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This Official Notice presents all proposed amendments to Division I legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly introduced for final review during the January 15, 2025, Division I Council meeting.

It also includes NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2024-53, Division Membership – Revenue Guarantee – Revenue Distribution Formula – Women's Basketball Funds, which will be considered by the Division I membership during the Division I Business Session on January 15, 2025.

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Legislative Process for the January 2025 Legislative Cycle

Key Dates

October 17, 2024: Introduction Deadline.

October 24, 2024: Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Week of December 1, 2024: Sport Oversight Action/Review and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Review.

December 11, 2025: Publication of Official Notice.

January 15, 2025: Division I Council Action/Review.

Legislative Process for Sport Oversight Committees to Consider Legislation in Specified Areas.

Sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation related to the sports in specified areas. Legislation adopted in the specified areas is not considered final and effective until the conclusion of the January 15, 2025, Division I Council meeting. The areas in which sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation are:

1. Conduct of athletics personnel (NCAA Bylaw 11);
2. Recruiting (Bylaw 13);
3. Playing and practice seasons (Bylaw 17);
4. Processes and procedures related to the administration of the regular season and championship (Bylaw 31);
and
5. Sportsmanship and other ethical behaviors.

The following proposals are included in this process: Proposal Nos. 2024-57 and 2024-60.

Legislative Process for the Council to Consider Legislation in Other Areas.

A sport oversight committee or the council may introduce legislative proposals in areas other than those for which the sport oversight committees have authority. Other standing committees may recommend that the council introduce legislative proposals. After an initial comment period a sport oversight committee may modify a proposal it introduced. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee will review proposals and provide feedback to oversight committees and the council. The Council will consider legislative proposals during its January meeting.

[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.]

Division Membership

No. 2024-53 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- REVENUE GUARANTEE -- REVENUE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA -- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FUNDS

Intent: To add the Women's Basketball Performance Fund and Women's Basketball Equal Conference Fund as components of the division's revenue distribution formulas and to specify that revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds and the formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January 15, 2025.

Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows:

[Division dominant provision]

20 Division Membership

20.01 General Principles.

[20.01.1 through 20.01.2 unchanged.]

20.01.3 Revenue Guarantee. All member institutions and conferences in good standing with Division I membership requirements shall receive revenue from all gross revenue sources received by the Association, unless specifically excluded, through the division's revenue distribution formulas.

[20.01.3.1 unchanged.]

20.01.3.2 Revenue Distribution Formula. As used in this section, the components of the division's revenue distribution formulas as they existed at the time of the adoption of this legislation include the Academic Enhancement, Academic Performance, **Men's Basketball Performance**, **Men's Basketball Equal Conference**, **Women's Basketball Performance**, **Women's Basketball Equal Conference**, Conference Grant, Grants-in-Aid, Student Assistance, and Sports Sponsorship funds, and the supplemental and reserve funds intended for distribution to the membership.

20.01.3.2.1 Proportion of Revenue. The revenue distributed through these funds shall be allocated among the funds pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January ~~20 15, 2022~~ **2025**.

20.01.3.2.2 Formula for Allocation. The formula for allocating each such fund among the members shall be pursuant to the revenue distribution policy and plan in existence and approved by the Board of Directors as of January ~~20 15, 2022~~ **2025**.

[20.01.3.2.3 unchanged.]

[20.01.4 through 20.01.6 unchanged.]

[20.02 through 20.9 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Board of Directors

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: Establishing revenue distribution funds for women's basketball was a notable recommendation from the Phase I Gender Equity Report of 2021. The Division I Board of Directors and Division I Board of Directors Finance Committee identified the creation of a women's basketball performance fund as a priority. With this proposal, the NCAA is further demonstrating its recognition of and commitment to the growth of women's basketball. If adopted, the funds would pay out beginning in the 2025-26 fiscal year based on participation and performance in the 2024-25 Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The revenue distribution and the associated formulas are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete well-being by adding equitable funds associated with women's basketball.

Estimated Budget Impact: Units will be earned beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. The impact on the Association's budget is anticipated to be approximately \$15 million in fiscal year 2025-26, \$20 million in fiscal year 2026-27 and \$25 million in fiscal year 2027-28. After fiscal year 2027-28, the funds will grow at the same rate as all other Division I revenue distribution funds (approximately 2.9%).

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 6, 2024:	In Progress	Sponsored by the Board of Directors.
Sep 19, 2024:	In Progress	
Dec 10, 2024:	Ready for Vote	

Athletics Personnel

No. 2024-57 ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF OFF-CAMPUS RECRUITERS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that only four countable coaches may use a recruiting-person day during any single day when off-campus recruiting activities are permitted.

Bylaws: Amend 11.7, as follows:

11.7 Limitations on the Number and Duties of Coaches and Noncoaching Staff Members.

[11.7.1 through 11.7.4 unchanged.]

11.7.5 Limitations on Number of Coaches and Off-Campus Recruiters. There shall be a limit on the number of coaches (other than student assistant coaches per Bylaw 11.02.4) who may be employed by an institution and who may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus in each sport as follows:

11.7.5.1 Number of Coaches Recruiting Off-Campus at the Same Time -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, only four countable coaches may use a recruiting-person day during any single day ~~of the applicable recruiting period in September through April. During the evaluation periods beginning in May through July, only four countable coaches may evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus during each evaluation period.~~

[11.7.5.2 through 11.7.5.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: National regulation of men's basketball countable coaches by academic recruiting period, evaluation period, and elite events is not necessary and creates an undue burden on compliance offices. The adoption of Proposal No. 2024-16 increased the number of countable coaches who may permissibly recruit off-campus from four to six, which was important for the development of coaches and the overall coaching pipeline. This proposal to permit not more than four of six countable coaches to recruit off-campus each day provides the opportunity for at least two coaches to remain available to current student-athletes for practice and/or skill instruction, while simplifying the current legislation.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The number of off-campus recruiters in men's basketball is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal maintains the opportunity for two countable coaches to remain on campus to support student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024:	In Progress	
Dec 3, 2024:	In Progress	Adopted by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Council.
Dec 10, 2024:	Ready for Vote	

Recruiting

No. 2024-58 RECRUITING -- U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY EXCEPTIONS AND WAIVERS -- JULY 1 BEFORE JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL -- WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

Intent: To specify that authorized athletics staff of the service academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing recruiting activities, may send written and electronic correspondence to a prospective student-athlete beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

Bylaws: Amend 13.16, as follows:

13.16 U.S. Service Academy Exceptions and Waivers.

13.16.1 Written and Electronic Correspondence. Authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing written and electronic correspondence, may send written and electronic correspondence beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school.

13.16.~~12~~ Contacts.

13.16.~~12~~.1 July 1 Before Junior Year in High School. Authorized athletics staff members of the U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, where congressionally required institutional procedures applying to all prospective cadets and midshipmen, regardless of athletics ability, are in conflict with the Association's legislation governing telephonic and off-campus recruiting contacts, may make in-person, telephonic and off-campus contacts beginning July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Sport-specific recruiting calendar restrictions apply to off-campus contacts, except, in football, authorized staff members may make in-person off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the spring contact period of the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school, including contact at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution. The total number of contacts, including those after the prospective student-athlete's junior year, shall not exceed the number permitted in the applicable sport.

[13.16.1.2 through 13.16.1.3 renumbered as 13.16.2.2 through 13.16.2.3, unchanged.]

[13.16.2 through 13.16.4 renumbered as 13.16.3 through 13.16.5, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal clarifies the original intent of the current legislation due to impacts not contemplated at the time of adoption. Prior to the adoption of Proposal No. 2018-89, the first permissible date for telephone calls, written correspondence and the date permitted by the exception for U.S. service academies were consistent with one another. Therefore, the inclusion of a legislated exception for written correspondence was not necessary. Proposal No. 2018-89 amended the exception to reflect the same date as off-campus contacts, which was prior to the date for telephone calls and written correspondence. Proposal No. 2018-93 amended the first date to contact for telephone calls and written correspondence to a date prior to off-campus contacts and the exception without amending the exception for U.S. service academies. As a result, the exception for U.S. service academies no longer reflects the original intent of the current legislation in sports without a sport-specific date for telephone calls and written correspondence earlier than July 1 before a prospective student-athlete's junior year (baseball, lacrosse and softball). Updating the exception for U.S. service academies to apply to written and electronic correspondence promotes consistency across sports and the original intent of the exception.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Consistent recruiting standards are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal alleviates a monitoring burden for impacted institutions.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal ensures that candidates for admission to national service academies have the opportunity to make an informed recruiting decision in a manner consistent with peers who will not participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Oct 23, 2024:	In Progress
Dec 10, 2024:	Ready for Vote

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2024-59 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- LENGTH OF PLAYING SEASON AND NUMBER OF NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT CONTESTS

Intent: In baseball, to amend the playing and practice season, as specified.

A. 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 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of the Playing Season.

(a) Sports Other Than Football. Outside of the playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction (including film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction) shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. All countable athletically related activities outside of the playing season are prohibited one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period for the applicable academic term through the conclusion of the institution's academic term. **In baseball, all countable athletically related activities are prohibited between the conclusion of the**

institution's winter vacation period and the first permissible date for preseason practice in the championship segment per Bylaw 17.3.2.

[17.1.7.2-(b) through 17.1.7.2-(c) unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1 Institutional Vacation Period and Summer. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period and/or summer. Strength and conditioning coaches who are not countable coaches in the student-athlete's sport may design and conduct specific workout programs for a student-athlete, provided such workouts are voluntary and conducted at the request of the student-athlete.

[17.1.7.2.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.3 Exception -- January 15 to First Day of Classes of Second Term -- ~~Baseball and~~ Women's Lacrosse. In ~~baseball and~~ women's lacrosse, required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction are permitted, pursuant to Bylaws 17.1.7.2 and 17.1.7.2.3, during an institution's vacation period from January 15 to the first day of classes of the institution's second academic term.

[17.1.7.2.1.4 through 17.1.7.2.1.6 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.2.2 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3 Computation and Recording of Hour Limitations.

[17.1.7.3.1 through 17.1.7.3.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier.

17.1.7.3.5.1 Exception -- Baseball. In baseball, daily and weekly hour limitations on countable athletically related activities shall apply beginning with the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.3.2).

[17.1.7.3.5.1 renumbered as 17.1.7.3.5.2, unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3.6 through 17.1.7.3.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.4 through 17.1.7.12 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.3, as follows:

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

17.3.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in baseball shall be limited to ~~a 132-day season, which may consist of~~ two segments.

(a) Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be limited to 45 consecutive calendar days during the months of September, October and November. An institution shall not engage in more than 35 days of countable athletically related activities within the 45-day period. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction, film review) that occur within the 45-day period shall count against the 35 days of countable athletically related activities.

(b) Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment shall be limited to the period of time between the start of championship segment preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.3.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.3.4).

~~17.3.1.1 Championship Segment. An institution's championship segment must consist of consecutive days and may exclude only required days off (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.~~

~~17.3.1.2 Nonchampionship Segment. An institution's nonchampionship segment shall be conducted within a period of 45 consecutive calendar days during the months of September, October and November under the following conditions:~~

~~(a) Days used for practice or competition must be counted toward the 132-day season, but are not required to be consecutive;~~

- (b) ~~Days during which countable athletically related activities are limited solely to required conditioning activities and/or in skill-related instruction are not required to count toward the 132-day season;~~
- (c) ~~During any week in which practice or competition occurs, a student-athlete's involvement in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week and all countable athletically related activities are prohibited during one calendar day per week; and~~
- (d) ~~Any week in which practice or competition does not occur shall be considered outside the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.7.2).~~

17.3.2 Preseason Practice. An institution shall not commence practice sessions in baseball prior to:

[17.3.2-(a) unchanged.]

- (b) Championship Segment. ~~The Friday that is three weeks prior to the first permissible contest date for the championship segment.~~ **Thirty-five days before the first permissible contest date. An institution shall not engage in more than 27 days of countable athletically related activities before the first permissible contest date. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction, film review) that occur within the 35-day period shall count against the 27 days of countable athletically related activities.**

[17.3.3 unchanged.]

17.3.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in baseball by the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.~~ **An institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition shall not be played after the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship series. An institution may not continue to practice beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), unless it has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in the NCAA championship or other postseason national championship event. An institution may not engage in regular-season competition after the beginning of its conference's season-end tournament that determines automatic qualification into the Division I Baseball Championship. An institution not selected to participate in a postseason national championship event or an institution that loses in a championship event may not continue to practice.**

[17.3.5 through 17.3.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5, as follows:

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

17.3.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~two~~ **four** contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.5.3 and 17.3.5.4.

[17.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.3.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 56 baseball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and ~~two~~ **four** contests 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).

[17.3.5.3 through 17.3.5.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal is the result of the Baseball Legislative Review Subgroup's comprehensive review of baseball playing and practice season legislation. Specifically, this proposal would create a consistent window for all baseball programs to engage in preseason practice and provide institutions with better opportunities to prioritize student-athlete well-being. Requiring more time off during the nonchampionship segment and preseason period, when paired with additional preseason opportunities, will better prepare student-athletes for the

championship segment and promote overall student-athlete well-being. Additionally, this proposal would decrease the administrative burden in scheduling and alleviate roster-related challenges related to conducting intrasquad scrimmages during the nonchampionship segment. Further, existing restrictions on missed class time related to the nonchampionship segment would be maintained.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The benefits to student-athlete well-being outweigh monitoring burdens.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides increased competitive opportunities for student-athletes during the nonchampionship segment and increases the period of time for student-athletes to prepare for the championship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; based on local decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Increased required time off from countable athletically related activity during the fall and preseason.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

No. 2024-60 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- SUMMER LEAGUE CERTIFICATION -- POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Intent: In basketball, to specify that certification process for summer basketball leagues shall be administered pursuant to policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees.

Bylaws: Amend 17.4, as follows:

17.4 Basketball. Regulations for computing the basketball playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.4.1 through 17.4.7 unchanged.]

17.4.8 Other Restrictions.

17.4.8.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition. A student-athlete shall be ruled ineligible for intercollegiate basketball competition if the student participates in any organized basketball competition except while representing the institution.

[17.4.8.1.1 through 17.4.8.1.3 unchanged.]

17.4.8.1.4 Exceptions. The following exceptions to the basketball outside-competition regulations are permitted (see Bylaw 17.34 for additional exceptions):

- (a) Summer League. A student-athlete may compete during the period between June 15 and August 31 or the institution's opening day of classes (see Bylaw 17.02.13.3), whichever comes earlier, on a team in a league certified per *Bylaw 17.4.8.1.4.1, provided the policies and procedures established and maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The student-athlete has received must receive* written permission from the institution's athletics director (or the director's official representative) prior to participation in the league. If the student-athlete is transferring and has been officially accepted for enrollment in a second institution, and if the previous institution certifies that the student has withdrawn and does not intend to return to that institution for the next term, the written permission is to be obtained from the member institution to which the student-athlete is transferring. Under such circumstances, the student-athlete does not count on the summer-league roster as a representative of either institution unless the student-athlete has enrolled and attended classes during the certifying institution's summer term.

[17.4.8.1.4-(b) through 17.4.8.1.4-(e) unchanged.]

~~17.4.8.1.4.1 Summer Basketball Leagues. For a summer basketball league to be certified, a certification application form must be submitted each year to the NCAA national office. To be certified, the following criteria must be met by each league:~~

- ~~(a) All-Star Games Prohibition. No all-star game of any kind shall be permitted;~~
- ~~(b) Geographical Limitation. League play shall be within 100 air miles of the city limits of the student-athlete's official residence at the end of the previous academic year or the institution the student-athlete last attended as a regular student. If a league does not exist within 100 air miles of the student-athlete's residence, a student-athlete may participate in the summer league located closest to the student's official residence;~~
- ~~(c) Payment Prohibition. No member team shall make any payments for play or expenses directly or indirectly to any player;~~
- ~~(d) Postseason Competition. Postseason play-offs or tournaments shall be permitted, provided they involve intraleague competition and are completed by August 31;~~
- ~~(e) Player Limitations.
 - ~~(1) Number From Any One College. Each team shall include on its roster not more than two players with intercollegiate basketball eligibility remaining from any two-year or four-year college (other than a Division II or Division III member institution);~~
 - ~~(2) Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Withdraws. A student-athlete who is listed on the roster of a team and withdraws or is injured and will not continue to practice or compete may be replaced for the remainder of the season by another basketball student-athlete from the same institution. The institution is permitted only one replacement per team; and~~
 - ~~(3) One Team, One League. All Division I student-athletes must limit their competition to one team in one league;~~~~
- ~~(f) Revenue. No admission shall be charged for any game, no fee shall be charged for parking to attend any game, no revenue shall be realized at any game from raffles or similar activities, and no revenue shall be realized from over-the-air or cable television or radio rights fees for any game;~~
- ~~(g) Staff Limitations.
 - ~~(1) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any person associated in any employment capacity with any two-year or four-year college, except that institutional employees who are not athletics department staff members and do not have responsibilities directly related to the athletics department may serve as game officials; and~~
 - ~~(2) Neither the league nor any member team shall have on its staff or as a participant any individual who has been found guilty or pleaded guilty in a court of law for having been involved in sports bribery, point shaving or game fixing;~~~~
- ~~(h) Venue. A certified league shall not be associated in any way with a venue or other entity that is associated in any way with wagering on intercollegiate athletics;~~
- ~~(i) Involvement of Agents. No individual or agency involved in the marketing of any individual's athletics reputation or ability (including an employee of an agent or anyone associated with an agent in the agent's capacity of marketing any individual's athletics reputation or ability) shall be associated in any capacity with the league (or any team participating in the league);~~
- ~~(j) Awards. League participants may receive an award, provided the cost of the award is included in the participant's entry fee;~~
- ~~(k) Accident Medical Insurance. The league operator must provide proof of accident medical insurance coverage for league participants; and~~
- ~~(l) Approval of League Operator or Manager. Individuals involved in operating or managing a league must be approved in accordance with guidelines established by the NCAA basketball certification staff.~~

[17.4.8.1.5 unchanged.]

17.4.8.2 Maximum Number of Student-Athletes on Outside Team. Following is the maximum number of student-athletes from the same institution with eligibility remaining who may compete on an outside team:

[17.4.8.2-(a) through 17.4.8.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Summer basketball team in certified league -- 2-[see Bylaw 17.4.8.1.4.1-(e)].

[17.4.8.3 through 17.4.8.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would allow the NCAA Enforcement Certification and Approvals Group to administer the certification process for summer basketball leagues pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees. The oversight committees would have the authority to efficiently and effectively manage the summer league certification criteria without being required use the legislative process to make changes. In 2018 and 2019, for men's and women's basketball, respectively, the criteria for certification of summer recruiting events were moved from legislation to the oversight committees' policies and procedures.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Basketball event certification is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: An efficient process for making changes to summer league event certification criteria will support student-athlete success and well-being.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024:	In Progress	
Dec 3, 2024:	In Progress	Adopted by Men's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Council.
Dec 5, 2024:	In Progress	Adopted by Women's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Council.
Dec 10, 2024:	Ready for Vote	

No. 2024-61 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ICE HOCKEY -- LENGTH OF PLAYING SEASON, PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST

Intent: In ice hockey, to amend the playing and practice season, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.4, as follows:

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 unchanged.]

17.1.2 Segments of Playing Season. For all sports other than football, basketball, cross country, **ice hockey** and track and field, an institution may divide the playing season into not more than two distinct segments.

[17.1.2.1 unchanged.]

[17.1.3 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

B. 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 17.1.7.3 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.1) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games, National Invitation Tournament, or Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament, and during participation in NCAA championships.

[17.1.7.4.1 through 17.1.7.4.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4.5 Vacation Period. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement.

[17.1.7.4.6 through 17.1.7.4.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.5 through 17.1.7.6 unchanged.]

17.1.7.7 Required Day Off -- Playing Season. During the playing season, all required athletically related activities (per Bylaw 17.02.14) shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason bowl games, National Invitation Tournament, or Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament, and during participation in NCAA championships. Health and medical activities (e.g., medical evaluations or treatment for prevention and/or rehabilitation of injuries) or activities that are academically related (e.g., meetings with academic advisor, tutoring sessions) are permitted on the day off.

[17.1.7.7.1 through 17.1.7.7.4 unchanged.]

17.1.7.7.5 Vacation Period. An institution shall provide student-athletes with one day off per week during a vacation period when classes are not in session. It is permissible to use a vacation day to satisfy the day-off-per-week requirement.

[17.1.7.7.6 through 17.1.7.7.9 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.8 through 17.1.7.10 unchanged.]

17.1.7.11 Additional Required Days Off -- Ice Hockey. In ice hockey, an institution shall provide student-athletes with five additional days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (winter break). Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days.

[17.1.7.11 through 17.1.7.12 renumbered as 17.1.7.12 through 17.1.7.13, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 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.)

17.14.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in ice hockey 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 (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur~~ **the period of time between the start of preseason practice (see Bylaw 17.14.2) and the end of the regular playing season (see Bylaw 17.14.4).**

17.14.2 Preseason Practice. ~~In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Monday before the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to the Monday before the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship~~ **An institution shall not commence practice sessions before 11 days before the first permissible contest date (Bylaw 17.14.3). Countable athletically related activities from the start of preseason practice until the first permissible contest shall be limited to eight hours per week.**

17.14.3 First Contest. ~~In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Saturday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. (See Figure 17-2.)~~

- (a) Men. In men's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship (see Figure 17-2).
- (b) Women. In women's ice hockey, an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Friday of the 25th full weekend prior to the start of the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship (see Figure 17-2).

17.14.4 End of Regular Playing Season. ~~A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in each segment in ice hockey by the last day of final examinations for the regular academic year at the institution.~~

- (a) Men. An institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition shall not be played after the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Championship game. An institution may not continue to practice beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), unless it has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in the NCAA championship or other postseason national championship event. An institution may not engage in regular-season competition after the beginning of its conference's season-end tournament that determines automatic qualification into the Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. An institution not selected to participate in a postseason national championship event or an institution that loses in a championship event may not continue to practice.
- (b) Women. An institution's last contest (game or scrimmage or postseason tournament contest) with outside competition shall not be played after the National Collegiate Women's Hockey Championship game. An institution may not continue to practice beyond its last regular-season contest, including the conference championship (if any), unless it has reason to believe it is under consideration for selection to participate in the NCAA championship or other postseason national championship event. An institution may not engage in regular-season competition after the beginning of its conference's season-end tournament that determines automatic qualification into the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship. An institution not selected to participate in a postseason national championship event or an institution that loses in a championship event may not continue to practice.

[17.14.5 through 17.14.8 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would create more consistency for institutions and student-athletes regarding the start and end dates to the ice hockey playing and practice season. Increasing the preseason practice period while limiting countable athletically related activities to eight hours per week, all of which may be used for skill instruction, would enhance the preseason practice period by allowing a progressive transition into the regular season, positively impacting student-athlete health and safety and reducing the risk of injury. Further, this proposal would require five additional days off during December/January (winter break) to further promote appropriate time for recovery during the championship season.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create an additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal is designed to positively impact student-athlete health and safety and reduce the risk of injuries by establishing a progressive transition into the regular season.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; based on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Allows for six additional days of preseason practice and requires five additional days off during the winter break.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

No. 2024-62 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER -- FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION AND TRANSITION PERIOD

Intent: In women's soccer, to amend the playing and practice season, as specified.

A. 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 17.1.7.3 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3.5 Preseason Practice. Daily and weekly hour limitations do not apply to countable athletically related activities occurring during preseason practice prior to the first day of classes or the first scheduled contest, whichever is earlier.

[17.1.7.3.5.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.3.5.2 Exception -- Women's Soccer. In women's soccer, all activities that occur during the transition period and preseason shall be conducted pursuant to Bylaws 17.20.2 and 17.20.4.

[17.1.7.3.6 through 17.1.7.3.8 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.4 through 17.1.7.12 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.20, as follows:

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

17.20.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in 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 (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur. **A transition period (see Bylaw 17.20.2) shall not count toward the 132-day season.**

17.20.2 Transition Period -- Women. In women's soccer, an institution shall not commence transition period practice sessions prior to 14 calendar days before the first permissible preseason practice date as defined per Bylaw 17.20.4. The transition period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be limited to a maximum of ten hours per week with not more than five hours per week spent on skill-related workouts. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day, not to exceed two hours per day;

(b) All countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be prohibited during two calendar days per week; and

(c) An institution shall not play a contest or engage in a date of competition with outside competition (game or exhibition).

17.20.23 Preseason Practice -- Men. **In men's soccer**, An institution shall not commence practice sessions 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).

17.20.4 Preseason Practice -- Women. An institution shall not commence on-field preseason practice sessions prior to 14 calendar days before the first permissible contest date (not an exhibition game or alumni contest that may occur before the first permissible contest date). Preseason practice shall be conducted as follows:

(a) A student-athlete shall not engage in more than three hours of on-field practice activities involving full contact per day;

(b) Consecutive days of multiple on-field practice sessions are prohibited;

- (c) A walk through is not considered an on-field activity and shall be limited to one hour of noncontact exercises (e.g., shadow play, set-piece training, technical repetition, goalkeeper techniques); and
- (d) A student-athlete must be provided at least three continuous hours of recovery time between an on-field practice session and a walk-through. During recovery time, a student-athlete may not engage in physical athletically related activities (e.g., weightlifting). Time spent in team meetings, film review, receiving medical treatment and eating meals may be included as part of recovery time.
- (e) Between the start of preseason practice and the first scheduled regular-season intercollegiate contest, all countable athletically related activities per Bylaw 17.02.1 shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week.

17.20.35 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 Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.
- (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.~~

17.20.35.1 Exception -- Scrimmages/Exhibition Games. In men's soccer, an institution may play up to three soccer 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 17.20.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.20.5g.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.20.5g.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.

17.20.6 First Contest or Date of Competition -- Women. In women's soccer, an institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Wednesday before the 14th 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.

17.20.6.1 Exception -- Exhibition Games. In women's soccer, an institution may play up to two exhibition games (which shall not count toward the institution's won-lost record) prior to the first permissible contest date, provided such exhibition games are conducted after the seventh day of the preseason practice period during the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.20.1 and are counted against the maximum number of contests (see Bylaw 17.20.8.1). Contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests per Bylaw 17.20.8.3 shall count against the maximum if they are played during the preseason practice period prior to the date specified for the first permissible contest.

[17.20.4 through 17.20.8 renumbered as 17.20.7 through 17.20.11, unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposed model would alleviate the compression of contests during the championship segment and create a transition period prior to the preseason practice period which mirrors return to play protocols recommended in the NCAA Sports Science Institute guidelines in order to prioritize student-athlete well-being and reduce missed class time due to competition travel.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice season legislation is nationally significant.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would help minimize missed class time and help mitigate the risk of injuries.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):

Position Statement(s):

Committee on
Competitive
Safeguards and
Medical
Aspects of
Sports

Opposes The committee reviewed the legislative concept in September 2024 and agreed to oppose it. CSMAS noted there is no evidence to support significant amendments to playing and practice season for purposes of student-athlete health and safety. Further, the proposal does not definitively alleviate contest compression nor reduce competition-related missed class time because it does not restrict back-to-back competition, midweek competition nor limit the number of competitions per week. Earlier reporting dates and a longer championship season will likely increase demands on institutional medical and athletic training staff and may have adverse effects on student-athlete mental health (e.g., the NCAA championship may occur during a final examination period). A reduced nonchampionship segment may impact periodization and increase or imply student-athletes should in more voluntary activities that have less supervision. The transition period would occur when temperature and/or heat index may put student-athletes more at risk for heat-related illness and injury.

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

Dec 11, 2024: Ready for Vote The proposal was updated to clarify the intent to prohibit consecutive days of multiple on-field preseason practice sessions ("two-a-days").

No. 2024-63 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S WATER POLO -- FIRST DATE OF PRESEASON PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT

Intent: In women's water polo, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions in the championship segment prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest and shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition in the championship segment prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship.

Bylaws: Amend 17.28, as follows:

17.28 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.)

17.28.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in water polo 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 (see Bylaws 17.1.7.4, 17.1.7.6 and 17.1.7.7) and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.28.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) Men. An institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to 16 calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.

(b) Women. An institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to:

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

(2) Championship Segment. Sixteen calendar days before the first scheduled intercollegiate contest.

17.28.3 First Date of Competition.

(a) Men. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's water polo prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of NCAA National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship, except that an alumni scrimmage may be played the weekend before the first permissible date of competition.

(b) Women. An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to:

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

(2) **Championship Segment.** The Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship, except that an alumni scrimmage may be played the weekend before the first permissible date of competition.

[17.28.4 through 17.28.9 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Establishing a first date of competition dependent on the date of the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship will promote consistency in the start of the 14-week championship segment. This proposal was unanimously supported at the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Convention.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Playing and practice seasons legislation is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create an additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal establishes a consistent beginning of the championship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Variable; based on institutional decisions.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Variable; based on institutional decisions.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

Championships and Postseason Football

No. 2024-64 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Intent: In women's wrestling, to establish a national collegiate championship and the NCAA Women's Wrestling Committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 18, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~90~~ **91** national championships. ~~Eleven~~ **Twelve** are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (~~11~~**12**).

Men (3)	Men and Women (3)	Women (5 6)
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling

Water Polo

Skiing

Gymnastics

Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)

Water Polo

Wrestling

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.02, as follows:

20.02 Definitions and Applications.

[20.02.1 through 20.02.6 unchanged.]

20.02.7 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):

[20.02.7-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports: equestrian; **and** triathlon ~~and wrestling~~.

[20.02.7.1 through 20.02.7.2 unchanged.]

[20.02.8 through 20.02.10 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 20.8, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

20.8 Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships.

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

Women's beach volleyball

Women's gymnastics

Men's volleyball (Divisions I and II)

Women's bowling

Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)

Men's water polo

Men's and women's fencing

Men's and women's rifle

Women's water polo

Men's gymnastics

Men's and women's skiing

Women's wrestling

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

[20.8.2 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 21.7, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

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

[21.7.1 through 21.7.7 unchanged.]

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

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) (Committee on Women's Athletics)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

Rationale: Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively

required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for a national collegiate championship. During the 2023-24 academic year, 76 member schools sponsored women's wrestling. Projections indicate that 93 schools plan to sponsor the sport in the current year (2024-25). Adding women's wrestling as a national collegiate championship aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. The women's wrestling committee would begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Establishing a national collegiate championship is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal promotes student-athlete success, well-being and gender equity by establishing a new national collegiate championship opportunity for women.

Estimated Budget Impact: \$1.5 million recurring annually for the championship (includes broadcast production cost) and committee.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

Division Membership

No. 2024-65 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- SINGLE-SPORT CONFERENCE -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than basketball and football, to establish requirements for single-sport conferences, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows: *(Immediate; existing single-sport conferences that have sponsored multiple sports prior to the 2024-25 academic year are not required to submit applications for sports that meet the single-sport conference requirements.)*

20 Division Membership

[20.01 unchanged.]

20.02 Definitions and Applications.

[20.02.1 through 20.02.9 unchanged.]

20.02.10 Single-Sport Conference -- Sports Other Than Basketball and Football. In sports other than basketball and football, a single-sport conference shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) The conference shall sponsor one sport for one gender in which an NCAA Division I or NCAA national collegiate championship is conducted; and

(b) In sports in which an NCAA Division I championship is conducted, the conference shall be composed of at least six active NCAA members, 75 percent of which must be active Division I members.

20.02.10.1 Administration of Multiple Single-Sport Conferences. An entity may administer multiple single-sport conferences, either in the same sport for men and women, or for different sports; however, each sport (including different genders in the same sport) requires a separate application, application fee and annual dues.

[20.02.10 renumbered as 20.02.11, unchanged.]

[20.1 through 20.2 unchanged.]

20.3 Member Conference.

[20.3.1 through 20.3.2 unchanged.]

20.3.3 Election Procedures.

20.3.3.1 Application. An athletics conference desiring to become a member conference shall make application on a form available from the national office by June 1 for membership effective August 1 of the following academic year. **An athletics conference desiring to become a single-sport conference shall make separate application for each sport, including different genders in the same sport.** A check in the appropriate amount for annual dues shall accompany the application. Should the applicant fail election, the dues paid shall be refunded.

[20.3.3.2 unchanged.]

[20.3.4 through 20.3.6 unchanged.]

[20.4 through 20.9 unchanged.]

B. Administrative: Amend 31.3.4, as follows: (*Immediate*)

31.3.4 Automatic Qualification. Each governing sport committee shall forward annually to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Sports Oversight Committee those conferences that should receive automatic qualification for their teams or individual student-athletes into NCAA championships. Prior to forwarding the list of conferences to receive automatic qualification, a governing sport committee shall ensure that the member conference meets the requirements specified in Bylaws 31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.6. A member conference may appeal to the applicable sport oversight committee or the Sports Oversight Committee the automatic-qualification review of the sport committee and the committee's decision to find, or not find, a conference qualified for automatic-qualification status. The decision on such appeals will be final.

[31.3.4.1 through 31.3.4.2 unchanged.]

31.3.4.3 Additional Requirements – Sports Other Than Basketball.

[31.3.4.3.1 unchanged.]

31.3.4.3.2 Single-Sport Conference. To be considered for automatic qualification in a particular sport, a single-sport member conference for a sport sponsored by less than 50 percent of the Division I membership must include six institutions that have conducted conference competition together the preceding two years in the sport in question at the Division I level. **In sports other than football, a single-sport conference must be an active member for two years before it is eligible for automatic qualification.**

[31.3.4.3.3 unchanged.]

[31.3.4.4 through 31.3.4.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date:

Section A: Immediate; existing single-sport conferences that have sponsored multiple sports prior to the 2024-25 academic year are not required to submit applications for sports that meet the single-sport conference requirements.

Section B: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: This proposal clarifies the single-sport application and membership process for single-sport conferences for sports, other than basketball and football, in which a Division I or national collegiate championship is conducted. It is important that these clarifications be made before the moratorium on new single-sport conferences expires in February 2025. Single-sport conferences should be limited to one sport and one gender. Further, a minimum threshold of Division I members should be established as part of the membership requirements of a single-sport conference in a sport in which a Division I championship is conducted.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Requirements for single-sport conference membership is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would strengthen the standards for single-sport conference membership, which would protect or improve the quality of the student-athlete experience.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

No. 2024-66 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II OR DIVISION III TO DIVISION I

Intent: To revise the reclassification processes to establish a three-year process for an institution seeking to reclassify membership from Division II to Division I and a four-year process for an institution seeking to reclassify membership from Division III to Division I, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 20.6, as follows:

20.6 Change of Division Membership.

20.6.1 Eligibility for Reclassification.

20.6.1.1 Division II Member. A member of Division II may petition to change its membership to Division I subject to the following prerequisites:

- (a) The institution shall have been an active Division II member for the preceding five years;
- (b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship and financial aid membership requirements; and
- (c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership from an active Division I multisport conference.

20.6.1.2 Division III Member. **A member of Division III may petition to change its membership to Division I subject to the following prerequisites:**

- (a) The institution shall have been an active Division III member for the preceding five years;**
- (b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship requirements and shall demonstrate an intent to comply with minimum Division I financial aid membership requirements during the first year of the reclassification process; and**
- (c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership from an active Division I multisport conference.**

20.6.1.2.1 Pre-Application Process. Before a member of Division III may submit an application to change its membership status to Division I, the institution must successfully complete a pre-application process of not less than one year. The pre-application process shall include, but is not limited to, a feasibility study and the development of a strategic plan and policies and procedures that demonstrate the institution's commitment to Division I membership. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall determine whether an institution has satisfied the requirements of the pre-application process and is prepared to submit an application for reclassification to Division I.

20.6.1.2.2 Application for Reclassification. A member of Division III may petition to change its membership to Division I after the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee has determined the institution has satisfied the

~~requirements of the pre-application process. The Division III member's reclassification application is subject to the following prerequisites:~~

- ~~(a) The institution shall have been an active Division III member for the preceding five years;~~
- ~~(b) The institution shall be in compliance with all Division I minimum sports sponsorship requirements and shall demonstrate an intent to comply with minimum Division I financial aid membership requirements during the first year of the reclassification process;~~
- ~~(c) The institution shall have received a bona fide offer of membership from an active Division I multisport conference.~~

20.6.2 Prerequisites for Bona Fide Offer of Division I Conference Membership. Prior to extending a bona fide offer of membership to a member of Division II or Division III, an active Division I multisport conference must confirm the applicant institution meets the following prerequisites:

(a) Applicant institution is above the 10th percentile of Division I members in one of the following academic measures:

(1) Academic Progress Rate (APR);

(2) Graduation Success Rate (GSR); or

(3) The federal graduation rate difference between student-athletes and the general student body.

(b) Applicant institution's operating budget (excluding scholarships) is above the 10th percentile of the Division I multisport conference's existing members.

20.6.3 Requesting Reclassification. In order to petition to change its membership to Division I, the institution and its sponsoring conference shall complete an application and submit it to the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee on a form approved by the committee.

20.6.3.1 Deadline for Submission of Application. The application shall be received in the national office (by mail or electronic transmission) not later than June 1 prior to the academic year in which the institution is seeking to begin its first year of the reclassification process. Any application received after that date shall be postmarked not later than May 25.

20.6.3.2 Application Fee. A fee shall accompany the application. The amount of the fee shall be determined each year based on the estimated annual average value of direct benefits through distributions and championships made available to Division I members. If an institution withdraws from the reclassification process, the application fee shall be refunded to the institution on a prorated basis -- 75 percent through year one, 50 percent through year two, 30 percent through year three and no refund thereafter.

20.6.3.3 Initial Strategic Plan. The institution's application shall include an initial strategic plan that addresses the Division I philosophy statement (see Bylaw 20.9.2) and the requirements set forth by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. The initial strategic plan must be approved by the sponsoring conference.

20.6.3.4 Notification of Infractions Matters. The institution's application shall include notification whether it is, at the time of application, involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.6.3.5 Compliance With Criteria. The Strategic Vision and Planning Committee shall monitor the institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the reclassification process. The committee shall have the authority to deny advancement to the next year of the process if it determines that deficiencies warrant a requirement that the institution repeat a particular year. If the institution has met the reclassification criteria of this article ~~and has complied~~ for the ~~four~~ **required number of** years preceding June 1 ~~with all other requirements set forth in this bylaw,~~ the committee shall refer the institution's request for active Division I membership to the Board of Directors for election effective August 1 following such election. However, the committee may deny referral of a reclassifying institution to the Board of Directors for advancement to active Division I status if any of the institution's sport programs are subject to penalties pursuant to the Division I Academic Performance Program. An institution shall not be elected to active membership in Division I if it is subject to an Academic Performance Program penalty ~~or~~ **fails to satisfy the financial aid minimums specified in Bylaw 20.6.4.**

20.6.3.5.1 First Year. During the first year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Attendance at an orientation session conducted by the national office staff related to basic Division I operating rules and membership requirements. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (c) Attendance at the Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (d) Apply all Division I legislation, **including core guarantees and attestation requirements**, except scheduling requirements and continuing eligibility requirements (e.g., progress-toward-degree, five-year rule) for student-athletes who are completing their final season of competition and were enrolled at the institution at least one year prior to the institution entering year one of the reclassification process;

(e) Satisfactory completion of an academic review conducted by the national office staff.

- (e) Completion of an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;*
- (f) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (g) Submit an annual report and a strategic plan by June 1. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.6.3.5.2 Second Year. During the second year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements, **including core guarantees and attestation requirements**;
- (b) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator.
- (c) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (d) Completion of a compliance review conducted by the national office and submission of a report with an institutional response to the findings and recommendations;
- (e) For an institution reclassifying from Division II, initiate an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;**
- (e f)** Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (f g)** Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violation.

20.6.3.5.3 Third Year. During the third year of reclassification, an institution shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements, including core guarantees and attestation requirements;

(1) For an institution reclassifying from Division II, submit a report demonstrating institution's compliance with core guarantees requirements.

- (a **b**) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (b **c**) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (e **d**) **For an institution reclassifying from Division II, Completion of complete** an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;
- (e) For an institution reclassifying from Division III, initiate an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;**
- (d **f**) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (e **g**) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.6.3.5.4 Fourth Year. During the fourth year of reclassification, an institution **reclassifying from Division III** shall satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Full compliance with all Division I legislation and membership requirements, including core guarantees and attestation requirements;

(1) Submit a report demonstrating institution's compliance with core guarantees requirements.

- (a **b**) Successfully complete an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;
- (b **c**) Attendance at the NCAA Convention Division I issues forum and business session. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (e **d**) Attendance at a Regional Rules Seminar conducted by the NCAA. Institutional representatives required to attend are the chancellor or president (or an individual appointed by the chancellor or president with executive status at the institution), the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, the faculty athletics representative and the senior compliance administrator;
- (e) Complete an NCAA self-study program as established by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee;**
- (d **f**) Process institutional and individual student-athlete violations of Division I legislation through the Division I infractions and student-athlete reinstatement processes. The institution shall be subject to any and all sanctions for violations of Division I legislation; and
- (e **g**) Submit an annual report and an updated strategic plan by June 1 based on feedback related to the previous year's plan. The institution shall report all violations as part of the annual report and provide notice whether it is involved in an investigation of potential rules violations, an infractions case or is on probation for rules violations.

20.6.4 Exit Benchmarks. Before advancing to active Division I membership, a reclassifying institution must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Award either total scholarships or total equivalencies that exceed the 10th percentile of active Division I members;**
- (b) Provide half its teams used to meet sports sponsorship requirements with at least 50 percent of the permissible maximum number of overall grants-in-aid per sport (see Bylaw 15.5); and**
- (c) Be above the 10th percentile of Division I members in one of the following academic measures:**
 - (1) Academic Progress Rate (APR);**
 - (2) Graduation Success Rate (GSR); or**
 - (3) The federal graduation rate difference between student-athletes and the general student body.**

20.6.45 Timing of Monetary Distributions. The institution shall qualify to begin receiving revenue distributions related to sports sponsorship and grants-in-aid after its third academic year as an active Division I member. The institution shall qualify to receive the Student Assistance Fund, Academic Enhancement Fund, Academic Performance Fund, Basketball Performance Fund and Equal Conference Distribution Fund, as determined by its sponsoring conference, beginning with the first year of active membership.

20.6.56 Championships Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships in Division I as of the effective August 1 following election to active membership, the institution shall comply with all championships eligibility requirements, as prescribed by Bylaw 31, and otherwise shall be eligible for participation in those championships. In addition, a member of Division I shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 18.4.2.

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

Effective Date: Immediate; applicable to institutions that begin the reclassification process during the 2025-26 academic year and thereafter.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: This proposal aims to create objective measures focusing on the Division I student-athlete experience. The resulting processes would help ensure that reclassifying members are committed to the Division I philosophy and operating principles. In addition, this legislation would increase the likelihood that such institutions will operate successful, competitive programs at the Division I level.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The requirements for reclassification to Division I are nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal would does not include a monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Reducing the duration of the reclassification process would allow student-athletes in the reclassifying institutions the opportunity to participate in NCAA championships sooner.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Oct 23, 2024:	In Progress	
Dec 10, 2024:	Ready for Vote	
Jan 7, 2025:	Ready for Vote	The proposal was updated to clarify specific requirements of the reclassification process.

Governance Structure and Committees

No. 2024-67 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON COMPETITIVE SAFEGUARDS AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF SPORTS -- ENDOCRINOLOGIST

Intent: To specify that the position designated for an endocrinologist on the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports may be filled by a member the general public.

Bylaws: Amend 21.5, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.5 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.5.1 unchanged.]

21.5.2 Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

21.5.2.1 Composition. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports shall consist of 25 members, including seven positions allocated for individuals who identify as male, seven allocated for individuals who identify as female and 11 unallocated. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows:

[21.5.2.1-(a) through 21.5.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Five members from the field of medicine, of whom at least two shall identify as female. One shall be a primary-care physician who is board certified in family practice, internal medicine or emergency medicine, and shall have a current Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine. One shall be a board certified orthopedic surgeon. One shall be a physician with expertise in endocrinology (**who may be a member of the general public**). One shall be a physician with expertise in drug-testing. One shall be a physician who is a member of the general public;

[21.5.2.1-(e) through 21.5.2.1-(p) unchanged.]

[21.5.2.2 through 21.5.2.3 unchanged.]

[21.5.3 through 21.5.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: The purpose of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports is to provide the membership with expert guidance on mental and physical health, safety and performance topics. As such, its composition reflects the need for experts with specific medical, scientific, research and sports medicine expertise. These perspectives are more relevant and more essential to the work of CSMAS than conference affiliation. Without this recommended change, limited nominations for an expert in endocrinology may be submitted for this position due to the specialized qualification required, and it may be difficult to find a qualified replacement. If the position designated for an endocrinologist on the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports is filled by a member the general public, this individual should not be considered the one physician who is a member of the general public as also required by the legislation.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The composition of Association-wide committees is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: This proposal will not result in an additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal will ensure that CSMAS maintains a representative with necessary training and expertise on topics related to physical health and performance.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

No. 2024-68 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND BELONGING

Intent: To transition the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and Committee on Women's Athletics to one committee that shall focus on Association-wide issues regarding diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Bylaws: Amend 21.5, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.5 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.5.1 through 21.5.2 unchanged.]

21.5.3 Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

21.5.3.1 Composition. The Committee on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging shall consist of 25 members, including positions allocated for individuals who serve as athletics administrators, coaches, chief diversity officers, faculty, higher education DEIB practitioners/researchers/experts, student-athletes and Title IX coordinators. The committee shall include a minimum of eight members who identify as an ethnic minority, eight members who identify as women and eight members who identify as men. In addition to the division-specific positions, the committee shall include a minimum of three members from each division, including one from each subdivision of Division I. The membership of the committee shall be constituted as follows:

- (a) One student-athlete from each divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committee;**
- (b) One chancellor or president from each division;**
- (c) One athletics diversity and inclusion designee from each division (two must be from within athletics and one may be from outside athletics);**
- (d) One representative from the Division I governance structure;**
- (e) One representative from the Division II Management Council;**
- (f) One representative from the Division III Management Council;**
- (g) One director of athletics;**
- (h) One conference commissioner;**
- (i) Two institutional or conference senior woman administrators;**
- (j) One faculty athletics representative (preference to be from the FARA DEI Committee);**
- (k) One chief diversity officer; and**
- (l) Seven members who serve in one or more of the following positions at a member institution or conference:**
 - (1) DEIB practitioner/researcher (preference for two);**
 - (2) Campus and/or athletics student services professional (preference for one);**
 - (3) Coach (preference for one);**
 - (4) Higher education and/or athletics legal, policy, or governance expert (preference for one); and**
 - (5) Title IX coordinator (preference for one).**

21.5.3.2 Duties. The committee shall:

- (a) Advise on DEIB educational resources, programming, and awards for the Association;**

- (b) Cultivate equitable experiences and treatment and inclusive environments for student-athletes at NCAA championships and events as well as across intercollegiate athletics;**
- (c) Provide guidance for the office NCAA Inclusion, Education, and Community Engagement's strategic initiatives and engagements;**
- (d) Support increased student-athlete participation opportunities, particularly for those from marginalized communities;**
- (e) Review and make recommendations on DEIB-related policy, legislation, and other Association matters; and**
- (f) Support diverse leadership across intercollegiate athletics that reflects the increasingly diverse student-athlete community.**

[21.5.3 renumbered as 21.5.4, unchanged.]

~~21.5.4 Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.~~

~~21.5.4.1 Composition. The Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athletes may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility. Committee membership shall include a minimum of eight ethnic minorities, including at least four who identify as male and four who identify as female.~~

~~21.5.4.2 Duties. The committee shall:~~

- ~~(a) Review issues related to the interests and advocacy of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who are ethnic minorities, LGBTQ or who have disabilities; and~~
- ~~(b) Review and advocate for NCAA programs and policies that affect and include, but are not limited to, ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.~~

[21.5.5 through 21.5.6 unchanged.]

~~21.5.7 Committee on Women's Athletics.~~

~~21.5.7.1 Composition. The Committee on Women's Athletics shall consist of 18 members, including a current chancellor or president from each division. There shall be six members from Division I, six members from Division II and six members from Division III. Six positions shall be allocated for individuals who identify as male, six allocated for individuals who identify as female and six unallocated. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. The Division I student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of intercollegiate athletics eligibility. The Division II and Division III student-athlete may serve on the committee up to two years after completion of athletics eligibility.~~

~~21.5.7.2 Duties. The committee shall:~~

- ~~(a) Study and make policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women in athletics at the institutional, conference and national levels;~~
- ~~(b) Study and make policy recommendations concerning other issues directly affecting women's athletics; and~~
- ~~(c) Appoint and oversee the Woman of the Year Selection Committee and the process.~~

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

Effective Date: September 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: Following the adoption of a new NCAA Constitution in January 2022, the Board of Governors began a review of Association-wide committees to determine the relevance of those committees and whether potential changes could occur to better align the committees' work with the requirements outlined in the new Constitution. The DEI Committees Review Working Group was established to carry out the review of the Committee on Women's Athletics, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity, and the Gender Equity Task Force. The working group collaborated with

governance and membership groups to determine how best to advance DEIB principles and initiatives through the Association. One centralized DEIB committee will be: (1) More effective and efficient with a unified, focused effort to lead on core dimensions of diversity and their intersections; (2) More recognizable and reputable across the Association for its leadership on DEIB matters and its alignment with the NCAA Constitution principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Gender Equity as well as the Board of Governors approved inclusion statement.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging committee structure is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create an additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: One committee will allow for a more centralized focus on enhancing the DEIB culture across campuses and conferences and foster a more inclusive student-athlete experience.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost savings from transitioning four groups into one committee.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Oct 23, 2024: In Progress

Dec 10, 2024: Ready for Vote

No. 2024-69 COMMITTEES -- SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEES -- ELIMINATE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Intent: To eliminate regional representation requirements in the composition of Division I sport championship committees.

Bylaws: Amend 21.10, as follows:

21.10 Division I Committees.

[21.10.1 through 21.10.5 unchanged.]

21.10.6 Committees Reporting to the Council. The total composition of the standing committees of the Council (Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee, Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee, Sports Oversight Committee and Strategic Vision and Planning Committee) shall consist of approximately 125 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.

21.10.6.1 Men's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.

21.10.6.1.1 Men's Basketball Committee. The Men's Basketball Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that are eligible for automatic qualification, four members selected from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on basketball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Basketball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships, excluding First Four wins. ~~The committee shall include at least one member from each of the five Division I men's basketball regions and seven members selected at large. Not more than four committee members shall represent any single region.~~

[21.10.6.1.1.1 unchanged.]

21.10.6.2 Women's Basketball Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.

21.10.6.2.1 Women's Basketball Committee. The Women's Basketball Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that are eligible for automatic qualification, four members selected from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on basketball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Basketball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships, excluding First Four wins. ~~The committee shall include at least one member from each of the five Division I women's basketball regions and seven members selected at large. Not more than four committee members shall be from any single region.~~

[21.10.6.2.1.1 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3 Sports Oversight Committee. The composition, duties and substructure of the Sports Oversight Committee are set forth in the policies and procedures of the Council and the committee's policies and procedures.

[21.10.6.3.1 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3.1.3 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.

[21.10.6.3.1.3.1 through 21.10.6.3.1.3.3 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3.1.3.4 Regional Advisory Committees. Regional advisory committees may be appointed by each sports committee as prescribed by the Sports Oversight Committee.

21.10.6.3.1.3.5 Baseball Committee. The Baseball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on baseball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Baseball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~Each of the five Division I baseball regions must be represented.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.6 Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee shall consist of eight members. Four members shall represent men's fencing interests, ~~including one representative from each of the four men's fencing regions.~~ Four members shall represent women's fencing interests, ~~including one representative from each of the four women's fencing regions.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.7 Field Hockey Committee. The Field Hockey Committee shall consist of six members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, two members from the three highest ranked other conferences based on field hockey success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Field hockey success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~One member shall be selected from each of the five Division I field hockey regions, and one member shall be selected at large.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.8 Men's Golf Committee. The Men's Golf Committee shall consist of nine members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on golf success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Golf success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~Each geographic region (east, central and west) shall be represented by three members.~~ The committee shall include at least four coaches (at least two from conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1) and at least four administrators (at least two from conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1).

21.10.6.3.1.3.9 Women's Golf Committee. The Women's Golf Committee shall consist of nine members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on golf success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Golf success is

defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~Each geographic region (east, central and west) shall be represented by three members.~~ The committee shall include at least four coaches (at least two from conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1) and at least four administrators (at least two from conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1).

21.10.6.3.1.3.10 Men's Gymnastics Committee. The Men's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of six members, ~~including at least two representatives from each of the two men's gymnastics regions (East and West) and two representatives selected at large.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.11 Women's Gymnastics Committee. The Women's Gymnastics Committee shall consist of seven members, including six members from Division I and one member from Division II or III. ~~The six Division I members shall include one member from each of the six women's gymnastics regions and the Division II or III member may represent any of the six women's gymnastics regions.~~ Further, the Division II or III member shall be excluded in determining whether the 50 percent administrator committee composition requirements per Bylaw 21.7.1.2 are met.

[21.10.6.3.1.3.12 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3.1.3.13 Men's Lacrosse Committee. The Men's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of five members, ~~including two representatives from the North region, two representatives from the South region and one representative from the West region.~~ Of the five members, at least two must be coaches.

21.10.6.3.1.3.14 Women's Lacrosse Committee. The Women's Lacrosse Committee shall consist of six members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, two members from the three highest ranked other conferences based on lacrosse success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Lacrosse success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include a representative from each of the four regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South and West/Midwest) and two representatives selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.15 Women's Rowing Committee. The Women's Rowing Committee shall consist of seven members, including one member from each of the conferences listed in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, two members from the three highest ranked other conferences based on women's rowing success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Rowing success shall be defined as the total number of points scored by a conference in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include a member from each of the five Division I women's rowing regions.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.16 Men's Soccer Committee. The Men's Soccer Committee shall consist of eight members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, two members from the five highest ranked other conferences based on soccer success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Soccer success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include a representative from each of the four Division I men's soccer regions. Not more than three members may be appointed from the same region.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.17 Women's Soccer Committee. The Women's Soccer Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on soccer success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Soccer success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include a representative from each of the five Division I women's soccer regions. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.18 Women's Softball Committee. The Women's Softball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on softball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Softball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five

NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include one representative from each of the five regions. Not more than two members of the committee may be appointed from the same region.~~

[21.10.6.3.1.3.19 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3.1.3.20 Men's and Women's Tennis Committee. The Men's and Women's Tennis Committee shall consist of 12 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on tennis success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Tennis success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. Six members of the committee shall represent men's tennis interests and six members shall represent women's tennis interests, including four positions allocated for individuals who identify as male, four allocated for individuals who identify as female and four unallocated. ~~Not more than one of the six members representing men's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I men's tennis regions. Not more than one of the six members representing women's tennis interests shall be selected from any one of the six Division I women's tennis regions.~~

[21.10.6.3.1.3.21 unchanged.]

21.10.6.3.1.3.22 Men's Volleyball Committee. The Men's Volleyball Committee shall consist of five members, ~~including one member from each of the three men's volleyball regions and two members selected at large. Not more than two committee members shall be from any single region.~~

21.10.6.3.1.3.23 Women's Volleyball Committee. The Women's Volleyball Committee shall consist of 10 members, including one member from each of the conferences named in Bylaw 9.2.2.1.1 that is eligible for automatic qualification, three members from the seven highest ranked other conferences based on volleyball success and the remaining members from the remaining conferences. Volleyball success is defined as total conference appearances plus total conference wins in the previous five NCAA championships. ~~The committee shall include one member from each of the five Division I women's volleyball districts.~~

[21.10.6.3.1.3.24 unchanged.]

[21.10.6.3.2 unchanged.]

[21.10.6.4 through 21.10.6.9 unchanged.]

[21.10.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Nominating Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

Rationale: Representation on sport championship committees is based on conference affiliation. Composition requirements for many committees also specify that geographic regions must be represented. Geographic regions are based on the location of conference offices. Conference realignment and other required composition requirements (e.g., guaranteed autonomy conference representation, representation based on sport success) have resulted in limiting the potential pool of nominations due to the location of conference offices versus the locations of their member institutions. Eliminating the regional representation requirements would allow for flexibility in solicitations for vacancies and in committee appointments based on national pools of candidates. Sport championship committees would have the discretion to determine how to manage evaluations and rankings during the sports seasons. Similar sports could be encouraged to collaborate on regional alignment to be as similar as possible. The NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee supports this recommendation. The Nominating Committee is committed to a policy to balance regional representation as much as possible with other legislated and policy requirements. Finally, sport championship committees may appoint regional advisory committees to assist in the evaluation of teams.

Division I Commitment addressed by proposal: The Commitment to Value-Based Legislation.

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The composition of sport championship committees is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create additional monitoring burden.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal supports student-athlete success and well-being by allowing flexibility in the sport championship composition requirements to expand the opportunities for additional qualified individuals to serve.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

Women's
Basketball
Oversight
Committee

Supports

The committee supports the proposal and offers the following additional feedback: (a) Conference realignment and expansion has resulted in conference membership, in some cases, throughout the entire country or multiple geographic regions. Therefore, removing regional representation from the committee composition requirements based on conference affiliation (and regional assignment based on where the conference office is located) is acceptable and understandable. (b) The committee strongly suggests that an alternative policy or committee composition requirement be established to ensure that committee appointments reflect geographic diversity. This is an important consideration to ensure committee member responsibilities may be fulfilled (e.g., conference monitoring, team selections) as well as dispelling any perceived biases if a portion of the country is not represented (e.g., west coast).

History:

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