylaw 15.5) in anticipation that not all of the offers will be accepted, but the institution shall not exceed the awards limitation in the sport in question.

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

[15.5.1.10.1.1 through 15.5.1.10.1.3 unchanged.]

[15.5.2 through 15.5.5 unchanged.]
15.5.6 Football Limitations.

15.5.6.1 Bowl Subdivision Football. There shall be an annual limit of 25 on the number of 50 initial counters (per Bylaw 15.02.3.1) in a rolling two-year period with no more than 30 initial counters in any one year and an annual limit of 85 on the total number of counters (including initial counters) in football at each institution.

[15.5.6.2 through 15.5.6.4 unchanged.]

[15.5.7 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference and Mid-American Conference

Effective Date:
Section A: Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.
Section B: Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and initial counters and beyond.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

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

Division 1 Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Fair Competition.

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

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would permit an institution to provide athletically related financial aid that would otherwise be unavailable.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Letter of Intent Restriction. A member institution may not participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement that involves a signing date that precedes the initial regular (as opposed to early) signing date for the National Letter of Intent program in the same sport. However, an institution may permit a prospective student-athlete to sign an institutional or conference letter of intent during the National Letter of Intent early signing period in the applicable sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

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

[13.9.3.3.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

[13.9.3.3.2 through 13.9.3.3 renumbered as 13.9.3.3.3 through 13.9.3.3.4, unchanged.]  

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.1.10.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

[15.5.1.10.1.1 through 15.5.1.10.1.3 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate; applicable to the 2020-21 annual limit on signings and beyond.

Category: Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.10.3, as follows:

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

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Football Oversight Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports
Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee Supports

History:

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.15 unchanged.]
13.1.7.16 Evaluation of Individuals Before They Become Prospective Student-Athletes. In sports other than men’s basketball, and softball and women’s volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the ninth grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a contact or evaluation period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. In men’s basketball, and softball and women’s volleyball, a coaching staff member may observe an individual who has not entered the seventh grade participating in an athletically related activity, provided such observation occurs during a period when it is permissible to evaluate prospective student-athletes. [D]

[13.1.7.17 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

[13.11.1 unchanged.]

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

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

[13.11.3 through 13.11.1.15 unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


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

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

[13.12.1.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Recruiting activity and camps and clinics are nationally significant.

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports

History:

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No. 2019-48 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES -- USA ELITE, HOPES OR TOPS NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUT CAMP -- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

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

[13.11.1.1 through 13.11.1.13 unchanged.]

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

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

13.11.1.415.1 Exception -- National Team Tryout Events. In sports other than basketball and women's gymnastics, it is permissible for an institution to host national team tryout events conducted by the applicable national governing body (see Bylaws 13.11.1.8, 13.11.1.9 and 13.11.1.10 and 13.11.1.11). In women's gymnastics, an institution may host, sponsor or conduct a national, regional or
state USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic camp or clinic once every four calendar years, provided the institution is selected by USA Gymnastics through a process that is open to all university programs within the nation, region or state.

[13.11.1.15 renumbered as 13.11.1.16, unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference and Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports
Olympic Sports Liaison Committee Supports

History:

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No. 2019-50 RECRUITING -- TRYOUT EXCEPTIONS -- STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS – REMOVE WRESTLING

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3, as follows:

13.11.3 Tryout Exceptions.

[13.11.3.1 through 13.11.3.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.3 State, Regional, National or International Training Programs -- Sports Other Than Wrestling. Participation in sports other than wrestling, participation by an institution's athletics department staff member in recognized state, regional, national or international training programs or competition organized and administered
by the applicable governing body shall not be considered tryouts, provided the athletics department staff member is selected by the applicable governing body and the participants are selected by an authority or a committee of the applicable governing body that is not limited to athletics department staff members affiliated with one institution. A member institution's coaching staff member may not participate only in noncoaching activities (e.g., consultant, on-site coordinator, participant selection), except as provided in Bylaws 13.11.3.3.1, 13.11.3.3.2 and 13.11.3.3.3. [D]

[13.11.3.3.1 through 13.11.3.3.3 unchanged.]

[13.11.3.4 through 13.11.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference and Southern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports
Olympic Sports Liaison Committee Supports

History:

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:

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

[13.12.1.1.1 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

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

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee

Opposes

Committee believes that if Proposal No. 2019-34 is adopted, this proposal is not necessary. Restricts opportunities for coaches to earn income, facility availability during these limited times, and limits other times that an institution may be closed (e.g., Thanksgiving, Spring Break).

Legislative Committee

Opposes

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:

13.12.1 Institution’s Sports Camps and Clinics.

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown.

[13.12.1.5.1 through 13.12.1.5.6 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.6 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Opposes
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Opposes
Football Oversight Committee Opposes
Legislative Committee Opposes

History:

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


13.12.1 Institution’s Sports Camps and Clinics.

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

[13.12.1.1.1 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 through 13.12.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution’s athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.6 unchanged.]
13.12.2.3.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institution's coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, it is not permissible for a woman's volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball to be employed (either on a salaried or a volunteer basis) in an institutional camp or clinic or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is conducted off the institution's campus during a quiet period be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. It is not permissible for a woman's volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

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

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would eliminate monitoring burdens during the academic year.

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee

Legislative Committee
Oppose limiting institutional camps or clinics during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. No position on specifying a coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women’s volleyball may be employed only at his or her institution’s or another four-year, NCAA member institution’s camps or clinics.

History:

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


13.12.1 Institution’s Sports Camps and Clinics.

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

[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

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

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.7 unchanged.]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 through 13.12.2.2 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3 Athletics Staff Members. A member institution’s athletics staff member may be involved in sports camps or clinics unless otherwise prohibited in this section (see Bylaw 11.3.2.6). [D]

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.6 unchanged.]

13.12.2.7 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clincis -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, an institution’s coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) by his or her institution’s camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics or may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to an institutional camp or clinic (e.g., open to any and all entrannts, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). However, it is not permissible for a women's volleyball coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's volleyball to be employed (either on salaried or a volunteer basis) in an institutional camp or clinic or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic that is conducted off the institution’s campus during a quiet period Employment in an institutional or noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic may occur only during the period of Memorial Day through July 31. [D]

[13.12.2.3.8 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

[13.12.3 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: Big East Conference

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

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Opposes

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13, as follows:

13 Recruiting

[13.01 unchanged.]

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.9 unchanged.]

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

[13.02.10.1 through 13.02.10.2 unchanged.]

[13.02.11 through 13.02.20 unchanged.]

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

[13.1.1 through 13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 through 13.1.5.4 unchanged.]
13.1.5.5 Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 130 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. [D]

[13.1.5.5.1 through 13.1.5.5.2 unchanged.]

[13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.5 unchanged.]

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

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

[13.1.8 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

[13.2 through 13.18 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.2 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

(2) December 24 through 26: Dead Period

(d) March 1 through Wednesday prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game April 30 [except for (1) through (4) below]: Contact Period

(1) The Thursday before the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game through the Thursday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent: Dead Period
(2) Easter weekend (Friday through Sunday): Quiet Period

(3) The third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (i) and (ii) below]: Evaluation Period (evaluations permissible at nonscholastic events only)

(i) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (Friday through Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.

(ii) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter occurs during the third weekend in April, the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

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

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

(f) Friday of the week that includes the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent through the following Tuesday and the third weekend (Friday through Sunday) in April [except for (1) and (2) below]: Evaluation Periods (evaluations during the third weekend in April permissible at nonscholastic events only)

(1) Evaluations at nonscholastic events shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered or during the Easter weekend.

(2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered or if Easter occurs during the third weekend in April, the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

(g e) Wednesday of the week following the initial date for the spring signing of the National Letter of Intent May 1 through July 5 [except when Bylaw 13.17.3-(f)-(1) or (2) applies and except for (1) and (2) below]: Quiet Period

(1) Monday immediately after the first Sunday in May through the second Sunday in May: Recruiting Shutdown

(2) The third weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) of May: Evaluation Period (including evaluations at nonscholastic events)

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

[13.17.4 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in recruiting costs.

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

Legislative Committee
Women's Basketball Committee
Oversight Opposes
Opposes
The committee noted that women's basketball recently amended its recruiting calendar with the adoption of Proposal No. 2017-23.

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 13, 2019: In Progress
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Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote
Proposal updated to reflect the adoption of Proposal No. 2018-58.

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.
[13.17.1 through 13.17.2 unchanged.]

13.17.3 Women's Basketball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's basketball:
[13.17.3-(a) through 13.17.3-(b) unchanged.]

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

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

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

[13.17.3-(d) unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

[13.17.3 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Minimal impact; limited to time spent with visiting prospective student-athletes.

Position Statement(s):
- Legislative Committee Supports
- Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee Supports

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Football.

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

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

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

(1) For a prospective student-athlete whose name is active in the NCAA Transfer Portal and has graduated or is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of a degree program: Contact Period
(e) March 1 through April 14 except for (1) below: Quiet Period

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[13.17.6 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Supports
Football Oversight Committee No Position Formal The committee will further review and discuss proposal.
Legislative Committee No Position

History:

Date Printed: 03/29/2020

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.7.2, as follows:

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.12 unchanged.]

13.1.7.13 Evaluation Days -- Women’s Golf. In women’s golf, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured June 15 through June 14) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach’s employment activities in instructional camps or clinics do not count toward the evaluation days limitations.

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

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.6 unchanged.]

13.17.7 Women’s Golf. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to women’s golf:

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

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

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts all women's golf programs.

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential reduction in recruiting expenses.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports
Legislative Committee Supports

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Sponsor modified the dates for measuring the 80 evaluation days, from August 1 through July 31 to June 15 through June 14.

No. 2019-63 RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS – CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD – DEAD PERIOD DURING PRELIMINARY ROUNDS OF OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.9 unchanged.]

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

[13.17.10-(a) through 13.17.10-(c) unchanged.]

(d) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

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

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

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

[13.17.11 through 13.17.13 unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential for reduction in recruiting expenditures.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Opposes
Student-Athlete Experience Committee Supports

History:

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Academic Eligibility

No. 2019-64 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – PARTICIPATION PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION – RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL AID DURING TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION PERIOD

Intent: To specify that if a student-athlete reports for initial enrollment at the certifying institution before the student’s academic record has been certified, the institution may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.3.5, as follows:

14.3.5 Determination of Freshman Eligibility.

14.3.5.1 Participation Prior to Certification. If a student-athlete reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before his or her qualification status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements (as certified by the Eligibility Center) to continue practicing and receive athletically related financial aid.

[14.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.3.5.2 through 14.3.5.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4.6, as follows:

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

[14.5.4.6.1 through 14.5.4.6.6 unchanged.]
14.5.4.6.7 Participation Prior to Certification. If a two-year college transfer student reports for athletics participation or initial enrollment at the certifying institution before the student's high school or two-year college academic record has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, during a 45-day period, provided the student meets all other requirements to be eligible to practice. An institution shall not may provide athletically related financial aid to the student during this period unless he or she has established the minimum requirements to receive such aid, provided the student meets all other requirements to receive athletically related financial aid. After the 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a transfer student to continue practicing, to continue receiving athletically related financial aid or to compete and receive athletically related financial aid.

[14.5.4.6.8 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

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

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

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Financial Aid

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

Intent: In women’s gymnastics, to increase, from 12 to 14, the maximum limitation on athletics grants in aid (counters).
**Bylaws:** Amend 15.5, as follows:

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

[15.5.1 unchanged.]

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

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

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

[15.5.2.2 through 15.5.2.8 unchanged.]

[15.5.3 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

**Source:** Pac-12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

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

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

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

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

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** Yes. Women's gymnastics student-athletes would have additional scholarship opportunities, additional team depth and the potential to reduce overuse and workload issues while concentrating more on their specialties and strengths.

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

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

**Position Statement(s):**

- **Student-Athlete Committee:** Experience Supports
  - Advisory

- **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee:**
  - Opposes

- **Legislative Committee:**
  - Competitive

- **Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports:**
  - No Formal Position

**Recommendation:**

The committee is opposed to a piecemeal approach to changes to equivalency limits.

**Position:**

- **Position:** Recommends referral to Division I Student-Athlete Experience Committee.

**History:**

- **Jul 15, 2019:** Submitted to National Office
- **Nov 14, 2019:** In Progress
- **Feb 7, 2020:** Ready for Vote
Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

[17.01 unchanged.]

17.02 Definitions and Applications.

[17.02.1 through 17.02.19 unchanged.]

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

[17.1 through 17.9 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Practice.

[17.10.2.1 through 17.10.2.3 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) During the five-day period, participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed three hours in length.

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

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

[17.10.2.4.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.2.5-(a) through 17.10.2.5-(c) unchanged.]
17.10.2.5.1 Exception -- "Walk-Throughs." During the preseason practice period after the five-day acclimatization period, a walk-through is not considered an on-field activity for purposes of the limit on the number of hours of on-field practice activities. If a walk-through is conducted on a day in which no other on-field activities occur, the walk-through must be included in the limit of 25 on-field practices in the preseason practice period. In championship subdivision football, on-field walk-throughs shall not exceed a total of two hours per day. Footballs may be used during walk-throughs in the preseason practice period.

[17.10.3 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

[17.11 through 17.31 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

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- Nov 14, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

No. 2019-75 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES – EXCEPTION TO SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT – FINAL ACADEMIC YEAR – BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

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

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:
17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

| Football Oversight Committee | Supports |
| Committee on Academics       | Supports |
| Legislative Committee        | No Formal Position |
| Women's Basketball Oversight Committee | Supports |

History:

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.2.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.2.7 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women’s. Regulations for computing the women’s beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.5 unchanged.]

17.4.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.4.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

[17.4.7 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

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

[17.9.1 through 17.9.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.9.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.9.7 through 17.9.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

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

[17.13.1 through 17.13.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.13.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.13.7 through 17.13.8 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

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

[17.14.1 through 17.14.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.14.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.14.7 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.16, as follows:

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

[17.16.1 through 17.16.5 unchanged.]
17.16.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.16.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.16.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.16.7 through 17.16.9 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

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

[17.17.1 through 17.17.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.17.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.17.7 through 17.17.8 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.19.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.19.7 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.20, as follows:

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

[17.20.1 through 17.20.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.20.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.20.7 through 17.20.8 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:
17.25 Volleyball. Regulations for computing the volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.25.1 through 17.25.10 unchanged.]

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

[17.25.11.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

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

[17.26.1 through 17.26.5 unchanged.]

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

[17.26.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.26.7 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Additional time spent in voluntary workout sessions as initiated by the student-athlete.

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No. 2019-79 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SOCCER AND WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL -- VACATION-PERIOD AND SUMMER WORKOUT SESSIONS INITIATED BY STUDENT-ATHLETE

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.5 unchanged.]

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

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

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

[17.19.7 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.10 unchanged.]

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

17.25.11.1 Summer Practice. Volleyball practice that is organized or financially supported by a member institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.
17.25.11.2 Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions -- Women. A women's volleyball coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a student-athlete from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.25.12 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Opposes
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Opposes
Committee on Academics Opposes
Legislative Committee Opposes
Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Formal Position Aspects of Sports

The committee is supportive of continued discussions and reviews of acclimatization of fall sport student-athletes Prefer Proposal No. 2019-78, not supportive of Proposal No. 2019-79 due to the limited access for only soccer and women's volleyball teams.

The committee noted that more discussion should be explored.

The committee noted: (1) The lack of health and safety data to support the proposal; and (2) The increased time demands on student-athletes.

History:

Jul 9, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 12, 2019: In Progress
Jan 27, 2020: In Progress Sponsor modified effective date from April 1, 2020 to immediate.
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

No. 2019-81 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- SOCCER AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Intent: In soccer and women's volleyball, to permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in summer school (or meets an exception to enrollment) to engage in required weight-training, conditioning and skill-related instruction for up to four consecutive weeks before preseason practice begins; further, to specify that participation in such activities shall be limited to three days per week and a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related instruction, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5.2 unchanged.]

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

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

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

17.1.7.2.1.5.3.1.1 Application to Transfer Student-Athletes. The exception to summer school enrollment does not apply to a transfer student-athlete until he or she has completed one academic year (two semesters or three quarters) of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution.
17.1.7.2.1.5.3.2 Academic Requirements for Student-Athletes Who Did Not Receive Athletically Related Financial Aid -- Soccer and Women's Volleyball. In soccer and women's volleyball, a student-athlete who did not receive athletically related financial aid during the previous academic year may participate in required summer athletic activities for up to four consecutive weeks (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2) without being enrolled in summer school, provided the student-athlete meets all progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

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

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee Opposes
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Opposes
Committee on Academics on
Legislative Committee Opposes

History:

Jul 9, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 12, 2019: In Progress
Intent: In cross country, field hockey, soccer and men's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 16 calendar days before the institution's first regular-season contest; further, in women's volleyball, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 17 calendar days before the institution's first regular season contest.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

[17.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.6.3 through 17.6.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

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

[17.9.1 unchanged.]

17.9.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in field hockey prior to the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before that first scheduled regular-season contest).

[17.9.3 through 17.9.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first scheduled regular-season contest).

[17.19.3 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.25.3 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:
17.26 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men’s and women’s water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.26.1 unchanged.]

17.26.2 Preseason Practice.

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

[17.26.2-(b) unchanged.]

[17.26.3 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Source: Big West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal simplifies an unnecessarily complicated calculation of the first permissible practice date.

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

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

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

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

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 unchanged.]

17.10.2 Practice.

[17.10.2.1 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) An institution may establish an academic orientation day on the day before the start of the five-day acclimatization period. On the day designated for the sole purpose of academic orientation, student-athletes may engage only in academic-related activities, which may include compliance-related activities (e.g., reviewing NCAA eligibility requirements, signing the Student-Athlete Statement and Drug-Testing Consent Form). An institution may conduct medical examinations, issue equipment and take individual photographs of participating student-athletes after the evening meal on the academic orientation day;
(c) An institution may conduct the academic orientation period during the five-day acclimatization period at any time during preseason practice through the institution’s 10th day of class of the initial fall term. The orientation activities may be conducted on more than one day during the five-day period but must be conducted for the equivalent of one day (not fewer than six hours); or

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

[17.10.2.4 through 17.10.2.5 unchanged.]

[17.10.3 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential cost savings due to a reduction in redundant programming.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potentially less time spent on redundant orientation activities.

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Supports
Football Oversight Committee Supports
Committee on Academics Opposes
Legislative Committee No Formal Position

History:

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 12, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3, as follows:
12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

12.8.3.1 Minimum Amount of Competition. Any competition, regardless of time, during a season in an intercollegiate sport shall be counted as a season of competition in that sport, except as provided in Bylaws 12.8.3.1.1, 12.8.3.1.2, 12.8.3.1.3, 12.8.3.1.4, 12.8.3.1.5 and 12.8.3.1.6. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics competition conducted by a two-year or four-year collegiate institution at the varsity or subvarsity level.

[12.8.3.1.1 through 12.8.3.1.3 unchanged.]

12.8.3.1.4 Preseason Exhibitions/Preseason Practice Scrimmages Participation. A student-athlete may compete in preseason exhibition contests and preseason practice scrimmages (as permitted in the particular sport per Bylaw 17) without counting such competition as a season of competition. In football, a student-athlete may participate in a joint practice session with a four-year institution per Bylaw 17.10.3.1 without counting such participation as a season of competition.

[12.8.3.1.5 through 12.8.3.1.6 unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 through 17.10.2 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Contests.

[17.10.5.1 unchanged.]

17.10.5.2 Annual Exemptions.

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

[17.10.5.2.1-(a) through 17.10.5.2.1-(h) unchanged.]
(i) Joint Practice Session With Four-Year Institution. One joint practice session that meets the criteria of Bylaw 17.10.3.1.

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

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

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

[17.10.6 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference
Effective Date: August 1, 2020
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable, would depending on travel.

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

Position Statement(s):

| Football Oversight Committee | Opposes |
| Legislative Committee | Opposes |
| Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports | Opposes |

The committee noted the proposal may increase opportunity for injury to student-athletes.

History:

- Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
- Nov 14, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 1, 2020: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

Proposal updated to clarify that, in football, a student-athlete may participate in a joint practice session with a four-year institution per Bylaw 17.10.3.1 without counting such participation as a season of competition.
Intent: To specify that an institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in a foreign country may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day; further, to specify that an institution that uses this exception must provide its student-athletes with five additional days off from all countable athletically related activities during the institution’s declared playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

[17.10.1 through 17.10.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.3.1 through 17.10.3.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3.3 Exception -- In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution that is scheduled to play a regular-season game in a foreign country may play its first permissible contest with outside competition on the Saturday prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day. An institution that uses this exception must provide its student-athletes with five additional days off from all countable athletically related activities during the institution’s declared playing season.

[17.10.4 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The committee noted requests may be appropriately handled through the waiver process.

The committee noted that requiring five additional days off does mitigate some impact of increased time demands.

History:

- Jul 11, 2019: Submitted to National Office
- Nov 14, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote


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

Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

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

[17.14.1 unchanged.]

17.14.2 Preseason Practice.

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

(1) Nonchampionship Segment, September 7 or the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

(2) Championship Segment, January 7.

[17.14.2-(b) unchanged.]

17.14.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

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

(1) Nonchampionship Segment, September 7 or the institution’s first day of classes, whichever is earlier.

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

[17.14.3-(b) unchanged.]

17.14.3.1 Exception – Preseason Scrimmages/Exhibition Games – Women's Lacrosse. In women's lacrosse, An institution may play up to three lacrosse scrimmages or exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest during a particular academic year, provided such scrimmages or exhibition games are conducted during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.14.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.14.5.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.14.5.3 shall count against the
maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible regular-season contest.

[17.14.4 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

**Source**: Colonial Athletic Association

**Effective Date**: August 1, 2020

**Category**: Amendment

**Topical Area**: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?**: Yes. This proposal impacts all men's lacrosse programs.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?**: Yes, This proposal would reduce the monitoring burden related to a student-athlete's participation in a scrimmage or exhibition contest.

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

**Estimated Budget Impact**: None.

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

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

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

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

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

17.19.1 Length of Playing Season.

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

17.19.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) **Men.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the following dates:

1. **Fall Segment.** The Friday of the 13th weekend before Thanksgiving Day.
2. **Spring Segment.** The Friday of the 11th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not commence practice sessions before the date that permits a maximum of 21 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) before the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest (not a scrimmage, exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first scheduled regular-season contest).

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.

(a) Men. An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the following dates:

1. **Fall Segment.** The Friday before the 12th 11th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship Thanksgiving Day (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

2. **Spring Segment.** The Friday before the 9th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship.

(b) Women. An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Women’s Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

[17.19.3 unchanged.]

17.19.3.1 Exception -- Scrimmages/Exhibition Games.

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

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

17.19.4 End of Regular Playing Season.

(a) Men. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the following:

1. **Fall Segment.** The Sunday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day. A seven-day discretionary period shall be provided starting with the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day, during which countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited.

2. **Spring Segment.** The conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution.
17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.19.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional.

(a) Men. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to:

(1) Fall Segment. Fourteen contests (12 regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. An institution is limited to one contest per weekend (defined as Friday through Sunday) and two midweek (defined as Monday through Thursday) contests in the segment with a limit of one midweek contest in a particular week.

(b) Women. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.5.3 and 17.19.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.19.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution -- Women’s Soccer. If in women’s soccer, if there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor soccer (for the applicable gender) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.

17.19.5.1.2 Hawaii or Alaska Exception -- Nonchampionship Segment Travel -- Women’s Soccer. Once in women’s soccer, once every four years, an institution may use any form of transportation for travel to Hawaii or Alaska for nonchampionship segment competition against an active member institution located in Hawaii or Alaska.

[17.19.5.1.3 unchanged.]

17.19.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete.

(a) Men. An individual student-athlete may participate in not more than 14 contests (12 regular-season contests and two scrimmages or exhibitions) during the fall segment and not more than nine contests (eight regular-season contests and one scrimmage or exhibition) during the spring segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

(b) Women. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.19.5.3 through 17.19.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.19.6 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable. A later start to preseason in the fall could result in cost savings. Different scheduling approaches and the elimination of the current ground-transportation restriction in the spring could lead to cost increases.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** No increase to length of playing season; projected to have less missed class time due to fewer midweek contests.

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<td>Committee Academics</td>
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<td>The committee noted the following concerns: (1) Additional pressure on academic support staff; (2) Concern with a lack of an off-season period to explore other academic interests; and (3) Potential for more rather than less missed class time.</td>
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<td>The committee recognizes that there may be benefits to this model; however, it believes that further review is necessary. Specifically, the committee is interested in the outcomes of the CSMAS study, SAAC’s position and whether this model addresses the specific concerns. Lastly, the committee believes if this model is the appropriate model it would like women’s soccer to be considered as well. The committee also noted concerns with facility availability.</td>
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<td>Student-Athlete Experience Committee</td>
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<td>The committee recommended the sponsors consider the following: (1) Identify the minimal amount of time that should be required between competitions. Current wording could be misinterpreted to allow back-to-back contests; (2) Reconfiguration of the preseason should be part of this effort, but guidance is not yet available; (3) Attention should be given to ensure that time salvaged from a reconfiguration of the season is not lost to increased frequency, volume and/or intensity of practice; and (4) The burden on athletics health care providers, especially athletics trainers, should be considered.</td>
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**History:**

Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
No. 2019-92 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION -- 32 CONTESTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

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

Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.2 unchanged.]

17.25.3 First date of competition Contest -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition contest shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible date of competition contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

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

[17.25.4 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

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

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition 32 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition contests in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.25.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition 32 contests in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) U.S. National Team. One contest or date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for volleyball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).

[17.25.9-(k) unchanged.]

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

[17.25.11 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Big Ten Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<td>The committee will review the proposals (2019-92 or 2019-93) in April to determine a preference.</td>
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<td>The committee noted support for both Proposal Nos. 2019-92 and 2019-93 but indicated preference for Proposal No. 2019-92.</td>
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<td>The committee noted concerns about implementation and possible increase in missed class time; additionally, the proposal does not directly address double-headers.</td>
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Jul 15, 2019: Submitted to National Office
Nov 14, 2019: In Progress
Jan 31, 2020: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

Sponsor modified effective date from August 1, 2020 to August 1, 2021.

No. 2019-93 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND DATES OF COMPETITION -- 30 CONTESTS IN CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

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

Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.2 unchanged.]

17.25.3 First date of Competition Contest -- Women. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women's volleyball until the Friday prior to September 1. If September 1 falls on a Friday, the first permissible date of competition contest shall be the preceding Friday. If September 1 falls on a Saturday, the first permissible date of competition contest shall be two Fridays prior to September 1. (See Figure 17-2.) An alumni match may be played during the week (Saturday-Friday) prior to the first permissible date of competition contest. An institution may not begin competition in its segment in which the NCAA championship is not conducted until January 1.

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

[17.25.4 through 17.25.6 unchanged.]

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

17.25.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women's volleyball during the playing season to 28 dates of competition 30 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.25.7.1.3 In-Season Foreign Competition -- Women. A member institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition contests in women's volleyball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.
17.25.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 28 dates of competition or 30 contests in women’s volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.25.8 unchanged.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[17.25.9-(k) unchanged.]

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

[17.25.11 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2021

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal simplifies how competitions are counted in volleyball. Currently, programs are limited to 28 dates of competition in the championship segment, which often includes days when teams participate in multiple competitions (e.g., tournaments, double-headers). Dates of competition are typically a measure utilized by individual sports to allow additional flexibility in scheduling when individual team members are participating in multiple events at different locations. This flexibility is not needed in volleyball. The change to contests would provide all institutions with the same number of competition opportunities over the course of the championship season and provide student-athletes additional time by reducing the likelihood of multiple competitions in a single day. This change also aligns women’s volleyball with other teams sports that use contests rather than dates of competition.

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

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

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would support student-athlete well-being by reducing the likelihood of multiple competitions in a single day.

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

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee
Supports

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Supports

Committee on Academics
Opposes

Legislative Committee
Opposes

Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Position

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Sponsor modified effective date from August 1, 2020 to August 1, 2021.

Infractions Program

No. 2019-94 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II VIOLATIONS – VACATION OF RECORDS

Intent: To specify that a vacation of team records penalty may only be applied if there is a finding of a lack of institutional control or failure to monitor.

Bylaws: Amend 19.9, as follows:

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 through 19.9.6 unchanged.]

19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties:

[19.9.7-(a) through 19.9.7-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

(1) Vacation of individual records and performances;

(2) Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or, in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or

(3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

[19.9.7-(h) through 19.9.7-(l) unchanged.]

19.9.7.1 Vacation of Records. Vacation of records per Bylaw 19.9.7.1-(g) shall apply only to cases in which there is a finding of a lack of institutional control or institutional failure to monitor, except for the following:

(a) Wins from the career record of a head coach may be vacated in a case in which he or she is found responsible for a violation or for the action of an individual staff member who reported to the head coach (see Bylaw 11.1.1.1); and
(b) Awards or records of a student-athlete may be vacated in a case in which he or she is found substantially responsible for the underlying violation.

[19.9.8 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: Vacation of team records is one of the most serious and visible penalties that attaches to an institution’s reputation. As such, it should be applied only in serious cases in which there is clear institutional culpability.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. and The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Level I and Level II infractions cases are consequential for the institution and involved individuals, and the vacation of records is a serious penalty applied in the most serious circumstances.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Not applicable.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would support student-athlete well-being by maintaining records in situations that do not involve a finding of failure to monitor or lack of institutional control.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Opposes

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Proposal modified by the sponsor to clarify the application to a coach or student-athlete in a case in which he or she is found responsible for a violation.

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2019-95 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- COUNTABLE ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES AFTER COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- TENNIS

Intent: In tennis, to specify that up to one hour of on-court practice activities (which may not include conditioning, strength training or film review) may be conducted after competition on the same day as the competition, provided: (a) Competition is scheduled to occur on consecutive days against different opponents at different sites; and (b) The on-court activities occur at the site where competition is scheduled to occur the next day.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

17.1.7 Time Limits for Athletically Related Activities. In all sports, the following time limitations shall apply:

[17.1.7.1 through 17.1.7.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

[17.1.7.3.1 unchanged.]
17.1.7.3.2 Competition Day. All competition and any associated athletically related activities on the day of competition shall count as three hours regardless of the actual duration of these activities.

17.1.7.3.2.1 Countable Athletically Related Activities Prohibited After Competition. Countable athletically related activities may not be conducted at any time (including vacation periods) following competition, except between contests, rounds or events during a multiday or multievent competition (e.g., double-headers in softball or baseball, rounds of golf in a multiday tournament).

17.1.7.3.2.1.1 Exception -- Tennis. In tennis, up to one hour of on-court practice activities (which may not include conditioning, strength training or film review) may be conducted after competition on the same day as the competition, provided:

(a) Competition is scheduled to occur on consecutive days against different opponents at different sites; and

(b) The on-court practice activities occur at the site where competition is scheduled to occur the next day.

[17.1.7.3.3 through 17.1.7.3.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.4 through 17.1.7.11 unchanged.]

Source: Big Sky Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Many institutions have to schedule tennis contests against multiple opponents on a single away-from-home trip. In some cases, the dates and/or times of the contests require that the traveling team play back-to-back contests on Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday. This proposal would help reduce missed class time, reduce travel costs and help a team without a large travel budget to meet sport sponsorship requirements. Additionally, under the current legislation, a team that travels to different competition locations on consecutive days may have a competitive disadvantage based on factors such as different court surfaces and changes in altitude. This proposal would allow student-athletes to participate in limited practice activities and help them acclimate to varying conditions.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is significant for all tennis programs and supports current scheduling practices.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would minimally impact current monitoring (e.g., CARA logs) of countable athletically related activities.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow coaches to support student-athletes as they prepare for the following day’s competition. Further, many student-athletes may feel obligated, under the current rules, to participate in voluntary activities. Therefore, it is unlikely that this proposal would significantly increase time demands.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): No increase to weekly time limitations; however, up to one additional hour of countable activity could be required on a day competition.

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Experience Committee
Opposes

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Opposes

Legislative Committee
Opposes

The committee expressed concern about the activity being used as a punishment for poor performance in competition. Current legislation already allows student-athletes to practice briefly at the competition site prior to engaging in competition.

The committee expressed concern that activity could turn into a form of punishment due to poor competition performance.
No. 2019-102 NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBER CONFERENCE -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION REVIEW

Intent: To specify that an active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office; further, to specify that failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject a member conference to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

Constitution: Amend 3.3, as follows:

3.3 Member Conference.

[3.3.1 through 3.3.3 unchanged.]

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 unchanged.]

3.3.4.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Review. An active member conference shall complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review of its internal policies, procedures and programming at least once every five years and provide written confirmation of completion to the national office. Failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject a member conference to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. [3.3.4.2 through 3.3.4.8 renumbered as 3.3.4.3 through 3.3.4.9, unchanged.]

[3.3.5 through 3.3.6 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership

Rationale: This proposal would hold Division I conferences to a similar standard that is applied to their member institutions. The equity, diversity and inclusion review is intended to help inform policy and diversity initiatives and is supportive of Foundational Goal No. 5 of the Board of Directors Strategic Areas of Emphasis for 2018-2023. This proposal would simply require that each conference submit written confirmation that it has completed the review to the national office. Each conference will independently conduct its review and determine what follow-up may be necessary. Each conference will be responsible for reviewing its own policies, procedures and initiatives. The conference review will not include a review of its institutions. A working group of conference representatives has reviewed and supports this proposal.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation related to the Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion is nationally significant.
Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The benefits of encouraging equity, diversity and inclusion outweigh a minimal monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: A diversity, equity and inclusion review would encourage a conference office to support a more diverse and inclusive environment for its member schools and student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Costs associated with completing the review.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

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The Council modified the proposal to specify that failure to complete an equity, diversity and inclusion review at least once every five years shall subject a member institution to a penalty pursuant to a penalty structure and timeline maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee.

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**Recruiting**

No. 2019-108  RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MODEL -- BASEBALL

Intent: In baseball, to revise legislation related to contacts; telephone calls; recruiting materials; official and unofficial visits; and camps and clinics, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

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

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her family members) before August 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

13.1.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Football. In baseball and football, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his family members) before July 1 following the completion of his junior year in high school, or the opening day of classes of his senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. [D]

[13.1.1.2 through 13.1.1.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.2 unchanged.]

13.1.3 Telephone Calls.

13.1.3.1 Time Period for Telephone Calls -- General Rule. Telephone calls to an individual (or his or her family members) may not be made before June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school (subject to the exceptions below). Thereafter, an institution may make telephone calls to the prospective student-athlete at its discretion. [D]

[13.1.3.1.1 through 13.1.3.1.3 unchanged.]
13.1.3.1.4 Exception - **Baseball** and Men's Ice Hockey. In **baseball** and men's ice hockey, an institution is permitted to make telephone calls to an individual (or his family members) at its discretion beginning January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.1.5 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2 Additional Restrictions.

[13.1.3.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.2 Telephone Calls Initiated by an Individual at His or Her Expense - **Baseball**, Basketball and Football. In baseball, basketball and football, institutional staff members may receive telephone calls placed by an individual at the individual's expense at any time.

[13.1.3.2.3 through 13.1.3.2.4 unchanged.]

13.1.3.2.5 Telephone Calls From an Individual - **Baseball** and Men's Ice Hockey. In **baseball** and men's ice hockey, an institutional staff member may not receive telephone calls from an individual (or his family members) before January 1 at the beginning of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.1.3.3 through 13.1.3.7 unchanged.]

[13.1.4 unchanged.]

13.1.5 Contacts.

[13.1.5.1 unchanged.]

13.1.5.2 **Baseball**. In baseball, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). During the senior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts at any site and shall include contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5. [D]

[13.1.5.3 through 13.1.5.5 renumbered as 13.1.5.2 through 13.1.5.4, unchanged.]

13.1.5.65 **Baseball** and Men's Ice Hockey. In **baseball** and men's ice hockey, each institution is limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaw 13.1.5.8). Beginning August 1 of a prospective student-athlete's junior year of high school, not more than three of the seven opportunities may be off-campus contacts each year, including contacts with the prospective student-athlete's family members. A contact made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.5 does not count as a recruiting opportunity. [D]

[13.1.5.7 through 13.1.5.11 renumbered as 13.1.5.6 through 13.1.5.10, unchanged.]

[13.1.6 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

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

13.4 Recruiting Materials.

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members) until June 15 at the conclusion of his or her sophomore year in high school. [D]

13.4.1.1 Exception -- **Baseball**, Women's Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In **baseball**, women’s basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her family members) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her family members) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.2 unchanged.]
13.4.1.3 Exception – Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey. In baseball and men's ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his family members) until January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

[13.4.1.4 through 13.4.1.10 unchanged.]

13.4.2 through 13.4.3 unchanged.

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

13.6.2.1.1 Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Lacrosse and Softball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse and softball, a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense-paid visit earlier than August 1 of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

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

[13.6.2.1.3 through 13.6.2.1.5 unchanged.]

13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.5 unchanged.

13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

13.7.1 First Opportunity to Visit.

[13.7.1.1 unchanged.]

13.7.1.2 Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his or her family members) before September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school.

[13.7.1.3 through 13.7.1.4 unchanged.]

13.7.1.5 Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey. In baseball and men's ice hockey, an unofficial visit with athletics department involvement (e.g., contact with athletics department staff, athletics-specific tour, complimentary admission) shall not occur with an individual (or his family members) before January 1 of his sophomore year in high school.

[13.7.2 through 13.7.5 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


[13.12.1.1 through 13.12.1.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5 Recruiting Calendar Exceptions. The interaction during sports camps and clinics between prospective student-athletes and those coaches employed by the camp or clinic is not subject to the recruiting calendar restrictions. However, an institutional staff member employed at any camp or clinic (e.g., counselor, director) is prohibited from recruiting any prospective student-athlete during the time period that the camp or clinic is conducted (from the time the prospective student-athlete reports to the camp or clinic until the conclusion of all camp activities). The prohibition against recruiting includes extending written offers of financial aid to any prospective student-athlete during his or her attendance at the camp or clinic (see Bylaw 13.9.3.2). Other coaches who attend the camp or clinic as observers must comply with appropriate recruiting contact and evaluation

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periods. In addition, institutional camps or clinics may not be conducted during a dead period or a recruiting shutdown.

[13.12.1.5.1 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.2 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball, Lacrosse and Softball. In baseball, lacrosse and softball, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution’s coach and a participating individual before September 1 at the beginning of the individual's junior year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.3 through 13.12.1.5.4 unchanged.]

13.12.1.5.5 Exception -- Recruiting Conversations -- Baseball and Men’s Ice Hockey. In baseball and men’s ice hockey, recruiting conversations during an institutional camp or clinic (including a camp or clinic that involves only individuals who are not yet prospective student-athletes) are not permitted between an institution’s coach and a participating individual before January 1 of the individual's sophomore year in high school.

[13.12.1.5.6 through 13.12.1.5.7 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Through a multiyear process, the Student-Athlete Experience Committee developed a recruiting model that better aligns the decision-making timeline of a prospective student-athlete with the decision-making timeline for any prospective college student. A prospective college student typically begins visiting institutions during his or her junior year of high school. Regarding communications with prospective student-athletes, there is strong support among conferences and coaching associations for a tiered recruiting concept in which communication is permitted before visits and in-person contact. It is important for a coach and a prospective student-athlete to develop a relationship and determine if there is mutual interest before a visit to campus or off-campus contact. This proposal is the result of additional collaboration with the American Baseball Coaches Association on issues specific to baseball prospective student-athletes. Specifically, this proposal would allow a prospective student-athlete additional time to consider options and build relationships with college coaches before making a decision whether to attend college or pursue professional baseball.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Early recruiting regulations are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would limit early recruiting, which outweighs any additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow recruiting activities to occur at the appropriate time given the unique challenges in baseball and would allow prospective student-athletes to make informed decisions.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable, depending on institutional recruiting practices.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote
Intent: In women's basketball, to specify that evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July may include regularly scheduled club team contests/tournaments and practices that occur outside of the United States and involve only international prospective student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete per year (see Bylaws 13.1.5.5 and 13.1.5.8). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation on recruiting-person days. [D]

13.1.7.6.1 Evaluation Periods Other Than July. Evaluations of live athletics activities outside of July shall be limited to: [D]

(a) Regularly scheduled high school, preparatory school and two-year college contests/tournaments and practices;

(b) Regularly scheduled club team contests/tournaments and practices that occur outside of the United States and involve only international prospective student-athletes;

(b c) Regular scholastic activities involving prospective student-athletes enrolled only at the institution where the regular scholastic activities occur; and

(c d) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May.

[13.1.7.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.6.2 through 13.1.7.6.6 unchanged.]

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.18 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Currently, opportunities for evaluations of international prospective student-athletes are very limited. In most other countries, there are no scholastic-based sports programs and, therefore, no regularly scheduled high-school contests or practices. Most international women's basketball prospective student-athletes participate on club teams. Consequently, most of the permissible evaluations of international prospective student-athletes occur only at certain national team activities and regional championships. This proposal would provide opportunities for coaches to evaluate international prospective student-athletes at regularly scheduled club team contests/ tournaments and practices without opening the door for evaluations at private tryouts or open gyms. Such evaluations would count toward the 112 permissible recruiting days. This proposal aligns with the 2019-2024 NCAA Women's Basketball Strategic Plan to grow women's basketball on the international level.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal addresses an existing issue (lack of evaluation opportunities for international prospective student-athletes) without significantly increasing monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide opportunities for international prospective student-athletes to be evaluated by college coaches.

Estimated Budget Impact: May increase recruiting budget if an institution chooses to recruit internationally.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
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No. 2019-114 RECRUITING -- MEN'S WRESTLING -- DEAD PERIODS

Intent: In wrestling, to specify that: (1) The dead period surrounding the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships shall begin two days before and conclude at 6 p.m. the day after the championships; (2) The dead period surrounding the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention shall begin the Wednesday before the convention and extend through August 31 (or the Wednesday before Labor Day, whichever occurs first); (3) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the following Saturday shall be a dead period; however, if the institution has a home football game scheduled during this period, the 48 hours before the game through 48 hours after the game shall be a quiet period; and (4) December 24-27 shall be a dead period.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.13, as follows:

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

(a) The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Day through the following Saturday. If an institution has a home football game scheduled during this period, the 48 hours before the game through 48 hours after the game shall be a quiet period;

(b) December 24-27:

(c) The day before the first day of Two days before the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon 6 p.m., on the day after the championships; and

(d) The Monday Wednesday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention August 31 (or the Wednesday before Labor Day, whichever occurs first).

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal promotes student-athlete and coach well-being by allowing coaches to remain on campus at the beginning of the academic year and during holiday breaks. A majority of the coaches association membership supports this proposal.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal is significant to all wrestling programs.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would not significantly increase monitoring burden.
How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would encourage coaches to be on campus and to be available for current student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable, depending on institutional recruiting practices.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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**Academic Eligibility**

No. 2019-116 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- UNIFORM ACADEMIC ENROLLMENT

Intent: To permit a student-athlete who is enrolled in an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).

14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree and is enrolled in a graduate or professional school, is seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree, or is enrolled as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of a major or degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student-athlete who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

[14.6.1-(a) through 14.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and wants to continue athletics participation at the same institution has several academic options. He or she may: (1) continue as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another undergraduate major or degree; (2) seek a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree; or (3) enroll in a graduate or professional school (e.g., traditional master’s degree or graduate certificate program). In contrast, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and seeks to transfer has only one
academic option - enroll in a graduate or professional school at the new institution. Graduate school may not be in the academic best interests of all student-athletes who have just completed a baccalaureate degree. For example, a student-athlete who is required to complete prerequisite undergraduate courses before enrolling in a graduate program would not be eligible at another institution, regardless of whether a postgraduate opportunity exists at his or her undergraduate institution. Not only may some student-athletes lack the practical experience to be admitted into many graduate programs, not all student-athletes are interested in a two- or three-year graduate degree. As a result, there is a perception that many student-athletes enroll in graduate programs they have no intention to complete, while they finish their academics eligibility. These perceptions create unnecessary tensions between athletics and various academic departments. This proposal would alleviate some of those tensions by making the postgraduate academic opportunities available to student-athletes consistent, regardless of transfer status. Further, the proposed approach could help student-athletes and academic advisors identify the academic option that best aligns with the student-athlete's interests, qualifications and future career aspirations.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.. Legislation related to graduate transfer eligibility is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The benefits of expanded enrollment opportunities outweigh any minimal monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal would provide student-athletes with expanded opportunities to explore various areas of graduate level work and may improve academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee: Supports
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee: Supports
Football Oversight Committee: Supports
Legislative Committee: Supports
Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee: Supports


History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote


Intent: To specify that a graduate student who is enrolled in general graduate course work at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception.

Bylaws: Amend 14.6, as follows:

14.6 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student-athlete who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school of the same institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree, a student-athlete who is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree at the same institution, or a student-athlete who has graduated and is continuing as a full-time student at the same institution while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another major or degree as defined and documented by the institution, may participate in intercollegiate athletics, provided the student has eligibility remaining and such participation occurs within the applicable five-year period set forth in Bylaw 12.8 (see Bylaw 14.2.2.1.5).
14.6.1 One-Time Transfer Exception. A graduate student who is enrolled in a graduate or professional school or is enrolled in general graduate course work (e.g., nondegree, at-large, graduate certificate) at an institution other than the institution from which he or she previously received a baccalaureate degree may participate in intercollegiate athletics if he or she fulfills the conditions of the one-time transfer exception set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10 and has eligibility remaining per Bylaw 12.8. A graduate student who does not meet the one-time transfer exception due to the restrictions of Bylaw 14.5.5.2.10-(a) shall qualify for this exception, provided:

[14.6.1-(a) through 14.6.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.6.1.1 unchanged.]

[14.6.2 through 14.6.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020, for a student-athlete who initially enrolls full-time at the certifying institution on or after August 1, 2020.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and wants to continue athletics participation at the same institution has several academic options. He or she may: (1) continue as a full-time student while taking course work that would lead to the equivalent of another undergraduate major or degree; (2) seek a second baccalaureate or equivalent degree; or (3) enroll in a graduate or professional school (e.g., traditional master’s degree or graduate certificate program). In contrast, a student-athlete who completes an undergraduate degree with eligibility remaining and seeks to transfer has only one academic option - enroll in a graduate or professional school at the new institution. Expanding the graduate academic options available at the next institution will increase the options available to student-athletes and updates the legislation with the postgraduate academic offerings that now exist on many Division I campuses, like graduate certificate programs. Further, this will allow student-athletes to explore various areas of graduate level work and accumulate graduate academic credit in case the student-athlete departs and desires to return at a later date. Lastly, the completion rates are higher for postgraduate student-athletes who enroll in graduate work as opposed to a second undergraduate degree or major (62% vs. 17%). Exploring broader academic options for all postgraduate student-athletes, including those who enroll at a different Division I institution, may have a greater likelihood of improving the academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation related to graduate transfer eligibility is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The benefits of expanded enrollment opportunities outweigh any minimal monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide student-athletes with expanded opportunities to explore various areas of graduate level work and may improve academic experiences and outcomes for student-athletes in certain sports.

Estimated Budget Impact: None

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

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History:
No. 2019-118 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT -- REORGANIZATION AND CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Intent: To reorganize the structure and clarify the application of the academic misconduct legislation, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Academic Eligibility

[14.01 unchanged.]

14.02 Definitions and Applications.

14.02.1 Academic Misconduct -- Post-Enrollment. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters. Post-enrollment academic misconduct includes any violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity (e.g., academic offense, academic honor code violation, plagiarism, academic fraud).

[14.02.2 through 14.02.8 renumbered as 14.02.1 through 14.02.11, unchanged.]

14.02.10 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. Impermissible academic assistance by a current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution's athletics interests includes, but is not limited to, the provision or arrangement of:

(a) Substantial assistance that is not generally available to an institution's students and is not otherwise expressly authorized in Bylaw 16.3, which results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point; or

(b) An academic exception that results in a grade change, academic credit or fulfillment of a graduation requirement when such an exception is not generally available to an institution's students and the exception results in the certification of a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.02.11 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work.

14.02.11.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in academic misconduct or provides impermissible academic assistance at the direction of a nonstudent employee, an institutional staff member per 14.02.11.1 (a) or a representative of the institution's athletics interests.

[14.02.12 through 14.02.16 renumbered as 14.02.9 through 14.02.13, unchanged.]

14.1 Admission, Enrollment and Academic Credentials.

[14.1.1 unchanged.]

14.1.2 Validity of Academic Credentials. As a condition and obligation of membership, an institution is responsible for determining the validity of a student-athlete's academic record.

14.1.2.1 Pre-Enrollment Academic Misconduct. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

(a) Arrange for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or any institution regarding a prospective student-athlete's academic record.

[14.1.2.2 through 14.1.2.5 renumbered as 14.1.2.1 through 14.1.2.4, unchanged.]

[14.2 through 14.8 unchanged.]
14.9 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct Integrity.

14.9.1 General Principle. All institutional staff members and student-athletes are expected to act with honesty and integrity in all academic matters.

14.9.2 Definitions.

14.9.2.1 Institutional Staff Member. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, an institutional staff member is any individual, excluding a student employee, who performs work for the institution or the athletics department, regardless of whether he or she receives compensation for such work.

14.9.2.1.1 Student Employee. For purposes of Bylaw 14.9, a student employee is an institutional staff member if:

(a) He or she has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes; or

(b) He or she engages in an academic integrity violation at the direction of a nonstudent employee, a student employee who has institutional responsibilities to provide academic services to student-athletes or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests.

14.9.3 Pre-Enrollment Academic Integrity. A prospective student-athlete, student-athlete, representative of an institution’s athletics interests or a current or former institutional staff member shall not:

(a) Arrive for a false or inaccurate academic record (e.g., courses, grades, credits, transcripts, test scores) for a prospective student-athlete; or

(b) Provide false, inaccurate or incomplete information to the NCAA or an institution regarding a prospective student-athlete’s academic record.

14.9.24 Post-Enrollment Academic Misconduct Integrity.

14.9.24.1 Policies and Procedures, Investigation and Adjudication. An institution must:

(a) Have written institutional policies and procedures regarding academic misconduct violations or breaches of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity applicable to the general student body, including student-athletes. The policies and procedures must be approved through the institution’s normal process for approving such policies and must be kept on file or be accessible on the institution’s website.

(b) Investigate and adjudicate an alleged academic misconduct violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity in accordance with established policies regardless of whether the misconduct is reported to the NCAA or whether the student-athlete acted alone or in concert with others.

14.9.24.1.1 Exception Expedited Review. An institution may establish a policy that permits an expedited investigation and adjudication of an alleged academic misconduct violation by a student-athlete, provided other applicable policies and procedures are observed and the policy for expedited review is approved through the institution’s normal process for approving such policies and is approved by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designee). Further, the policy that permits an expedited review must be kept on file or must be accessible on the institution’s website.

14.9.24.1.2 Prohibited Conduct -- Student-Athlete. A student-athlete shall not be involved in a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity:

(c) Academic misconduct involving Involving the alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record;

(d) Academic misconduct involving Involving a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution’s athletics interests; or

(b c) Academic misconduct without Without the involvement of a current or former institutional staff member or representative of an institution’s athletics interests, that results in:

(1) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics and the student-athlete subsequently competes for the institution while ineligible;

(2) An erroneous declaration of eligibility to receive financial aid and the student-athlete subsequently receives financial aid while ineligible; or

(3) The erroneous awarding of an Academic Progress Rate point; or
14.9.24.3 Prohibited Conduct -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not be involved (with or without the knowledge of the student-athlete) in:

(a) **Academic misconduct**: A violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity related to a student-athlete; or

(b) The alteration or falsification of a student-athlete’s transcript or academic record; or

(c) The provision of academic assistance or an exception that is not otherwise permissible pursuant to Bylaw 16.3, is not generally available to the institution’s students and results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point.

14.9.24.3.1 Application. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has occurred conduct violates an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, a violation of Bylaw 14.9.24.3-(c) shall not be cited by the institution or through an enforcement investigation. If an institution determines, pursuant to its policies and procedures, that academic misconduct has not occurred conduct does not violate an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity, the conduct in question may still constitute a violation of Bylaw 14.9.24.3-(c).

14.9.2.3 Impermissible Academic Assistance -- Institutional Staff Member or Representative of Athletics Interests. A current or former institutional staff member or a representative of an institution’s athletics interests shall not provide impermissible academic assistance to a student-athlete (see Bylaw 14.02.10).

Source: NCAA Division I Council

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

**Rationale:** Based on a review, initiated by the Board of Directors and overseen by the Presidential Forum, of academic misconduct legislation, several legislative edits were suggested. The edits relate to the organization of the legislation and confusion surrounding the nomenclature of "impermissible academic assistance." This proposal would consolidate all academic integrity legislation into one section of Bylaw 14 (consistent with current efforts to refresh and modernize NCAA legislation); eliminate the use of the term "impermissible academic assistance"; and improve the overall clarity of the legislation by embedding the institutional determination of whether a violation of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity has occurred into the legislative mechanics. The recommended consolidation of all legislative authority into 14.9 will ease membership evaluation and application of the legislation. The recommended use of the phrase "academic integrity" (as opposed to "academic misconduct") is intended to encompass the broad spectrum of possible outcomes in academic cases and the different nomenclature used by different institutions. The use of the term should improve clarity and understanding of the application of the legislation. Any violation related to academic integrity could be termed an "academic violation" regardless of the nomenclature used to describe a violation or breach of an institutional policy regarding academic honesty or integrity. An instance in which academic assistance or an exception is provided that is not otherwise permissible pursuant to Bylaw 16.3, is not generally available to the institution’s students and results in the certification of a student-athlete’s eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics, receive financial aid, or earn an Academic Progress Rate point could also be termed and "academic violation." The recommended organizational and terminology changes do not amend what constitutes a violation but simplify the structure and application of the legislation, consistent with the intent of the academic misconduct legislation adopted in 2016.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?**: Yes. Academic misconduct legislation is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?**: Yes. This proposal does not change the application of the current academic misconduct legislation.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?**: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by simplifying and clarifying the application of academic integrity legislation.

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

Position Statement(s):

Committee on Academics Supports  
Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress  
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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Financial Aid

No. 2019-119 FINANCIAL AID -- EXEMPTED INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID -- INSTITUTIONAL NEED-BASED AND NON-DISCRETIONARY MERIT-BASED AID

**Intent:** To specify that the following is exempt and not counted in determining the institution's team financial aid limitations: (1) An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines; and (2) A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on published criteria that apply to all students; further, to specify that such aid is not exempt in determining a student-athlete's counter status for purposes of applying the football or basketball, varsity competition legislation.

**Bylaws:** Amend 15.02.5, as follows:

15.02.5 Financial Aid. "Financial aid" is funds provided to student-athletes from various sources to pay or assist in paying their cost of education at the institution. As used in NCAA legislation, "financial aid" includes all institutional financial aid and other permissible financial aid as set forth below. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.2, 16.3 and 16.4.)

[15.02.5.1 through 15.02.5.3 unchanged.]

15.02.5.4 Exempted Institutional Financial Aid. The following institutional financial aid is exempt and is not counted in determining the institution's financial aid limitations:

(a) **An institutional need-based grant awarded based solely on demonstrated financial need, as determined for all students by the institution's financial aid office using methodologies that conform to federal, state and institutional guidelines. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.1:**

(b) **A nondiscretionary institutional merit-based award with no relationship to athletics ability awarded based on documented criteria that apply to all students. However, such aid is not exempt for purposes of determining a football or basketball student-athlete's counter status pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.1.2:**

(a e) An honorary award for outstanding academic achievement or an established institutional research grant that meets the criteria set forth in Bylaw 15.02.7 (and must be included in determining if the student-athlete's cost of attendance has been met);

[15.02.5.4-(b) through 15.02.5.4-(f) relettered as 15.02.5.4-(d) through 15.02.5.4-(h), unchanged.]

[15.02.5.5 through 15.02.5.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021; for institutional merit-based and need-based awards received by a student-athlete on or after August 1, 2021.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Financial Aid

**Rationale:** Currently, the opportunities for student-athletes to receive institutional financial aid awarded based on demonstrated financial need or merit are limited based on the application of team financial aid limitations. Removing the requirement to include institutional need-based and nondiscretionary merit-based awards in a team's equivalency computations would positively impact student-athlete well-being by reducing situations in...
which student-athletes are required to choose between athletics aid and institutional need-based or merit-based grants. As a result, this proposal will reduce the financial burden on student-athletes and their families. These institutional awards would still count toward a student-athlete’s individual limit and render a recruited football or basketball student-athlete a counter upon competition. This proposal presents a hybrid of two proposals considered in the 2018-19 legislative cycle, Proposal Nos. 2018-71 and 2018-72, which were widely supported by the membership based on feedback from conferences. This proposal reflects the wide support for academic and need-based exemptions but stops short of exempting all institutional financial aid unrelated to athletics. Additionally, appropriate safeguards are included to address concerns related to potential abuse.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. Providing additional opportunities for financial aid is nationally significant.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?:** Yes. The proposal would provide clear guidelines, which minimizes monitoring burdens.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would allow student-athletes to accept need-based and nondiscretionary, merit-based institutional financial aid, which previously may have been declined due team financial aid limitations.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

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**Formal** The committee noted the limited application to football.

**Formal**

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**Playing and Practice Seasons**

**No. 2019-122 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS – GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS – EXEMPTION FOR SEASON-ENDING EVENT -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL**

**Intent:** In sports other than basketball and football, to establish an exemption to the maximum number of contests or dates of competition and the limit on the number of days in the playing and practice season for one season-ending event, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1, as follows:

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 through 17.1.8 unchanged.]

17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.9-(a) unchanged.]
(b) NCAA or NAIA Championships Participation in Team Sports. Neither practice for nor participation in any NCAA or NAIA championship event (including play-in contests conducted pursuant to NCAA championships) is considered part of the institution's declared playing season. An institution that has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in an NCAA championship event may continue to practice (but may not compete against outside competition) beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), without counting such practice against the institution's declared playing-season limitation until it is determined by the appropriate committee whether the institution will be selected to participate in the NCAA championship competition. An institution that is not selected to participate in the NCAA championship may continue to practice or compete until the end of that championship only if it has time remaining in its declared playing season;

[17.1.9-(c) through 17.1.9-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Season-Ending Event Participation -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution's declared playing-season limitation, except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women's Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational and the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitations in those sports. In sports other than basketball and football, neither practice for nor participation in one non-NCAA season-ending event that occurs prior to the conclusion of the NCAA championship in the applicable sport is considered part of the institution's declared playing season if the team or individual does not participate in the NCAA championship in that sport. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.1.9-(g) unchanged.]

[17.1.9.1 unchanged.]

[17.1.10 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.4 unchanged.]

17.2.5 Number of Contests.

[17.2.5.1 through 17.2.5.2 unchanged.]

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of baseball contests shall exclude the following:

[17.2.5.3-(a) through 17.2.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) baseball championship;

[17.2.5.3-(d) through 17.2.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.2.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.2.6 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:
17.4 Beach Volleyball, Women's. Regulations for computing the women's beach volleyball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.4.5.1 through 17.4.5.2 unchanged.]

17.4.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in women's beach volleyball shall exclude the following:

[17.4.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Championship Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women's beach volleyball (e.g., National Collegiate Beach Championships NCAA championship). A season-ending tournament event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.4.5.3-(c) through 17.4.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.4.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.4.6 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.5, as follows:

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

[17.5.1 through 17.5.4 unchanged.]

17.5.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.5.5.1 through 17.5.5.2 unchanged.]

17.5.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in bowling shall exclude the following:

[17.5.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) NCAA Championship. Season-Ending Event. Competition in the National Collegiate Bowling Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.5.5.3-(c) through 17.5.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.5.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.5.6 through 17.5.8 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

[17.6.1 through 17.6.4 unchanged.]

17.6.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.6.5.1 through 17.6.5.2 unchanged.]

17.6.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in cross country shall exclude the following:

[17.6.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;
(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA cross country championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross country championships;

[17.6.5.3-(c) through 17.6.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.6.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.6.6 through 17.6.8 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.7, as follows:

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

[17.7.1 through 17.7.4 unchanged.]

17.7.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.7.5.1 through 17.7.5.2 unchanged.]

17.7.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in equestrian shall exclude the following:

[17.7.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Championship Event Event. Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in equestrian season-ending event (e.g., national intercollegiate championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.7.5.3-(c) through 17.7.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.7.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.7.6 through 17.7.9 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.8, as follows:

17.8 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.8.1 through 17.8.4 unchanged.]

17.8.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.8.5.1 unchanged.]

17.8.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in fencing shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in fencing;

(b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships;

(2) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending fencing tournament (e.g., conference championship, regional tournament) other than an NCAA fencing championship;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in fencing each year against an alumni team of the institution;

[17.8.5.2-(c) through 17.8.5.2-(g) relettered as 17.8.5.2-(d) through 17.8.5.2-(h), unchanged.]

[17.8.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.8.6 through 17.8.9 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:
17.9 Field Hockey. Regulations for computing the field hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.9.1 through 17.9.4 unchanged.]

17.9.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.9.5.1 through 17.9.5.2 unchanged.]

17.9.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition in field hockey shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.9.3.1):

[17.9.5.3-(a) through 17.9.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in the NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.9.5.3-(d) through 17.9.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.9.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.9.6 through 17.9.8 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.11.1 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]

17.11.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.11.5.1 unchanged.]

17.11.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.5.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) golf championships;

(c) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in the NCAA Division I Golf Championships one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.11.5.2-(d) through 17.11.5.2-(m) relettered as 17.11.5.2-(c) through 17.11.5.2-(l), unchanged.]

[17.11.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.11.6 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

17.12 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.12.1 through 17.12.4 unchanged.]

17.12.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.12.5.1 unchanged.]

17.12.5.2 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in gymnastics shall exclude the following:

(b a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in gymnastics;

(a b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one of the following season-ending gymnastics tournaments: event (e.g., NCAA championships). USA Gymnastics Championship, the National College Gymnastics Association (NCGA) College Gymnastics Championship or the Women's National Invitational

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A season-ending tournament event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.12.5.2-(c) through 17.12.5.2-(h) unchanged.]
[17.12.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.12.6 through 17.12.9 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.13, as follows:

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

[17.13.1 through 17.13.4 unchanged.]

17.13.5 Number of Contests.

[17.13.5.1 through 17.13.5.2 unchanged.]

17.13.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of ice hockey contests shall exclude the following:

[17.13.5.3-(a) through 17.13.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(d g) NCAA Championship Play-In Competition. Competition in play-in contests conducted before NCAA championships;

(e d) NCAA Championships Season-Ending Event. Competition in the one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA Division I Men’s Ice Hockey Championship and the National Collegiate Women’s Ice Hockey Championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.13.5.3-(e) through 17.13.5.3-(m) unchanged.]

[17.13.5.3 through 17.13.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.13.6 through 17.13.8 unchanged.]

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

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

[17.14.1 through 17.14.4 unchanged.]

17.14.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.14.5.1 through 17.14.5.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.14.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(e b) NCAA Championship Play-In Competition. Competition in play-in contests conducted before the NCAA championship;

(b c) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in an NCAA lacrosse championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.14.5.3-(d) through 17.14.5.3-(i) unchanged.]

[17.14.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.14.6 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

M. Bylaws: Amend 17.15, as follows:

17.15 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
17.15.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.15.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rifle shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship;

(b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Rifle Championships; and

(2) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship competition in rifle;

[17.15.5.3-(b) through 17.15.5.3-(g) relettered as 17.15.5.3-(c) through 17.15.5.3-(h), unchanged.]

17.15.5.4 unchanged.

17.15.6 through 17.15.9 unchanged.

N. Bylaws: Amend 17.16, as follows:

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

17.16.1 through 17.16.4 unchanged.

17.16.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.16.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in rowing shall exclude the following:

[17.16.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournament Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Women’s Rowing Championship; and

(2) Season-Ending Championship Event. Season-ending competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate rowing championship events for which the institution is qualified and eligible to participate (e.g., Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championships);

[17.16.5.3-(c) through 17.16.5.3-(g) unchanged.]

[17.16.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.16.6 through 17.16.9 unchanged.]

O. Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

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

[17.17.1 through 17.17.4 unchanged.]

17.17.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.17.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of rugby dates of competition shall exclude the following:

[17.17.5.3-(a) unchanged.]
(b) National Governing Body Championship Season-Ending Event. Competition in the rugby national governing body championship one season-ending event (e.g., rugby national governing body championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.17.5.3-(c) through 17.17.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.17.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.17.6 through 17.17.8 unchanged.]

P. Bylaws: Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.18.1 through 17.18.4 unchanged.]

17.18.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.18.5.1 through 17.18.5.2 unchanged.]

17.18.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in skiing shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing;

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Skiing Championships; and

(2) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship meet in skiing;

[17.18.5.3-(b) through 17.18.5.3-(g) relettered as 17.18.5.3-(c) through 17.18.5.3-(h), unchanged.]

[17.18.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.18.6 through 17.18.9 unchanged.]

Q. Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 through 17.19.4 unchanged.]

17.19.5 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

[17.19.5.1 through 17.19.5.2 unchanged.]

17.19.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of soccer contests and dates of competition shall exclude the following (unless such contests are played pursuant to Bylaw 17.19.3.1):

[17.19.5.3-(a) through 17.19.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one-season ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Soccer Championship;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) soccer championship;

[17.19.5.3-(d) through 17.19.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.19.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.19.6 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]
R. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.20, as follows:

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

[17.20.1 through 17.20.4 unchanged.]

17.20.5 Number of Contests.

[17.20.5.1 through 17.20.5.2 unchanged.]

17.20.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of softball contests shall exclude the following:

[17.20.5.3-(a) through 17.20.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:**

(1) NCAA Championship, Competition in the NCAA Division I Softball Championship;

(2) NAIA Championship, Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) softball championship;

[17.20.5.3-(d) through 17.20.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.20.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.20.6 through 17.20.8 unchanged.]

S. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.21, as follows:

17.21 Swimming and Diving. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.4 unchanged.]

17.21.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.21.5.1 through 17.21.5.2 unchanged.]

17.21.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in swimming and diving shall exclude the following:

[17.21.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. **Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:**

(1) NCAA Championship, Competition in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship, Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) swimming championships; and

(3) College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational. Competition in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Invitational.

[17.21.5.3-(c) through 17.21.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.21.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.21.6 through 17.21.9 unchanged.]

T. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 Tennis. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.4 unchanged.]

17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.
17.22.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in tennis shall exclude the following:

17.22.5.3-(a) unchanged.

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Tennis Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tennis championships;

17.22.5.3-(c) through 17.22.5.3-(i) unchanged.

17.22.5.4 unchanged.

17.22.6 through 17.22.8 unchanged.

U. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.23.1 through 17.23.4 unchanged.

17.23.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.5.1 through 17.23.5.2 unchanged.

17.23.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in indoor and outdoor track and field shall exclude the following:

17.23.5.3-(a) unchanged.

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) NCAA Championships. Competition in the NCAA Division I Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships;

(2) NAIA Championships. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) indoor and outdoor track and field championships;

17.23.5.3-(c) through 17.23.5.3-(h) unchanged.

17.23.5.4 unchanged.

17.23.6 through 17.23.9 unchanged.

V. Bylaws: Amend 17.24, as follows:

17.24 Triathlon, Women’s. Regulations for computing the triathlon playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.24.1 through 17.24.4 unchanged.

17.24.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.24.5.1 through 17.24.5.2 unchanged.

17.24.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon shall exclude the following:

17.24.5.3-(a) unchanged.
(b) Season-Ending Championship Event. Competition in one of the recognized national intercollegiate championship events in women’s triathlon. A season-ending event (e.g., national intercollegiate championship) involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

[17.24.5.3-(c) through 17.24.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

[17.24.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.24.6 through 17.24.9 unchanged.]

W. Bylaws: Amend 17.25, as follows:

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

[17.25.1 through 17.25.8 unchanged.]

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

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

(c) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship or the National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) volleyball championship;

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

[17.25.10 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

X. Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

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

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.26.5.1 through 17.26.5.2 unchanged.]

17.26.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in water polo shall exclude the following:

[17.26.5.3-(a) through 17.26.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(c) NCAA Championship — Men Season-Ending Event — Men and Women. Competition in the National Collegiate Men’s Water Polo Championship one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championship). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(d) NCAA Championship — Women. Competition in the National Collegiate Women’s Water Polo Championship;

[17.26.5.3-(e) through 17.26.5.3-(k) relettered as 17.26.5.3-(d) through 17.26.5.3-(j), unchanged.]

[17.26.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.26.6 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Y. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 Wrestling. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.4 unchanged.]

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17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

[17.27.5.1 through 17.27.5.2 unchanged.]

17.27.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in wrestling shall exclude the following:

[17.27.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournaments Event. Competition in one season-ending event (e.g., NCAA championships). A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season:

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) wrestling championships;

[17.27.5.3-(c) through 17.27.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.27.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.27.6 through 17.27.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Competition Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current annual exemptions, including those for postseason competition, vary dramatically from one sport to another, which creates an administrative burden for institutional staff charged with overseeing compliance with playing and practice seasons legislation. This proposal would provide a consistent framework for postseason competition in all sports other than basketball and football. This proposal would also allow for more local decision making and institutional autonomy in determining whether to participate in a season-ending event.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. This proposal impacts most sport programs in the Division I membership.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would standardize season-ending event exemptions, thereby minimizing monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would standardize season-ending event exemptions across sports and create a more consistent experience. Additionally, this proposal may allow student-athletes who did not qualify for NCAA championships to participate in other season-ending events.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): May permit participation in a season-ending event that was previously not exempted from the playing and practice season.

Position Statement(s):

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Supports
Committee on Academics Opposes The committee noted the possibility that more student-athletes would miss more class time.
Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
No. 2019-123 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- 28 OR 29 CONTESTS AND ONE QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to: (1) 28 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed three contests per institution; (2) 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution; or (3) 29 contests during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1) that does not exceed three contests per team;

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or

(c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;

(b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution. An event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period;

(d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;

(e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and

(f) The event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

17.3.5.1.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such
institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.12 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. An In women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.12; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.12.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. A In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association, the National Association of Basketball Coaches or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;

(b) The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and

(d) Each participating institution is using Bylaw 17.3.5.12-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.3.5.12.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. An In women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.12-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.3.5.12-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.12.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.4 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.3.5.25 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. An In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than either 27 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.21 or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[17.3.5.3 through 17.3.5.4 renumbered as 17.3.5.7 through 17.3.5.8, unchanged.]

[17.3.6 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]
Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Qualifying regular-season multiple-team events are an integral part of the Division I men's basketball season and provide an opportunity for quality nonconference competition and experiences. Ninety-two percent of men's basketball teams participated in a multiple-team event in 2018-19. This proposal does not increase or decrease the maximum number of contests but would modernize the legislation and better reflect the original intent. Under the current legislation, questions and issues often arise related to a fourth game. Fourth games have generally been "tack on" games and have included institutions that were not part of the main event. This proposal provides flexibility for institutions to schedule an additional regular season game against an opponent of choice at a preferred time and location. Survey results show that approximately two-thirds of responding conferences prefer this structure.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Multiple-team events are nationally significant in men's basketball.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would provide a more consistent experience for student-athletes participating in multiple-team events.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on an institution's schedule.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Varies based on an institution's schedule.

Position Statement(s):

| Student-Athlete Committee Advisory No | Formal The committee would like to further vet the proposal nationally. |
| Legislative Committee Advisory No | Supports |

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress

Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

No. 2019-123-1 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MULTIPLE TEAM EVENTS -- ELIMINATE "29+2" OPTION

Intent: To amend Proposal No. 2019-123, in men's basketball, to remove the option for an institution to participate in 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution.

Bylaws: Amend Proposal No. 2019-123, 17.3, as follows:

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per team; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or
(c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.2.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;

(b) The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than one in the same event in any four-year period;

(d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;

(e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and

(f) The event may include a non-Division I institution as a participant only if the non-Division I institution serves as the host of the event.

17.3.5.2.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.3.5.1-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.3.5.3):

(a) 27 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.2.1; or

(b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.3.5.2.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;

(b) The event includes not more than four contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;

(c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than one in the same event in any four-year period; and

(d) Each participating institution is using Bylaw 17.3.5.2-(a) as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.3.5.2.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.3.5.2-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-
season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.3.5.2-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.3.5.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. A member institution may play one or more of its countable contests in basketball in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.3.5.4 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete – Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.3.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution—29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple team event that does not exceed ten contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.3.5.5 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete – Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 27 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.3.5.2.1 or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[17.3.5.3 through 17.3.5.4 renumbered as 17.3.5.7 through 17.3.5.8, unchanged.]

[17.3.6 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** Missouri Valley Conference, Atlantic 10 Conference, Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Mid-American Conference, Mountain West Conference and Western Athletic Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020; a contract signed before June 26, 2019 may be honored.

**Category:** Amendment-to-Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** At the conclusion of its review of regular-season multiple-team qualifying events, the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee reaffirmed the importance of multiple-team events in providing quality nonconference competition and noted the potential impact of these contests on postseason selection. However, the proposed "29+2" option (allowing an institution to play in a two-game multiple-team event and also play 31 contests) would dramatically reduce their value in achieving these objectives. For a large segment of the Division I membership, multiple-team events represent the most consistent opportunity to play high-level nonconference opponents on a neutral floor. Allowing programs to play in a two-game multiple-team event and play an "extra" nonconference contest would incentivize many teams to use the 29+2 option, which will reduce the number of quality multiple-team event games and the breadth of conferences represented in such events. This option would only exacerbate existing marketplace dynamics (including recently-expanded conference schedules) that limit the opportunities for many programs to build strong nonconference schedules that can potentially support at-large selection to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Amending Proposal No. 2019-123 to eliminate the 29+2 option would maintain the most significant elements of the proposal (eliminating fourth game and allowing participation by non-Division I teams only if they are the event host) while ensuring that the value of three-game multiple team events within the competitive environment is maintained.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?** Yes. Multiple-team events are a critical element of the nonconference basketball landscape and this amendment would ensure that the significant value of three-game events within the competitive environment is protected.

**Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?** This proposal is enforceable and would simplify the legislative structure for multiple-team events by providing a standard three-game format (in
light of the proposed requirement that all programs play in the same number of games in an event) rather than leaving room for potential confusion about whether institutions are using 29+2 or 28+3 as their scheduling option.

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?** This proposal would maintain the competitive opportunities associated with three-game events, which would likely be diminished if the 29+2 option is adopted.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

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**History:**

- Dec 16, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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**No. 2019-124 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- U.S. NATIONAL TEAM**

**Intent:** In women’s basketball, to specify that each year one contest played against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body as a U.S. national team may be exempted from an institution’s maximum number of contests.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.3, as follows:

17.3 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.3.1 through 17.3.4 unchanged.]

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 through 17.3.5.2 unchanged.]

17.3.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution’s maximum number of contests:

[17.3.5.3-(a) through 17.3.5.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) **U.S. National Team -- Women's Basketball. One contest against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body in women's basketball as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team).**

[17.3.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.3.6 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Women’s Basketball Oversight Committee)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** This proposal aligns with the 2019-2024 Women’s Basketball Strategic Plan in relation to growing the game and collaborating with other organizations to help promote the growth of women’s basketball. This proposal also provides an opportunity to highlight the U.S. national team, which is comprised of former student-athletes. A legislative relief waiver was approved in summer 2019 to permit eight women’s basketball teams to compete in an additional exhibition contest against the U.S. national team during the 2019-20 academic year as the national team prepares for the 2020 Olympic Games.

**Division I Commitment addressed by proposal:** The Commitment to Fair Competition.
Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would add an annual exemption that does not increase monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would promote the growth of women's basketball by highlighting the U.S. national team and providing current student-athletes the opportunity to participate in elite-level competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost of one additional contest in a year in which the exemption is used.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time to participate in one additional contest in a year in which the exemption is used.

Position Statement(s):
Legislative Committee Supports
Olympic Sports Liaison Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

No. 2019-126 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WATER POLO -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- FOUR DATES OF COMPETITION DURING NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In water polo, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 21 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.26, as follows:

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

[17.26.1 through 17.26.4 unchanged.]

17.26.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.26.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in water polo during the institution's water polo playing season to 21 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.26.5.3 and 17.26.5.4.

[17.26.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.26.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 21 dates of competition in water polo during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four dates of competition during the nonchampionship segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.26.5.3 through 17.26.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.26.6 through 17.26.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Student-Athlete Experience Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, an institution is permitted 21 dates of competition, which may be divided between the championship and nonchampionship segments as the institution chooses. Under the current legislation, programs are struggling to establish a competitive championship segment while also saving playing dates to help...
develop student-athletes in the nonchampionship segment. This proposal would enhance the student-athlete experience and the development of student-athletes in the nonchampionship segment. The proposed structure is similar to that of other sports, including volleyball, baseball and soccer.

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

**Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?:** Yes. This proposal is significant to all institutions that sponsor water polo.

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

**How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** This proposal would provide student-athletes with additional opportunities to develop and compete during the nonchampionship segment.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable; cost associated with up to four additional dates of competition.

**Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Variable; time associated with up to four additional dates of competition.

**Position Statement(s):**

- Legislative Committee: No Formal Position
- Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports: No Formal Position

**History:**

- Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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**Infractions Program**

No. 2019-129 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- CORE PENALTIES FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II VIOLATIONS -- $25,000 FINANCIAL PENALTY

**Intent:** To increase, from $5,000 to $25,000, the minimum core financial penalty in infractions cases involving one or more Level I or Level II violations.

**Bylaws:** Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infrctions Program.

[19.01 through 19.8 unchanged.]

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 through 19.9.4 unchanged.]

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6.

[19.9.5.1 through 19.9.5.7 unchanged.]

[19.9.6 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

[19.10 through 19.13 unchanged.]

Figure 19-1 Penalty Guidelines
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## Penalty Guidelines

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Financial Penalties: Fine based on the percent of total budget for sport program

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**Alternative financial penalty**

- Impose this penalty if greater than the percent of budget fine + $5,000
- Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary distribution for sports sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid
- Loss of all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship) for entire period of postseason ban

**Mitigation**

- A minimum $5,000 financial penalty will be imposed to ensure the penalty will be at least as significant as the fine imposed for a Level III violation.
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*For cases in which financial aid overages have occurred, a minimum 2-for-1 reduction in financial aid awards shall apply up to at least 20% of the team financial aid limit.

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**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Enforcement/Infractions Process Working Group)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Infractions Program

**Rationale:** The Commission on College Basketball recommended significant increases in core penalties to deter violations. In making this recommendation, the commission emphasized that the rewards of violations currently outweigh the risks. The current $5,000 minimum, which has been in place for decades and is based on the maximum fine for Level III (previously secondary) violations in most cases, no longer sufficiently deters violations. A $20,000 increase in the minimum financial penalty will hold institutions more accountable for Level I and Level II violations. The increase will also help deter violations and reverse the calculation that the rewards of violations outweigh the risks. In cases in which there may be extenuating circumstances, a hearing panel would have discretion to not prescribe the full $25,000 fine. Current legislation allows a hearing panel to impose an additional fine based on a percentage (up to 5% based on mitigation or aggravation) of the total budget for the particular sport program in which the violation occurred.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

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**History:**

- Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

**No. 2019-130 INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- CORE PENALTIES FOR LEVEL I AND LEVEL II VIOLATIONS -- VACATION OF RECORDS**

**Intent:** To specify that if a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations that resulted in a student-athlete competing while ineligible, the penalty of vacation of records shall be prescribed for the contests in which the ineligible student-athlete competed.

**Bylaws:** Amend 19, as follows:

19 Infractions Program.

[19.01 through 19.8 unchanged.]

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 through 19.9.4 unchanged.]

19.9.5 Core Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. If a hearing panel concludes that an institution or involved individual committed one or more Level I or Level II violations, and after determining the appropriate classification based on aggravating and mitigating factors, the hearing panel shall prescribe core penalties from the ranges set forth in Figure 19-1 and described below. The panel may depart from the core penalties only as set forth in Bylaw 19.9.6.

[19.9.5.1 through 19.9.5.7 unchanged.]

19.9.5.8 **Vacation of Records.** The hearing panel shall prescribe vacation of records of contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

- (a) **Vacation of individual records and performances;**
- (b) **Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or**
- (c) **Return of individual or team awards to the Association.**

[19.9.6 unchanged.]
19.9.7 Additional Penalties for Level I and Level II Violations. In addition to the core penalties for Level I and Level II violations, the panel may prescribe one or more of the following penalties:

[19.9.7-(a) through 19.9.7-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Vacation of records in contests in which a student-athlete competed while ineligible, including one or more of the following:

(1) Vacation of individual records and performances;

(2) Vacation of team records and performances, including wins from the career record of the head coach in the involved sport, or, in applicable cases, reconfiguration of team point totals; or

(3) Return of individual or team awards to the Association.

[19.9.7-(h) through 19.9.7-(l) relettered as 19.9.7-(g) through 19.9.7-(k), unchanged.]

[19.9.8 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

[19.10 through 19.13 unchanged.]

Figure 19-1 Penalty Guidelines
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Penalty Guidelines

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<td><em>Violation penalties may be used singularly or in combination</em></td>
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<th>Financial Penalties: Fine based on percent of total budget for sport program</th>
<th>Financial Penalties: Fine based on participation in NCAA championship and other postseason contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competed (see Bylaw 19.9.2.1)</th>
<th>Financial Penalties: Negate revenue from sport program for years in which violations occurred</th>
<th>Financial Penalties: Reduce or eliminate NCAA monetary distribution for sports sponsorship and/or grants-in-aid</th>
<th>Financial Penalties: Loss of all revenue sharing in postseason competition (including NCAA Men's Basketball Championship) for entire period of postseason ban</th>
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<td>Aggravation</td>
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<td>$5,000 plus 3 to 5%</td>
<td>Alternative financial penalty</td>
<td>Impose this penalty if greater than percent of budget fine + $5,000</td>
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*A minimum $5,000 financial penalty will be imposed to ensure the penalty will be at least as significant as the fine imposed for a Level III violation.*
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*For cases in which financial aid overages have occurred, a minimum 2-for-1 reduction in financial aid awards shall apply up to at least 20% of the team financial aid limit.

### Show Cause Order

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Source: NCAA Division I Council (Enforcement/Infractions Process Working Group)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: The Commission on College Basketball recommended significant increases in core penalties to deter violations. An institution is at a disadvantage when it competes against another institution for which an ineligible student-athlete is participating. The vacation of records penalty is designed to remedy this disadvantage. The current legislation permits the Committee on Infractions to prescribe, as an optional additional penalty, vacation of records of contests in which an ineligible student-athlete competed. The Committee on Infractions has used this legislative authority to prescribe vacation in the overwhelming majority of cases that involve ineligible competition under the current penalty structure. The Infractions Appeals Committee has upheld this penalty in every case it has reviewed under the current structure. Making vacation a core penalty—instead of an optional additional penalty—in cases in which ineligible participation occurs is consistent with how the Committee on Infractions has historically prescribed the penalty, provides additional transparency and reinforces for the membership that the penalty is appropriate. In addition, this proposal appropriately holds institutions more accountable for Level I and Level II violations. Although vacation of records would be a core penalty, if there are extenuating circumstances relating to ineligible competition, a hearing panel would have discretion to not prescribe the penalty.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

History:

Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

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Division Membership

No. 2019-131 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP, PERSONNEL, AMATEURISM, FINANCIAL AID, AND PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- EMERGING SPORTS FOR WOMEN -- WOMEN'S ACROBATICS AND TUMBLING

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

A. Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

[11.01 through 11.6 unchanged.]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

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

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[All other sports unchanged.]
11.7.6.1 unchanged.

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

11.7.6.2.1 through 11.7.6.2.3 unchanged.

11.7.6.2.3.7 Volunteer Coach -- Women's Acrobatics and Tumbling. In women's acrobatics and tumbling, an institution may use the services of two volunteer coaches.

11.7.6.2.3.7 renumbered as 11.7.6.2.3.8, unchanged.

11.7.6.2.4 through 11.7.6.2.8 unchanged.

B. Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15 Financial Aid
[15.01 through 15.5 unchanged.]

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.
[15.5.3.1 unchanged.]

15.5.3.1.2 Women's Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women's sports:

Acrobatics and Tumbling  14

[All other sports unchanged.]

15.5.3.3 unchanged.

15.5.3.2 unchanged.

15.5.4 through 15.5.11 unchanged.

C. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons
[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

17.02.18-(a) through 17.02.18-(c) unchanged.

17.02.18.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Acrobatics and Tumbling  Football  Soccer
Baseball  Ice Hockey  Softball
Basketball  Lacrosse  Volleyball
Women's Beach Volleyball  Women's Rowing  Water Polo
Field Hockey  Women's Rugby

[17.02.18.2 unchanged.]

[17.02.19 through 17.02.20 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. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.2.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in acrobatics and tumbling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.2.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in acrobatics and tumbling prior to the institution's first day of classes for the fall term.

17.2.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (meet or practice meet) with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling prior to February 1.

17.2.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in acrobatics and tumbling by the conclusion of the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association National Championships.

17.2.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in acrobatics and tumbling during the institution's acrobatic and tumbling playing season to twelve dates of competition, which may not include not more than two triangular meets, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.2.5.3 and 17.2.5.4.

17.2.5.1.1 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may play one or more of its countable dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for contests played in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than twelve dates of competition (this limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity team of the institution).

17.2.5.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in acrobatics and tumbling shall exclude the following:

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship;

(b) Season-Ending Event. Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending tournament involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Contest. One date of competition each year against an alumni team of the institution;

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

(e) Fundraising Activity. Any acrobatics and tumbling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs; provided the student-athletes do not miss class as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.4);

(f) Celebrity Sports Activity. Competition involving a limit of two student-athletes from the institution's acrobatics and tumbling team who participate in local celebrity acrobatics and tumbling activities conducted for the purpose of raising funds for charitable organizations, provided:

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

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

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(g) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for acrobatics and tumbling as a U.S. national team; and
(h) Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico. Any dates of competition conducted in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a member located outside these locales.

17.2.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may not exempt more than one foreign tour from its maximum number of dates of competition in triathlon during any academic year and may not repeat participation in a foreign tour within a four-year period. The tour shall be conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.30.

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

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

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

17.2.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary workouts in the institution’s regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when a student-athlete is engaged in individual skill work. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.2.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in triathlon who may be employed (e.g., as camp counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camps or clinics.

17.2.9 Other Restrictions.

17.2.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.2.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in acrobatic and tumbling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside acrobatic and tumbling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate acrobatic and tumbling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate acrobatic and tumbling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.32.3 for exceptions).

17.2.9.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete in acrobatics and tumbling may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog. There are no limitations on the number of student-athletes from any one institution who may compete on an outside amateur acrobatic and tumbling team.

17.2.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate acrobatics and tumbling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur acrobatic and tumbling team (competition on an outside team is permitted only during the summer except as provided in Bylaw 17.2.9.1.1).

17.2.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's acrobatics and tumbling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.30 and 17.32.3.

17.2.9.1.2.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the development program.
(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the development program; and
(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.2.9.2 Equipment Issues, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

[17.2 through 17.31 renumbered as 17.3 through 17.32, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.4, as follows:

20.02.4 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

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

[20.02.4-(b) unchanged.]

[20.02.4.1 through 20.02.4.2 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 20.9.6.3, as follows:

20.9.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and women's rowing, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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<td>Acrobatics and Tumbling</td>
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[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)

[20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 unchanged.]

20.9.6.3.10 Acrobatics and Tumbling. In acrobatics and tumbling, dual meets and triangular meets may count toward the minimum number of contests. Triangular meets are counted as two contests for each competing team. No more than two triangular meets may be counted toward the minimum number of contests.

[20.9.6.3.10 renumbered as 20.9.6.3.11, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Committee on Women’s Athletics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: The sport’s potential for growth and support from the sport’s national governing body supports this recommendation. In addition, acrobatics and tumbling leadership demonstrated and articulated how the experience of an acrobatics and tumbling student-athlete is comparable to the experience of an NCAA sport student-athlete and how acrobatics and tumbling student-athletes are fully integrated into athletics departments. Further, the existing organizational structure and bylaws support efforts to integrate NCAA values and legislation into current operations. Acrobatics and tumbling is structured as a team sport, however due to the safety and well-being of student-athletes the length of the playing season has been extended to 144-days. Allowing the extended time permits safe skill progression as student-athletes train for competition. Finally, there is a commitment at the collegiate level to provide robust participation opportunities during the regular season and postseason, including the national championship.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes.

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Position Statement(s):

Legislative Committee Supports

History:

- Sep 18, 2019: Division Admin Review
- Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
- Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote

Intent: To add women’s wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11, as follows:

11 Conduct and Employment of Athletics Personnel

[11.01 through 11.6 unchanged.]

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.5 unchanged.]

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

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[All other sports unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.13, as follows:

13.17.13 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.13.1 Dead Periods.

[13.17.13.1.1 through 13.17.13.1.6 unchanged.]

13.17.13.1.8 Men’s Wrestling. The following dead periods apply to men’s wrestling:

(a) The day before the first day of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships to noon on the day after the championships; and

(b) The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

13.17.13.1.9 Women’s Wrestling. The Monday before the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention through the day of adjournment of the convention.

[13.17.13.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15, as follows:

15 Financial Aid
15.01 through 15.5 unchanged.

15.5.3 Equivalency Sports.

15.5.3.1 Maximum Equivalency Limits.

15.5.3.1.1 unchanged.

15.5.3.1.2 Women’s Sports. There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards (per Bylaw 15.02.5.2) that an institution may provide in any academic year to counters in the following women’s sports:

Wrestling 10

[All other sports unchanged.]

15.5.3.1.3 unchanged.

15.5.3.2 unchanged.

15.5.4 through 15.5.11 unchanged.

D. Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons

17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.

17.02.18 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution’s president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

17.02.18-(a) through 17.02.18-(c) unchanged.

17.02.18.1 unchanged.

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

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

[17.02.19 through 17.02.20 unchanged.]

[17.1 through 17.26 unchanged.]

17.27 Men's Wrestling. Regulations for computing the men's wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.27.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in men’s wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.27.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's wrestling prior to October 10.

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

17.27.4 End of Regular Playing Season. A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in men's wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.27.5 Number of Dates of Competition.
17.27.5.1 Maximum Limitations – Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men’s wrestling during the permissible men’s wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.27.5.3 and 17.27.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.27.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met:

[17.27.5.1.1-(a) through 17.27.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

17.27.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in men’s wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.27.5.2 Maximum Limitations – Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competition in men’s wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.27.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

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

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament in wrestling (or the tournament used to determine the conference’s automatic entries in the NCAA men’s wrestling championships);

[17.27.5.3-(b) unchanged.]

(1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the NCAA Division I Men’s Wrestling Championships;

(2) NAIA Championship. Competition in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) men’s wrestling championships;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in men’s wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition in men’s wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

[17.27.5.3-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any men’s wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution’s athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution’s athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

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

[17.27.5.3-(g)-(1) through 17.27.5.3-(g)-(3) unchanged.]

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for men’s wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) NWCA All-Star Meet. One date of competition in men’s wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and

[17.27.5.3-(j) unchanged.]

[17.27.5.4 unchanged.]

[17.27.6 unchanged.]
17.27.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution’s regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in men’s wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual’s workouts.

17.27.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in men’s wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution’s camps or clinics.

17.27.9 Other Restrictions.

17.27.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.27.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in men’s wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside men’s wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate men’s wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31.3 for exceptions).

[17.27.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men’s wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur men’s wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.27.9.1.1).

17.27.9.1.2.1 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of a member institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution’s men’s wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.29 and 17.31.3.

[17.27.9.1.2.2 unchanged.]

[17.27.9.2 unchanged.]

17.28 Women’s Wrestling. Regulations for computing the women’s wrestling playing season set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution’s playing season in women’s wrestling shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.28.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in women’s wrestling prior to October 10.

17.28.3 First Date of Competition. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in women’s wrestling prior to November 1.

17.28.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (meets and practice meets) in women’s wrestling by the last date of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.

17.28.5 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.28.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. An institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in women’s wrestling during the permissible women’s wrestling playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.28.5.3 and 17.28.5.4 (see Bylaw 20.9.6.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

17.28.5.1.1 Multiple-Day Competition and Dual Meets Within Three Consecutive Days. On not more than two occasions, an institution may count a multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets as one date of competition, if the following requirements are met:

(a) The multiple-day competition or two consecutive dual meets occur within three consecutive days; and
(b) The institution participates in not more than one multiple-day event or not more than two dual meets during the three consecutive days.

17.28.5.1.2 In-Season Foreign Competition. An institution may engage in one or more of its countable dates of competition in women's wrestling in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season. However, except for competition in Canada and Mexico or on a certified foreign tour (see Bylaw 17.29), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years.

17.28.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 16 dates of competitions in women's wrestling, which may include not more than two occasions in which a multiple-day event or two consecutive dual meets are held within three consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition (see Bylaw 17.28.5.1.1). This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

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

(a) Conference Championship. Competition in one conference championship tournament;

(b) Season-Ending Event. Competition in one season-ending event. A season-ending event involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of the regular season;

(c) Alumni Meet. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year against an alumni team of the institution;

(d) Foreign Team in the United States. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year with a foreign opponent in the United States;

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

(f) Fundraising Activity. Any women's wrestling activities in which student-athletes from more than one of the institution's athletics teams participate with and against alumni and friends of the institution, the purpose of which is to raise funds for the benefit of the institution's athletics or other programs, provided the student-athletes do not miss classes as a result of their participation (see Bylaw 12.5.1.1);

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

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

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

(3) The activity takes place within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus.

(h) U.S. National Team. One date of competition against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for women's wrestling as a U.S. national team (e.g., "Under-21" U.S. national team);

(i) NWCA All-Star Meet. One date of competition in women's wrestling each year in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) all-star meet; and


17.28.5.4 Once-in-Four-Years Exemption -- Foreign Tour. An institution may exempt the contests played on a foreign tour, provided the tour is conducted by the institution in accordance with the procedures set forth in Bylaw 17.29.

17.28.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.28.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.
17.28.6.1 Summer Practice. Practice that is organized or financially supported by an institution shall be prohibited during the summer unless specifically authorized in the bylaws (e.g., foreign tour) or through official interpretations. An institution may pay fees associated with the use of institutional practice and competition facilities by student-athletes engaged in voluntary athletically related activities in their sport.

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

17.28.7 Safety Exception. A coach may be present during voluntary individual workouts in the institution's regular practice facility (without the workouts being considered as countable athletically related activities) when the student-athlete is engaged in women's wrestling. The coach may provide safety or skill instruction but may not conduct the individual's workouts.

17.28.8 Camps and Clinics. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes in women's wrestling who may be employed (e.g., as counselors) in camps or clinics (see Bylaw 13.12). Currently enrolled student-athletes may not participate as campers in their institution's camp or clinics.

17.28.9 Other Restrictions.

17.28.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.28.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in women's wrestling who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside women's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate women's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31 for exceptions).

17.28.9.1.1 Vacation-Period Exception. A student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed five.

17.28.9.1.2 Out of Season. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate women's wrestling who may practice or compete out of season on an outside, amateur women's wrestling team (competition on an outside team permitted only during the summer, except as provided in Bylaw 17.28.9.1.1.1).

17.28.9.1.2 Involvement of Coaching Staff. No member of the coaching staff of an institution may be involved in any capacity (e.g., coach, official, player or league/team administrator) during the academic year (including vacation periods during the academic year) with an outside team that involves any student-athlete with eligibility remaining from the institution's women's wrestling team except as provided under Bylaws 17.1.1.1, 17.28 and 17.31.3.

17.28.9.1.2 Olympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

(a) The national governing body conducts and administers the developmental program;

(b) The national governing body selects coaches involved in the developmental program; and

(c) A committee or other authority of the national governing body, which is not limited to coaches affiliated with one particular institution, selects the involved participants.

17.28.9.2 Equipment Issue, Squad Pictures. No limitations.

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

17.29 Outside Competition, Effects on Eligibility. The eligibility of a student-athlete who engages in outside competition (see Bylaw 17.02.11) is affected as set forth in the following regulations.
17.32.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

[17.31.1.1 renumbered as 17.32.1.1, unchanged.]

17.32.1.2 Exception -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside the institution's declared playing and practice season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition during any official vacation period published in the institution's catalog, except a vacation period that occurs between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.29.2.

[17.31.1.3 through 17.31.1.8 renumbered as 17.32.1.3 through 17.32.1.8, unchanged.]

17.32.1.8.1 Exception -- No Competition Before November 1 -- Wrestling. In wrestling, a student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition as an individual between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1.

[17.31.1.9 through 17.31.1.12 renumbered as 17.32.1.9 through 17.32.1.12, unchanged.]

[17.31.2 through 17.31.5 renumbered as 17.32.2 through 17.32.5, unchanged.]

F. **Bylaws:** Amend 20.02.4, as follows:

20.02.4 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women and countable for purposes of revenue distribution (for sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid):

(a) Team Sports: rugby; and

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian and triathlon and wrestling.

[20.02.4.1 through 20.02.4.2 unchanged.]

G. **Bylaws:** Amend 20.9.6.3, as follows:

20.9.6.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution's team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and women's rowing, the institution's team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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[All other sports unchanged.]

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaws 20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.9 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 17.)

[20.9.6.3.1 through 20.9.6.3.10 unchanged.]

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

21 Committees.

[21.02 through 21.2 unchanged.]


[21.3.1 through 21.3.13 unchanged.]

21.3.14 **Men's Wrestling Rules Committee.** The *Men's Wrestling Rules Committee* shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted as follows:

[21.3.14-(a) through 21.3.14-(b) unchanged.]

[21.4 through 21.7 unchanged.]
21.7.2 Representation. No subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee unless approved by a vote of at least 85 percent of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, the Council and football-related committees are not subject to this requirement.

21.7.2.1 Exception. The following committees shall not be subject to the requirement that no subdivision shall have more than 50 percent representation on any committee:

[21.7.2.1-(a) through 21.7.2.1-(p) unchanged.]

(q) **Men's** Wrestling Committee.

[21.7.3 through 21.7.5 unchanged.]

21.7.6 Committees Reporting to the Council. The total composition of the seven standing committees of the Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Competition Oversight Committee, Football Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee, Strategic Vision and Planning Committee and Student-Athlete Experience Committee) shall consist of approximately 95 members, as set forth in the Council's policies and procedures. The composition of other committees that report to the Council is set forth below.

[21.7.6.1 through 21.7.6.2 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3 Competition Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Competition Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.

21.7.6.3.1 Sports Committees.

[21.7.6.3.1.1 through 21.7.6.3.1.2 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3.1.3 Committees with Championships Administration and Sports Issues Responsibilities. These sports committees shall be responsible for administering the Division I championships or National Collegiate Championships in the applicable sport. Those committees that administer National Collegiate Championships may include representatives from member institutions in Divisions II and III. Those committees administering Division I championships may meet with committees administering championships in the same sport in other divisions as appropriate for the efficient administration of the championships.

[21.7.6.3.1.3.1 through 21.7.6.3.1.3.23 unchanged.]

21.7.6.3.1.3.24 **Men's** Wrestling Committee. The **Men's** Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members.

[21.7.6.3.2 unchanged.]

[21.7.6.4 through 21.7.6.9 unchanged.]

[21.7.7 through 21.7.8 unchanged.]

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

31.3.4.6 Sports Groupings for Automatic Qualification. For purposes of evaluating criteria for automatic qualification, the various sports shall be grouped as follows:

[31.3.4.6-(a) through 31.3.4.6-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Other Individual Sports – cross country, fencing, golf, gymnastics, rifle, skiing, tennis and **men's** wrestling. In this category, a sports committee may grant exceptions to the six-team requirement, subject to the approval of the applicable sport oversight committee or the Competition Oversight Committee.

**Source:** NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** The continued growth in high school girls wrestling and the number of collegiate institutions sponsoring the sport support this recommendation. In addition, the sport is relatively inexpensive to sponsor. There is a commitment at the collegiate level to increase participation opportunities for a more diverse population of
student-athletes (e.g., race and ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic status and body size and type), as well as to increase coaching opportunities for a more diverse population of female coaches in intercollegiate women’s wrestling.

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

Estimated Budget Impact: Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Dependent on institutional decisions related to sponsorship.

Position Statement(s):

  Legislative Committee Supports

History:

  Sep 18, 2019: Division Admin Review
  Nov 15, 2019: In Progress
  Feb 7, 2020: Ready for Vote
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