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115th Annual Convention

On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Councils, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association’s 115th annual Convention scheduled January 12 through 15, 2021.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2021 Convention. This publication is sent to the president or chancellor, director of athletics, faculty athletics representative, senior woman administrator and senior compliance administrator at each active NCAA Division II member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division II business session of the 2021 Convention, including amendments-to-amendments. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before participating in the Convention. It is particularly important that each Division II delegate have a copy of the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Division II Convention legislation.

In addition to the consideration of legislation, Division II delegates also will participate in educational and discussion sessions about topics of concern within the division and the Association.

We hope you will tune in to join delegates from all divisions at the State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) Tuesday evening.

We hope that each member of the Association will participate in the 2021 Convention. We look forward to seeing you virtually.

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Chair, NCAA Board of Governors

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Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the president or chancellor of each member institution or organization. In November 2020, a link to the appointment of delegates website was emailed to the president or chancellor of all member institutions and organizations. The link was also made available on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org/convention) under the Appointment of Delegates section.

It is important that the voting delegate be properly accredited, and appointing officers are urged to submit the required information to the NCAA national office at their earliest convenience.

An institution’s or organization’s president or chancellor shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional or organizational discretion.

Please note also that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions and organizations to include women in their NCAA Convention delegations.

If an institution’s or organization’s president or chancellor fails to submit the online delegate appointment form, that institution’s or organization’s representatives will be registered as visitors until the president or chancellor certifies in writing the voting and alternate delegates. No other institutional or organizational representatives are permitted to complete a delegate appointment form.

Once the online delegate appointment form has been verified by the president or chancellor, no one may be added as a voting or alternate delegate without written instructions from that president or chancellor. Thus, no individual appointed as a visitor may become a voter or alternate without written authorization from the president or chancellor.

Visiting delegates, except in certain situations, do not have speaking privileges at the Convention.

The 2021 Convention is free for NCAA members.

Meetings and Reservations

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website (www.ncaa.org/convention).

The Convention officially begins when the State of College Sports (formerly opening business session) convenes at 7 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, January 12. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Friday, January 15. Educational sessions will begin at noon Wednesday, January 13 and continue for the remainder of the month.
Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 115th annual Convention begin on Page 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

It is particularly important that each Division II delegate have a copy of the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Division II Convention legislation for the 2021 Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of Constitution 5.3, an amendment to the Association's legislation may be proposed by the NCAA Board of Governors, Division II Presidents Council, by any 15 or more active Division II member institutions or by two active conferences on behalf of 15 or more active member institutions eligible to vote on the matter. The source is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

All proposals designated by the Division II Presidents Council for roll-call votes are indicated with an asterisk preceding the proposals in this publication, as well as in the voting designation accompanying each such proposal.

Please note that the Presidents Council is authorized to distribute during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative proposals.

Amendments-to-Amendments

All amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline were printed in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website August 15. As a result, there was not an Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation for the 2021 Convention. Sponsors of those proposals were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. [Note: There were no proposals properly sponsored by the Division II membership by the July 15 deadline. As a result, there was not an Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation for the 2021 Convention.] In the interim, the Board of Governors and the Division II Presidents Council had until September 1 to submit their legislative proposals. All proposals were provided to the membership September 20 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Board of Governors, Division II Presidents Council, any eight or more active Division II member institutions or one active conference on behalf of eight or more active member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments, if any, are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication, if any. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2021 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Board of Governors or Division II Presidents Council and distributed before or during the business session.
Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the academic and membership affairs staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Review of Interpretations

The Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division II. These rulings are subject to review by the Division II membership upon the request of any member in accordance with NCAA Constitution 5.4.1.4. Any Division II member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the academic and membership affairs staff via electronic mail to the primary contact individuals — chooks@ncaa.org or kwolf@ncaa.org — not later than November 20, 2020.

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the Presidents Council

The Presidents Council may adopt "emergency" legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when the NCAA must respond to, or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings, per Constitution 5.3.1.1.2. Such "emergency" legislation shall be adopted by at least a three-fourths majority of the members of the Presidents Council present and voting. The Presidents Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The emergency legislation adopted by the Presidents Council in 2020 appear in Appendix A. Acceptance of the report of the Presidents Council during the Division II business session ratifies the Presidents Council’s actions in this regard.

Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division II Manual

The Legislation Committee and the Academic Requirements Committee are authorized to recommend interpretations to be incorporated in the next printing of the NCAA Division II Manual. Such incorporations are approved by the Division II Management Council and then are printed in the Official Notice of the Convention. The interpretations approved for inclusion in the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Manual appear in Appendix B. Any additional interpretations approved by the Management Council are distributed to the delegates at the Division II business session. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session will approve incorporation of the interpretations as distributed. A delegate
Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the Management Council

The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council), is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association’s legislation, per Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the Presidents Council, or the entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council). The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division II business session the amendments that it has adopted under this authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council in 2020 appear in Appendix C. Acceptance of the report of the Management Council during the Division II business session approves the Management Council’s actions in this regard.

Order of Business

The State of College Sports (formerly known as the opening business session) of the 115th annual Convention will begin at 7 p.m. Eastern time, Tuesday, January 12. The "State of the Association" address by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

The various proposals will be taken up in their numerical order, unless that order is changed at the Convention. Amendments for the annual Convention are grouped topically by area and will be presented as indicated on page xii.

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed (consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification). In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping may become moot.

Voting Procedures

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Constitution 5.1.4.4. Due to the nature of the virtual Convention, the voting delegate must be registered for Convention and appointed through the appointment of delegates site. Exact voting procedures are still being determined at the time of publication. Once finalized, this information will be shared with the membership in a separate communication.
Memorial Resolutions

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who passed away during the year. It is requested that the names of persons to be honored in this manner be submitted to the NCAA, P.O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222.

Administrative Structure

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors, and Division II Presidents Council and Management Council, are listed in Appendix E.

Request for Interpretations

Division II member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention.

All such requests must be received to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff via email to the primary contact individuals, chooks@ncaa.org or kwolf@ncaa.org, not later than November 20, 2020. Requests will be considered by the appropriate interpretative entities and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division II Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting Monday, January 11, 2021. The resulting interpretations will be duplicated and distributed to the conferences for their pre-Convention meetings before the beginning of the business session Friday, January 15, 2021. Due to the 2021 Convention being virtual the business session has been moved from Saturday to Friday.
**TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**  
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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

[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 boldface and underlined are to be added; and
• Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division II legislation.]

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The frequently asked questions section following each proposal in the white pages is designed to provide further clarification regarding the application of the proposal and/or the rationale for the legislative change. The information includes frequently asked questions, figures and other information. Further information regarding the application of the proposals is available in the 2021 Convention Division II Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Guide at www.ncaa.org.

DIVISION II LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The NCAA Division II Presidents Council has determined that it will deal primarily with those national issues in Division II athletics that prompt widespread concern among Division II presidents or chancellors.

Legislative proposals developed by the Division II Management Council or by Division II committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division II Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. This procedure was established to affirm presidential control of intercollegiate athletics in Division II.

The Division II Presidents Council has identified those proposals that it believes are of particular interest to Division II presidents or chancellors and has included them in the Presidents Council grouping. It should be noted, however, that inclusion of proposals in the Presidents Council grouping does not necessarily constitute a position by the Division II Presidents Council for or against a proposal. [Note: The Presidents Council did not identify a Presidents Council grouping of proposals for this convention.] Those proposals with an asterisk before the proposal number have been identified by the Presidents Council as roll-call votes. Delegates should refer to each proposal’s source line for information regarding the sponsor of each proposal.

[Note: Pursuant to Constitution 5.3.12, all amendments shall become effective not earlier than the first day of August following adoption at the NCAA Convention; however, if a voting delegate wishes to propose an immediate effective date, or to propose any]
other effective date prior to the first day of August, a two-thirds majority of all delegates present and eligible to vote on the amendment is required to approve the immediate or alternative effective date. Those proposals that receive the required vote to carry an immediate effective date and that are adopted, become effective upon adjournment of the Convention.}
Name, Image and Likeness

No. 2021-1 (2-1) VARIOUS BYLAWS -- STUDENT-ATHLETE USE OF NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

Intent: To permit Division II student-athletes to utilize their name, image and likeness, as specified; further, consistent with the Board of Governors’ principles that any legislative changes be transparent and enforceable, to recommend the necessary administrative framework, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.1.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

11.1.4 Representing Individuals in Marketing Athletics Ability/Reputation. Staff members of the athletics department of a member institution shall not represent, directly or indirectly, any individual in the marketing of athletics ability or reputation to an agent, a professional sports team or a professional sports organization, including receiving compensation for arranging commercial endorsements or personal appearances for prospective, current or former student-athletes, except as specified in Bylaw 11.1.4.1, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services.

[11.1.4.1 unchanged.]

11.1.4.2 Professional Service Provider. Institutional staff members shall not serve as a professional service provider (see Bylaw 12.02.7) for a prospective student-athlete's name, image and likeness activities.

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.02, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.02 Definitions and Applications.

12.02.1 Agent. An agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly: represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in order to secure a professional sports opportunity.

(a) Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or

(b) Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete’s enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

12.02.1.1 Application. An agent may include, but is not limited to, a certified contract advisor, financial advisor, marketing representative, brand manager or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons.

[12.02.2 through 12.02.6 unchanged.]

12.02.7 Professional Service Provider. A professional service provider is an individual who provides third party services to an individual regarding their name, image and likeness. A professional service provider includes, but shall not be limited to, an agent, tax advisor, marketing consultant, attorney or anyone who is employed or associated with such persons.

[12.02.7 through 12.02.9 renumbered as 12.02.8 through 12.02.10, unchanged.]
C. **Bylaws**: Amend 12.1.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.1.2 Activities Prior to Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. An individual **loses** amateur status and thus shall not be eligible for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport if the individual **previously entered** into an agreement with or receives benefits from an agent, **provided the agreement is terminated upon initial full-time enrollment at a Division II institution** (See Bylaws 12.02.1 and 12.3 for additional information regarding agents.)

D. **Bylaws**: Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.1.3 Permissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the amateur status of an individual:

[12.1.3-(a) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) **Professional Service Providers.** A student-athlete may retain a professional service provider (see Bylaws 12.02.7 and 12.3) for assistance with name, image and likeness activities (see Bylaws 12.4.2 and 12.5.1.2).

E. **Bylaws**: Amend 12.1.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.1.4 Impermissible -- Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual's participation in the following activities or receipt of the following benefits will jeopardize the individual's amateur status and eligibility for intercollegiate participation in a particular sport:

[12.1.4-(a) through 12.1.4-(g) unchanged.]

(h) Agreement With or Benefits From an Agent. Entrance into an agreement with or receipt of benefits from an agent in order to secure a professional sports opportunity.

[12.1.4-(i) through 12.1.4-(r) unchanged.]

F. **Bylaws**: Amend 12.2.4.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.2.4.2 Draft List. An enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft an unlimited number of times during his or her collegiate career and be drafted by any team in the league without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided the student-athlete does not ever agree (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purposes of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport, sign a professional sport contract in order to secure a professional sports opportunity or otherwise jeopardize his or her amateur status.

G. **Bylaws**: Amend 12.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.3 Use of Agents **and Professional Service Providers**.
12.3.1 General Rule -- Agents. An individual A student-athlete shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport, if, after initial full-time enrollment at a Division II institution, he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport in order to secure a professional sports opportunity. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Nonbinding Agreements. An individual A student-athlete who signs a contract or commitment in order to secure a professional sports opportunity that does not become binding until the agent also signs the document, is ineligible, even if the contract remains unsigned by the other parties until after the student-athlete's eligibility is exhausted.

12.3.1.2 Representation for Future Negotiations. An individual A student-athlete shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1, if he or she enters into a verbal or written agreement with an agent for representation in future professional sports negotiations that are to take place after the individual has completed his or her eligibility in that sport.

12.3.1.3 Benefits From Prospective Agents. An individual A student-athlete shall be ineligible per Bylaw 12.3.1, if he or she (or his or her relatives or friends) accepts transportation or other benefits from: any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability in order to secure a professional sports opportunity. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general. In addition, compensation to a student-athlete shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2).

(a) Any person who represents any individual in the marketing of his or her athletics ability. The receipt of such expenses constitutes compensation based on athletics skill and is an extra benefit not available to the student body in general; or

(b) An agent, even if the agent has indicated that he or she has no interest in representing the student-athlete in the marketing of his or her athletics ability or reputation and does not represent individuals in the student-athlete's sport.

[12.3.1.3.1 unchanged.]

12.3.1.4 Exception -- Career Counseling and Internship/Job Placement Services. A student-athlete may use career counseling and internship/job placement services available exclusively to student-athletes, provided the student-athlete is not placed in a position in which the student-athlete uses his or her athletics ability.

[12.3.2 unchanged.]

12.3.3 Athletics Scholarship Agent. Any individual, agency or organization that represents a prospective student-athlete for compensation in placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid shall be considered an agent or organization marketing the individual's athletics ability or reputation.

12.3.3.1 Talent Evaluation Services and Agents. A prospective student-athlete may allow a scouting service or agent to distribute personal information (e.g., high school academic and athletics records, physical statistics) to member institutions
without jeopardizing his or her eligibility, provided the fee paid to such an agent is not based on placing the prospective student-athlete in a collegiate institution as a recipient of institutional financial aid.

12.3.43 Professional Sports Counseling Panel. It is permissible for an institution to have an authorized institutional professional sports counseling panel appointed and overseen by the institution’s president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department).

12.3.4 General Rule -- Professional Service Providers. A student-athlete may use the services of a professional service provider (see Bylaw 12.02.7) in the following name, image and likeness activities:

(a) Advice regarding name, image and likeness activities;

(b) Representation in contract negotiations related to name image and likeness activities; and

(c) Marketing of the student-athlete's name, image and likeness activities.

12.3.4.1 Limitation on Marketing Athletics Ability or Reputation. A professional service provider that represents a student-athlete in name, image and likeness activities may not also represent a student-athlete for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in order to secure a professional sports opportunity.

12.3.4.2 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities and may assist a student-athlete with evaluating professional service providers related to such activities. However, an institution may not identify or select a professional service provider or arrange for or provide payment for services rendered to the student-athlete.

12.3.4.3 Fees and Payment Arrangements for Services. A student-athlete is required to pay the rate commensurate with the going rate for services provided by a professional service provider, consistent with payment arrangements (e.g., flat fee, profit share, upfront guarantee) the service provider makes with nonstudent-athlete clients. A student-athlete may receive the same benefits (e.g., meals, copies, mailing) from a professional service provider that nonstudent-athletes receive but may not receive anything that would constitute an extra benefit. In addition, compensation to a student-athlete shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2).

12.3.5 Name, Image and Likeness Counseling Panel. It is permissible for an institution to have an authorized institutional name, image and likeness counseling panel appointed and overseen by the institution's president or chancellor (or his or her designated representative from outside the athletics department).

H. Bylaws: Amend 12.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.4 Employment and Student-Athlete Business Activities.

12.4.1 Criteria Governing Compensation to Student-Athletes. All compensation received by a student-athlete must be consistent with the limitations on financial aid set forth in Bylaw 15. Compensation may be paid to a student-athlete: [R]

(a) Only for work actually performed; and
(b) At a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services; and,

(c) An employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer's product or services.

12.4.2 Specific Athletically Related Employment Activities.

12.4.2.1 National Team Practice and Competition. A student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses and reasonable benefits associated with national team practice and competition (e.g., health insurance, broken-time payments). [R]

12.4.2.2 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction. A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided all compensation received by the student-athlete is consistent with the criteria governing compensation to student-athletes (see Bylaw 12.4.1). [R]

12.4.2 Student-Athlete Business Activities. A student-athlete may use his or her name, image and likeness to promote his or her athletically and nonathletically related business activities (e.g., products, services, personal appearances).

12.4.2.1 Restrictions. A student-athlete shall not receive compensation for athletics performance or participation. In addition, compensation to a student-athlete shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2). (See also Bylaw 16.11.2.1.)

12.4.2.2 Autographs. A student-athlete is not permitted to receive compensation for signing an autograph while he or she is representing the institution (e.g., reported for practice or competition, community engagement event, institutional promotional activity).

12.4.2.3 Fee-for-Lesson Instruction. A student-athlete may receive compensation for teaching or coaching sport skills or techniques in his or her sport on a fee-for-lesson basis, provided all compensation received by the student-athlete is consistent with the criteria governing compensation to student-athletes (see Bylaw 12.4.1). If institutional facilities are used, a student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for facility rentals in a manner consistent for members of the general public. (See 13.12.2.2.1 for camps and clinics.) [R]

12.4.2.4 Merchandise and Memorabilia. A student-athlete is permitted to sell items provided by the institution, conference or NCAA, including awards, used equipment and apparel retained by the student-athlete that the institution will not reuse, at any time. A student-athlete may sell institutional merchandise he or she has purchased, subject to institutional restrictions related to the resale of items that include institutional marks.

12.4.2.5 Missed Class Time. A student-athlete shall not miss class to participate in activities related to the use of their name, image and likeness.

12.4.2.6 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities and may assist a student-athlete with evaluating professional service providers related to such activities (see Bylaw 12.3.5). Neither the institution nor an institutional staff member shall be involved in the arrangement, development, operation or promotion of a student-athlete’s business activity.

12.4.2.6.1 Exception. A business activity that is developed as part of the student-athlete’s coursework is not subject to these restrictions.
12.4.2.7 Use of Institutional Marks. A student-athlete’s promotion of his or her business activity may include a reference to the student-athlete’s involvement in intercollegiate athletics and a reference to the institution he or she attends, consistent with institutional policies applicable to any student. A student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for use of institutional marks in a manner consistent for members of the general public.

12.4.2.8 Use of Professional Service Providers. See Bylaw 12.3.

12.4.2.9 Reporting of Name, Image and Likeness Activities. A student-athlete shall report to the institution’s athletics department information related to business activities that involve the use of his or her name, image or likeness on an annual basis.

I. Bylaws: Amend 12.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

12.5 Promotional Activities.

12.5.1 Permissible.

12.5.1.1 Institutional, Charitable, Educational or Nonprofit Promotions. A member institution or recognized entity thereof (e.g., fraternity, sorority or student government organization), a member conference or a noninstitutional charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency (e.g., the armed services) may use a student-athlete’s name, picture or appearance to support its charitable or educational activities or to support activities considered incidental to the student-athlete’s participation in intercollegiate athletics, provided the following conditions are met:

[12.5.1.1-(a) unchanged.]

[12.5.1.1-(a)-(1) through 12.5.1.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

(4) A commercial establishment may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote an institutional fundraising activity;

[12.5.1.1-(b) through 12.5.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student-athlete’s name, picture or appearance is not used to promote the commercial ventures of any nonprofit agency;

(e) Any commercial items with names or pictures of student-athletes (other than items specified per Bylaws 12.5.1.6 and 12.5.1.7) may be sold only by the member institution, member conference or NCAA, through outlets controlled by the member institution, member conference or the NCAA or outlets controlled by the charitable or educational organization (e.g., location of the charitable or educational organization, site of charitable event during the event);

[12.5.1.1-(f) through 12.5.1.1-(g) relettered as 12.5.1.1-(d) through 12.5.1.1-(e), unchanged.]

12.5.1.1.1 Exception - Promotional Activities Not Sponsored or Organized by a Member Institution’s Athletics Department or Member Conference. The promotional activity conditions apply to activities sponsored or organized by an institution’s athletics department or a conference office. Promotional
activities in which a student-athlete participates independent of his or her status as a student-athlete (e.g., institutional community service requirement) are not subject to the legislation. See Bylaw 12.5.1.2.

[12.5.1.2 through 12.5.1.1.3 unchanged.]

12.5.1.4 Promotions Involving Commercial Locations/Sponsors. A member institution or a charitable, educational, nonprofit or government agency may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote generally its fundraising activities at the location of a commercial establishment, provided the commercial establishment is not a cosponsor of the event and the student-athlete does not promote the sale of a commercial product in conjunction with the fundraising activity. A commercial establishment would become a cosponsor, if the commercial establishment either advertises the presence of the student-athlete at the commercial location or is involved directly or indirectly in promoting the activity. The commercial establishment may use the appearance, name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to promote an institutional fundraising activity.

[12.5.1.5 through 12.5.1.1.7 unchanged.]

12.5.1.2 Modeling and Other Nonathletically Related Promotional Activities. An individual may accept remuneration for or permit the use of his or her name or picture to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service without jeopardizing his or her eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics only if all of the following conditions apply:

(a) The individual became involved in such activities for reasons independent of athletics ability;

(b) No reference is made in these activities to the individual’s involvement in intercollegiate athletics;

(c) The individual’s remuneration under such circumstances is at a rate commensurate with the individual’s skills and experience as a model or performer and is not based in any way on the individual’s athletics ability or reputation.

12.5.1.3 Congratulatory Advertisement. It is permissible for a student-athlete’s name or picture, or the group picture of an institution’s athletics squad, to appear in an advertisement of a particular business, commercial product or service, provided:

(a) The primary purpose of the advertisement is to publicize the sponsor’s congratulations to the student-athlete or team;

(b) The advertisement does not include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated or any other item or description identifying the business or service other than its name or trademark;

(c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution endorses the product or service of the advertiser;

(d) The student-athlete has not signed a consent or release granting permission to use the student-athlete’s name or picture in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of this section; and
(e) If the student-athlete has received a prize from a commercial sponsor in conjunction with participation in a member institution’s promotional activities and the advertisement involves the announcement of receipt of the prize, the receipt of the prize is consistent with the provisions of Bylaw 12.5.2.3.3.

12.5.1.4 Educational Products Related to Sport-Skill Instruction. It is permissible for a student-athlete’s name or picture to appear in books, articles and other publications, films, videotapes, and other types of electronic reproduction related to sport-skill demonstration, analysis or instruction, provided:

(a) Such print and electronic media productions are for educational purposes;

(b) There is no indication that the student-athlete expressly or implicitly endorses a commercial product or service;

(c) The student-athlete does not receive remuneration for such participation; however, the student-athlete may receive actual and necessary expenses related to his or her participation;

(d) The student-athlete does not miss class time to participate in the activity; and

(e) The student-athlete has signed a release statement ensuring that the student-athlete’s name or image is used in a manner consistent with the requirements of this section and a copy of the statement is kept on file and shall be available for examination on request by an authorized representative of the NCAA.

12.5.1.2 Advertisements and Promotions. A student-athlete may permit the use of his or her name, image or likeness and receive compensation to advertise or promote the sale or use of a commercial product or service.

12.5.1.2.1 Restrictions. A student-athlete shall not receive compensation for athletics performance or participation. In addition, compensation to a student-athlete shall not be provided as an inducement for enrollment (see Bylaw 13.2). (See also Bylaw 16.11.2.1.)

12.5.1.2.2 Specifically Prohibited Promotional Activities. A student-athlete shall not engage in name, image and likeness activities involving a commercial product or service that conflicts with NCAA legislation (e.g., sports wagering, banned substances).

12.5.1.2.3 Conflicts with Institutional Agreements and Other Considerations. An institution or conference, at its discretion, may prohibit a student-athlete’s involvement in name, image and likeness activities based on other considerations, such as a conflict with institutional or conference values, as defined by the institution or conference. An institution or conference shall have policies that set forth the name, image and likeness activities in which student-athletes may or may not engage.

12.5.1.2.4 Missed Class Time. A student-athlete shall not miss class to participate in activities related to use of their name, image and likeness.

12.5.1.2.5 Institutional Involvement. An institution may provide information and education related to name, image and likeness activities. Neither the institution nor an institutional staff member shall be involved in the arrangement, development or promotion of the relationship between the student-athlete and an involved individual or commercial entity.
12.5.1.2.6 Use of Institutional Marks. A student-athlete’s promotion or endorsement of a commercial product or service may include a reference to the student-athlete’s involvement in intercollegiate athletics and a reference to the institution he or she attends, consistent with institutional policies applicable to any student. Institutional marks may not be used in the advertisement or promotion.

12.5.1.2.7 Use of Professional Service Providers. See Bylaw 12.3.

12.5.1.2.8 Reporting of Name, Image and Likeness Activities. A student-athlete shall report to the institution’s athletics department information related to the use of his or her name, image or likeness in the advertising or promotion of a commercial product or service on an annual basis.

[12.5.1.5 renumbered as 12.5.1.3, unchanged.]

12.5.1.64 Promotion by Third Party of Highlight Film, Videotape, Media Guide or Photographs. Any party other than the institution or a student-athlete (e.g., a distribution company) or any party hired by the institution, conference or NCAA may sell and distribute an institutional highlight film or videotape or an institutional or conference highlight film, videotape or media guide that contains the names and pictures of enrolled student-athletes or a picture of a student-athlete only if:

(a) The institution, conference or NCAA specifically designates any agency that is authorized to receive orders for the film, videotape, media guide or photograph; and

(b) The distribution company, retail store or a third party is precluded from using the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete in any poster or other advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the film, videotape, media guide or photograph; and;

(c) There is no indication in the makeup or wording of the advertisement that the squad members, individually or collectively, or the institution, conference or NCAA endorses the product or services of the advertiser or third party.

[12.5.1.7 renumbered as 12.5.1.5, unchanged.]

12.5.1.86 Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section.

12.5.1.86.1 Sale and Distribution of Promotional Items. Promotional items (e.g., posters, postcards, film, videotapes) bearing the name or picture of a student-athlete and related to these events may be sold or distributed by the national or international sports governing body sponsoring these events or its designated third-party distributors. It is not permissible for such organizations to sell player/trading cards that bear a student-athlete’s name or picture. Promotional items may include a corporate sponsor’s trademark or logo but not a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated. The name or picture of the student-athlete may not be used by the distribution company or retail store on any advertisement to promote the sale or distribution of the commercial item.
12.5.1.8.1.1 Corporate Sponsors. A corporate sponsor may sell a promotional item related to these events that uses the name or picture of a team but not an individual student-athlete.

12.5.2 Nonpermissible.

12.5.2.1 Advertisements and Promotions Following Enrollment. After becoming a student-athlete, an individual shall not be eligible for participation in intercollegiate athletics, if the individual:

(a) Accepts any remuneration for or permits the use of his or her name or picture to advertise, recommend or promote directly the sale or use of a commercial product or service of any kind; or

(b) Receives remuneration for endorsing a commercial product or service through the individual’s use of such product or service.

12.5.2.1.1 Exceptions. The individual’s eligibility will not be affected, provided the individual:

(a) Meets the conditions set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.2; or

(b) Takes appropriate steps upon becoming a student-athlete to retract permission for the use of his or her name or picture and ceases receipt of any remuneration for such an arrangement.

12.5.2.2 Improper Use of Student-Athlete’s Name or Picture. If an institution, without the student-athlete’s knowledge or consent, uses or permits the use of the student-athlete’s name or picture in a manner contrary to Bylaw 12.5.2.1, the violation shall be considered an institutional violation; however, the student-athlete’s eligibility shall not be affected.

12.5.2.3.1 Name-the-Player Contest. A student-athlete may not permit use of his or her name or picture in a “name-the-player” contest conducted by a commercial business for the purpose of promoting that business.

[12.5.2.3.2 through 12.5.2.3.3 renumbered as 12.5.2.1.1 through 12.5.2.1.2, unchanged.]

12.5.3 Media Activities. A student-athlete may participate in media activities (e.g., appearance on radio, television, in films or stage productions or participation in writing projects) when such an appearance or participation is related in any way to athletics ability or prestige provided:

(a) The student-athlete is eligible academically to represent the institution at the time of appearance or participation;
(b) The student-athlete does not receive any remuneration for the appearance or participation in the activity;

(c) The student-athlete does not make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any commercial product or service. The institution or the entity sponsoring the activity may pay the actual and necessary expenses directly related to the appearance or participation by the student-athlete in the activity; and

(d) The student-athlete does not miss class to participate in the activity, except for class time missed in conjunction with away-from-home competition or to participate in NCAA or conference-sponsored media activity.

12.5.3.1 Writing Activities for a Commercial Entity. It is permissible for a student-athlete to write a column in a newsletter produced by a commercial company provided the individual meets the conditions set forth in Bylaw 12.5.1.2.

[12.5.4 renumbered as 12.5.3, unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 13.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.2 Offers and Inducements.
[13.2.1 through 13.2.2 unchanged.]

13.2.3 Specific Prohibitions. Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following: [R]

[13.2.3-(a) through 13.2.3-(j) unchanged.]

(k) Involvement of a prospective student-athlete in an institutional fundraiser or promotional activity if the prospective student-athlete has not signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has not received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission; or

(l) Educational expenses or services (e.g., tuition, fees, room and board, books, tutoring, standardized test preparatory classes); or

(m) An arrangement for use of a student-athlete's name, image or likeness (see Bylaws 12.4.2.1 and 12.5.1.2.1).

[13.2.4 through 13.2.11 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2.2.1.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.12.2.2.1.1 Self-Employment. A student-athlete with remaining eligibility is not permitted to conduct his or her own camp or clinic. If institutional facilities are used, a student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for facility rentals in a manner consistent for members of the general public. [R]

L. Bylaws: Amend 15.2.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

15.2.3 Employment. Earnings from a student-athlete's on- or off-campus employment that occurs at any time is exempt and is not included when determining a student-athlete's full grant-in-aid or the institution's financial aid limitations, provided:
(a) The compensation is only for work actually performed; and

(b) The compensation is at a rate commensurate with the going rate of that locality for similar services; and

(c) The employer shall not use the athletics reputation of a student-athlete employee to promote the sale of the employer’s products or services. (See Bylaw 12.4.)

M. Bylaws: Amend 16.11.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

16.11.1 Permissible.

[16.11.1 through 16.11.1.7 unchanged.]

16.11.1.8 Fundraisers for Student-Athletes or Their Relatives. An institution, student-athletes, their relatives and their friends may organize a fundraiser for a student-athlete (or their relatives) under the following conditions: [R]

(a) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the control of the student-athlete;

(b) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose;

(c) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and

(d) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.

16.11.1.89 Miscellaneous Benefits. An institution may provide or arrange for the following benefits for a student-athlete: [R]

[16.11.1.8-(a) through 16.11.1.8-(d) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(a) through 16.11.1.9-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Fundraisers for student-athletes (or their family members) under the following conditions:

(1) Extreme circumstances should be extraordinary in the result of events beyond the control of the student-athlete;

(2) The proceeds must be designated for a specific purpose;

(3) The proceeds may be given directly to the beneficiaries, with receipt kept on file by the institution, which must include the amount of expenses incurred and the total amount received; and

(4) The excess proceeds must be given to a not-for-profit organization with the receipt kept on file by the institution.

[16.11.1.8-(f) through 16.11.1.8-(g) relettered as 16.11.1.8-(e) through 16.11.1.8-(f) renumbered as 16.11.1.9-(f) through 16.11.1.9-(g) relettered as 16.11.1.9-(e) through 16.11.1.9-(f), unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2021
**Rationale:** This proposal would permit Division II student-athletes to benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA Board of Governors’ guiding principles and with the Board’s direction to consider appropriate rules changes based on recommendations from the Federal and State Legislation Working Group. These recommendations fall into two categories: (1) activities related to student-athlete business activities; and (2) promotion/endorsement of third-party products and services. Student-athletes should have full use of their name, image and likeness related to their own business activities, including autographs and appearances, noting the direct tie between these activities and a student-athlete’s identity. Importantly, these opportunities can occur in a manner that is consistent with the NCAA’s core values, mission and principles, while prioritizing student-athlete well-being. Further, the recommended administrative framework for these legislative changes ensures that the legislation will be transparent and enforceable, in line with the Board’s principles. A survey taken by more than 1,000 representatives of member institutions and conferences, including student-athletes, helped gather feedback on ways to modernize NCAA legislation to allow for student-athletes to receive compensation for their name, image and likeness. Student-athlete voices also were prioritized throughout the process.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** What is a name, image and likeness activity?

**Answer:** A name, image and likeness activity involves the use of a prospective and current student-athlete’s name, image and likeness for promotional purposes.

**Question No. 2:** What types of name, image and likeness activities are subject to the proposal?

**Answer:** For purposes of this proposal, a name, image and likeness activity includes any promotional situation in which a prospective or current student-athlete is being compensated (e.g., cash, product or other benefit) for use of their name, image, likeness or personal appearance. Name, image and likeness activities include compensation in exchange for a prospective or current student-athlete’s name, image or likeness as a product or service, such as the student-athlete’s autograph, photograph or personal appearance.

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participation (e.g., awards, apparel no longer used by the institution).

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**Question No. 3:** Does this proposal apply retroactively (e.g., prior to August 1, 2021)?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 4:** May a student-athlete miss class time to participate in name, image and likeness activities?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 5:** Will this proposal permit a student-athlete to use institutional marks in the promotion of their own business activities?

**Answer:** Yes; however, the student-athlete must adhere to all applicable institutional processes for use of institutional marks in a manner consistent for members of the general public.

**Question No. 6:** Will this proposal permit a student-athlete to use institutional marks in the promotion or endorsement of a third-party product or service?

**Answer:** No.
Eligibility

Please note that, if adopted, Division II Proposal No. 2021-2 (eligibility -- freshman academic requirements and two-year college transfers -- elimination of nonqualifier qualification status -- access to athletics aid and practice for all incoming student-athletes) would render Proposal No. 2021-3 (eligibility -- freshman academic requirements and two-year college transfers -- nonqualifiers -- access to athletics aid) moot. If Proposal No. 2021-2 is defeated, the Division II membership will vote on Proposal No. 2021-3.

| No. 2021-2 (2-2) | ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIMINATION OF NONQUALIFIER QUALIFICATION STATUS -- ACCESS TO ATHLETICS AID AND PRACTICE FOR ALL INCOMING STUDENT-ATHLETES |

**Intent:** To eliminate the nonqualifier qualification status and permit an incoming student-athlete who does not meet qualifier requirements to receive athletics aid and participate in practice during their first academic year in residence.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.6.6.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

13.6.6.5 Student Host. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete: [R]

[13.6.6.5-(a) through 13.6.6.5-(c) unchanged.]

[13.6.6.5.1 unchanged.]

13.6.6.5.2 Nonqualifier Prohibition. The student host must be enrolled in the member institution being visited by a prospective student-athlete. A nonqualifier (see Bylaw 14.02.13.3) may not serve as a student host during his or her first academic year in residence. [D]

[13.6.6.5.3 renumbered as 13.6.6.5.2, unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 14.02.13, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.02.13 Qualification Status.

[14.02.13.1 unchanged.]

14.02.13.2 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier but who has met all of the following academic requirements (see Bylaw 14.3):

(a) Graduation from high school;

(b) Successful completion of a required core curriculum consisting of a minimum number of courses in specified subjects; and

(c) Specified minimum grade-point average in the core curriculum and minimum SAT or ACT score based on the initial-eligibility index for partial qualifiers (see Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1).
14.02.13.3 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulation (see Bylaw 14.3), presented neither the core curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT score required for a qualifier.

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.02.14, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.02.14 Residence. Residence is enrollment in a full-time academic program (as defined by the institution) at a collegiate institution during a regular term of an academic year. A summer term may not be used to satisfy an academic term or year of residence. Any student-athlete (e.g., qualifier, nonqualifier, partial qualifier, transfer student) admitted after the 12th class day may not use that semester or quarter for the purpose of satisfying an academic term or year of residence.

[14.02.14.1 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.10, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.1.10 Eligibility for Male Students or Male Student-Athletes to Practice With Women’s Teams. A male student or male student-athlete (see Bylaw 17.02.9) may engage in practice sessions with women’s teams under the following conditions:

[14.1.10-(a) through 14.1.10-(d) unchanged.]

(e) It is not permissible for a male student or male student-athlete who is serving an academic year in residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team. However, it is permissible for a nonrecruited, male student who is serving an academic year of residence as a nonqualifier to participate in practice sessions with a women’s team.

[14.1.10-(f) relettered as 14.1.10-(e), unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 14.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

14.3.1 Eligibility for Financial Aid, Practice and Competition -- Qualifiers, and Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers.

[14.3.1.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.2 Partial Qualifier. A partial qualifier is defined as a student who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) but who, at the time of graduation from high school, meets the requirements of the initial eligibility index for partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1. A student-athlete is required to successfully complete a core curriculum of 16 academic courses as outlined in Bylaw 14.3.1.1-(a) in order to achieve partial qualifier status.

14.3.1.2.1 Initial Eligibility Index for Partial Qualifiers. A student-athlete must meet the requirements of the following eligibility index to be certified as a partial qualifier. The SAT scores in the table apply to tests taken prior to March 1, 2016. SAT scores for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, will be
evaluated based on the concordance established by the College Board (see Figure 14-3):

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[14.3.1.2.2 through 14.3.1.2.5 renumbered as 14.3.1.2.1 through 14.3.1.2.4, unchanged.]

[14.3.1.3 through 14.3.1.5 unchanged.]

14.3.1.6 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulations, did not satisfy the requirements of the initial-eligibility indices for qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.2.

14.3.1.6.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition — Nonqualifier. A student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid, provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted.

14.3.1.6.2 Practice-Session Attendance — Nonqualifier. A student-athlete who is a nonqualifier and who, therefore, is not eligible for practice may not attend any practice sessions in any capacity, nor may the student-athlete attend any meeting characterized as practice (see Bylaw 17.02.1).

14.3.1.6.3 Outside Competition — Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier may participate in the institution’s intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution’s athletics department staff), but
during the first year in residence, such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institutional club team or on an outside sports team.

14.3.1.6.4 Residence Requirement -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier must fulfill an academic year of residence in order to be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid other than that permitted per Bylaw 14.3.1.6.1 (see Bylaw 14.02.14 regarding the requirements that must be met to fulfill an academic year in residence).

[14.3.2 unchanged.]

14.3.2.1 Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements been certified as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing.

14.3.2.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier or partial qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

[14.3.2.2 through 14.3.2.4 unchanged.]

[14.3.3 through 14.3.4 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.1, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.1 Residence Requirement -- General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to complete one full academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14) at the certifying institution before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1), unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this bylaw.

[14.5.1.1 unchanged.]

14.5.1.2 Outside Competition -- Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A two-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial qualifier and who has not met the applicable transfer requirements may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or on an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence. A four-year college transfer student who is a nonqualifier or partial qualifier and who has not completed an academic year in residence may participate in the institution's intramural program (provided the intramural team is not coached by a member of the institution's athletics department staff), but such an individual is not permitted to practice or compete on an institution's club team or an outside sports team during the first academic year in residence.
G. **Bylaws**: Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.4.1 through 14.5.4.2 unchanged.]

14.5.4.3 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid -- All Other Qualifiers, and Partial Qualifiers and Nonqualifiers. A transfer student from a two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution, provided:

[14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.3-(d) unchanged.]

[14.5.4.3.1 through 14.5.4.3.2 unchanged.]

14.5.4.3.3 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- Qualifiers and Partial Qualifiers. Qualifiers and partial qualifiers a two-year college transfer who do not meet the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3 may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during their first academic year in residence.

14.5.4.3.4 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3 (a) through 14.5.4.3 (c) and presented a transferable minimum grade point average of 2.000, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence.

14.5.4.4 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer from a two-year college who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1, 14.5.4.2 or 14.5.4.3 shall be eligible to compete only at the subvarsity level at the certifying institution. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a two-year college who was not a qualifier a partial qualifier and who has not met the eligibility requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.1 or 14.5.4.3 shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity sessions.

[14.5.4.5 unchanged.]

14.5.4.6 Exceptions or Waivers for Transfer From Two-Year Colleges. A transfer student from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program is not subject to the residence requirement at the certifying institution, if any one of the following conditions is met. An individual who is a partial qualifier or nonqualifier shall not be permitted to use the exceptions under this bylaw.

[14.5.4.6.1 through 14.5.4.6.4 unchanged.]
H. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.5.1 General Rule. A transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be eligible for intercollegiate competition at a member institution until the student has fulfilled a residence requirement of one full academic year (two full semesters or three full quarters) at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.02.14).

[14.5.5.1.1 unchanged.]

14.5.5.1.2 Attendance for Less Than One Academic Year. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a partial qualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.13.2) or a nonqualifier (as defined in Bylaw 14.02.13.3) and who attended the four-year institution less than one full academic year shall not be eligible for competition during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution. Participation in practice sessions and the receipt of financial aid during the first academic year of attendance at the certifying institution by such students is governed by the provisions of Bylaw 14.3.1.2 (partial qualifiers) and Bylaw 14.3.1.6 (nonqualifiers).

[14.5.5.1.2.1 unchanged.]

14.5.5.2 Subvarsity Competition. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was a qualifier shall be eligible to compete immediately at the subvarsity level only at the certifying institution before meeting the transfer eligibility requirements. Such subvarsity competition shall count as a season of competition in the sport involved. A transfer student from a four-year institution who was not a qualifier shall not be eligible to compete at the subvarsity level during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution. However, such a student who is a nonqualifier may participate in subvarsity practice sessions, provided they are conducted separate from varsity practice sessions.

I. Bylaws: Amend 16.2, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

16.2 Complimentary Admissions and Ticket Benefits.

[16.2.1 unchanged.]

16.2.1.2 General Regulations. Complimentary admissions shall be distributed only to persons designated by the student-athlete who have identified themselves and signed a receipt therefore. A violation of this administrative procedure shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such a violation shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility. The student-athlete's eligibility shall be affected by involvement in action contrary to the provisions of Bylaws 16.2.1.1 and 16.2.2 (e.g., receipt of more than the permissible four complimentary admissions or the sale or exchange of a complimentary admission for any item of value).

16.2.1.2.1 Partial Qualifier or Nonqualifier. A partial qualifier or nonqualifier (per Bylaws 14.02.13.2 and 14.02.13.3) may receive a complimentary admission to all of the institution’s regular-season home intercollegiate athletics contests during the first academic year of residence.

[16.2.1.3 unchanged.]
[16.2.2 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2021.

**Rationale:** This proposal would allow access to practice and athletics aid to all incoming student-athletes and two-year college transfers in their first year of enrollment, regardless of their initial-eligibility certification status. During the last six certification cycles, 97 percent of initial-eligibility waivers submitted for nonqualifiers were granted access to athletics aid and 65 percent were granted access to athletics aid and practice. Given the high percentage of approvals for athletics aid, this legislative change would allow an institution to determine whether to provide institutional athletics aid during the required academic year in residence or on transfer from a two-year college. Institutional athletics aid provided to an individual who does not meet the requirements to be a qualifier would count toward the individual limit and team maximum equivalency limits, which would eliminate any recruiting or competitive advantage. This proposal would also allow an institution to make the determination as to whether an individual who is not a qualifier should have access to practice in their first year of enrollment. Access to practice may help institutions with retention, enrollment management and a feeling of belonging for student-athletes.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation regarding nonqualifiers and access to athletics aid and practice?

**Answer:** Under current legislation, a student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment is not eligible for competition, practice or athletics aid during the first academic year in residence. Further, a two-year college transfer that is a nonqualifier may only practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) during the first academic year of residence provided the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- all other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers) are satisfied and they present a transferrable grade-point average of 2.0.

**Question No. 2:** If this proposal is adopted, will the nonqualifier qualification status remain in the legislation?

**Answer:** No. A student-athlete would be certified as either a qualifier or partial qualifier.

**Question No. 3:** How will this proposal impact the requirements for a partial qualifier (e.g., sliding scale, core course requirements, graduation requirement)?

**Answer:** A student-athlete who does not meet the requirements for a qualifier (see Bylaw 14.3.1.1) will be certified as a partial qualifier, pending submission of necessary academic credentials. The current legislated requirements for partial qualifier under Bylaw 14.3 (freshman academic requirements) will be eliminated.

**Question No. 4:** If this proposal is adopted, will an institution be required to provide athletics aid and access to practice to a partial qualifier?
Answer: No. Access to practice remains an institutional decision. An institution may choose to reduce or cancel athletics aid for a partial qualifier since the student-athlete is ineligible for competition (Bylaw 15.5.4.1 -- reduction or cancellation permitted).

No. 2021-3 (2-3) ELIGIBILITY -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- NONQUALIFIERS -- ACCESS TO ATHLETICS AID

Intent: To permit a nonqualifier to receive athletics aid during their first academic year in residence; further, to specify that a two-year college transfer who does not meet requirements for practice and competition may receive athletics aid immediately on transfer from a two-year college.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.3, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.3 Freshman Academic Requirements.

[14.3.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.6 Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier is a student who has not graduated from high school or who, at the time specified in the regulations, did not satisfy the requirements of the initial-eligibility indices for qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.1 or partial qualifiers set forth in Bylaw 14.3.1.3.

14.3.1.6.1 Eligibility for Aid, Practice and Competition -- Nonqualifier. A student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment may receive athletics aid (see Bylaw 15.2.1) based on institutional and conference regulations, but shall not be eligible for regular-season competition and practice during the first academic year in residence. However, such a student for whom financial aid was granted without regard to athletics ability shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid provided there is on file in the office of the athletics director certification by the faculty athletics representative and the chair of the financial aid committee that financial aid was so granted.

[14.3.1.6.2 through 14.3.1.6.4 unchanged.]

[14.3.2 through 14.3.4 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.4, as follows:

[Division II, Roll Call]

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.14), unless the student meets the following eligibility requirements applicable to the division of which the certifying institution is a member. (See Bylaw 14.4 for progress-toward-degree requirements for transfer student-athletes.)

[14.5.4.1 through 14.5.4.3 unchanged.]

14.5.4.3.4 Practice and Receipt of Athletics Aid -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3(a) through 14.5.4.3(c) and presented a transferable minimum grade-point
average of 2.000, may practice and receive athletics aid (but may not practice or compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence.

14.5.4.3.4.1 Exception for Practice -- Nonqualifier. A nonqualifier who meets the requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) and presented a transferable minimum grade-point average of 2.000 may practice (but may not compete) at the certifying institution during the first academic year of residence.

[14.5.4.4 through 14.5.4.7 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council [Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee)].

Effective Date: August 1, 2021, for student-athletes enrolling in a Division II institution on or after August 1, 2021.

Rationale: This proposal would allow access to athletics aid to all incoming student-athletes and two-year college transfers regardless of their initial-eligibility certification status. During the last six certification cycles, 97 percent of initial-eligibility waivers submitted for nonqualifiers were granted access to athletics aid at a minimum. Given the high percentage of approvals for athletics aid, this legislative change would allow an institution to determine whether to provide institutional athletics aid during the required academic year in residence or on transfer from a two-year college. Institutional athletics aid provided to a nonqualifier would count toward the individual limit and team maximum equivalency limits, which would eliminate any recruiting or competitive advantage.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question No. 1: What is the current legislation regarding nonqualifiers and access to athletics aid?

Answer: Under current legislation, a student who enrolls in a Division II institution as an entering freshman with no previous college attendance who is a nonqualifier at the time of enrollment may not receive athletics aid during the first academic year in residence. Further, a two-year college transfer that is a nonqualifier may only practice and receive athletics aid (but may not compete) during the first academic year of residence provided the requirements of NCAA Bylaw 14.5.4.3-(a) through 14.5.4.3-(c) (eligibility for competition, practice and athletics aid -- all other qualifiers, partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers) are satisfied and they present a transferrable grade-point average of 2.0.

Question No. 2: If this proposal is adopted, will an entering freshman with no previous college attendance, who is a nonqualifier, have access to practice or competition?

Answer: No. A nonqualifier will only have access to athletics aid.

Question No. 3: If this proposal is adopted, may a two-year college transfer, who does not meet the requirements for practice and competition, receive athletics aid while serving an academic year in residence?

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 4: If this proposal is adopted, will institutions be required to provide nonqualifiers with athletics aid?
**Answer:** No. An institution may choose to reduce or cancel athletics aid for a nonqualifier since the student-athlete is ineligible for competition (Bylaw 15.5.4.1 -- reduction or cancellation permitted).
Appendix A

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.3.2 and 5.3.1.1.2, the NCAA Division II Presidents Council has adopted the following emergency legislative amendments during the past year. The Presidents Council is permitted to adopt such legislation if it must respond to, or comply with, a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings. This action will be referenced in the oral report of the Presidents Council at the 2021 Division II business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of this action and incorporation in the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of the amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Presidents Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

**NO. EM-2021-1**

**NCAA MEMBERSHIP – ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP – CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP – CONCUSSION REPORTING**

**Intent:** To specify that an active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.17 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.18 Concussion Reporting.** An active member institution shall report all instances of diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions to the NCAA on an annual basis pursuant to policies and procedures maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. [D]

[3.3.4.18 through 3.3.4.22 renumbered as 3.3.4.19 through 3.3.4.23, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).

**Effective Date:** Immediate for the NCAA’s establishment of a reporting process and system, and policies and procedures; institutions are required to report sport-related concussions diagnosed May 18, 2020 and thereafter, and their resolutions. Timing of reporting to be determined by CSMAS.

**Additional Information:**

A medical monitoring settlement in In re: National Collegiate Athletic Association Student-Athlete Concussion Injury Litigation (Arrington Matter) was approved August 13, 2019 with an effective date of November 18, 2019. The settlement obligates the NCAA to create a reporting process through which member institutions will report to the NCAA instances of diagnosed concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions. This proposal will establish the legislation to require institutions to
regularly report all diagnosed sport-related concussions in student-athletes and their resolutions in a manner consistent with the terms of the settlement in the Arrington Matter via a reporting process and system recommended by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports will establish and maintain policies and procedures for the reporting of concussions and their resolution, including an annual deadline for submission. This reporting requirement will ensure that the NCAA and member institutions fulfill an obligation of the medical monitoring settlement and will provide further insight into the incidence and resolution of concussions involving student-athletes. The effective date (May 18, 2020) corresponds to the date by which an institution must certify compliance with applicable settlement provisions if it wishes to receive the benefit of the settlement release. The establishment of a reporting process and policies and procedures will begin immediately after adoption of this proposal. The timing of membership reporting will be determined pursuant to the policies and procedures established and maintained by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

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**NO. EM-2021-2** **RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- TEMPORARY DEAD PERIOD**

**Intent:** To immediately implement a dead period in all sports until at least April 15, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

**13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:**

**(a) March 13, 2020 through at least April 15, 2020.**

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Effective Date:** Immediate, through at least April 15, 2020.

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and cancelled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. This temporary recruiting dead period will ensure recruiting equity by prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, until at least April 15, at which time the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the end date. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.

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**NO. EM-2021-3** **RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- TEMPORARY DEAD PERIOD -- EXTENSION TO AT LEAST MAY 31**

**Intent:** To extend the dead period in all sports until at least May 31, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]
13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:


Source: Division II Administrative Committee

Effective Date: Immediate, through at least May 31, 2020.

Additional Information:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and cancelled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. Extending the dead period will ensure recruiting equity by prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, until at least May 31, at which time the NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the end date. Institutional staff members are permitted to write or telephone a prospective student-athlete during a dead period, but cannot engage in in-person recruiting contact on or off campus.

NO. EM-2021-4 RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS -- PROHIBITION ON ISSUING ATHLETICS AID AGREEMENTS DURING A RECRUITING DEAD PERIOD IN ALL SPORTS

Intent: To specify that institutional athletics aid agreements may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports.

Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

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

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Institutional or Conference Letter-of-Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period; however, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the initial NLI signing date for that sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3 Prohibition on Athletics Aid Agreements During the Recruiting Dead Period in All Sports. An institutional or conference financial aid agreement may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports (See Bylaw 13.17.5).

Source: Division II Administrative Committee

Effective Date: March 18, 2020

Additional Information:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period through at least April 15. Prohibiting the issuance of institutional athletics aid agreements during the
temporary dead period will ensure all Division II institutions are on a level playing field as it relates to issuing these agreements. While some institutions remain open, many do not have the necessary personnel on campus to issue athletics aid agreements. This prohibition will remain in effect until at least April 15, at which time the Administrative Committee will re-evaluate the status of the situation.

NO. EM-2021-5 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- QUIET PERIOD JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

**Intent:** To implement a quiet period in all sports starting June 1 through June 30, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:


**13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:**

(a) **June 1 through June 30, 2020.**

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Effective Date:** June 1, 2020

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, through May 31, 2020. Due to differences in local and state restrictions, some institutions are re-opening campuses to allow for prospective student visits. Moving to a quiet period effective June 1, 2020 will allow prospective student-athletes to visit with coaching staff members on-campus, which in turn may help with enrollment management for the 2020-21 academic year. Off-campus contact and evaluations will still be prohibited. The NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will continue to re-evaluate the end date.

NO. EM-2021-6 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- ALL SPORTS -- QUIET PERIOD THROUGH JULY 31, 2020

**Intent:** To extend the quiet period in all sports through July 31, 2020.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.5 unchanged.]

13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:

(a) **June 1 through July 31, 2020.**

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee
Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, through May 31, 2020. Due to differences in local and state restrictions, some institutions are re-opening campuses to allow for prospective student visits. Extending the quiet period through July 31, 2020 will allow prospective student-athletes to visit with coaching staff members on-campus, which in turn may help with enrollment management for the 2020-21 academic year. Off-campus contact and evaluations will still be prohibited to maintain recruiting equity across the division. The NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will continue to re-evaluate the end date.

NO. EM-2021-7  RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS – ALL SPORTS – QUIET PERIOD THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020

Intent: To extend the quiet period in all sports through August 31, 2020.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.
[13.17.1 through 13.17.5 unchanged.]

13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:

(a) June 1 through July 31, 2020.

Source: Division II Administrative Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period prohibiting all in-person recruiting contact, on or off campus, through May 31, 2020. Due to differences in local and state restrictions, some institutions are re-opening campuses to allow for prospective student visits. Extending the quiet period through August 31, 2020 will allow prospective student-athletes to visit with coaching staff members on-campus, which in turn may help with enrollment management for the 2020-21 academic year. Off-campus contact and evaluations will still be prohibited to maintain recruiting equity across the division. The NCAA Division II Administrative Committee will continue to re-evaluate the end date.
Appendix B

**Interpretations to be Included in the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Manual**

In accordance with its authority to recommend incorporation of interpretations in the next printing of the NCAA Manual, the NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee and the NCAA Division II Legislation Committee have recommended approved inclusion of the following interpretations in the 2021-22 Division II Manual. This will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council to the 2021 Division II business session and acceptance of that report will constitute approval of the incorporation of these interpretations. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular interpretation, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretations.

It should be noted that these interpretations already have been accepted by the membership, and the only issue concerning these interpretations that is before the Division II membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2021-22 Division II Manual and subsequent Division II Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation still will be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Management Council, the provisions of Constitution 5.4.1.4 also would apply (any Division II member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the 2021 Division II business session by making such a request in writing to the Association’s Convention office prior to 1 p.m. Thursday, January 14, the day preceding the Division II business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Constitution 5.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2021-22 Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2021-22 Manual as noted.

**NO. I-2021-1** ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- RETURN TO ORIGINAL INSTITUTION AFTER COMPLETION OF TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.5, as follows:

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

[14.5.4.5.1 through 14.5.4.5.5 unchanged.]

**14.5.4.5.6 Transfer to Original Institution After Completion of Two-Year College Transfer Requirements.** A student-athlete with a previous progress-toward-degree deficiency who transfers to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college may be immediately eligible upon returning to the certifying institution provided the student-athlete has met the two-year college transfer requirements prior to participation.

[14.5.4.5.6 through 14.5.4.5.7 renumbered as 14.5.4.5.7 through 14.5.4.5.8, unchanged.]
B. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.6.4, as follows:

14.5.4.6.4 Return to Original Institution Exception. The student returns to the four-year college from which he or she transferred to the two-year college, provided the student did not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the time of the transfer from the four-year college. The amount of time originally spent in residence at the first four-year college may be used by the student in completing the unfulfilled residence requirement at that institution. The student must satisfy all progress-toward-degree requirements the student triggered during his or her previous enrollment at the certifying institution (e.g., annual credit-hour requirement) before being eligible for competition. *(See Bylaw 14.5.4.5.6).*

**Source:** NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Incorporating the October 21, 2019, official interpretation will clarify that if a student-athlete had a progress-toward-degree deficiency at his or her original institution and then returns to that institution, the deficiency does not have to be rectified prior to participation provided the student-athlete has satisfied the two-year college transfer requirements.

**NO. I-2021-2** ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION, PRACTICE, AND ATHLETICS AID - GRADUATION FROM TWO-YEAR COLLEGE -- APPLICATION -- ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENT

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.4.1, as follows:

14.5.4.1 Eligibility for Competition, Practice and Athletics Aid – Graduation From Two-Year College. A transfer student from a two-year college who has graduated from the two-year college is eligible for competition, practice and athletics aid during the first academic year in residence, provided:

[14.5.4.1-(a) through 14.5.4.1-(b) unchanged.]

14.5.4.1.1 Application. *If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year college as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered.*

(a) **Transfer Never Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student.** If a two-year college transfer has never attended a four-year institution as a full-time student, then the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) from any two-year college(s) attended shall be considered.

(b) **Transfer Previously Attended a Four-Year Institution as a Full-Time Student.** If a two-year college transfer has previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during his or her academic career, then only the full-time semester(s)/quarter(s) and academic degree(s) earned at the two-year college(s) after the last full-time enrollment at a four-year college (e.g., '2-4-2-4 transfer') shall be considered for purposes of meeting the requirements of Bylaw 14.5.4.1.

14.5.4.1.2 Exception – Previous Four-Year College Attendance – Graduation After One Semester or Quarter. A student who transfers from a four-year college to a two-year college and then to the certifying institution is eligible for competition,
practice and athletics aid during his or her first year at the certifying institution, provided the student:

[14.5.4.1.2-(a) through 14.5.4.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Academic Requirements Committee

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Incorporating the September 12, 2019, official interpretation into the manual will clarify the application of the two-year college transfer legislation for student-athletes who have earned an associate degree and have previously attended a four-year institution as a full-time student during their academic career.

Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3.8, as follows:

14.4.3.8 Exceptions to Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements.

14.4.3.8.1 Missed Term Exception. One time during a student-athlete’s entire period of collegiate enrollment, the provisions of Bylaws 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance, if the student-athlete misses a complete term or consecutive terms during an academic year, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The student-athlete did not attend class during a regular academic term while enrolled in a full-time program of studies;

(a b) The student-athlete engaged in no outside competition in the sport during the academic term or terms in which the student was not in attendance;

(b c) The student-athlete was eligible for enrollment during the student’s absence; and

(e d) At the time of certification, the student-athlete has fulfilled the progress-toward-degree requirements (per Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4) for the terms in which the student was in attendance. It is not permissible to use this one-time exception during the first academic year in residence at the certifying institution in order to maintain eligibility during the second year in residence. Hours earned while enrolled as a part-time student during the “missed term” may not be counted in meeting the progress-toward-degree requirement.

[14.4.3.8.2 through 14.4.3.8.5 unchanged.]
term and attends the first day of classes, the missed term exception does not apply to that term.
Appendix C

Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division II Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Constitution 4.3.2-(e) and 5.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division II Management Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Presidents Council, or an entity designated by the Presidents Council (the Management Council), is permitted to adopt such legislation if it is noncontroversial and necessary in the normal and orderly administration of the Association’s legislation. These actions will be referenced in the oral report of the Management Council at the 2021 Division II business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of these actions and incorporation in the 2021-22 NCAA Division II Manual. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the Management Council report. The Division II membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

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**A. Bylaws:** Amend 12.1.3, as follows:

12.1.3 Permissible – Following Initial Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, participation in the following activities and receipt of the following benefits will not jeopardize the amateur status of an individual:

[12.1.3-(a) unchanged.]

(1) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or the U.S. national governing body (or, for international individuals, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country), in accordance with the applicable conditions set forth in Bylaw 15.2.2.4;

[12.1.3-(a)-(2) through 12.1.3-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

[12.1.3-(b) through 12.1.3-(h) unchanged.]

(1) Funds that are administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Program;

(2) Incentive Programs for International Athletes. An international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country’s national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body;

(3) Comprehensive benefits of the USOC U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Elite Athlete Health Insurance Program;
(4) Actual and necessary expenses [including grants but not prize money, whereby the recipient has qualified for the grant based on his or her performance in a specific event(s)] to cover developmental training, coaching, facility usage, equipment, apparel, supplies, comprehensive health insurance, travel, room and board without jeopardizing the individual's eligibility for intercollegiate athletics, provided such expenses are approved and provided directly by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOC), the appropriate national governing body in the sport (or, for international individuals, the equivalent organization of that nation) or a governmental entity;

[12.1.3-(h)-(5) unchanged.]

(6) Actual and necessary expenses to participate in Olympic tours or exhibitions from a sponsor other than the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOC), national governing body or nonprofessional organizations sponsoring the event, provided that the student-athlete does not miss class time and the exhibition does not conflict with dates of institutional competition; or

(7) Receipt of commemorative items incidental to participation in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships and World Cup events through the applicable national governing body. These benefits may include any and all apparel, leisure wear, footwear and other items that are provided to all athletes participating in the applicable event.

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.2.3.2, as follows:

12.2.3.2 Competition With Professionals. Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics in a sport, if the individual competed on a professional athletics team (per Bylaw 12.02.6) in that sport. However, an individual may compete on a tennis, golf, two-person beach volleyball or two-person synchronized diving team(s) with persons who are competing for cash or a comparable prize, provided the individual does not receive payment of any kind for such participation.

[12.2.3.2.1 unchanged.]

12.2.3.2.2 Exception – Olympic, Paralympic or National Teams. It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athlete) to participate on Olympic, Paralympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the individual does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual or necessary expenses).

[12.2.3.2.3 through 12.2.3.2.4 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.1.5, as follows:

12.5.1.1.5 Distribution of Institutional Noncommercial Items through Commercial Outlets. A member institution may distribute noncommercial items (items not for sale) at commercial establishments, provided the institution generally distributes such items to other commercial establishments in the community and the distribution of the items does not require the recipient to make a purchase at the commercial establishment.
12.5.1.5.1 Exception -- Olympic, Paralympic, or National Team. A national governing body may sell player/trading cards that bear the name or picture of a student-athlete who is a member of the Olympic, Paralympic, or national team in that sport, provided all of the funds generated through the sale of such cards are deposited directly with the applicable Olympic, Paralympic, or national team.

D. Bylaws: Amend 12.5.1.8, as follows:

12.5.1.8 Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships. A student-athlete's name or picture may be used to promote Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships as specified in this section.

[12.5.1.8.1 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.10.2.3, as follows:

13.10.2.3 Announcer for High School Broadcast. A member of an institution's coaching staff and conference office personnel may not serve as an announcer or commentator for a high school, college-preparatory school or two-year college contest, or appear (in person or by means of film, audiotape or videotape) on a radio or television broadcast of such contest in the staff member's sport during any time that the staff member is under contract with the member institution. This restriction does not apply to contests involving national teams in which prospective student-athletes may be participants, including the Olympic or Paralympic Games. [D]

F. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.4.1, as follows:

13.17.4.1 National Letter of Intent Signing Date. The period 48 hours before 7 a.m. on the date for signing the National Letter of Intent in the applicable sport.

13.17.4.1.1 Exception -- U.S. Diving National Championships. When the dead period for recruiting occurs during the U.S. Diving National Championships, it shall be permissible to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

13.17.4.1.2 Exception -- North American Cup Fencing Championship. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the North American Cup Fencing Championship, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

13.17.4.1.3 Exception -- Junior Olympic or Paralympic Rifle Championships. During any year in which the National Letter of Intent signing date dead period occurs during the Junior Olympic or Paralympic Rifle Championships, it shall be permissible for authorized coaching staff members to observe prospective student-athletes participating in that event.

G. Bylaws: Amend 14.02.11, as follows:

14.02.11 National Team. A national team is one selected, organized and sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport). The selection for such a team shall be made on a national qualification basis, either through a defined selective process or by actual tryouts, publicly announced in advance. In addition, the
international competition in question shall require that the entrants officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary to require team scoring by nation.

H. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7.1.8.3, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.3 Practice or Competition -- Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the minimum full-time enrollment requirement for any participant in the junior or elite levels of the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or World Youth Championships who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice or competition in any sport.

I. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7.1.8.4, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.4 Practice -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Individual Sports or Rowing. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve an individual sport or rowing, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.7.1.8.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

[14.1.7.1.8.4-(c) unchanged.]

(d) In the case of a student-athlete with NCAA eligibility remaining in the sport, such participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic or Paralympic Games; and

(e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution's team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic or Paralympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

J. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7.1.8.5, as follows:

14.1.7.1.8.5 Practice -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee/National Governing Body -- Team Sports. A student-athlete with eligibility remaining who is not enrolled or who is enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies or a former student-athlete who has graduated and has no eligibility remaining, may participate on a regular basis in organized practice sessions that involve a team sport, provided the following conditions are met:

[14.1.7.1.8.5-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or national governing body in the sport has recommended the individual's participation;

[14.1.7.1.8.5-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The participation occurs only during the academic year immediately before the Olympic or Paralympic Games; and
(e) In the case of a former student-athlete, such participation shall be limited to the number of years that allows the individual to practice with the institution’s team in preparation for two consecutive Olympic or Paralympic Games following exhaustion of eligibility or completion of degree, whichever is earlier. A student-athlete who has not graduated must be enrolled (full or part time) and making progress toward a degree.

[14.1.7.1.8.5.1 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4.2.2, as follows:

14.2.4.2.2 Exceptions to Participation in Organized Competition. An individual shall not be charged with a season of intercollegiate competition, provided the individual satisfies any of the following exceptions for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 following the one-year time period after the individual’s high school graduation and before initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

14.2.4.2.2.1 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.2.

14.2.4.2.2.2 National/International Competition Exception. For a maximum of one year, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted if the competition is national or international competition that includes participation in:

(a) Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships and Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, Youth Paralympic, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);

(b) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, Youth Paralympic, U20 World Cup, junior national teams); or

(c) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport) or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, Youth Paralympic, U20 World Cup, junior national teams).

14.2.4.2.2.3 Skiing Exception. For a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted in skiing when such participation is part of competition sanctioned by the U.S. Skiing Association and its international counterparts.

14.2.4.2.2.4 Men’s Ice Hockey Exception. In men’s ice hockey, for a maximum of two years, participation in organized competition per Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.2 shall be excepted.
14.2.4.2.2.4.1 Major Junior Ice Hockey -- Men's Ice Hockey. An individual who participates on a Major Junior men's ice hockey team shall use a season of intercollegiate competition for each consecutive 12-month period in which the individual participates, regardless of when such participation occurs. The individual shall fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.2.4.2.1.3) before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in men's ice hockey.

L. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.9, as follows:

14.4.3.9 Waivers of Progress-Toward-Degree Requirements. The Academic Requirements Committee shall establish appropriate criteria for waivers of this legislation. Such waivers shall be administered by the conference members of the Association or, in the case of an independent institution, by the Academic Requirements Committee. Waivers of the progress-toward-degree requirements may be granted under the following conditions:

14.4.3.9.1 Medical Absence Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 units per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student misses a term or is unable to complete a term as a full-time student as a result of an injury or illness. Such an exception may be granted only when circumstances clearly supported by appropriate medical documentation establish that a student-athlete is unable to attend a collegiate institution as a full-time student as a result of an incapacitating physical injury or illness involving the student-athlete or a member of the student-athlete’s immediate family. Credits earned by the student-athlete during the term to which the waiver applies may not be used in determining progress toward degree. A Division II conference office has the authority to administer medical absence waivers for terms that occurred at an NCAA institution prior to a student-athlete’s enrollment at a member institution within the conference.

14.4.3.9.2 International Competition Waiver. The credit hours required under the progress-toward-degree regulations of Bylaws 14.4.3.2, 14.4.3.3 and 14.4.3.4 may be adjusted to require completion of 12 hours per term of actual attendance during an academic year in which a student is not enrolled for a term or terms or is unable to complete a term as a result of participation in the Pan American, Parapan American, Olympic, Paralympic, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) or World University Championships (including final Olympic or Paralympic tryouts and the officially recognized training program that directly qualifies participants for those tryouts). This waiver provision may be applied to not more than two semesters or three quarters.

M. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.4.3.10, as follows:

14.4.3.10 Olympic or Paralympic Games Waiver. The Academic Requirements Committee may waive the progress-toward-degree requirements for any participant in the Olympic or Paralympic Games who, because of such participation, may lose eligibility for practice and competition in any sport.

N. **Bylaws:** Amend 14.7.5.1, as follows:

14.7.5.1 In All Sports:

[14.7.5.1-(a) unchanged.]
(b) Olympic or Paralympic Games. A student-athlete may participate in the official Olympic or Paralympic Games, in final tryouts that directly qualify competitors for the Olympic or Paralympic Games and in officially recognized competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic or Paralympic Games tryouts.

(c) Official Pan American or Parapan American Games Tryouts and Competition. A student-athlete may participate in official Pan American or Parapan American Games tryouts and competition, including junior-level tryouts and competition.

(d) U.S. National Teams. A student-athlete may participate in official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for the student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport).

[14.7.5.1-(e) through 14.7.5.1-(f) unchanged.]

**O**. **Bylaws**: Amend 14.7.5.3, as follows:

14.7.5.3 National-Team Criteria. A national team shall meet the following criteria:

(a) It is designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, national governing body or other organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or, for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or, for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport);

[14.7.5.3-(b) through 14.7.5.3-(c) unchanged.]

**P**. **Bylaws**: Amend 15.2.2.4, as follows:

15.2.2.4 Educational Expenses -- U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or U.S. National Governing Body. A student-athlete may receive educational expenses awarded by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee or a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organizations of a foreign country). The amount of the financial assistance shall be subject to the following limitations:

[15.2.2.4-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The recipient’s choice of institutions shall not be restricted by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, a U.S. national governing body (or, for international student-athletes, expenses awarded by the equivalent organization of a foreign country); and

[15.2.2.4-(c) unchanged.]

15.2.2.4.1 Operation Gold Grant. Funds administered by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee pursuant to its Operation Gold Grant Program shall not be included when determining the permissible amount of a full grant-in-aid for a student-athlete.

**Q**. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.1.1, as follows:

16.1.1 Application of Awards Legislation.

[16.1.1.1 through 16.1.1.4 unchanged.]
16.1.1.5 Olympic or Paralympic Games. It is permissible for a student-athlete to receive a nonmonetary award associated with participation in the Olympic or Paralympic Games at any time regardless of when the Games are held or whether the student-athlete is enrolled as a regular student during the academic year.

R. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.1.6, as follows:

16.1.6 Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards. A conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or the international equivalent), a national governing body or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments. The conference, institution and other permissible entities may also provide actual and necessary expenses for up to two of the student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians to attend the recognition event or awards presentation. [R]

S. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.3.1.1, as follows:

16.3.1.1 Coaching and/or Athletics Administration Career Educational Programs. An institution or conference may provide actual and necessary expenses to a student-athlete to attend a coaching and/or athletics administration career educational program (e.g., Women’s Basketball Coaches Association -- So You Want To Be A Coach, Black Women in Sports Foundation -- Next Step Program, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee -- Minority/Women in Coaching Leadership). [R]

T. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.6.1.4, as follows:

16.6.1.4 Family Travel to Olympic or Paralympic Games. A commercial company (other than a professional sports organization) or members of the local community may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians to attend the Olympic or Paralympic Games in which the student-athlete will participate. In addition, relatives or legal guardians of student-athletes may receive nonmonetary benefits provided to the family members of all Olympic or Paralympic team members in conjunction with participation in the Olympic or Paralympic Games. [R]

U. **Bylaws**: Amend 16.8.1.2, as follows:

16.8.1.2 Other Competition. During an academic year in which a student-athlete is eligible to represent an institution in athletics competition (or in the next summer), an institution may provide actual and necessary expenses related to participation in the following activities: [R]

[16.8.1.2-(a) unchanged.]

(b) One qualifying competition event per academic year for the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Youth Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships;

(c) National team tryout competition events, including events from which participants are selected for another tier of tryout competition or events from which final selections are made for the national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, Pan American Games, Parapan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships; and

[16.8.1.2-(d) unchanged.]

[16.8.1.2.1 unchanged.]
V. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.2.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.2.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

W. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.3.9.2, as follows:

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

[17.3.9.2-(a) through 17.3.9.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs and competition - No limitations.

[17.3.9.2-(d) unchanged.]

X. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.4.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.4.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

Y. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.5.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.5.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

Z. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.6.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.6.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

AA. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.7.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.7.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

BB. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.8.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.8.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

CC. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.9.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.9.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may
participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**DD. Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.11.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**EE. Bylaws:** Amend 17.12.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.12.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**FF. Bylaws:** Amend 17.13.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.13.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**GG. Bylaws:** Amend 17.14.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.14.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**HH. Bylaws:** Amend 17.15.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.15.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**II. Bylaws:** Amend 17.16.11.1.2.2, as follows:

17.16.11.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**JJ. Bylaws:** Amend 17.17.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.17.8.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution, provided:

[17.17.8.1.2.2-(a) through 17.17.8.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

**KK. Bylaws:** Amend 17.18.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.18.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may
participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**LL. Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.19.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**MM. Bylaws:** Amend 17.20.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.20.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**NN. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.21.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**OO. Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.22.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**PP. Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.23.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**QQ. Bylaws:** Amend 17.24.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.24.9.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

[17.24.9.1.2.2-(a) through 17.24.9.1.2.2-(c) unchanged.]

**RR. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.1.8.1.2.2, as follows:

17.25.1.8.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program – Men. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**SS. Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.2.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.25.2.10.1.2.2 Olympic, **Paralympic** and National Team Development Program – Women. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, **Paralympic** and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.
institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**TT. Bylaws:** Amend 17.26.9.1.2.2, as follows:

17.26.9.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**UU. Bylaws:** Amend 17.27.10.1.2.2, as follows:

17.27.10.1.2.2 Olympic, Paralympic and National Team Development Program. There are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same institution who may participate in Olympic, Paralympic and national team development programs. Such programs may also include a coach and student-athlete from the same institution.

**VV. Bylaws:** Amend 21.2.5, as follows:

21.2.5.2 Duties. The committee shall:

(a) Act as a liaison between the Association, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and national governing bodies; and

[21.2.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

**WW. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.6.2, as follows:

31.1.6.2 Non-NCAA Rules, Women's Sports. In those women's sports in which the Association does not publish rules, the NCAA championships shall be conducted according to the following, except where those rules are superseded by modifications recommended by the appropriate governing sports committee and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (see Bylaw 18.6):

[31.1.6.2-(a) through 31.1.6.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Gymnastics – USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic and Paralympic Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules);

[31.1.6.2-(e) through 31.1.6.2-(h) unchanged.]

**XX. Administrative:** Amend 31.7.2.3, as follows:

31.7.2.3 Prohibition Against Funding Olympics and Paralympics. Income from the Association's championships shall not be allocated to the Olympic and Paralympic fund.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council (Olympic Sports Liaison Committee).

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2020

**Additional Information:**

In June 2019, the United States Olympic Committee announced that it had formally changed its name to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee to further support and include Paralympic athletes. The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee recommends legislative changes to support and include Paralympic athletes in a similar manner. Currently, there is no reference to the Paralympics or Paralympic
athletes in NCAA legislation. The changes would make clear that NCAA rules, waivers and opportunities are afforded to both Olympic and Paralympic student-athletes.

NO. NC-2021-2 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- CONDITIONS AFFECTING TRANSFER STATUS -- ATTENDANCE AT A BRANCH SCHOOL OR SECOND CAMPUSS THAT CONDUCTS AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Intent: To specify that a student will trigger transfer status if he or she enrolled at a branch school or second campus of an institution that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution, including the parent institution.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.2, as follows:

14.5.2 Conditions Affecting Transfer Status. A transfer student is an individual who transfers from a collegiate institution after having met any one of the following conditions at that institution:

[14.5.2-(a) through 14.5.2-(c) unchanged.]

(d) The student attended a branch school that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution other than, including the parent institution;

(e) The student attended a second campus of an institution that conducted an intercollegiate athletics program and transfers to any institution, including the parent institution.

[14.5.2-(e) through 14.5.2-(g) relettered as 14.5.2-(f) through 14.5.2-(h), unchanged.]

[14.5.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.3.2, as follows:

14.5.3.2 Branch School. The student has been enrolled in or attended classes only in a branch school, provided the branch school does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program. If the branch school conducts an intercollegiate athletics program, the student shall not be considered a transfer only on enrollment if he or she enrolls at the parent institution directly from the branch school. (For definition of "branch school," see Bylaw 14.02.2.)

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.5.3.3, as follows:

14.5.3.3 Second Campus of Institution. The student is in residence at an institution’s campus that is not in the same city as the institution’s main campus, provided the campus at which the student is in residence does not conduct an intercollegiate athletics program, classes on the campus are taught by the same instructors who teach classes on the main campus, the credits received by all class enrollees are considered as regular credits by the institution’s main campus, and the degrees awarded to all students come from the institution’s main campus.

[14.5.3.4 through 14.5.3.5 renumbered as 14.5.3.3 through 14.5.3.4, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Academic Requirements Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate, for student-athletes transferring for the 2020-21 academic year and thereafter.

Additional Information:
Several NCAA institutions operate multiple campuses, and, in some cases, they are operating more than one athletics department. Current legislation in all three divisions indicates that a student is not considered a transfer if they move from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program to the parent institution. However, this legislation is inconsistent with guidance provided to member institutions that conduct an athletics program at a branch school. In addition, current legislation does not address the transfer status of a student who attends a second campus of an institution that also conducts an intercollegiate athletics program. This proposal will reduce confusion by clarifying that a student-athlete should always be treated as a transfer, even if transferring within an educational system.

### EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ADMINISTRATION OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RESTRICTED ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Intent:** To move the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to NCAA policy.

**Administrative:** Amend 31.1, as follows:

31.1 Administration of NCAA Championships.

31.1.12 Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. The following activities are restricted when they occur in conjunction with NCAA championships. Other restrictions are set forth in the championships handbooks.

31.1.12.1 Advertising. Advertising policies of the Association are designed to exclude those advertisements that do not appear to be in the best interests of higher education. The NCAA president shall have the authority to rule in cases where doubt exists concerning acceptable advertisers and advertising copy of game programs, broadcasts and telecasts of NCAA championships; however, the following expressly are prohibited:

(a) Alcoholic beverages (except as specified below);

(b) Cigarettes and other tobacco products; and

(c) Organizations promoting gambling.

31.1.12.1.1 Malt Beverages, Beer and Wine Advertisements. Advertising of malt beverages, beer and wine products that do not exceed six percent alcohol by volume may be used in game programs. Such advertisements, however, shall not compose more than 14 percent of the space in the program devoted to advertising or not more than 60 seconds per hour of any telecast or broadcast (either a single 60-second commercial or two 30-second commercials).

31.1.12.1.2 Sponsorships. Promotions for a championships event, activity or program may not be sponsored by liquor, tobacco, beer or wine companies at any time.

31.1.12.1.2.1 Professional Sports Organizations or Teams. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an NCAA championship competition event, provided the organization is not publicly identified as such. A professional sports organization may serve as a financial sponsor of an activity or promotion that is ancillary to the competition event and may be publicly identified as such. The
NCAA may receive financial contributions from a professional sports organization for sponsorship of a specific NCAA championship competition event, including ancillary activities and promotions.

[31.1.13 renumbered as 31.1.12, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Moving the restrictions on advertising and sponsorship activities in conjunction with NCAA championships from legislation to policies and procedures would offer an opportunity to keep the Association's policies more current and consistent and offer the flexibility to align them with those of other athletics organizations. If removed from the legislation, the policies and procedures would be included in championships handbooks. The NCAA Board of Governors discussed NCAA championships advertising and restrictions and supports appropriate modifications.

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**NO. NC-2021-4 ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- SUSPENSION BY A NON-NCAA SPORTS GOVERNING BODY**

**Intent:** To specify that a student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

**Bylaws:** Amend 10.3, as follows:

10.3 Sports Wagering Activities. The following individuals shall not knowingly participate in sports wagering activities or provide information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur or professional athletics competition:

[10.3-(a) through 10.3-(d) unchanged.]

[10.3.1 unchanged.]

**10.3.2 Suspension by a Non-NCAA National or International Sports Governing Body.** A student-athlete under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body shall not participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension.

**Source:** NCAA Division II Management Council.

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

An individual who is under a sports wagering related suspension from a non-NCAA sports governing body should not be eligible to participate in intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. This provision is similar to current legislation that precludes a student-athlete from participation in intercollegiate competition if he or she is under a drug related suspension from a non-NCAA national or international sports governing body.
Intent: To transition authority of waivers of the final semester/quarter exceptions to the full-time enrollment and term-by-term credit-hour requirement legislation from the NCAA Division II Committee for Legislative Relief to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

A. Bylaws: Amend 14.1.7, as follows:

14.1.7 Full-Time Enrollment.

[14.1.7.1 unchanged.]

14.1.7.1.7.3 Practice or Competition -- Final Semester/Quarter. A student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining may compete or participate in organized practice sessions while enrolled in less than a minimum full-time program of studies, provided the student-athlete is enrolled in the final semester or quarter of the baccalaureate program and the institution certifies that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete the degree requirements. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during that semester or quarter and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution’s next degree-granting date.

14.1.7.1.7.3.1 Waivers. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.

[14.1.7.1.7.3.1 renumbered as 14.1.7.1.7.3.2, unchanged.]

[14.1.7.1.7.4 through 14.1.7.1.7.6 unchanged.]

[14.1.7.1.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.4.3, as follows:

14.4.3 Eligibility for Competition.

[14.4.3.1 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2 Term-By-Term Credit-Hour Requirement. To be eligible to represent an institution in intercollegiate athletics competition, a student-athlete must earn nine-semester or eight-quarter hours of academic credit the preceding regular academic term in which the student-athlete has been enrolled full time at any collegiate institution.

[14.4.3.2.1 through 14.4.3.2.2 unchanged.]

14.4.3.2.2.1 Exception -- Final Academic Year of Degree Program. A student-athlete who is in the final academic year (final two semesters or three quarters) of his or her designated degree program may use credit hours acceptable toward any of the institution’s degree programs to satisfy the nine-semester or eight-quarter hour requirement per Bylaw 14.4.3.2, provided the institution certifies, through review by appropriate academic officials, that the student-athlete is carrying (for credit) the courses necessary to complete
degree requirements at the end of the two semesters or three quarters. Thereafter, the student-athlete shall forfeit eligibility in all sports, unless the student-athlete completes all degree requirements during the final two semesters or three quarters and is eligible to receive the baccalaureate diploma on the institution’s next degree-granting date.

14.4.3.2.2.1.1 Waivers. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall establish appropriate criteria for waiver requests seeking relief of the forfeiture of eligibility penalty.

[14.4.3.3 through 14.4.3.12 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Additional Information:

Currently waivers of Bylaws 14.1.7.1.7.3 (practice or competition – final semester/quarter) and 14.4.3.2.2.1 (exception – final academic year of degree program) are processed as legislative relief waivers under the purview of the Division II Committee for Legislative Relief. For both exceptions, a student-athlete forfeits eligibility in all sports unless the student-athlete completes degree requirements during that specified time and is eligible to receive their diploma on the institution’s next degree-granting date. Transitioning oversight of these waivers to the NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is consistent with the oversight structure in which decisions regarding loss of eligibility are subject to review by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

NO, NC-2021-6 ELIGIBILITY -- TRANSFER REGULATIONS -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSFERS FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES -- ONE-TIME TRANSFER EXCEPTION -- HEARING OPPORTUNITY -- FAILURE TO PROVIDE APPEAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- DEFAULT GRANT

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete’s written request for a release in conjunction with the use of the one-time transfer exception shall be granted by default if the institution fails to provide its appeal policies and procedures within 14-consecutive calendar days from the receipt of the student-athlete’s written request for the hearing.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3.9, as follows:

14.5.5.3.9 One-Time Transfer Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year collegiate institution, and all of the following conditions are met (for graduate students, see Bylaw 14.1.8.1):

[14.5.5.3.9-(a) through 14.5.5.3.9-(d) unchanged.]

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

14.5.3.9.1.1 Failure to Provide Appeal Policies and Procedures. If the institution fails to provide the policies and procedures for conducting the required hearing within 14-consecutive calendar days from receipt of a student-athlete's written request, the release shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide a written release to the student-athlete.

[14.5.3.9.2 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires an institution to provide the student-athlete with written notification of an appeal opportunity as well as a copy of the institution's policies and procedures associated with the hearing if a student-athlete's written request for a release in conjunction with the application of the one-time transfer exception is denied; however, the legislation is silent on whether the failure to provide the policies and procedures to the student-athlete within 14-consecutive calendar days will also result in a default grant of the request. Requiring an institution to provide a student-athlete with written notification of an appeal opportunity, along with its appeal policies and procedures within 14-consecutive calendars days, or the request is granted by default, will promote student-athlete well-being by giving a timely resolution to the request.

NO. NC-2021-7

AMATEURISM AND ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL REGULATIONS -- VALIDITY OF AMATEUR STATUS -- AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION PROCESS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- FRESHMAN ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS -- DETERMINATION OF FRESHMAN ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION BEFORE CERTIFICATION -- RECRUITED AND NONRECRUITED STUDENT-ATHLETE -- DE MINIMUS VIOLATIONS

Intent: To specify that violations involving a student-athlete's participation in practice or competition without final amateurism certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified without conditions, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility; further, violations involving a student-athlete's receipt of financial aid and/or participation in practice or competition without final academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center, who are subsequently certified as a qualifier, shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete's eligibility.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1.1.1.3.1, as follows:

12.1.1.1.3.1 Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student-athlete's amateur status has been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is
enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as an amateur (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete.

12.1.1.3.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 12.1.1.3.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified without conditions shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

B. Bylaws: Amend 14.3.2.1, as follows:

14.3.2.1 Participation Before Certification -- Recruited and Nonrecruited Student-Athlete. If a recruited or nonrecruited student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the high school core-curriculum grade-point average and test score have been certified, the student-athlete may practice, but not compete, for a maximum of 45 days, provided the student-athlete is enrolled full time or has been accepted for enrollment as a regular full-time student. After this 45-day period, the student shall have established minimum requirements as a qualifier (as certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center) to continue practicing or to compete, or the minimum requirements as a partial qualifier to continue practicing.

14.3.2.1.1 Effect of Violation. A violation of Bylaw 14.3.2.1 in which the student-athlete is subsequently certified as a qualifier or partial qualifier shall be considered an institutional violation per Constitution 2.8.1 but shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

Effective Date: Immediate, for any violations occurring on or after August 1, 2020.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires institutions to file a student-athlete reinstatement request when a student-athlete participates in practice or competition without a final amateurism and/or academic certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center. Student-athletes who are subsequently certified without an amateurism condition or as an academic qualifier are often withheld from competition as a condition of reinstatement. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement believes withholding these student-athletes is counterproductive and is contrary to student-athlete well-being, particularly when institutions are ultimately responsible for ensuring student-athletes are eligible prior to competition and bear responsibility for the oversight. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators. This amendment will not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation.

NO. NC-2021-8 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE OF PLAYING SEASON -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- ELITE ATHLETE TRAINING

Intent: To specify that a student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the
student-athlete initiates the request to participate in the workout session and does not miss class time.

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

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

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

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

**17.1.6.3.1.1 Exception -- Elite Athlete Training.** A student-athlete who has been designated by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sport-affiliated national governing body (or the international equivalent) as an elite athlete may participate in an individual workout session conducted by a coaching staff member without such activity being considered countable athletically related activity, provided the workout is initiated by the student-athlete and he or she does not miss class.

[17.1.6.3.2 through 17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Student-athletes who are members of national teams frequently request more flexibility to train with their coaches as a means of utilizing the coaching staff’s experience and expertise to prepare for national team events and to follow national team training plans. Currently, additional opportunities for a student-athlete to train with coaches are limited by restrictions on athletically related activities out of season. An individual sport student-athlete is permitted to train with his or her coach, at the student-athlete’s request, during institutional vacation periods and/or the summer. but team sport student-athletes are not afforded the same opportunity. Additional access to training with coaches throughout the year would greatly enhance a student-athlete’s preparation and likelihood for success. This proposal would provide flexibility to identified elite student-athletes to better manage their academic responsibilities and national team training plans according to the fluctuations of the international quadrennial calendar. Finally, specifying that a student-athlete shall not miss class for additional voluntary training will continue to ensure an appropriate balance between academic and athletic activity.

**NO. NC-2021-9 RECRUITING -- UNOFFICIAL (NONPAID) VISIT -- ENTERTAINMENT/TICKETS -- VISIT UNRELATED TO RECRUITMENT -- ADMITTED STUDENT MEETING WITH COACH**

**Intent:** To specify that during a visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment and for which expenses are provided by a department other than athletics, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution’s coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.7.2.3, as follows:
13.7.2.3 Visit Unrelated to Recruitment. The limitations on providing entertainment to a prospective student-athlete shall not extend to a visit to the institution’s campus for a purpose having nothing whatsoever to do with the prospective student-athlete’s athletics recruitment by the institution (e.g., band trip, fraternity weekend, athletics team’s attendance at a sporting event with the high school coach). The institution’s athletics department or representatives of its athletics interests may not be involved in any way with the arrangements for the visit, other than providing (in accordance with established policy) free admissions to an athletics event on a group basis, rather than personally to the prospective student-athlete. [R]

13.7.2.3.1 Admitted Student Meeting with Coach. During a prospective student-athlete’s visit to campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment, an institution may arrange a meeting between a prospective student-athlete who is admitted to the institution and the institution’s coaching staff without such an arrangement constituting an official visit.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Many institutions have events for admitted students. Often, the institution provides a few meals and sometimes lodging or travel expenses. These are visits unrelated to athletics recruiting, but due to the institution providing expenses, coaches may not meet with a prospective student-athlete without triggering the official visit legislation. It is awkward for an admitted prospective student-athlete to not be allowed to speak with a coach while on campus for reasons unrelated to athletics recruitment.

NO. NC-2021-10 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- NUMBER OF DATES OF COMPETITION -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- AUGUSTA NATIONAL WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Intent: In women's golf, to exempt the Augusta National Women's Amateur from the maximum dates of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11.7.3, as follows:

17.11.7.3 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of dates of competition in golf shall exclude the following:

[17.11.7.3-(a) through 17.11.7.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) College-Am Event. A "college-am" golf tournament, provided the event is held in conjunction with intercollegiate competition and student-athletes do not receive awards or prizes for such participation; and

(j) College All-American Golf Classic. Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition; and


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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:
This proposal would provide a significant and lasting growth opportunity for women’s golf and a memorable experience for participants. The event is played at the legendary host venue of the Masters Tournament the week before the start of the Masters and is broadcast live via NBC Sports linear networks and distributed on digital platforms around the world. There would be no budget impact for participating teams because the tournament host provides associated expenses.

**NO. NC-2021-11 DIVISION II MEMBERSHIP -- MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MINIMUM CONTESTS AND PARTICIPANTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORTS SPONSORSHIP -- MEN’S AND WOMEN’S WRESTLING**

**Intent:** In the sports of men’s and women’s wrestling, to reduce the minimum number of contests and participants for sports sponsorship to nine contests with six participants.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution’s team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports, the institution’s team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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[20.10.3.3 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Based on sport committee reviews of minimum sports sponsorship requirements and championships selection criteria, most sports adopted a policy that specifies that an institution that meets minimum sports sponsorship requirements will also meet minimum requirements for championships selection. Currently, men's wrestling does not have selection criteria for institutions or student-athletes to qualify for championships. Women's wrestling is an emerging sport and does not currently have an NCAA championship. However, the Division II Wrestling Committee determined that the current minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship in men's and women's wrestling are very rigorous compared with other individual sports. This change will ensure consistency when the men's and women's wrestling sport committees are considering the establishment of selection criteria to qualify for championships.

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**Intent:** To eliminate the restriction on a student-athlete contributing to the purchase of an award.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.4, as follows:

16.1.4 Purchase Restrictions.

[16.1.4.1 through 16.1.4.3 unchanged.]

16.1.4.4 Student Contribution to Purchase. The value of an award may not exceed specified value limits, and a student-athlete may not contribute to its purchase of an award, but the value of an award may not exceed specified value limits in order to meet those limits. [R]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation precludes a student-athlete from making a financial contribution to the purchase of an award, regardless of whether the value of the award remains within the legislated limitations. Financial constraints may limit the value of an award that an institution or conference can provide to student-athletes, especially for teams that have large squad sizes. Permitting student-athletes to contribute to the purchase of their awards ensures that those individuals can commemorate their accomplishments when institutional or conference resources are limited.
NO. NC-2021-13  RECRUITING -- LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENTS -- INSTITUTIONAL OR CONFERENCE LETTER-OF-INTENT PROGRAMS -- ISSUING ATHLETICS AID AGREEMENTS DURING A RECRUITING DEAD PERIOD EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2020

Intent: To permit athletics aid agreements to be issued during the temporary recruiting dead period in all sports, effective April 15, 2020.

Bylaws: Amend 13.9, as follows:

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

[13.9.1 through 13.9.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3 Institutional or Conference Letter-of-Intent Programs. A member institution may participate in an institutional or conference athletics letter-of-intent program or issue an institutional or conference financial aid agreement during the National Letter of Intent (NLI) signing period; however, an institutional or conference letter of intent or financial aid agreement may not be issued prior to the initial NLI signing date for that sport. [D]

[13.9.3.1 through 13.9.3.2 unchanged.]

13.9.3.3 Prohibition on Athletics Aid Agreements During the Recruiting Dead Period in All Sports. An institutional or conference financial aid agreement may not be issued during the recruiting dead period in all sports (See Bylaw 13.17.5).

Source: Division II Administrative Committee

Effective Date: April 15, 2020

Additional Information:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Additionally, numerous states implemented travel restrictions. The Division II Administrative Committee adopted a temporary recruiting dead period through at least April 15. Issuance of institutional aid agreements was also prohibited during the dead period. Permitting aid agreements to be issued effective April 15, 2020, will align with National Letter of Intent signing dates.

NO. NC-2021-14  PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TEAM SPORTS -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- SUMMER PRACTICE -- VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS DURING THE SUMMER 2020 INSTITUTIONAL VACATION PERIOD

Intent: In team sports, to specify that a coach may participate in individual workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6.3, as follows:

17.1.6.3 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside of Playing Season.

[17.1.6.3.1 through 17.1.6.3.4 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.5 Institutional Vacation Period. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period (e.g., summer, academic year).
17.1.6.3.5.1 unchanged.]

17.1.6.3.5.2 Exception -- Individual Sports. In individual sports, a student-athlete may participate in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete (See sport-specific Bylaw 17 legislation).

17.1.6.3.5.3 Exception -- Team Sports During the Summer 2020 Institutional Vacation Period. In team sports, a student-athlete may participate in individual workout-sessions with a member of the coaching staff during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period, provided such workouts are voluntary and the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.1.6.3.6 unchanged.]

**Source:** Division II Administrative Committee

**Effective Date:** Immediate, for voluntary workouts in team sports during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period only.

**Additional Information:**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCAA Board of Governors canceled all winter and spring 2020 NCAA championships and related events. Many Division II institutions implemented remote learning and canceled spring sport seasons. Allowing student-athletes in team sports to request voluntary workouts with their coaches during the summer 2020 institutional vacation period will benefit student-athlete mental health and well-being as it will remove restrictions on what a student-athlete can discuss with a coaching staff member during this time. Any such activities must be requested by the student-athlete and not initiated by the coaching staff member. In-person workouts must adhere to applicable institutional, local, state and federal guidance for such activities. Such workouts are already permissible in individual sports.

| NO. NC-2021-15 | PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS - INSTITUTIONAL -- REDUCTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR |

**Intent:** In Division II championship sports, to reduce the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for the 2020-21 academic year.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.2.7, as follows:

17.2.7 Number of Contests.

17.2.7.1 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 5040 contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.2.7.3, 17.2.7.4 and 14.7.5.

[17.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 5040 baseball contests. 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.

[17.2.7.3 through 17.2.7.5 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws**: Amend 17.3.6, as follows:

17.3.6 Number of Contests.

17.3.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition in basketball in any one year to 2622 contests (games or scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.3.6.3, 17.3.6.4, 17.3.6.5 and 17.3.6.6.

17.3.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in not more than 2622 basketball contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.3.6.3 Annual Exemptions. The following basketball contests each year may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests:

[17.3.6.3-(a) through 17.3.6.3-(f) unchanged.]

(g) Tip-Off Classic. Games in the Division II Conference Commissioners Association's Tip-Off Classic *(except for contests played during the 2020-21 academic year, which must be counted in the maximum limitation).*

[17.3.6.3-(h) through 17.3.6.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Conference Challenge Event. A maximum of two contests played as a part of a conference challenge event *(except for contests played during the 2020-21 academic year, which must be counted in the maximum limitation)* in which:

[17.3.6.3-(j)-(1) through 17.3.6.3-(j)-(2) unchanged.]

[17.3.6.4 through 17.3.6.6 unchanged.]

C. **Bylaws**: Amend 17.6.7, as follows:

17.6.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.6.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's cross country playing season to seven-six dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.6.7.3 and 17.6.7.4 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.6.7.1.1 through 17.6.7.1.2 unchanged.]

17.6.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in seven-six cross country dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the
student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.6.7.2.1 unchanged.]
[17.6.7.3 through 17.6.7.4 unchanged.]

D. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.9.7, as follows:

17.9.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.

17.9.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s field hockey playing season in any one year to 14 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.7.3, 17.9.7.4 and 17.9.7.5.

[17.9.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.9.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 14 field hockey contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in field hockey during another segment. This limitation includes those contests or dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.9.7.3 through 17.9.7.5 unchanged.]

E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.10.7, as follows:

17.10.7 Number of Contests.

17.10.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 10 contests (games and scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii under Bylaw 17.28.2 and except as provided for all members under Bylaws 17.10.7.3 and 17.10.7.4.

[17.10.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.10.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 10 football contests. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.10.7.3 through 17.10.7.4 unchanged.]

F. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.11.7, as follows:

17.11.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.11.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible golf playing season to 16 dates of competition, except for those dates of
competition excluded under Bylaws 17.11.7.3, 17.11.7.4 and 17.11.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.11.7.1 through 17.11.7.1.3 unchanged.]

17.11.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in \( \text{17.16.7.3} \) dates of competition in golf. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.11.7.3 through 17.11.7.5 unchanged.]

G. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.14.7, as follows:

17.14.7 Number and Dates of Competition.

17.14.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s lacrosse playing season to \( \text{17.13} \) dates of competition in men's lacrosse during the academic year and \( \text{17.13} \) dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.14.7.3, 17.14.7.4 and 17.14.7.5.

[17.14.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.14.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than \( \text{17.13} \) dates of competition in men's lacrosse, and \( \text{17.13} \) dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment in women's lacrosse. 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.

[17.14.7.3 through 17.14.7.5 unchanged.]

H. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.16.7, as follows:

17.16.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.16.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in rowing during the institution's playing season to \( \text{2014} \) dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.16.7.3, 17.16.7.4 and 17.16.7.5.

[17.16.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.16.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in \( \text{2014} \) dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.16.7.3 through 17.16.7.5 unchanged.]

I. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19.7, as follows:

17.19.7 Number of Contests and Dates of Competition.
17.19.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s soccer playing season in any one year to 14 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests and/or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.19.7.3, 17.19.7.4 and 17.19.7.5.

[17.19.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.19.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 14 soccer contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition in soccer during another segment. This limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.19.7.3 through 17.19.7.5 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.7, as follows:

17.20.7 Number of Contests.

17.20.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution’s softball playing season to 44 contests (games and scrimmages), except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.7.3, 17.20.7.4 and 17.20.7.5.

[17.20.7.1.1 unchanged.]

17.20.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 44 softball contests. 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.

[17.20.7.3 through 17.20.7.5 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.21.6, as follows:

17.21.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.21.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in swimming and diving during the institution’s swimming and diving playing season to 12 dates of competition (games and scrimmages), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.21.6.3, 17.21.6.4 and 17.21.6.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.21.6.1.1 unchanged.]

17.21.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 12 swimming and diving dates of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.21.6.3 through 17.21.6.5 unchanged.]
L. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.22.7, as follows:

17.22.7 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.22.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible tennis playing season to 2617 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as single dates of competition), except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.22.7.3, 17.22.7.4 and 17.22.7.5 (see Bylaw 20.10.3.3 for minimum contests and participants requirements).

[17.22.7.1.1 through 17.22.7.1.3 unchanged.]

17.22.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in 2617 dates of competition (including not more than seven individual singles and/or doubles tournaments that are counted as a single date of competition). 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.

[17.22.7.2.1 unchanged.]

[17.22.7.3 through 17.22.7.5 unchanged.]

M. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.23.6, as follows:

17.23.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

17.23.6.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in indoor/outdoor track and field during the permissible indoor/outdoor track and field playing season to 1814 dates of competition. These limitations do not include those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.23.6.3, 17.23.6.4 and 17.23.6.5.

[17.23.6.1.1 through 17.23.6.1.2 unchanged.]

17.23.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 1814 dates of competition in indoor/outdoor track and field, which may include not more than six two-day meets that shall each count as a single date. 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.

[17.23.6.3 through 17.23.6.5 unchanged.]

N. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.2.7, as follows:

17.25.2.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

17.25.2.7.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution’s women’s volleyball playing season to 2620 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.2.7.3, 17.25.2.7.4 and 17.25.2.7.5.

[17.25.2.7.1.1 unchanged.]
17.25.2.7.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women. An individual student-athlete may participate each academic year in dates of competition in women's volleyball during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and four during another segment. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.25.2.7.3 through 17.25.2.7.5 unchanged.]

O. Bylaws: Amend 17.27.6, as follows:

17.27.6 Number of Dates of Competition.

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

[17.27.6.1.1 unchanged.]

17.27.6.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than dates of competition in wrestling, which may include not more than two two-day meets or not more than two occasions in which dual meets are held on two consecutive days that shall each count as a single date of competition. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution.

[17.27.6.3 through 17.27.6.5 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Presidents Council (Management Council).

Effective Date: Immediate, for the 2020-21 academic year only.

Additional Information:

Due to the impact of COVID-19, institutions and conferences are making decisions regarding scheduling and return to play for the 2020-21 academic year. Reducing the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for Division II championship sports, for the 2020-21 academic year only, will assist with institutional management of the financial impact of COVID-19, while still providing flexibility to institutions to provide student-athletes with a meaningful participation opportunity during the 2020-21 academic year. Feedback and recommendations from various committees within the Division II governance structure, as well as from Division II institutions and conference offices, supported reducing the maximum number of contests and dates of competition for Division II championship sports. Each sport’s reduction to its maximums varies based on feedback from a survey that was distributed to all active Division II member institutions and conferences. No reductions will be implemented for maximums for National Collegiate Championship sports, emerging sports and Division II men’s ice hockey for the 2020-21 academic year.
Intent: In cross country, to eliminate the ability to count participation in regional qualifying meets in meeting the minimum-contest requirement for sports sponsorship; further, to reduce the number of minimum contests required for sports sponsorship from five to four.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.3.3, as follows:

20.10.3.3 Minimum Contests and Participants Requirements for Sports Sponsorship. In each sport, the institution’s team shall engage in at least a minimum number of intercollegiate contests (against four-year, degree-granting collegiate institutions) each year. In the individual sports and acrobatics and tumbling, the institution’s team shall include a minimum number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum-contest requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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[20.10.3.3.1 unchanged.]

20.10.3.3.2 Regional Cross Country Qualifying Meets. An institution may count participation in a regional cross country meet in meeting the minimum contest requirement, provided the institution meets the minimum participant requirement per Bylaw 20.10.3.3 and no qualifying standards exist for participation in the meet.

[20.10.3.3.2 through 20.10.3.3.11 renumbered as 20.10.3.3.1 through 20.10.3.3.10, unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2021

**Additional Information:**

Current legislation provides cross country with an exception to count regional qualifying meets, which are NCAA postseason events, when calculating the minimum contest requirement for sport sponsorship. This allows for the possibility of an institution to participate in NCAA postseason while subsequently failing to meet sports sponsorship (e.g., a team enters the regional qualifying meet having already completed four events but fails to complete the race at regional qualifying). The proposed changes eliminate this possibility by requiring institutions to compete in four contests and meet sports sponsorship requirements before competing in any NCAA postseason event. This proposal also aligns cross country with indoor and outdoor track and field minimum contest requirements for sports sponsorship.

**NO. NC-2021-17**

**AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- EXPENSES PROVIDED BY THE INSTITUTION FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION -- NONPERMISSIBLE -- TRAVEL EXPENSES DURING THE WINTER BREAK -- DE MINIMIS VIOLATIONS**

**Intent:** To specify that travel expenses received by a student-athlete in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break period shall be considered de minimis violations and do not impact a student-athlete’s eligibility.

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

16.8 Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition.

[16.8.1 unchanged.]

16.8.2 Nonpermissible.

16.8.2.1 Travel Expenses During the Winter Break. An institution shall not provide travel expenses in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break. The winter break shall be a seven-consecutive-calendar-day period from December 20 through December 26. When December 20 falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the winter break shall be a seven-consecutive-calendar-day...
period that begins on the following Monday. When December 20 falls on a Monday, the winter break shall be a seven-consecutive-calendar-day period that begins on the following Tuesday. (See Figure 17-4.) [16] [17]

[16.8.2.1.1 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division II Management Council (Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement).

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires a student-athlete to make restitution of the value of the impermissible travel expenses received in conjunction with away-from-home competition during the winter break period. However, similar violations of Bylaw 16.8.1 (permissible), where a student-athlete impermissibly receives actual and necessary expenses to represent an institution in competition, are de minimis and do not impact a student-athlete’s eligibility or require that a student-athlete make restitution. The NCAA Division II Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement believes violations involving Bylaws 16.8.1 and 16.8.2.1 should be treated similarly since they involve the provision of institutionally issued competition related expenses during an impermissible time. The committee noted student-athletes have no culpability or responsibility for these violations given institutions are responsible for certifying that student-athletes are eligible to receive competition-related expenses, and requiring repayment would be overreaching. Finally, eliminating this requirement may reduce burden on compliance administrators as a student-athlete reinstatement request would no longer need to be filed for relief from repayment. This amendment would not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation.

NO. NC-2021-18 RECRUITING – RECRUITING CALENDARS – ELIMINATION OF THE COVID-19 RECRUITING PERIODS IN ALL SPORTS

Intent: To eliminate the March 13, 2020, through May 31, 2020, dead period and the June 1 through August 31, 2020, quiet period in all sports.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17, as follows:

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.4 unchanged.]

13.17.5 Dead Period for All Sports. The following dead periods apply to all sports:


13.17.6 Quiet Period in All Sports. The following quiet periods apply to all sports:

(a) June 1 through August 31, 2020.

Source: Division II Administrative Committee

Effective Date: September 1, 2020

Additional Information:

The Division II Administrative Committee voted to end the quiet period in all sports effective September 1, 2020. This action renders Bylaws 13.17.5 (dead period for all sports) and 13.17.6 (quiet period in all sports) unnecessary and, as such, this legislation can be removed from the Division II Manual.
NO. NC-2021-19  NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- COVID-19 LIABILITY WAIVERS

**Intent:** To prohibit an institution from requiring student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.24 unchanged.]

**3.3.4.25 COVID-19 Liability Waivers.** An institution shall not require student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation.

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate (applies retroactively), for the 2020-21 academic year only.

**Additional Information:**

During its August 4 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors issued several directives related to the conduct of fall 2020 sports in the areas of health and safety, student-athlete well-being and the status of fall championships that needed to be addressed by the governance structure in each division. The Board of Governors directives specified that, while statements of personal commitment to health and safety are acceptable, member schools may not require student-athletes to waive their legal rights regarding COVID-19 as a condition of athletics participation. The intent of this directive is to avoid the type of broad, advance waivers requiring release from COVID-19 liability as a requirement to participate in athletics. The Board of Governors noted a distinction between a broad release and a pledge document requiring student-athletes to abide by virus mitigation measures.

NO. NC-2021-20  NCAA MEMBERSHIP -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- COVID-19 RELATED HEALTH COSTS

**Intent:** To specify that, prior to a student-athlete participating in fall 2020 term competition (e.g., championship segment or nonchampionship segment competition; scrimmages combining teams from two different institutions; and practices combining teams from two different institutions), the institution shall: (1) Provide information on the waivers and legislative changes approved by Division II for student-athletes due to the impact of COVID-19 (e.g., accommodations for student-athletes who opt out, season-of-competition waivers); (2) Review the institution's institutional insurance coverage with student-athletes who plan to compete in the fall 2020 term and advise student-athletes to review their own existing coverage; (3) Inform student-athletes of the risk classification of their sports according to the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition; and (4) Provide information about how the institution is complying with the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.

**Constitution:** Amend 3.3.4, as follows:

3.3.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.3.4.1 through 3.3.4.25 unchanged.]
3.3.4.26 COVID-19 Health Costs. Prior to a student-athlete participating in fall 2020 term competition (e.g., championship segment or nonchampionship segment competition; scrimmages combining teams from two different institutions; and practices combining teams from two different institutions), the institution shall:

(a) Provide information on the waivers and legislative changes approved by Division II for student-athletes due to the impact of COVID-19 (e.g., accommodations for student-athletes who opt out, season-of-competition waivers);

(b) Review insurance coverage with student-athletes who compete in the fall 2020 term and provide student-athletes with information about the institution’s coverage and advise student-athletes to review their own existing coverage;

(c) Inform student-athletes of the risk classification of their sports according to the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition; and

(d) Provide information about how the institution is complying with the NCAA Resocialization of Sport: Developing Standards for Practice and Competition.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Additional Information:

During its August 4 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors issued several directives related to the conduct of fall 2020 sports in the areas of health and safety, student-athlete well-being and the status of fall championships that needed to be addressed by the governance structure in each division. The Board of Governors directives specified that the divisions must develop rules pertaining to COVID-19 related health costs. This proposal ensures that each student-athlete is able to make an informed decision regarding participation in competition in the fall 2020 term.

NO. NC-2021-21 FINANCIAL AID – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDED ATHLETICS AID – REDUCTION AND CANCELLATION DURING PERIOD OF AWARD – REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION NOT PERMITTED – COVID-19 OPT OUT BY OCTOBER 1, 2020

Intent: To prohibit an institution from reducing or cancelling athletics aid for a student-athlete who, by October 1, 2020, chooses to opt out of countable athletically related activities during the 2020-21 academic year due to concerns about contracting COVID-19; further, to clarify that a student-athlete’s decision to opt out of participation by October 1 2020, does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal from the team.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.4, as follows:

15.5.4 Reduction and Cancellation during Period of Award.

15.5.4.1 Reduction or Cancellation Permitted. Athletics aid may be reduced or canceled during the period of the award, if the recipient:
[15.5.4.1-(a) through 15.5.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

(d) Voluntarily withdraws from a sport at any time for personal reasons; however, the recipient’s athletics aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the term in which the aid was reduced or canceled. Further, if the athletics aid is canceled before a regular academic term (e.g., preseason practice period), the aid may not be provided to another student-athlete during the ensuing academic term [See Bylaw 15.5.4.3-(c) for a student-athlete who opts out of countable athletically related activities by October 1, 2020, due to concerns about contracting COVID-19].

[15.5.4.1.1 through 15.5.4.1.3 unchanged.]

[15.5.4.2 unchanged.]

15.5.4.3 Reduction or Cancellation Not Permitted. Athletics aid may not be decreased or canceled during the period of its award:

[15.5.4.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Because of an injury, illness or physical or mental medical condition (except as permitted pursuant to Bylaw 15.5.4.1); or

(c) Because a student-athlete, by October 1, 2020, chooses to opt out of countable athletically related activities during the 2020-21 academic year due to concerns about contracting COVID-19; or

[15.5.4.3-(c) relettered as 15.5.4.3-(d), unchanged.]

[15.5.4.3.1 through 15.5.4.3.3 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate (applies retroactively), for any athletics aid agreements signed for the 2020-21 academic year only.

Additional Information:

During its August 4 meeting, the NCAA Board of Governors issued several directives related to the conduct of fall 2020 sports in the areas of health and safety, student-athlete well-being and the status of fall championships that needed to be addressed by the governance structure in each division. The Board of Governors directives specified that all student-athletes must be provided an opportunity to opt out of participation due to concerns about contracting COVID-19, and if a student-athlete chooses to opt out, the individual’s athletics scholarship commitment must be honored. The Board of Governors’ directive only applies to a student-athlete who opts out of countable athletically related activities due to COVID-19 concerns. An institution may still require a student-athlete receiving athletics aid who opts out of CARA to participate in noncountable activities such as study hall or medical treatments. Financial aid may also be canceled or reduced for non-COVID-19 reasons in accordance with other NCAA Bylaw 15 provisions.
Appendix D

Convention Voting Procedures

The following terms and procedures involved in voting at NCAA Conventions have been reviewed by the Association’s parliamentarian.

Significant Terms

1. **Vote Announcement** - After a paddle, roll-call or secret ballot vote, the chair announces the vote and states whether the motion passed or failed.
2. **Retake a Vote** - A retake occurs when a paddle vote is taken again or when a paddle vote is counted. A retake may occur before the statement of the next question. After the statement of the next question, a motion to reconsider must be used to retake a vote. During a retake, voters may change their votes and new eligible voters may participate. A retake motion would be considered dilatory and, therefore, denied after a roll-call vote and out of order after a secret-ballot vote unless it is clear that the question was misunderstood or that fraud had occurred.
3. **Change a Vote** - In a paddle vote, a vote may be changed if a retake occurs or by rising for that purpose before the result is announced by the chair. After the announcement of the vote, but before the next question is stated, a change may be made only by permission of the assembly by a majority vote after a nondebatable motion. In a roll-call vote, a change may occur before closing the polls or the polls may be reopened to change a vote before the statement of the next question. In a secret-ballot vote, no change may be made once the ballot is cast. After the statement of the next question following a roll-call vote and after a vote is cast in a secret ballot, a vote change can occur only through a successful motion to reconsider.
4. **Recount a Vote** - This applies only to a secret-ballot vote. The ballots simply are counted again as cast and can be ordered only by a majority vote of the assembly.
5. **Closing the Polls** - For roll-call and secret-ballot votes, the polls are opened when the chair calls for the vote. When the chair has ascertained that all who so desire have voted or have changed their votes, the chair will state that the polls are closed. If there is disagreement on closing the polls, they may be closed by a two-thirds vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, the polls may be reopened before the statement of the next question by majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, however, the chair will move to the next item on the agenda.
6. **Statement of Next Question** - When a new motion is made and seconded, the chair will announce that “The motion before you is.... Is there any discussion?” This is the statement of the next question and ends the opportunity to retake a vote or reopen the polls in regard to the preceding question.
7. **Reconsideration** - After the statement of the next question, only one motion to reconsider any foregoing question may be made before adjournment of the Convention by any member that voted on the prevailing side in the original consideration. Reconsideration of a vote taken in a division or subdivision business session must occur in that division’s or subdivision’s business...
session, except that such reconsideration also may occur during a designated period at the beginning of the general business session.

**Voting Procedures**

1. **Paddle Voting**
   a. The chair calls for a vote by paddles, and determines the result by sound or sight from the dais.
   b. The chair may retake the vote if there is doubt.
   c. The chair must have the vote counted if requested by a voting delegate. The chair also may choose to retake a paddle vote and have it counted by hand or by the wireless voting system.
   d. During a retake, new voters may participate or votes may be changed. Vote changes also may occur before the result is announced by the chair.
   e. A retake will not be permitted after the next question has been stated. A request to retake a counted vote will be regarded as dilatory by the chair and will not be allowed.

2. **Roll-Call Voting (by Wireless Voting System)**
   a. A roll-call vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, following a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a secret-ballot and a roll-call vote are moved, the assembly votes first on whether or not to vote by roll call. A motion to conduct a secret ballot on an issue designated for roll call by the Presidents Councils will be considered out of order.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for a roll-call vote by use of wireless voting system.
   c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to has voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that polls are closed.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new votes, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a majority.

3. **Ballot Voting (Secret Ballot)**
   a. A secret ballot may be ordered by the assembly before, during or after any ordinary vote (but before the next question is stated) by a majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall ask for the vote by wireless voting system. Votes will be tallied electronically, but only a summary printout of results will be reported.
   c. After the chair determines that all who wish to vote have voted, the polls shall be closed. A vote change shall not be permitted once the vote is cast.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. Once the next question is stated by the chair, the polls may not be reopened for a new vote on the prior issue.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.
# NCAA Governance Structure

**Board of Governors**

Chair - John DeGioia

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