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## **LEGISLATION**



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## Official Notice

### 118th 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 118th Annual Convention scheduled January 10 through 13, 2024.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2024 NCAA Convention. This publication is provided to the chancellor or president, director of athletics, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative and senior woman administrator at each active NCAA Division III 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 III business session of the 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 attending the Convention. **It is particularly important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Association-wide and Division III Convention legislation.**

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

We hope you will join delegates from all divisions at the NCAA State of College Sports Wednesday afternoon.

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2024 NCAA Convention. We look forward to seeing you.

Linda A. Livingstone, President  
Baylor University  
Chair, NCAA Board of Governors  
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Chair, Division II Presidents Council

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Chair, Division III Presidents Council

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## Accrediting of Delegates

Association policy provides that the appointment of accredited and visiting delegates is the responsibility of the chancellor or president of each member institution or organization. **A link to the appointment of delegate website was emailed to the chancellor or president of all member institutions and organizations.**

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

Please note that the governance structure of each division urges member institutions to include individuals who identify as female in their NCAA Convention delegations.

An institution's or organization's chancellor or president 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 discretion.

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

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

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

At the Convention, each individual representing a member institution or conference who registers will receive an orange Convention badge designating the individual as a delegate. In addition, each president and chancellor will receive a badge with a purple color designation signifying their professional title. Speakers and presenters for education sessions will receive badges with a lime color designation. Convention vendors will receive badges with a teal color designation. Media will receive badges with a red color designation. Individuals attending the Convention as a visitor will receive a badge with a goldenrod color designation.

Voting delegates receive red lanyards and alternate delegates receive blue lanyards. Other delegates with speaking rights receive green lanyards. Delegates without speaking rights and other observers receive white lanyards.

The Convention registration fee for NCAA members was \$325 for all delegates who registered on or before Wednesday, October 11, and \$450 for all delegates who register before Sunday, November 26. Member registration fees on or after November 27 are \$600.

The registration fee includes all NCAA Convention programming in addition to one ticket for the welcome reception, the delegates reception and breakfasts. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$40 on a first-come, first-served basis. Available tickets can be reserved during the Convention registration process.

## Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was made available to the membership in mid-October. An online registration process was also made available for event registration and hotel reservations. If there is anything further the NCAA can do to facilitate your attendance at the Association's 2024 Convention, please call upon us.

Please note that the Convention schedule of events is available on the NCAA website ([www.ncaa.org/convention](http://www.ncaa.org/convention)). In addition, the Convention program (available through the Convention app) contains the most up-to-date schedule of meetings held in conjunction with the Convention.

The Convention officially begins at the Convention welcome and awards presentation when it convenes at 5 p.m., Mountain Standard time, Wednesday, January 10. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Saturday, January 13.

## Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 118th Annual Convention begin on Page No. 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

**It is important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice to the Convention, inasmuch as the Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Convention legislation for the 2024 Convention.**

In accordance with the provisions of NCAA Division III Bylaw 9.3, an amendment to the Association's legislation may be proposed by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council, the Division III Management Council, 20 or more active Division III member institutions eligible to vote on the matter or two member conferences. The source is indicated in each proposal. When the Presidents Council or Management Council proposes an amendment originally recommended by a committee, the committee is indicated as well.

Please note that the Management and Presidents Councils are authorized to provide during division or general business sessions information detailing positions on key legislative proposals.

## Amendments-to-Amendments

In Division III, all amendments submitted by the membership in accordance with the July 15 deadline were published in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website by August 15. Sponsors of those proposals were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. In the interim, the Division III Presidents Council and Management Council had until September 1 to submit its legislative proposals. All properly sponsored proposals were provided to the membership by September 23 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Division III Presidents Council and Management Council, any 20 active Division III member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue or two member conferences 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 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. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2024 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council and distributed before or during the business session.

## Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the NCAA 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 Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division III. These rulings are subject to review by the Division III membership upon the request of any member in accordance with Bylaw 9.4.1.4. Any Division III 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 Jeff Myers, [jmyers@ncaa.org](mailto:jmyers@ncaa.org) and/or Sarah Turner [sturner@ncaa.org](mailto:sturner@ncaa.org) before 1 p.m. on the day before the Division III business session of the Convention.

## Emergency Amendments Adopted by the Presidents and Management Councils

The Presidents Council by at least three-fourths majority of its members present and voting 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 or when significant values or harm are at stake and the use of the regular legislative cycle is likely to cause undue hardship to the Association or the Division III membership because of the delay in its effective date. Emergency legislation must be ratified by the

Division III membership at the next regularly scheduled NCAA Convention. The emergency legislation adopted by the Presidents Council in 2023 appears in Appendix A.

## **Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division III Manual**

The Interpretations and Legislation Committee is authorized to recommend interpretations to be incorporated in the Division III Manual. Such incorporations are approved by the Division III Management Council and are printed in Appendix B in the Official Notice of the Convention.

## **Noncontroversial Amendments Adopted by the Presidents and Management Councils**

The Management Council and Presidents Council are 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 Bylaws 21.10.2-(d), 21.11.3-(d) and 9.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the council. The council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under its authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council or Presidents Council in 2023 appear in Appendix C. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these amendments.

## **Modifications of Wording Adopted by the Management Council**

The Management Council is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, proposals that are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation when sufficient documentation and testimony exist to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent, per Bylaw 9.4.1.1.1. That authorization requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Management Council. The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under this authorization. The modifications adopted by the Management Council in 2023 appear in Appendix D. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these actions.

## **Order of Business**

The NCAA Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation of the 118th annual Convention will begin at 5 p.m., Mountain Standard time, Wednesday, January 10. The State of College Sports remarks by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

At the Division III business session, the various proposals will be taken up in their numerical order, unless that order is changed at the Convention. All proposals are designated for a roll call vote. The provisions of Bylaw 9.1.1.8 specify that federated legislation pertaining to a single division or more than a single division of the Association may be acted upon by the appropriate divisions during the separate division business sessions.

Amendments for the annual Convention will be presented as indicated on page x. For convenience of reference, an index (Appendix E) lists the proposals in the order in which they would appear in the constitution and bylaws in the Division III Manual.

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed. The membership will 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 become moot.

## **Voting Procedures**

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Bylaw 9.1.1.2.2. Each voting delegate, when registering, receives a "voting paddle" for use in indicating the institution's vote when the chair calls for a "paddle" vote. Voting delegates receive paddles of different colors to indicate their division status.

The Association uses an electronic voting system for roll call and general votes. Upon registering for the Convention, each voting delegate receives a voting unit identification card that has been coded for that member institution or conference. The voting delegate must show the voting unit identification card contained in the registration envelope to obtain an electronic voting unit during the business session. The delegate will insert the voting unit identification card into the voting unit. The voting unit becomes active when the voting unit identification card is inserted. Voting unit identification cards are specifically coded for each member institution or conference; therefore, it is important to confirm you are using the correct voting unit identification card.

To place a vote, the delegate will press (1) to support, (2) to oppose and (3) to abstain. The number the delegate chooses will appear on the screen of the voting unit until the vote is received by the system. The delegate may change their vote prior to the vote closing by pressing a second number. The voting results will be displayed on the screens following each vote.

The voting unit identification card and the voting unit should be left at the delegate's chair at the conclusion of the business session or promptly returned to the Convention registration desk.

Amendments to federated provisions are voted on by divisions, with a majority vote required for approval. In such instances (federated provisions), each division is committed to the result of its counted vote.

Delegates are urged to register and receive their voting materials before the NCAA State of College Sports which begins at 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 10. In addition, all voting in the division business sessions shall be by show of paddles or by electronic roll call votes, rather than by voice or hand.

## 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 we have lost in the last year. Your assistance is needed to create a complete and accurate memorial list of current and former staff members or current student-athletes who passed away in 2023. Click [here](#) to enter the names of any individuals from your conference or institution you would like **to honor in this manner**. The deadline for submitting names is Friday, December 15. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Lawrence at [mlawrence@ncaa.org](mailto:mlawrence@ncaa.org)

## Administrative Structure

Rosters of the NCAA Board of Governors and Division III Presidents Council and Management Council are listed in Appendix H.

## Request for Interpretations

Division III 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 in the national office not later than Friday, November 24, 2023. Requests will be considered by the Interpretations and Legislation Committee and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division III Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting. The resulting interpretations will be distributed to the conferences before the beginning of the business session.

TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 118th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Topical Groupings

<i>Proposal Number</i>	<i>General Topic</i>
1	Presidents Council Grouping
2 through 4	General Grouping

# 118th Annual Convention

## 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 III legislation.

## DIVISION III LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

Such legislative proposals developed by the Division III Management Council or by Division III committees reporting to it must be submitted to the Division III Presidents Council for review. They cannot be placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention unless the Presidents Council agrees to sponsor them. Legislative proposals of an operational nature may be sponsored by the Management Council and placed on the agenda for consideration at the Convention.

The Division III Presidents Council has identified one proposal that it believes is of particular interest to Division III chancellors or presidents and has included it in the Presidents Council grouping.

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## Presidents Council Grouping

### No. 2024-1 (2-3) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- AMEND THE DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

**Intent:** To revise the Division III Philosophy Statement.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.11, as follows:

[Roll Call]

#### 20.11 Division III Membership Requirements.

##### *DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT*

~~Colleges and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience and in which coaches play a significant role as educators. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.~~

~~To achieve this end, Division III institutions:~~

- ~~(a) Expect that institutional presidents and chancellors have the ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program at the institutional, conference and national governance levels;~~
- ~~(b) Place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators and place greater emphasis on the internal constituency (e.g., students, alumni, institutional personnel) than on the general public and its entertainment needs;~~
- ~~(c) Shall not award financial aid to any student on the basis of athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance;~~
- ~~(d) Primarily focus on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year, undergraduate experience;~~
- ~~(e) Encourage the development of sportsmanship and positive societal attitudes in all constituents, including student-athletes, coaches, administrative personnel and spectators;~~
- ~~(f) Encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of sport offerings for their students through broad-based athletics programs;~~
- ~~(g) Assure that the actions of coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes;~~
- ~~(h) Assure that athletics participants are not treated differently from other members of the student body;~~
- ~~(i) Assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in nonathletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience;~~
- ~~(j) Assure that athletics programs support the institution's educational mission by financing, staffing and controlling the programs through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution. Further, the administration of an institution's athletics program (e.g., hiring, compensation, professional development, certification of coaches) should be integrated into the campus culture and educational mission;~~
- ~~(k) Assure that athletics recruitment complies with established institutional policies and procedures applicable to the admission process;~~
- ~~(l) Exercise institutional and/or conference autonomy in the establishment of initial and continuing eligibility standards for student-athletes;~~
- ~~(m) Assure that academic performance of student-athletes is, at a minimum, consistent with that of the general student body;~~
- ~~(n) Assure that admission policies for student-athletes comply with policies and procedures applicable to the general student body;~~
- ~~(o) Provide equitable athletics opportunities for student-athletes and give equal emphasis to men's and women's sports;~~
- ~~(p) Support ethnic and gender diversity for all constituents;~~

- ~~(q) Give primary emphasis to regional in-season competition and conference championships; and~~
- ~~(r) Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach high levels of athletics performance, which may include opportunities for participation in national championships, by providing all teams with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities.~~

~~The purpose of the NCAA is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual institutions to determine their own special objectives and programs. The above statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.~~

#### **20.11.1 DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT.**

**The purpose of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual members to determine their own unique objectives and programs. The philosophy statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.**

**(a) Division III members affirm the purposes and fundamental policy of the NCAA, as set forth in Constitution Article I with emphasis on:**

- (1) Division III members shall establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's activities are conducted with the appropriate primary emphasis on the student-athlete's academic experience.**
- (2) Division III intercollegiate athletics shall be conducted in a manner designed to protect, support and enhance the physical and mental health and safety of student-athletes.**
- (3) Division III members shall be committed to the creation of diverse and inclusive environments with respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person.**
- (4) Division III athletics shall be conducted in a manner free of gender bias.**

**(b) NCAA Constitution Article 2 establishes the independent authority of Division III to organize itself and determine its own governing structure and membership.**

- (1) Institutional presidents and chancellors have the ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of Division III intercollegiate athletics at the national, conference and institutional levels.**
- (2) Institutional and conference members determine policy at the national level through the Division III governance and legislative processes.**
- (3) Key institution and conference constituents who play an integral role in the governance and operation of Division III at the national, conference and institutional levels include, but are not limited to athletics direct reports, athletics diversity and inclusion designees, athletics health care administrators, coaches, conference commissioners, directors of athletics, faculty athletics representatives, presidents and chancellors, senior compliance administrators, senior woman administrators, and student-athletes.**

**(c) Division III members abide by the following principles that help to define and distinguish the division and its policies and legislation.**

**(1) Student-Athlete Collegiate Experience.**

- (i) Seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of their educational experience.**
- (ii) Assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in nonathletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience.**

**(2) Student-Athlete Athletics Experience.**

- (i) Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach the highest levels of athletics performance, with a primary emphasis on conference and regional competition, while providing access to national championships.**
- (ii) Prioritize the experience of the participants, and the internal constituency (e.g., students, alumni, institutional personnel) rather than on the entertainment needs of spectators or the general public.**

(iii) Develop and maintain an environment that promotes sportsmanship and a positive culture for student-athletes, coaches, and administrative personnel, recognizing the role intercollegiate athletics can play in human development. Ensure spectators contribute to a positive sporting experience in support of all participants.

**(3) Member Responsibility and Oversight.**

(i) Encourage participation and provide equitable opportunities with support for gender and ethnic/racial diversity. Give equal emphasis to men's and women's sports.

(ii) The administration of an institution's athletics program (e.g., hiring, compensation, professional development, certification of coaches) should be integrated into the campus culture and educational mission.

(iii) Assure all teams are provided with appropriate facilities, competent coaching and competitive opportunities.

(iv) Assure student-athletes are treated similarly to the student-body in areas that include, but are not limited to, admissions, enrollment, financial aid, academic and career support, academic performance, and degree completion.

[20.11.1 through 20.11.4 renumbered as 20.11.2 through 20.11.5, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Strategic Planning and Finance Committee)]

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

**Rationale:** The Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group and the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee have collaborated with the Division III governance structure and membership over the last year to examine and revise the division's philosophy statement to better reflect Division III's unique values and positioning in today's intercollegiate athletics landscape. That collaboration included multiple opportunities for membership review and input that informed the working group and committee's deliberations. The proposed philosophy statement considers the elements already contained in the NCAA Constitution while articulating fundamental principles of the division. The proposed statement also attempts to address the balance between the division's philosophy versus its operating bylaws.

**Budget Impact:** None.

No. 2024-1-1 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- AMEND THE DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT - ADD FOCUS ON UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

**Intent:** To amend Proposal No. 2024-1 to add in language from the current philosophy statement regarding the focus of Division III athletics on the four-year undergraduate experience.

**Bylaws:** Amend Proposal No. 2024-1, 20.11, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.11 Division III Membership Requirements.

[20.11-(a) through 20.11-(r) unchanged.]

20.11.1 DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT.

The purpose of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual members to determine their own unique objectives and programs. The philosophy statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

[20.11.1-(a) through 20.11.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Division III members abide by the following principles that help to define and distinguish the division and its policies and legislation.

(1) Student-Athlete Collegiate Experience.

**(i) Primarily focus on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year undergraduate experience.**

(# ii) Seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of their educational experience.

(# iii) Assure that student-athletes are supported in their efforts to meaningfully participate in nonathletic pursuits to enhance their overall educational experience.

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

(i) Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach the highest levels of athletics performance, with a primary emphasis on conference and regional competition, while providing access to national championships.

[20.11.1-(c)-(2)-(ii) through 20.11.1-(c)-(2)-(iii) unchanged.]

[20.11.1-(c)-(3) unchanged.]

[20.11.1 through 20.11.4 renumbered as 20.11.2 through 20.11.5, unchanged.]

**Source:** Middle Atlantic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

**Rationale:** Division III institutions place an emphasis on the well-rounded development of our student-athletes. Maintaining a philosophy that focuses on the four-year undergraduate experience as the core population of student-athletes aligns athletics appropriately with the functions of our institutions, while still allowing flexibility as is now permitted under the rules.

**Budget Impact:** None.

No. 2024-1-2 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- AMEND THE DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT - PRECLUDE ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID

**Intent:** To amend Proposal No. 2024-1 to retain the language from the current philosophy statement regarding awarding of financial aid to student-athletes. The proposed amendment adds the language precluding athletically related aid into the proposed new philosophy statement.

**Bylaws:** Amend Proposal No. 2024-1, 20.11, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.11 Division III Membership Requirements.

[20.11-(a) through 20.11-(r) unchanged.]

20.11.1 DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT.

The purpose of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent, equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of individual members to determine their own unique objectives and programs. The philosophy statement articulates principles that represent a commitment to Division III membership and shall serve as a guide for the preparation of legislation by the division and for planning and implementation of programs by institutions and conferences.

[20.11.1-(a) through 20.11.1-(c) unchanged.]

[20.11.1-(c)-(1) through 20.11.1-(c)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) Member Responsibility and Oversight.

(i) Encourage participation and provide equitable opportunities with support for gender and ethnic/racial diversity. Give equal emphasis to men's and women's sports.

(ii) The administration of an institution's athletics program (e.g., hiring, compensation, professional development, certification of coaches) should be integrated into the campus culture and educational mission.

(iii) Assure all teams are provided with appropriate facilities, competent coaching and competitive opportunities.

(iv) Assure student-athletes are treated similarly to the student-body in areas that include, but are not limited to, admissions, enrollment, financial aid, academic and career support, academic performance, and degree completion.

**(v) Assure that financial aid is not awarded to any student on the basis of athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance.**

[20.11.1 through 20.11.4 renumbered as 20.11.2 through 20.11.5, unchanged.]

**Source:** Middle Atlantic Conference and North Coast Athletic Conference.

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

**Rationale:** A bedrock tenet of DIII that sets us apart within collegiate athletics is that financial aid is not awarded based on athletics participation, ability, or leadership. Preserving this principle in the philosophy solidifies our commitment to maintaining a student-first environment and prevents future changes from fundamentally altering the DIII model.

**Budget Impact:** None.

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## General Grouping

No. 2024-2 (2-1)

### AMENDMENT-TO-AMENDMENT DEADLINE

**Intent:** To amend the Amendment-to-Amendment Deadline to provide the sponsors of membership proposals more flexibility, and time to amend its proposal. Specifically, the deadline for sponsors of the original proposal to submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification of its proposals would be changed from Sep. 15 to Nov. 1. This extension provides adequate time for its inclusion in the Final Notice.

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

[Roll Call]

#### 9.3 Amendment Process.

##### 9.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

[9.3.1.1 through 9.3.1.2 unchanged.]

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

[9.3.2 through 9.3.4 unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. ~~Sponsors of proposed amendments must submit amendments to their original amendments in writing and such amendments to amendments must be received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original.~~ Any amendment-to-amendment submitted ~~after September 15~~ **by those other than the original sponsors** shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention.

[9.3.4.2.2.1 unchanged.]

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

[9.3.4.2.3 unchanged.]

[9.3.5 through 9.3.12 unchanged.]

**Source:** Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference and Empire 8.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2024

**Rationale:** A great deal of proposal dialogue occurs after the current amendment deadline of Sep. 15. The goal of any proposal is to strengthen our operating policies and providing more time to enhance legislation would be positive for the greater good and ensure that the strongest version of a proposal is brought forward for convention.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Position Statement(s):** *NCAA Division III Management Council (Interpretations and Legislation Committee):* The Management Council and the Interpretations and Legislation Committee support this proposal. This proposal provides appropriate flexibility within the legislative process to consider input and offer appropriate amendments to sponsored proposals.

No. 2024-3 (2-4) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS -- SPORTS SPONSORSHIP  
-- REDUCE MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS IN TENNIS FROM SIX TO FOUR

**Intent:** To change the minimum number of participants required in tennis from six to four to have consistency between the membership requirements and the playing rules.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.11.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.11.3.8 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 the varsity programs of 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-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

Team Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants	Individual Sports	Minimum Contests	Minimum Participants
Acrobatics and Tumbling	6	18	Bowling	8	5
Beach Volleyball	8		Cross Country	5	5
Baseball	25		Fencing	8	5
Basketball	18		Golf	6	4
Field Hockey	12		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Football	7		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Ice Hockey	18		Rifle	6	4
Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	8		Swimming and Diving	8	8
Women's Rugby	8		Tennis	10	<del>4</del> 6
Soccer	13		Track and Field, Indoor	5	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	6	12
Volleyball	17		Women's Triathlon	4	3
Water Polo	13		Wrestling, Men's	7	6
			Wrestling, Women's	7	6

(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.11.3.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 14 and Bylaw 17.)

[20.11.3.8.1 through 20.11.3.8.11 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

**Rationale:** A tennis match can be won with only four participants competing (two doubles teams who also compete as four singles players). During COVID, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) put in place a temporary minimum requirement that adjusted the required number of players down to only four to accommodate teams that were short on players due to circumstances outside of their control. In August 2022, the ITA officially adopted the minimum of four as a permanent change to its playing rules. This proposal will create consistency and reduce confusion by aligning the current sport sponsorship legislation with the current playing rules. In addition, amending the legislation to match the playing rules would positively impact the student-athletes as it would allow a team to still compete even if it has only four available student-athletes for any number of reasons (e.g., class schedule, sickness, injury).

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Intent:** To add stunt as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

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

[Roll Call]

17 Playing and Practice Seasons.

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.13 Varsity Intercollegiate Sport. A varsity intercollegiate sport is a sport that has been accorded that status by the institution's president or chancellor or committee responsible for intercollegiate athletics policy and that satisfies the following conditions:

[17.02.13-(a) through 17.02.13-(c) unchanged.]

17.02.13.1 Team Sports. The following are classified as team sports for purposes of this bylaw:

Acrobatics and Tumbling	Rugby, Women's
Beach Volleyball, Women's	Rowing, Women's
Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Field Hockey	<b><u>Stunt</u></b>
Football	Volleyball
Ice Hockey	Water Polo
Lacrosse	

[17.02.13.2 unchanged.]

[17.02.14 unchanged.]

[17.1 through 17.21 unchanged.]

**17.22 Stunt. Regulations for computing the stunt playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)**

**17.22.1 Length of Playing Season. (See Bylaw 17.1.2.3 for Sports with a Spring NCAA Championship, except for Golf, Rowing and Tennis.)**

**17.22.2 Preseason Practice. (See Bylaw 17.1.2.3)**

**17.22.3 First Date of Competition. (See Bylaw 17.1.2.3)**

**17.22.4 End of Playing Season. (See Bylaw 17.1.2.3)**

**17.22.5 Number of Dates of Competition.**

**17.22.5.1 Maximum Limitations-Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in stunt during the institution's stunt playing season to 14 dates of competition, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaw 17.22.5.3. Countable date of competition limitations apply separately to multiple teams (e.g., varsity, subvarsity and freshmen). For in-season foreign competition, see Bylaw 17.1.4.3.**

**17.22.5.2 Maximum Limitations-Student-Athlete. A student-athlete may participate each academic year in a maximum of 14 dates of competition during the institution's stunt playing season. This limitation includes those dates of competition in which the student-athlete represents the institution, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity and freshmen team of the institution in accordance with Bylaws 17.02.7 and 17.02.9.**

**17.22.5.3 Exemptions. (See Standard Exemptions set forth in Bylaw 17.1.4.5)**

**17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. (See Bylaw 17.1.5)**

[17.22 through 17.32 renumbered as 17.23 through 17.33, unchanged.]

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

[Roll Call]

20 Division Membership.

[20.01 through 20.02 unchanged.]

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

(a) Team Sports. Acrobatics and tumbling, ~~and~~ rugby **and stunt**; and

[20.02.6-(b) unchanged.]

[20.02.6.1 unchanged.]

[20.02.7 unchanged.]

[20.1 through 20.11 unchanged.]

20.11.3 Sports Sponsorship. A member institution shall sponsor in Division III a minimum number of sports based on institutional enrollment. At least one sport involving an all-male team or a mixed team and at least one sport involving an all-female team shall be conducted in every sport season. All sports used to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements must meet the minimum contest and participant requirements per Bylaw 20.11.3.8.

[20.11.3.1 through 20.11.3.7 unchanged.]

20.11.3.8 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 the varsity programs of 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-contests requirement. The following minimums are applicable:

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Basketball	18		Golf	6	4
Field Hockey	12		Men's Gymnastics	6	6
Football	7		Women's Gymnastics	6	5
Ice Hockey	18		Rifle	6	4
Lacrosse	10		Skiing	5	5
Women's Rowing	8		Swimming and Diving	8	8
Women's Rugby	8		Tennis	10	6
Soccer	13		Track and Field, Indoor	5	10
Softball	24		Track and Field, Outdoor	6	12
<b><u>Stunt</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>16</u></b>	Women's Triathlon	4	3
Volleyball	17		Wrestling, Men's	7	6

Water Polo	13	Wrestling, Women's	7	6
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(Note: The minimum-contest requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.11.3.8 apply only to the provisions of this section and do not apply to minimum-contest requirements in Bylaw 14 and Bylaw 17.)  
 [20.11.3.8.1 through 20.11.3.8.11 unchanged.]

[20.11.3.9 through 20.11.3.10 unchanged.]  
 [20.11.4 unchanged.]  
 [20.12 through 20.15 unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).  
**Effective Date:** August 1, 2024

**Rationale:** The sport continues to grow at the club, high school and collegiate levels, and the proposal is supported by the sport's national governing body. Further, the cost of sponsoring the sport is low and provides an opportunity for enriching member institutions' enrollment management strategies. Stunt provides opportunities for participants with diverse sport backgrounds (e.g., powerlifting, gymnastics) and female sport administrators, coaches, and officials. The sport's national governing body demonstrated that current stunt programs are fully integrated into institutional athletics departments as stand-alone programs, that the experience of a stunt student-athlete is comparable to the experience of student-athletes who compete in NCAA sports, and the sport's organizational structure and rules are consistent with NCAA values and legislation.

**Budget Impact:** Based on institutional sponsorship of the sport.

## **Emergency Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council**

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 9.3.1.1.2, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council is permitted to adopt emergency legislative amendments 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 report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2024 NCAA Division III business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of this action and incorporation in the 2024-25 NCAA Division III manual. If a delegate objects to the incorporation of the amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

There is no Emergency Legislation submitted for approval during the 2024 NCAA Convention.

## Interpretations to be Included in the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual

In accordance with its authority to recommend incorporation of interpretations in the next printing of the NCAA Division III Manual, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee has recommended, and the NCAA Division III Management Council has approved inclusion of the following in the Division III Manual. This will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2024 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute 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 report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretation.

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 membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2024-25 Division III Manual and subsequent Division III Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation will still be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the 2024-25 Division III Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Management Council, the provisions of Bylaw 9.4.1.4 also would apply (i.e., any Division III member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the Division III business session by making such a request in writing to the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff or the Association's Convention office prior to 1 p.m. on the day preceding the Division III business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Bylaw 9.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2024-25 Division III Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2024-25 Division III Manual as noted.

There is one Incorporation of Interpretation submitted for approval during the 2024 NCAA Convention.

### NO. I-2024-1 RECRUITING -- PRECOLLEGE EXPENSES -- FUNDRAISING FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM -- ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT STAFF

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.14.1, as follows:

13.14.1.2 Fundraising for High School Athletics Program. An institution may not provide funding, directly or through paid advertisements, to benefit a high school athletics program. [D]

[13.14.1.2.1 through 13.14.1.2.2 unchanged.]

**13.14.1.2.3 Involvement by Athletics Department Staff. An athletics department staff member may assist in fundraising for their former high school or if a family member is currently enrolled at the high school, for a high school program (e.g., athletics department, band, swim team), provided:**

- (a) The athletics staff member acts independently of the institution (e.g., no donation of institutional items, no publicity of the athletics staff member's donation or presence at an event);**
- (b) The funds are distributed through channels established by the high school or the organization conducting the fundraising activity; and**
- (c) The funds are not earmarked for a specific prospective student-athlete.**

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

The incorporation of this official interpretation clarifies that athletics department staff members may donate in the same way local representatives of an institution's athletics interests, provided the donation is to the staff member's former high school or to a high school that a family member is currently enrolled at or attending. Incorporation of this

official interpretation ensures a consistent application of who can donate to high schools and when those donations are permitted to occur by institutional athletics staff.

## Noncontroversial Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 21.10.2-(d), 21.11.3-(d) and 9.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Management Council and Presidents Council are permitted to adopt such legislation if it is necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2024 NCAA Division III business session. Approval of the Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The NCAA Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

### NO. NC-2024-1 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- ONE CONTEST AGAINST A NATIONAL TEAM

**Intent:** To permit, for all sports, an institution to exempt one contest per year against a U.S. national team or the international equivalent during the team's traditional segment.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.4, as follows:

#### 17.1.4.5 Standard Contest or Date of Competition Exemptions.

17.1.4.5.1 Annual Exemptions. The maximum number of contests or dates of competition during the traditional segment shall exclude the following (see Figure 17-1):

[17.1.4.5.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Season-Ending Tournament. Competition in one season-ending tournament (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship). A season-ending tournament is one that involves competition after the end of the regular season between teams that are not identified until the close of that regular season;~~and~~

(c) Exhibitions, Scrimmages or Joint Practices. Competition in up to two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices against any opponent (see Bylaw 13.11.2.2 for competition against prospective student-athletes);

(d) Alumni Contest. An institution may exempt one contest or date of competition each year with an alumni team of the institution during any segment/period in all sports with the exception of football;~~and~~

**(e) National Team. An institution may exempt one contest or date of competition each year against any team as selected and designated by the appropriate national governing body for that sport as a national team (see Bylaw 14.7.3.1, for national-team criteria).**

[17.1.4.5.2 through 17.1.4.5.3 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** Cost of one additional contest in a year in which the exemption is used.

#### **Additional Information:**

Both Divisions I and II permit sport specific exemptions for competition against a U.S. national team. Division III student-athletes should receive the same opportunity to compete against national teams, which is already defined in Bylaw 14.7.3.1 (national-team criteria). Providing this opportunity to compete against a national team would enhance the student-athlete experience. Only competition against a national team falls under this exemption. Should an institution elect to compete against a national team and a separate outside team, competition against the outside team may be a countable contest or date of competition unless a separate annual exemption can be applied. Further, the opportunity to exempt the contest or date of competition should be provided to all sports.

NO. NC-2024-2 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- END SPRING PERIOD AT LEAST 5 WEEKDAYS BEFORE EXAMS

**Intent:** To specify that the football spring period (Bylaw 17.11.7) must be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.

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

17.11.7 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. (See Bylaw 17.1.5)

17.11.7.1 Exception. An institution is permitted to conduct conditioning and strength training sessions and limited skill instruction during a consecutive five-week period outside the playing season, as follows:

[17.11.7.1-(a) through 17.11.7.1-(f) unchanged.]

(g) The institution shall conclude all athletically related activities **not later than five weekdays before** by the first date of **its** final examinations for the regular academic year.

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

In 2010 the membership passed Proposal No. 2010-5 which established the end date for the nontraditional segment in the spring as five weekdays before the first day of exams. The rationale for the change recognized that the current end date for the non-traditional segment (which was the first date of the final exam period for the regular academic year) was, "not in the best interest of the student-athlete's academic pursuits and does not give the student-athletes sufficient time prior to final exams to focus on academics." The football spring period was not included in this proposal as it is not considered a "non-traditional segment" and the end date remains the day before the institution's final examination period. Football student-athletes should be granted the same opportunity to prepare for their final exams. This change establishes consistency between football and the end dates for all other fall and spring nontraditional segments and establishes a proper balance between student-athletes' academic pursuits and the institution's flexibility to conduct the spring period in football.

NO. NC-2024-3 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS -- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ELIMINATE ATTESTATION OF COMPLIANCE

**Intent:** To eliminate the attestation of compliance requirement for chancellors and presidents and for athletics directors.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 20.8, as follows:

20.8 Active Membership.

[20.8.1 through 20.8.3 unchanged.]

20.8.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[20.8.4.1 through 20.8.4.12 unchanged.]

*20.8.4.13 Chancellor or President Attestation of Compliance Obligations. An active member institution shall not be eligible to enter a team or individual competitors in an NCAA championship and shall be subject to removal from and/or ineligibility of individuals to serve on an NCAA board, council or committee unless its chancellor or president attests to understanding the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Bylaws 20.15 and 20.14.1 annually by October 15. [See Bylaw 31.2.1-(d)].*

[20.8.4.14 through 20.8.4.27 renumbered as 20.8.4.13 through 20.8.4.26, unchanged.]

[20.8.5 through 20.8.6 unchanged.]

**B. Administrative:** Amend 31.2, as follows:

31.2 Eligibility for Championships.

31.2.1 Institutional Eligibility. To be eligible to enter a team or an individual in NCAA championship competition, an institution shall recognize the sport involved as a varsity intercollegiate sport (see Bylaw 17.02.13) and shall:

[31.2.1-(a) through 31.2.1-(i) unchanged.]

[31.2.1.1 through 31.2.1.6 unchanged.]

31.2.1.7 Certification of Compliance -- Requirements. The institution's director of athletics shall certify that the following conditions have been satisfied. (See Bylaw 20.8.4.14)

[31.2.1.7.1 unchanged.]

~~31.2.1.7.2 Attestation of Compliance Obligations. The director of athletics attests to understanding the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Bylaw 20.15 and that all athletics department staff members (full-time, part-time, clerical, volunteer) are aware of the institutional obligations and personal responsibilities imposed by Bylaw 20.15 annually by October 15.~~

[31.2.1.7.3 through 31.2.1.7.5 renumbered as 31.2.1.7.2 through 31.2.1.7.4, unchanged.]

[31.2.1.8 through 31.2.1.10 unchanged.]

[31.2.2 through 31.2.3 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

The new Constitution addresses institutional responsibility to assure compliance. Requiring an attestation to this responsibility is redundant and an unnecessary administrative burden on institutions. As members of Division III, institutions understand and value their commitment to complying with the operating bylaws and policies and do not need to sign a form declaring that intent.

#### NO. NC-2024-4 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- CONVENTION AND MEETINGS -- VOTING METHODS -- ROLL CALL VOTING

**Intent:** To establish roll call voting as the default voting option for convention proposals.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 9.1.1.8.3, as follows:

9.1.1.8.3 Voting Methods. The methods of voting at an NCAA Convention shall be by voice, paddle, roll call and/or secret ballot, in accordance with the following procedures:

[9.1.1.8.3-(a) through 9.1.1.8.3-(d) unchanged.]

**9.1.1.8.3.1 Division III Convention Proposals. The method of voting on Division III legislative amendments or resolutions (that are not part of the consent package) at an NCAA Convention shall be by roll call, unless determined otherwise by the Presidents Council.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 21.10.2, as follows:

21.10.2 Duties and Responsibilities. The Presidents Council shall:

[21.10.2-(a) through 21.10.2-(e) unchanged.]

(f) ~~Identify,~~ **Determine** before the publishing of the notice of any Convention, **the voting method for** Division III proposals ~~for which a roll-call vote of the eligible voters may be required and designate during the Convention the roll-call votes that must occur~~ **(see Bylaw 9.1.1.8.3.1);**

[21.10.2-(g) through 21.10.2-(l) unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Currently, Presidents Council establishes the voting method for convention proposals. To implement roll call voting for the proposals, the council must take the affirmative step to approve such voting. Each year the Interpretations and Legislation Committee recommends roll call voting for the convention proposals, Management Council reviews and makes the recommendation to Presidents Council and Presidents Council reviews the request and approves the roll call voting. This proposal would eliminate the requirement for Presidents Council to take this action and rather, roll call voting would be the default process with Presidents Council only taking action if there was a request to do something other than roll call voting.

#### NO. NC-2024-5 ELIGIBILITY – SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION – PRACTICE WHILE WAIVER IS PENDING

**Intent:** To (1) permit a student-athlete to continue to practice but not compete, provided the institution has filed a season-of-participation waiver or hardship waiver request; and (2) specify that if a 10-semester-15/quarter, season-of-participation, or hardship waiver request is denied by the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff or conference office staff, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial, regardless of whether the institution ultimately appeals the decision.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Seasons of Participation: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate participation in any one sport (see Bylaw 14.2.4.1).

[14.2.1 through 14.2.2 unchanged.]

14.2.2.4 Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may approve waivers to the 10-semester/15-quarter rule as it deems appropriate.

[14.2.2.4.1 unchanged.]

14.2.2.4.2 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete, who has exhausted their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a 10-semester/15-quarter extension waiver request with the NCAA national office. **If the request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.**

[14.2.2.4.3 unchanged.]

[14.2.3 through 14.2.4 unchanged.]

14.2.5 Hardship Waiver. A student-athlete may be granted an additional year of participation (per Bylaw 14.2.4) by the conference or the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for reasons of "hardship." Hardship is defined as an incapacity resulting from a season-ending injury or illness that has occurred under all of the following conditions:

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

[14.2.5.1 through 14.2.5.3 unchanged.]

#### **14.2.5.4 Practice While Waiver is Pending.**

**A student-athlete, who has exhausted their seasons of participation but suffered a hardship during one or more of those seasons, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a hardship waiver request with the conference office or, in the case of an independent member institution, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. If the request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.**

14.2.6 Season-of-Participation Waiver – Participation While Ineligible. In conjunction with a request for restoration of eligibility and any conditions imposed thereon per Bylaw 14.12, a student-athlete may be granted an additional season of participation by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when they engaged in a limited amount of participation as a result of a good-faith, erroneous formal declaration of eligibility by the institution's appropriate certifying authority or a student-athlete's good-faith, erroneous reliance on a coaching staff member's decision to put the student-athlete into participation before the coaching staff member receiving a formal declaration of the student-athlete's eligibility from the institution's appropriate certifying authority. The participation must have occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.6-(a) through 14.2.6-(e) unchanged.]

[14.2.6.1 unchanged.]

#### **14.2.6.2 Practice While Waiver is Pending.**

**A student-athlete, who has exhausted their seasons of participation, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a season-of-participation waiver request. If such a request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.**

14.2.7 Season-of-Participation Waiver -- Participation While Eligible. A student-athlete may be granted an additional season of participation by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement when, due to extenuating circumstances (per Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2), the student-athlete, while eligible, engaged in a limited amount of participation. The participation must have occurred under all of the following conditions:

[14.2.7-(a) through 14.2.7-(b) unchanged.]

[14.2.7.1 unchanged.]

#### **14.2.7.2 Practice While Waiver is Pending.**

**A student-athlete, who has exhausted their seasons of participation, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a season-of-participation waiver request. If such a request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.**

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Currently, Division III legislation only addresses a student-athlete's ability to practice while a 10-semester/15-quarter extension waiver request is pending. The legislation should also apply to waiver requests processed by the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff or the conference office. This legislation would permit student-athletes who have exhausted their use of seasons of participation, a group who previously would not be permitted to practice, to continue to engage in practice activities while the waiver is pending. If the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff issues a denial decision on a season-of-participation waiver or the conference office issues a denial decision on a hardship waiver, the student-athlete must immediately cease all practice activities and may not continue to practice throughout the appellate process. The appellate process includes both appeals to the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff and appeals to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. Additionally, the committee confirmed that a student-athlete may not practice in the event that the institution files a hardship waiver appeal with the NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff.

NO. NC-2024-6 ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION -- COLLEGIATE ALL-STAR CONTESTS -- ELIMINATE PROHIBITION

**Intent:** To eliminate the prohibition on student-athletes competing in collegiate all-star contests.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.7, as follows:

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

[14.7.1 through 14.7.3 unchanged.]

~~14.7.4 Collegiate All-Star Contests. A student-athlete who competes as a member of a squad in any college all-star contest shall be denied further intercollegiate eligibility in that sport.~~

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

At its January 2023 meeting, the Division III Management Council approved the recommendation by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement for noncontroversial legislation specifying that a student-athlete who competes as a member of squad in any college all-star contest shall be eligible for intercollegiate competition in that sport subject to reinstatement. The Council also requested the Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC) review the prohibition generally to determine whether it is still necessary. In its review, ILC determined that a student-athlete's eligibility should not be impacted at all as a result of their participation in an all-star contest. Instead, a student-athlete's participation in an all-star contest should be treated in a similar manner as their participation in other outside competition.

**NO. NC-2024-7 COMMITTEES -- PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL AND RULES COMMITTEES -- DUTIES -- ELIMINATION OF COMMON RULES REQUIREMENT**

**Intent:** To eliminate the requirement that playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 21.1, as follows:

21.1 Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

[21.1.1 through 21.1.3 unchanged.]

21.1.4 Duties. The panel shall:

- (a) Oversee all NCAA playing rules committees. This includes approval of playing rules recommendations and oversight of other issues pertaining to playing rules;
- (b) Recommend the establishment and dissolution of the playing rules committees;
- (c) Monitor playing rules maintained outside the NCAA;
- (d) Be responsible for all research and communications pertaining to the administration of playing rules, including the advancement of budgetary recommendations from the playing rules committee and to ensure consistency among different sports, when appropriate (e.g., policies controlling fighting or abusive language);
- ~~(e) Review and act on requests from any division to exempt it from applying or delaying implementation of a playing rule for financial reasons;~~
- ~~(f e)~~ Review all playing rules changes pertaining to finances, safety and image of the game; and
- ~~(g f)~~ Oversee the selection process for secretary-rules editors, approve the selections of secretary-rules editors and review waiver requests for secretary-rules editor term limits.

[21.1.5 through 21.1.6 unchanged.]

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

21.3 Association-Wide Committees -- Rules Committees Without Championships Administration Responsibilities.

21.3.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.3.1.1 through 21.3.1.2 unchanged.]

21.3.1.3 Duties. Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. ~~These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.~~ Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel review.

[21.3.1.4 through 21.3.1.6 unchanged.]

[21.3.2 through 21.3.14 unchanged.]

**C. Bylaws:** Amend 21.4, as follows:

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

21.4.1 Selection, Composition, Duties, Term of Office and Operation.

[21.4.1.1 through 21.4.1.4 unchanged.]

21.4.1.5 Duties.

21.4.1.5.1 Rules of Play. Subject to the final authority of the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, each rules committee shall establish and maintain rules of play in its sport consistent with the sound traditions of the sport and of such character as to ensure good sportsmanship and safe participation by the competitors. ~~These playing rules shall be common for all divisions of the Association, and differences among the divisions shall not be permitted, except for the division-specific playing regulations developed to address significant financial impact and approved by the divisions and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.~~ Playing rules committees shall have the authority to permit rules experimentation in the nontraditional/nonchampionship season without the Playing Rules Oversight Panel approval. Experimentation in the regular season shall be subject to the Playing Rules Oversight Panel review.

[21.4.1.5.2 through 21.4.1.5.4 unchanged.]

[21.4.1.6 unchanged.]

[21.4.2 through 21.4.7 unchanged.]

**D. Administrative:** Amend 31.1.6, as follows:

~~31.1.6.3 Modifications to Non-NCAA Rules -- Consistency Among Divisions: Rules modifications for sports in which the Association does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions.~~

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

The new NCAA Constitution, which was adopted by the membership in January 2022 and is effective August 1, 2022, includes a provision that calls for flexibility at the divisional level in the establishing of the rules for sports competitions. This proposal is intended to effectuate the application of the flexibility required by the constitution. Rules committees and committees with both playing rules and championship administration responsibilities will be maintained as common committees (requiring inclusion of members from each applicable division). Maintaining the committees as such will encourage the establishment and maintenance of common rules insofar as it is prudent and appropriate. However, the committees will have the flexibility to establish differences in divisional playing rules as the divisions deem necessary. The process for recommending divisional differences in the playing rules would be determined by each division through its policies and procedures. The Playing Rules Oversight Panel would still have the authority to not approve recommendations that the panel determines would harm the image of the games, create an unsafe environment for student-athletes or place an unreasonable financial burden on the membership of a particular division. This proposal would enact the flexibility contemplated in the new NCAA constitution, but would maintain appropriate involvement of all divisions in order to balance the need for flexibility with the appropriate level of consistency among the divisions.

NO. NC-2024-8      COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- RESEARCH COMMITTEE

**Intent:** To eliminate the NCAA Research Committee.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.2, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

21.2 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.

[21.2.1 through 21.2.6 unchanged.]

~~21.2.7 Research Committee.~~

~~21.2.7.1 Composition: The Research Committee shall consist of 10 members, including four representatives from Division I, two each from Divisions II and III and two unallocated. In addition, three positions shall be allocated for men, three allocated for women and four unallocated. The membership of the committee shall consist of at least three athletics administrators and at least three faculty athletics representatives with appropriate research experience.~~

*21.2.7.2 Duties: The committee shall:*

- (a) Promote and encourage graduate student research on psychosocial aspects of intercollegiate athletics by administering the Association's Graduate Student Research Grant Program;*
- (b) Assist staff in the evaluation of data-sharing requests submitted by the membership, as needed;*
- (c) Study and make recommendations to the NCAA research staff and governance committees concerning opportunities for Association or collaborative research at the nexus of higher education and athletics;*
- (d) Confer with research staff on issues related to the research Review Board, its policies and standard operating procedures; and*
- (e) Monitor progress of the most significant research endeavors undertaken by the NCAA research staff at the behest of the Association.*

[21.2.8 through 21.2.10 renumbered as 21.2.7 through 21.2.9, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Board of Governors)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** Savings associated with elimination of committee operations.

**Additional Information:**

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The result of a preliminary review was a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Research Committee. Over time the work in this area has changed and is no longer necessary to serve the membership. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

**NO. NC-2024-9 ELIGIBILITY -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION, EFFECTS ON ELIGIBILITY -- DEFINING THE SEASON FOR OUTSIDE COMPETITION**

**Intent:** To establish that (1) for fall and spring championship sports, the outside competition prohibition only applies to the traditional segment; (2) for winter championship sports, the prohibition applies from the first contest to the last contest; and (3) to confirm no change to football and period sports.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.7, as follows:

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

14.7.1 Outside Competition. A student-athlete becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition in that sport until eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement if, after enrollment in college and during any year in which the student-athlete is a member of an intercollegiate squad or team, they compete or have competed as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., tournament play, exhibition games or other activity) during the institution's intercollegiate season in the sport (see Bylaw 14.7.3 for exceptions and waivers) unless restored to eligibility before that time by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. (See Bylaw 14.1.11, for student-athletes participating in a recognized foreign exchange/study abroad program).

**14.7.1.1 Defining Intercollegiate Season. For the purposes of defining when outside competition is prohibited, the institution's intercollegiate season will be defined as follows:**

- (a) Sports with Fall NCAA Championships. The season is the traditional segment. For football, the season is the traditional season.**
- (b) Sports with a Winter NCAA Championship.**  
**The season is the period of time between the date of the institution's first scheduled contest to the institution's final contest.**
- (c) Sports with Spring NCAA Championships, except for Golf, Rowing and Tennis. The season is the traditional segment.**

**(d) Period Sports (Golf, Rowing and Tennis). The season is from the institution's start date to the end date for each period.**

14.7.1.1.1 Additional Restriction – Men's and Women's Wrestling. In men's and women's wrestling, a student-athlete may compete outside of the institution's intercollegiate season as a member of an outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition, except during the period between the beginning of the institution's academic year and November 1. The number of student-athletes from any one institution shall not exceed the applicable limits set forth in Bylaw 17.31.2.

[14.7.1.3 renumbered as 14.7.1.4, unchanged.]

[14.7.2 through 14.7.3 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Student-athletes may compete as members of an outside team provided the competition does not occur during the institution's defined playing season in the sport. Under the new playing and practice season model adopted at the 2023 NCAA Convention and effective August 1, 2023, institutions have greater flexibility to conduct practices outside the traditional/championship segment, resulting in the "defined season" becoming more difficult to apply for purposes of understanding when student-athletes may engage in outside competition. This recommendation clarifies when student-athletes may engage in outside competition under the new structure: (1) for fall and spring championship sports (other than golf, rowing and tennis), student-athletes may engage in outside competition at any point outside the traditional segment; and (2) for winter championship sports, student-athletes may engage in outside competition at any time before the first contest and after the final contest. For period sports (golf, rowing and tennis), the periods are still clearly defined and therefore no change to the existing application is necessary (i.e., student-athletes may engage in outside competition at any time outside the institutional start and end date of the periods). This change ensures student-athletes will still have the opportunity for outside competition during the academic year.

NO. NC-2024-10 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL PLAYING-SEASON REGULATIONS -- CLARIFYING THE COUNTING OF DAYS FOR TRACK AND FIELD AND SWIMMING AND DIVING -- CONFIRMING THE DEFINITION OF A DAY.

**Intent:** (1) To establish that an institution that uses the exception allowing for the day off to be student-athlete specific would not be charged for more than six days per defined week; and (2) to confirm that the definition of a day used is consistent across winter sports, period sports and non-traditional segments.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.1, as follows:

17.1.1 Playing Season. An institution is permitted to conduct athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1.1) in each academic year only during the playing season as regulated for each sport in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw. The institution must conduct the same playing season for varsity and subvarsity teams in the same sport.

[17.1.1.1 through 17.1.1.4 unchanged.]

**17.1.1.5 Days. Any athletically related activity by any member of the team shall constitute the use of a day.**

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.4, as follows:

17.1.4 Practice, Contest and Dates of Competition Limitations.

17.1.4.1 Required Day Off, All Sports. During the playing season (see Bylaw 17.1.1), all athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per defined week (see Bylaw 17.1.2-(a)), except during the following:

[17.1.4.1-(a) through 17.1.4.1-(c) unchanged.]

17.1.4.1.1 Exception – Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor and Swimming and Diving. The required one calendar day off per defined week may apply individually to each student-athlete. **An institution that uses this exception will not be charged more than six days per defined week.**

[17.1.4.1.2 unchanged.]

[17.1.4.2 through 17.1.4.5 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that Proposal No. 2023-11, if adopted, would not change the application of Bylaw 17.1.4.1.1 which allows institutions to provide different days off during the week for swimming and diving and track and field student-athletes (in all other sports the day-off is the same for the entire team), and it would be reviewed to determine how to best account for these days under the new model. Upon review, it was concluded that if student-athletes are given different days off, then the team would not be charged more than six days per their defined week. This proposal would ensure that institutions using the exception for their track and field and swimming and diving teams can continue to minimize challenges such as limited facility availability and staffing concerns without having a negative impact to their use of days. In addition, the use of a day is already defined for the nontraditional segments for fall and spring and was inadvertently omitted for winter and period sports. This recommendation would apply the same definition to winter and period sports, thereby correcting that omission.

#### NO. NC-2024-11 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SKIING -- AMENDING THE START AND END DATES

**Intent:** To establish, for the sport of skiing, that the start date be October 15 and the end date be April 5 or the end of U.S. National Championships, whichever occurs later.

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

17.19 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. ~~(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)~~ **A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in skiing before October 15.**

17.19.3 First Date of Competition. ~~(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)~~ **A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition in skiing before October 15.**

17.19.4 End of Playing Season. ~~(See Bylaw 17.1.1.3.2.1)~~ **A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in skiing by April 5 or the end of U.S. Alpine National Championships, whichever occurs later.**

[17.19.5 through 17.19.6 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2023

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

Under the 19 weeks model, Division III ski programs structured their schedule to allow participation in the U.S. Alpine National Championships which occurs in early April and after the NCAA National Championship. With Proposal 2023-11, ski programs would have to end their seasons at NCAA selections thereby precluding participation in the U.S. Alpine National Championships. This proposal would ensure that skiing would not be detrimentally impacted by the new legislation by changing the end date to coincide with the end of the U.S. Alpine National Championships. However, to ensure that student-athletes have a structure to their season, this proposal would move the start date for skiing from September 7 back to October 15 to account for the additional time after NCAA selections. While the start and end days are being adjusted with this proposal, institutions will still be held to 114 days.

#### NO. NC-2024-12 COMMITTEE -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- ELIMINATE THE COMMITTEE ON SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

**Intent:** To eliminate the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.2, as follows:

~~21.2.7 Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, Committee on.~~

~~21.2.7.1 Composition: The Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct shall consist of 11 members. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility.~~

~~21.2.7.2 Duties: The committee shall be responsible for promoting sportsmanship and ethical conduct within the Association.~~

[21.2.8 through 21.2.9 renumbered as 21.2.7 through 21.2.8, unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** Savings associated with elimination of committee operations.

**Additional Information:**

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The continued review has resulted in a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct. The work associated with sportsmanship and ethical conduct has expanded so significantly that it has been supported and absorbed by the NCAA national office and other councils and committees in the divisional governance structures, which reflects the importance of sportsmanship and ethical conduct to the Association. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

NO. NC-2024-13 COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP -- FIGURE 21-2 -- UPDATE WOMEN'S ROWING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

**Intent:** To modify the composition of the NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Committee from six members (one member from each of the four regions plus two at-large positions) to four members (one member from each region).

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

21 Committees.

[21.02 through 21.13 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend Figure 21-2, as follows:

Figure 21.2 Committee Membership

**FIGURE 21-2**  
**Committee Membership**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>
Baseball Committee (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Basketball Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Basketball Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Field Hockey Committee	6, including one member from each area.
Football Committee (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	6, including one member from each area.
Golf Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	7, including one member from each area.
Golf Committee, Women's	5, including one member from each area.
Ice Hockey Committee, Men's	4, including two members from both the east and west areas (one administrator and one coach).
Ice Hockey Committee, Women's (Revised: 1/17/18 effective 8/1/19)	5, including three members from the east area and two members from the west area/Independents (one coach from each area).
Lacrosse Committee, Men's (Revised: 4/16/19 effective 8/1/19)	5, including one member from each area.
Lacrosse Committee, Women's (Revised: 1/23/19 effective 8/1/19)	7, including one member from each area.
Rowing Committee, Women's	<del>6</del> 4, including one member from each area.
Soccer Committee, Men's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Soccer Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Softball Committee, Women's (Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)	10, including one member from each area.
Swimming and Diving Committee, Men's and Women's (Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)	8, three members shall represent men's swimming and diving interests and four members shall represent women's swimming and diving interests with two positions allocated for a man and three allocated for a woman and two unallocated with one additional member representing diving interests.

**FIGURE 21-2**  
**Committee Membership**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>
Tennis Committee, Men's <i>(Revised 10/20/20 effective 9/1/21)</i>	8, including one member from each area.
Tennis Committee, Women's <i>(Revised 10/20/20 effective 9/1/21)</i>	8, including one member from each area.
Track and Field and Cross- Country Committee, Men's and Women's <i>(Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)</i>	8, four members shall represent men's track and field interests and four members shall represent women's track and field interests with four positions allocated for men and four allocated for women. There shall be one representative elected from each of the Division III track and field areas.*
Volleyball Committee, Men's <i>(Revised 10/20/20 effective 9/1/21)</i>	4, including one member from each area, plus an at-large member from any of the three areas.
Volleyball Committee, Women's <i>(Revised: 7/21/20 effective 9/1/21)</i>	10, including one member from each area.
Wrestling Committee <i>(Revised: 1/14/12 effective 8/1/12)</i>	6, including one member from each area.

\* The Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross-Country Committee shall be responsible for the Division III cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field championships.

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** The recommendation would result in a cost savings due to a reduction in committee travel and per diem.

**Additional Information:**

The recommendation to eliminate the two current at-large positions on the Division III Women's Rowing Committee more appropriately aligns the committee composition with the sport's sponsorship (currently 44 institutions) as well as with other sport committees that are composed of one representative per region. This update applies to Figure 21-2.

NO. NC-2024-14 COMMITTEE -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- ELIMINATE OLYMPIC SPORTS LIAISON COMMITTEE

**Intent:** To eliminate the Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

**Bylaws:** Amend 21.2, as follows:

~~21.2.5 Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.~~

~~21.2.5.1 Composition: The Olympic Sports Liaison Committee shall consist of 14 members, including at least one from each division. One student-athlete from each division (who shall have one vote each) shall serve as a member of the committee. Each student-athlete may serve on the committee up to one year after completion of their intercollegiate athletics eligibility.~~

~~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~~
- ~~(b) Study and make recommendations concerning the Association's appropriate role in the involvement of student-athletes in international athletics.~~

[21.2.6 through 21.2.8 renumbered as 21.2.5 through 21.2.7, unchanged.]

**Source:** NCAA Division III Management Council (Board of Governors)

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** Savings associated with elimination of committee operations.

**Additional Information:**

The NCAA Board of Governors commissioned a review of NCAA Association-wide committees and potential changes to better align the committees' work with the new NCAA constitution. The continued review has resulted in a recommendation to eliminate the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, as its duties overlap with a partnership between the NCAA and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Further, the committee's legislated duties and charge have been completed. This proposal is being recommended as noncontroversial legislation, inasmuch as broader consultation and debate are unlikely to improve the proposal in any substantial way, significant disagreement or alternative points of view will not be generated and there does not appear to be a significant impact on existing or proposed legislation.

# Modifications of Wording Adopted by the NCAA Division III Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Division III Bylaw 9.4.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, has determined that the following proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and that sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2024 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2024-25 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

There is one modification of wording submitted for approval during the 2024 NCAA Convention.

## NO. M-2024-1 AMATEURISM – INVOLVEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS – TRYOUTS WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

**Intent:** To specify that all individuals after full-time collegiate enrollment may try out with a professional team and receive actual and necessary expenses from the professional team for up to 48 hours.

**Bylaws:** Amend 12.2, as follows:

### 12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

#### 12.2.1 Tryouts.

12.2.1.1 Tryout With Professional Team. **Following initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual**~~A student-athlete~~ may try out with a professional athletics team in a sport or permit a professional athletics team to conduct medical examinations at any time outside the ~~institution's~~~~student-athlete's~~ playing and practice season. **The individual**~~A student-athlete~~ may receive actual and necessary expenses related to the tryout as long as the tryout does not exceed 48 hours.

12.2.1.2 Outside Competition Prohibited. During a tryout, an individual may not take part in any outside competition (games or scrimmages) as a representative of a professional team.

[12.2.2 through 12.2.5 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Budget Impact:** None.

**Additional Information:**

After reviewing Bylaw 12.2 (involvement with professional teams), an inconsistency was noted in the use of the terms "individual" and "student-athletes" within Bylaw 12.2.1. The inconsistent use of these terms in Bylaw 12.2.1 establishes greater restrictions on non-NCAA collegiate students than NCAA students regarding participating in professional tryouts. This could negatively impact individuals transferring to Division III. The intent of the bylaw was not to treat these students differently. Rather, both an Official Interpretation 06/06/91 [Student-athletes Enrolled in Non-NCAA Institutions] and noncontroversial Proposal No. NC-2006-12 reinforce consistency in the use of the terms "individual" and "student-athlete." Therefore, this modification of wording is appropriate to eliminate the inconsistency and ensure that all individuals after full-time enrollment are eligible for the same opportunities with professional teams.

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20.11	2024-1-2	5
20.11.1 (new)	2024-1	2
20.11.1 (new)	2024-1-1	4
20.11.1 (new)	2024-1-2	5
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**Corresponding Legislative Proposal Numbers**

This appendix lists proposals that were included in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation and gives its corresponding number in the Official Notice.

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### 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.

#### 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 or Online Voting System)**
  - a. A roll call vote may be designated by the NCAA Division III 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 have 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 voters, 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. **Ordinary Voting (by Wireless or Online Voting System)**
- a. An electronic vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, after a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner.
  - b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for an electronic vote by use of the wireless voting system.
  - c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to have voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that the polls are closed.
  - d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new voters, 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 total for determination of a majority.
4. **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

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Div.	Name, Institution	Conference	Term Exp.
FBS	Linda A. Livingstone, Baylor University	Big-12	August 2024
FBS	Jere Morehead, University of Georgia	Southeastern Conference	August 2024
FCS	Elizabeth E. DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference	Ohio Valley Conference	August 2024
DI	Houston Davis, University of Central Arkansas	ASUN Conference	August 2025
DII	Steven Shirley, Minot State University	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	January 2024
DIII	Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College	New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	August 2024
DIII	# Isaiah Swann, University of Texas at Dallas	American Southwest Conference	August 2024
Ex Officio	Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	August 2024
Ex Officio	# Bryce Choate, Oral Roberts University	The Summit League	August 2024
Ex Officio	# Madeleine McKenna, Pennsylvania Western University California	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	August 2024
Ex Officio	Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University	Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference	January 2024
Ex Officio	Carrie Michaels Shippensburg, University of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	January 2024
Ex Officio	Lynda Tealer, University of Florida	Southeastern Conference	June 2024
Independent	Allison Feaster, VP of Team Operations, Boston Celtics		August 2025
Independent	Nadja West, Retired Lt. General		August 2024

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Bryan Coker, Maryville College	January 2027
Mary-Beth Cooper, Springfield College	January 2025
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# Jack Langan, Cornell College	January 2025
Richard Lapidus, Fitchburg State University	January 2024
Doug Lee, Waynesburg University	January 2026
Richanne Mankey, Defiance College	January 2024
Steven Mauro, Alfred State College	January 2027
# Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College	January 2025
Troy Paino, University of Mary Washington	January 2024
Raymond Rice, University of Maine at Presque Isle	January 2028
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## **Request for Interpretations**

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice not later than Friday, November 24, 2023. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Official Notice may be requested via electronic mail from Jeff Myers at [jmyers@ncaa.org](mailto:jmyers@ncaa.org) or Sarah Turner at [sturner@ncaa.org](mailto:sturner@ncaa.org). When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the 2024 NCAA Convention.