2017-18 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Publication of Proposed Legislation
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The Council-Governance POPL presents all proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly sponsored for the 2017-18 legislative cycle.

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Division I Council-Governance Legislative Process for the 2017-18 Legislative Cycle

The following provides key deadlines and information regarding the 2017-18 NCAA Division I Council-governance legislative process. For more information regarding the legislative process, see NCAA Division I Constitution 5.3.2.

September 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):

• Deadline for conference-sponsored, nonautonomy proposals.
• Only the 32 multisport conferences may submit proposals into the legislative cycle.
• Decisions on whether a proposal should be placed in the autonomy legislative process or Council-governance legislative process are initially determined by NCAA staff in consultation with the sponsoring conference(s). If agreement is not reached, the NCAA Division I Board of Directors has authority to determine if a proposal is "out of order."

September 26:

• Deadline for Council Standing Committees (e.g., Football Oversight) and other committees that report to the Council (e.g., Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports) to provide feedback on submitted proposals to NCAA Division I Legislative Committee.

September 29:

• Initial Publication of Legislative Proposals (POPL) available.

October 1 - March 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):

• Membership comment period.

October Council Meetings:

• Last meeting for NCAA Division I Council to introduce proposals.
• The Council has a teleconference scheduled for late October for any final introductions prior to November 1 deadline.
• Legislative Committee reviews all conference-sponsored proposals, committee comments and provides feedback to proposal sponsors.

November 15:
• Updated POPL available, which includes conference-sponsored and Council-introduced proposals.

December 1:
• Notice provided to membership regarding proposals identified by the Council (or Council Coordination Committee) for a January vote.
  • Only proposals introduced by the Council may be identified for a January vote. Additionally, such proposals must impact student-athlete well-being and must be time sensitive.

December 15:
• Deadline for amendments to proposals identified for January vote.
• Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

NCAA Convention/January Council Meeting:
• Council votes on proposals identified for January vote. Council may introduce amendments to any proposal (i.e., Council-introduced or conference-sponsored) scheduled for April vote.
• All modifications of Council-introduced proposals are permissible, provided they are germane to the original proposal. Amendments to conference-sponsored amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.
• Legislative Forum conducted for discussion of proposals in legislative cycle.

February 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time):
• Deadline for sponsors to refine/adjust their own proposals (i.e., sponsor modification period).
• All modifications permissible, provided they are germane to the concept of the original proposal.
• Deadline for conferences to submit amendments to proposals (i.e., amendment-to-amendment period).
• Amendments may not expand the scope of the original proposal.

February 8:
• NCAA Division I Official Notice available, which includes final version of proposals for Council’s April vote.

February Legislative Committee Meeting:
• Legislative Committee holds in-person meeting to review proposals, discuss feedback and develop preliminary positions.
• Positions are presented in a chart to be provided to conferences to assist in preparation for the Council’s April vote.

April Council Meeting:
• Council votes on all remaining proposals.
COUNCIL-GOVERNANCE PROPOSALS IN THE 2017-18 LEGISLATIVE CYCLE

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and *strikethrough* are to be deleted and those letters and words that appear in **bold** face and are underlined are to be added. Some proposals may be considered in October 2017 as emergency or noncontroversial. All other proposals are for consideration in January or April 2018.]
NCAA Membership, Recruiting and Academic Eligibility

No. 2017-14 NCAA MEMBERSHIP, RECRUITING AND ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- ELIMINATION OF INCONSEQUENTIAL REGULATIONS

Intent: To eliminate regulations requiring an institution to: (a) Establish missed class-time policies; (b) Certify in writing and have on file a list of coaches who are permitted to contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off-campus; and (c) Ensure submission of an early academic qualifier's final high school transcript to the Eligibility Center.

A. Constitution: Amend 3.2.4, as follows:

3.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[3.2.4.1 through 3.2.4.12 unchanged.]

3.2.4.13 Missed Class-Time Policies. Active members are obligated to establish policies in all sports concerning student-athletes' missed class time due to participation in intercollegiate athletics and in athletics competition scheduled during final examination periods. In men's basketball, an institution's athletics participation schedule, which shall include the anticipated amount of missed class time due to athletics participation, shall be approved by the institution's faculty athletics representative or faculty oversight committee prior to the beginning of each regular academic term.

[3.2.4.14 through 3.2.4.21 renumbered as 3.2.4.13 through 3.2.4.20, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2.5, as follows:

13.1.2.5 Off-Campus Contacts or Evaluations. Only those coaches who are identified by the institution, in accordance with Bylaws 11.7.4.2, 11.7.5.2 and 11.7.6, may contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. Institutional staff members (e.g., faculty members) may contact prospective student-athletes for recruiting purposes in all sports, on campus, within one mile of campus boundaries during an unofficial visit or within 30 miles of campus during the prospective student-athlete's official visit. [D]

13.1.2.5.1 Written Certification. A member institution shall certify in writing and have on file a list of those coaches who are permitted to contact or evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus. [D]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.3.1.1, as follows:

14.3.1.1 Qualifier. A qualifier shall be eligible for financial aid, practice and competition during the first academic year in residence. A qualifier is defined as one who is a high school graduate and who presented the following academic qualifications:

[14.3.1.1-(a) through 14.3.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.3.1.1.1 unchanged.]

14.3.1.1.2 Exception -- Early Academic Certification. A student-athlete shall be certified as a qualifier, provided he or she has achieved the following academic criteria:

[14.3.1.1.2-(a) through 14.3.1.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

14.3.1.1.2.1 Submission of Final Transcript. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution during the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by February 1 following the student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment. If a student-athlete is certified as a qualifier pursuant to the early academic certification exception and his or her initial full-time collegiate enrollment occurs at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year, the institution shall ensure submission of his or her final high school transcript (official or unofficial) to the NCAA Eligibility Center by February 1 of the following academic year. [D]
14.3.1.1.2.1.1 Waiver. The Committee on Academics may waive the requirements of this legislation based on objective evidence that demonstrates circumstances for which a waiver is warranted. The committee shall establish the process for reviewing such waiver requests.

[14.3.1.1.3 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: NCAA Membership, Recruiting and Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Risk management experts would advise focusing time, energy, and resources on those areas that pose the greatest risk to the institution. Eliminating the rules identified in this proposal will help sharpen an institution’s risk management strategies so it can spend increased time on the most important rules for which investigations and penalties are most appropriate, and use less time and resources on rules that are of little consequence.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Ethical Conduct

No. 2017-15 ETHICAL CONDUCT -- SPORTS WAGERING ACTIVITIES -- SANCTIONS -- ELIMINATION OF LEGISLATED SANCTIONS

Intent: To eliminate the legislated sanctions for sports wagering activities.

Bylaws: Amend 10.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

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

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

[10.3.1 unchanged.]

10.3.2 Sanctions. The following sanctions for violations of Bylaw 10.3 shall apply:

(a) A student-athlete who engages in activities designed to influence the outcome of an intercollegiate contest or in an effort to affect win-loss margins (“point shaving”) or who participates in any sports wagering activity involving the student-athlete’s institution shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

(b) A student-athlete who participates in any sports wagering activity through the Internet, a bookmaker or a parlay card shall be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for a minimum period of one year from the date of the institution’s determination that a violation occurred and shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of eligibility. If the student-athlete is determined to have been involved
in a later violation of any portion of Bylaw 10.3, the student-athlete shall permanently lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Ethical Conduct

Rationale: The student-athlete reinstatement process offers the opportunity for the NCAA Division I Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to review cases on an individual basis and consider the totality of the circumstances. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, the committee believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of sports wagering violations and also provide for an appellate opportunity. Further, it is important to note that, if the proposal is adopted, the legislated sanctions will be incorporated into the Division I Student-Athlete Reinstatement guidelines, which would recognize the Association's continued emphasis on the severity of sports wagering violations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Athletics Personnel

No. 2017-16 PERSONNEL -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- BOWL SUBDIVISION FOOTBALL -- TRAINING TABLE MEALS

Intent: In bowl subdivision football, to permit a graduate assistant coach to receive training table meals as provided to an institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration.

Bylaws: Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

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

(c) The individual may receive training table meals as provided to the institution's student-athletes without the value of the meals being included in the individual's limit on remuneration;

[11.01.3-(c) through 11.01.3-(i) relettered as 11.01.3-(d) through 11.01.3-(j), unchanged.]

[11.01.3.1 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate
Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Current legislation does not permit a graduate assistant coach to receive training table meals, free of charge, along with the institution's team. This prohibition creates the expectation that graduate assistant coaches remove themselves from training table meals that are available to all other staff associated with the team. This proposal eliminates the burden of monitoring these meals and encourages institutional control and compliance.

Estimated Budget Impact: Limited, but varies based on training table offerings.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Athletics Eligibility

No. 2017-17 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF COMPETITION -- UP TO FOUR CONTESTS -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that a student-athlete may participate in up to four contests in a season without using a season of competition.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.5 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

[12.8.1 through 12.8.2 unchanged.]

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

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

[12.8.3.1.1 through 12.8.3.1.5 unchanged.]

12.8.3.1.6 Exception -- Football. In football, a student-athlete may compete in up to four contests in a season without using a season of competition.

[12.8.3.2 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.]

[12.8.4 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Under current legislation, a student-athlete who participates in one play of one contest uses a season of competition. This proposal would enhance student-athlete well-being by permitting a student-athlete, in football, to participate in up to four games without using a season of competition. The current rule often places coaches in a difficult position to decide whether to play a student-athlete in a limited amount of competition or to preserve the student-athlete's season of eligibility. The opportunity to play in a small number of games will ease this decision for coaches and help the student-athlete's development and transition to the college game. Additional flexibility with substitutes may allow starters and more experienced players additional rest and/or to feel less pressure to play through injuries. The opportunity to play will help student-athletes who might otherwise "redshirt" to remain engaged with the team and may reduce the number of transfers that occur annually in football. Another potential benefit of this legislation is the opportunity for younger student-athletes to participate in bowl games, which are often as much about preparing for the following season as completing the current season. This legislation is supported by the AFCA Board of Trustees. Finally, this proposal may reduce administrative burden by eliminating the need to process a medical hardship request when a student-athlete is injured after limited participation during a season.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2017-18 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- EXCEPTION -- NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION -- JUNIOR LEVEL EQUIVALENTS

Intent: In sports other than men's ice hockey and skiing, to specify that the junior level equivalents of official Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships competition; officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts; and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams shall be exempt from the application of the delayed enrollment legislation.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3, as follows:

12.8.3 Criteria for Determining Season of Competition.

[12.8.3.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.1-(a) through 12.8.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.1.1 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or
her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1:

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

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

[12.8.3.2.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1.1.

[12.8.3.2.1.2 through 12.8.3.2.1.3 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.1 Exception -- National/International Competition. For a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following the six-month time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class, whichever occurs earlier, participation in the following organized national/international competition is exempt from application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2:

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

(b) Officially recognized competition from which participants may directly qualify for final tryouts for a national team that will participate in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup or World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships or the junior level equivalent (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) and final tryout competition from which participants are selected for such teams; or

[12.8.3.2.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.1.1 Junior Level Competition. The national/international competition exception does not apply to junior level national/international competition (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, Junior National Teams) that may be associated with the events specified in Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.1.
12.8.3.2.2.2 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.2.1 Exception -- Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships Participation. Participation in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade) and World University Championships or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams) is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.

[12.8.3.3 through 12.8.3.7 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018; applicable to a student-athlete who initially enrolls full time in a collegiate institution on or after 8/1/18.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: This proposal would permit a prospective student-athlete to participate in elite junior level competition for a maximum of one year after a prospective student-athlete's first opportunity to enroll full time in a collegiate institution following his or her grace period. For most prospective student-athletes, this is an opportunity to represent their countries in elite competition with and against appropriate age-level competition. Such elite junior events are prestigious national and international level events that should not be equated with random events that may simply help an individual's athletics development or professional career. Further, in many countries, participation on a junior-level team is a stepping stone or prerequisite for participation on an elite senior-level team. The proposal is not intended to include all junior level participation, rather participation in elite junior level competition. This proposal furthers the Association's Commitment to Amateurism. The proposal is nationally significant and would support student-athlete success/well-being as it would allow all prospective student-athletes to participate in prestigious and elite international events without concern of whether the event may be classified as junior level. Finally, this proposal will ease the monitoring burden as institutions will no longer need to determine whether such elite competition was classified as junior level.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 28, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
Intent: To specify that an individual who is eligible under the application of the delayed-enrollment tennis rule and who maintained full time enrollment in a collegiate institution during each regular academic term from his or her initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution to his or her full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is not subject to the application of the matriculation after 20th birthday rule.

Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.2.2, as follows:

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.2.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.2 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

(a) The student will be charged with one season of intercollegiate tennis competition for each calendar year after his or her 20th birthday and prior to full-time enrollment at the certifying institution during which the student-athlete has participated in organized tennis competition per Bylaw 12.02.8. [Note: This includes participation in intercollegiate tennis while enrolled full-time in another two-year or four-year institution; however, this provision replaces the season of competition counted in Bylaw 12.8 (only one season is used in any one year).]

(b) Upon matriculation at the certifying institution, the student-athlete must fulfill an academic year in residence before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate tennis, unless the student transfers to the certifying institution with a minimum of 24 semester hours (or equivalent) of transferable degree credit. (Note: All other NCAA transfer and academic eligibility requirements apply.)

12.8.3.2.2.2.1 Exception -- Continuous Full-Time Enrollment. A student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2 and who maintained full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution during each regular academic term from his or her initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution to his or her initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution is not subject to the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.2.

[12.8.3.2.2.2.1 renumbered as 12.8.3.2.2.2, unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: Immediate; may be applied retroactively to a student-athlete with eligibility remaining in his or her five-year period of eligibility.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: In tennis, the matriculation after 20th birthday rule currently applies to an individual who enrolled full-time in a collegiate institution within the six-month grace period of the tennis rule and competes in any organized tennis after his or her 20th birthday and before enrollment at the certifying institution. The original intent of the matriculation after 20th birthday rule is specific to a loophole in which a tennis student-athlete enrolls full-time to not be subject to the delayed-enrollment tennis rule, then withdraws and participates in high-level competitive tennis full time. However, the rule also applies to individuals who are continuously enrolled as full-time students and are not participating in high-level tennis on a full-time basis. This change would reinforce the NCAA's commitments to student-athlete well-being and amateurism, as the matriculation after 20th birthday rule was not intended to apply in such cases. In addition, this change would not create additional work for the NCAA, institutional staff or student-athletes. The proposal would help to simplify a rule that has resulted in confusion and waiver cases for situations it was not intended to address. The legislation
would be easier to enforce than the current rule, as it narrows the scope of application. There should be no additional monitoring burden, as any issues should be addressed within the normal transfer evaluation process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-20 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION: FIVE-YEAR RULE -- DELAYED ENROLLMENT -- SEASONS OF COMPETITION -- SERVICE EXCEPTIONS

Intent: To specify that participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government are exempt from the application of the delayed enrollment and seasons of competition legislation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.2, as follows:

12.8.3.2 Delayed Enrollment -- Seasons of Competition.

12.8.3.2.1 Sports Other Than Men's Ice Hockey, Skiing and Tennis. In sports other than men's ice hockey, skiing and tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term during a one-year time period after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.1-(a) through 12.8.3.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.1.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.1.2 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.1.

[12.8.3.2.1.2 through 12.8.3.2.1.3 renumbered as 12.8.3.2.1.3 through 12.8.3.2.1.4, unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2 Tennis. In tennis, a student-athlete who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student in a regular academic term within six months (or the first opportunity to enroll after six months have elapsed) after his or her high school graduation date or the graduation date of his or her class (as determined by the first year of high school enrollment or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility and based on the prescribed educational path in the student-athlete's country), whichever occurs earlier, shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.2.1 unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.2 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.
12.8.3.2.2.3 Matriculation After 20th Birthday -- Tennis. In tennis, a student who is eligible under Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2, but who participates in organized tennis events after his or her 20th birthday and before full-time enrollment at the certifying institution shall be subject to the following:

[12.8.3.2.2.2-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2.2-(b) renumbered as 12.8.3.2.2.3-(a) through 12.8.3.2.2.3-(b) unchanged.]

[12.8.3.2.2.2.1 renumbered as 12.8.3.2.2.3.1, unchanged.]

12.8.3.2.2.3.2 Service Exceptions. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempt from the application of Bylaw 12.8.3.2.2.

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.8.3.5, as follows:

12.8.3.5 Participation After 21st Birthday -- Men's Ice Hockey and Skiing. In men's ice hockey and skiing, any participation as an individual or a team representative in organized sports competition by a student during each 12-month period after the student's 21st birthday and prior to initial full-time enrollment in a collegiate institution shall count as one year of varsity competition in that sport. Participation in organized competition during time spent in the U.S. armed services, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government shall be excepted.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Currently, time spent in the armed services, on official religious missions, or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is exempted from a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility. However, if a student-athlete participates in any organized competition during that time, which could be as informal as a military recreational league or a fun run, the student-athlete loses a season of eligibility for each year in which he or she participates in such organized competition. This application unfairly penalizes a student-athlete who has spent time serving his or her country or religious organization. A student-athlete who engages in these types of service, whether voluntary or required, should not be penalized by losing a season of eligibility for participation in any organized competition during their time of service. Men's ice hockey and skiing already permit an exception to the 21st birthday rule for organized competition during time spent in the U.S. armed services. The concept of that exception should be broadened and applied to a greater number of sports in order to match the spirit of the five-year rule and the recognition of these important forms of service.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-21 ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY -- FIVE-YEAR RULE WAIVER -- WAIVER CRITERIA -- REDSHIRT YEAR PROVISION

Intent: To specify that a waiver of the five-year rule may be approved in a situation in which a student-athlete did not participate in one season of intercollegiate competition due to an institutional decision (e.g., coach's decision to redshirt the student-athlete) during a year in which he or she was eligible for competition and listed on the institution's squad list and the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in one other season for reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution.
Bylaws: Amend 12.8, as follows:

12.8 Seasons of Competition: Five-Year Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate competition in any one sport (see Bylaws 12.02.5 and 14.3.3). An institution shall not permit a student-athlete to represent it in intercollegiate competition unless the individual completes all of his or her seasons of participation in all sports within the time periods specified below:

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

[12.8.1.1 through 12.8.1.6 unchanged.]

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

12.8.1.7.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the five-year period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to participate in four seasons of intercollegiate competition within a five-year period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in his or her sport within the five-year period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria detailed in this bylaw for circumstances of extraordinary or extreme hardship. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her five years of eligibility may continue to practice (but not compete) for a maximum of 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the student-athlete’s institution has submitted a waiver request. The student-athlete may not commence practice until the institution has filed such a request. Further, if such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution’s notification of the denial, under the following circumstances:

(a) The student-athlete did not participate in his or her initial year of full-time, collegiate enrollment due to an institutional decision (e.g., coach’s decision to redshirt the student-athlete) during a year in which the student-athlete was listed on the institution’s squad list and was eligible for competition at any point during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship and the student-athlete was deprived of the opportunity to participate in one other season for reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution; or

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

12.8.1.7.1.1 Circumstances Beyond Control. Circumstances considered to be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the institution and do not cause a participation opportunity to be used shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

[12.8.1.7.1.1-(a) through 12.8.1.7.1.1-(e) unchanged.]

12.8.1.7.1.2 Circumstances Within Control. Circumstances that are considered to be within the control of the student-athlete or the institution and cause a participation opportunity to be used include, but are not limited to, the following:

[12.8.1.7.1.2-(a) through 12.8.1.7.1.2-(f) unchanged.]

12.8.1.7.1.3 Circumstances of Extraordinary or Extreme Hardship. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-year criteria of this waiver for circumstances of extraordinary or extreme hardship.
12.8.1.7.1.4 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete who has exhausted his or her five years of eligibility may continue to practice (but not compete) for a maximum of 30 consecutive calendar days, provided the student-athlete's institution has submitted a waiver request. The student-athlete may not commence practice until the institution has filed such a request. Further, if such a request is denied prior to exhausting the 30-day practice period, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial.

[12.8.2 through 12.8.6 unchanged.]

Source: Sun Belt Conference

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

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Eligibility

Rationale: Under the current extension-waiver criteria, a student-athlete who is redshirted one season and, due to circumstances beyond his or her control, is only able to participate in three of his or her four seasons of competition prior to the expiration of the five-year period of eligibility, will be denied a one-year extension for a fourth season of competition. This proposal recognizes that many redshirt decisions are made by a coaching staff member for a variety of reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete and may have a negative impact on a student-athlete's five-year period of eligibility. If adopted, this proposal would provide the opportunity for a student-athlete who was otherwise eligible for competition but was redshirted one season, to receive an extension of the five-year period of eligibility, provided the student-athlete was denied an opportunity to participate in one additional season for reasons beyond the control of the student-athlete or institution. An immediate effective date is recommended with application to a student-athlete who may qualify for a waiver to provide the opportunity to participate in four seasons of competition within a five-year period.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Recruiting

No. 2017-22 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- FOOTBALL -- SPRING RECRUITING PERIOD AND CONTACT DURING SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR

Intent: In football, to specify that: (a) One hundred sixty-eight recruiting-person days (216 for U.S. service academies) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing shall be available as a recruiting period; (b) An institution may use two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete during the spring recruiting period; (c) Contacts that occur during the junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete's educational institution; and (d) Each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete at any site (six contacts during the prospective student-athlete's junior and senior years combined).

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]
13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.5 unchanged.]

13.02.5.3 Recruiting Period -- Men's Basketball and Football. In men's basketball and football, a recruiting period is a period of time when it is permissible for authorized athletics department staff members to make in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts and evaluations.

[13.02.5.4 through 13.02.5.5 unchanged.]

[13.02.6 through 13.02.10 unchanged.]

13.02.11 Recruiting-Person Days -- Football. In football, a recruiting-person day is defined as one coach engaged in an off-campus recruiting activity of a men's basketball prospective student-athlete on one day (12:01 a.m. to midnight); two coaches engaged in recruiting activities on the same day shall use two recruiting-person days. Football staff members shall not exceed 168 recruiting-person days (216 for U.S. service academies) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing.

13.02.11.1 Exception -- After Commitment. Recruiting activity involving only a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or for whom the institution has received a financial deposit in response to its offer of admission shall not be counted as a recruiting-person day. A visit to a prospective student-athlete's educational institution during the spring recruiting period shall be considered one of the institution's two permissible days at that institution, even if the visit only includes contact with a committed prospective student-athlete.

[13.02.11 through 13.02.19 renumbered as 13.02.12 through 13.02.20, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

13.1.1 Contactable Individuals.

13.1.1.1 Time Period for Off-Campus Contacts -- General Rule. Off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before July 1 following the completion of his or her junior year in high school (July 7 after the junior year in high school in women's ice hockey and July 15 after the junior year in high school in women's gymnastics), or the opening day of classes of his or her senior year in high school (as designated by the high school), whichever is earlier. U.S. service academy exceptions to this provision are set forth in Bylaw 13.16.1. [D]

[13.1.1.1.1 through 13.1.1.3 unchanged.]

13.1.1.4 Exception -- Football. In football, off-campus recruiting contacts shall not be made with an individual (or his or her relatives or legal guardians) before April 15 of the individual’s junior year in high school. Not more than one contact is permitted during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year. Contacts that occur during a prospect’s junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution. [D]

[13.1.1.4 through 13.1.1.5 renumbered as 13.1.1.5 through 13.1.1.6, unchanged.]

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.

[13.1.2.1 through 13.1.2.5 unchanged.]

13.1.2.6 Head Coach Restrictions -- Bowl Subdivision Football.
13.1.2.6.3 Spring Evaluation Recruiting Period. In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete’s coach at an off-campus location, or attend or speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (or any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete’s financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

13.1.3 unchanged.

13.1.4 Visit to Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution. Visits to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution that will occur during that portion of the day when classes are being conducted for all students must receive the approval of the executive officer (or the executive officer’s designated representative) of the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution. A coaching staff member may not visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution during a dead period. [D]

13.1.4.1 unchanged.

13.1.4.2 Football and Women’s Basketball. In football and women’s basketball, institutional staff members may visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution on not more than one occasion during a particular week within a contact or recruiting period, regardless of the number of prospective student-athletes enrolled in the institution or whether any prospective student-athlete is contacted on that occasion. [D]

13.1.4.2.1 unchanged.

13.1.4.2.2 Visits During Evaluation Period -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, not more than two coaches per institution may visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution on any one calendar day during an evaluation or recruiting period. [D]

13.1.4.2.3 unchanged.

13.1.4.3 through 13.1.4.4 unchanged.

13.1.5 Contacts.

13.1.5.1 unchanged.

13.1.5.2 Football. In football, each institution shall be limited to six in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts per prospective student-athlete at any site (six contacts during the prospective student-athlete’s junior and senior years combined) and shall include contacts made with the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or legal guardians, but shall not include contacts made during an official visit per Bylaw 13.6 or an unofficial visit per Bylaw 13.7.4. Not more than two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) may be used during the spring recruiting period of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year. Contacts that occur during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution. [D]

13.1.5.3 through 13.1.5.9 unchanged.

13.1.6 unchanged.

13.1.7 Evaluations.
13.1.7.4 Evaluations -- Football. In football, institutional staff members shall be limited to three evaluations during the academic year during which the prospective student-athlete competes or practices on any team. Not more than one evaluation may be used during the fall evaluation period and not more than two evaluations recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) may be used during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period of the prospective student-athlete’s junior year. An authorized off-campus recruiter may use one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete’s academic qualifications and one evaluation to assess the prospective student-athlete’s academic qualifications during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period. If an institution’s coaching staff member conducts both an athletics and an academic evaluation of a prospective student-athlete on the same day during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period, the institution shall be charged with the use of an academic evaluation only and shall be permitted to conduct a second athletics evaluation of the prospective student-athlete or contact the prospective student-athlete on a separate day during the evaluation recruiting period. [D]

13.1.7.4.1 Head Coach Restriction -- Spring Evaluation Recruiting Period. In bowl subdivision football, during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach (see Bylaw 13.1.2.6.1)) shall not engage in off-campus recruiting activities, participate in an off-campus coaching clinic, visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution for any reason, meet with a prospective student-athlete’s coach at an off-campus location, or attend or speak at a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes (e.g., high school awards banquet, high school all-star banquet). In addition, the head coach (and any assistant coach who has been publicly designated by the institution to become the next head coach) shall not make an in-person, off-campus contact with a prospective student-athlete during the April 15 through May 31 evaluation recruiting period at any location, even if the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received the prospective student-athlete’s financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. [D]

13.1.7.4.3 Limitations on the Number of Spring Evaluations. In football, institutional staff members shall not visit a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution on more than two calendar days during the spring evaluation recruiting period. A visit to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution that only includes contact with a signed prospective student-athlete during the spring evaluation recruiting period shall be considered one of the institution’s two permissible days at that institution. [D]

13.1.7.4.4 Evaluation Days and Recruiting-Person Days. In football, each institution is limited to 42 (54 for U.S. service academies) evaluation days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) during the fall evaluation period and 168 (216 for U.S. service academies) evaluation recruiting-person days during the spring evaluation recruiting period. [D]

13.1.8 Banquets, Meetings and NCAA Promotional Activities.

13.1.8.1 Banquets or Meetings at a Prospective Student-Athlete’s Educational Institution.

13.1.8.1.1 through 13.1.8.1.3 unchanged.

13.1.8.1.4 Football.

13.1.8.1.4.1 unchanged.

13.1.8.1.4.2 Outside a Contact Period. In football, a coach may speak at a meeting or banquet at a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution outside a contact period without such
Attendance being considered an evaluation, a contact or a visit to a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution (except for dead periods per Bylaw 13.02.5.5), provided:

[13.1.8.1.4.2-(a) through 13.1.8.1.4.2-(d) unchanged.]

[13.1.8.2 unchanged.]

13.1.8.3 Attendance Outside a Contact or Evaluation Period. In sports with recruiting calendars (see Bylaw 13.17), a coach is not permitted to attend a banquet or meeting that is designed to recognize prospective student-athletes and that occurs outside a contact or evaluation period, unless the coach will speak at the function. In all sports, during a dead period, a coaching staff member may not attend a meeting or banquet where prospective student-athletes are in attendance, except as provided in Bylaw 13.1.8.4. [D]

[13.1.8.4 through 13.1.8.5 unchanged.]

[13.1.9 through 13.1.10 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.5.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

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

(f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation recruiting-person days (216 for U.S. service academies) (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics (as provided in (1) below):

Evaluation Recruiting Period

[13.17.5.1-(f)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) An institution may use not more than two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete during the spring recruiting period. Contact that occurs during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution.

(g) Those days in April/May not designated in (f) above for evaluation opportunities as recruiting period days:

Quiet Period

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.17.5.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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

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

(f) One hundred sixty-eight evaluation recruiting-person days (see Bylaw 13.02.7.2) (excluding Memorial Day and Sundays) during April 15 through May 31 selected at the discretion of the member institution and designated in writing in the office of the director of athletics (as provided in (1) below):

Evaluation Recruiting Period

[13.17.5.2-(f)-(1) unchanged.]

(2) An institution may use not more than two recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) per prospective student-athlete during the spring recruiting period. Contact that occurs during a prospective student-athlete’s junior year may occur only at the prospective student-athlete’s educational institution.
(g) Those days in April/May not designated in (f) above as recruiting period days:

Quiet Period

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The recent changes to the football recruiting model introduced earlier official visits and an earlier signing period. These changes reduce the amount of time for a coach and a prospective student-athlete to develop a relationship before the prospective student-athlete decides where to take official visits and sign a NLI. Some feel that the changes have reversed what is considered the natural recruiting timeline in which off-campus contact should occur before a prospective student-athlete takes an official visit. In the interest of reasonable recruiting rules, allowing the initial in-person contact at the same time as phone calls and official visits will enhance the opportunities for institutions and prospective student-athletes to mutually evaluate one another during the recruiting process. Further, this proposal will reduce the tension that coaches face when they visit a high school and attempt to avoid contact with prospective student-athletes. A coach’s visit to a high school during the spring period is often be celebratized through no fault of the coach. High school coaches sometimes ignore instruction to not have a prospective student-athlete present during an evaluation, putting the institution’s coach in an awkward situation to avoid a violation. This proposal would allow the contact to occur and eliminate the unintentional violations that can occur during the spring recruiting period.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-23 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS AND RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Intent: In women’s basketball, to (a) Create two recruiting shutdown periods that occur in August and May; (b) Move the fall nonscholastic evaluation period to the third full weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in May; (c) Permit coaches to use 10 of the permissible 112 recruiting-person days evaluating prospective student-athletes at (i) Live organized national team activities, including junior level teams; and (ii) Regional championships that are approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA outside an evaluation or contact period; and (d) Amend the July evaluation period, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows: (Immediate)

13.02 Definitions and Applications.

[13.02.1 through 13.02.4 unchanged.]

13.02.5 Periods of Recruiting Activities.

[13.02.5.1 through 13.02.5.5 unchanged.]

13.02.5.6 Recruiting Shutdown. A recruiting shutdown is a period of time when no form of recruiting (e.g., contacts, evaluations, official or unofficial visits, correspondence or telephone calls) is permissible.

[13.02.6 through 13.02.19 unchanged.]
B. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7.6, as follows:  
(August 1, 2018 for nonscholastic evaluations; Immediate for national team and regional championship evaluations; August 1, 2018 for counting recruiting person days.)

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women's basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach's involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation. [D]

13.1.7.6.1 **Academic Year Evaluation Periods Other Than July.** Evaluations of live athletics activities during the academic year shall be limited to: [D]

[13.1.7.6.1-(a) through 13.1.7.6.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Evaluations at certified nonscholastic events (per Bylaw 13.18) during the last weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall contact period and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend in April and the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the third weekend of May.

13.1.7.6.1.1 National Standardized Testing Weekends. Evaluations at nonscholastic events during the academic year evaluation periods other than July shall not occur during any weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) during which the PSAT, SAT or ACT national standardized tests are administered. If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period. If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered during the third weekend in April, the spring nonscholastic evaluation weekend (including Friday, Saturday and Sunday) shall occur during the fourth weekend in April.

13.1.7.6.2 **Summer July** Evaluation Period. During the summer July evaluation period, an institutional coaching staff member may attend institutional basketball camps per Bylaw 13.12.1.1 and noninstitutional organized events (e.g., camps, leagues, tournaments and festivals) that are certified per Bylaw 13.18. [D]

[13.1.7.6.3 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 National Team Training and Tryouts Activities and Regional Championships. Outside of evaluation or contact periods, a total of 10 of the 112 permissible recruiting-person days may be used at the following: Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend national team and junior national team (e.g., U18 national team) training and tryout events (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. [D]

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

(b) **Regional Championships.** Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend any regional championship [e.g., International Basketball Federation (FIBA) U18 European Championship, FIBA Americas U18 Championship, etc.] that is approved, sponsored or conducted by FIBA.

C. **Bylaws:** Amend 13.17.3, as follows:  
(Immediate for recruiting shutdown periods; July 26, 2018 for the July evaluation period.)

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

(a) August 1 through September 8 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Period

1. **Monday through Friday of the week immediately following the second Saturday in August:** Recruiting Shutdown
(b) September 9-29 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

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

(2) If the PSAT, SAT or ACT is administered on a date that conflicts with the fall nonscholastic evaluation weekend, evaluations at nonscholastic events shall be permissible during the first weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the fall/winter evaluation period.

[13.17.3-(c) through 13.17.3-(f) unchanged.]

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

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

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

[13.17.3-(h) unchanged.]

(i) July 13 through July 22: Dead Period

(j) July 23 through July 29: Evaluation Period

(k) July 30 through July 31: Dead Quiet Period

[13.17.3-(l) through 13.17.3-(m) unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)

Effective Date:

Section A: Immediate
Section B: August 1, 2018 for nonscholastic evaluations; Immediate for national team and regional championship evaluations; August 1, 2018 for counting recruiting person days.
Section C: Immediate for recruiting shutdown periods; July 26, 2018 for the July evaluation period.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is based on recommendations from the NCAA Division I Council Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Recruiting. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Recruiting was established in April 2016 by the Council and included coaches, student-athletes, athletics department administrators, faculty and conference office administrators. This proposal includes the "Phase 2" legislation for membership consideration. "Phase 1" concepts were adopted by the Council in April 2017. The proposal was developed based on guiding principles that include the academics, health, safety and well-being of student-athletes and prospective student-athletes. A complete recruiting shutdown provides coaches a timely break from recruiting and allows coaches to balance their personal and professional lives. Moving the fall nonscholastic weekend to May reduces the emphasis on nonscholastic competition during the fall, allowing prospective student-athletes to focus on the start of a new school year and allowing coaches to spend more time on campus with student-athletes at the beginning of the academic year. This proposal reduces the amount of time used for evaluating at nonscholastic events, which provides additional balance for coaches and prospective student-athletes. Maintaining opportunities for coaches to evaluate at nonscholastic events recognizes the fact that a large majority of Division I programs have limited recruiting resources and need opportunities to evaluate multiple prospective student-athletes before and after the collegiate and high school seasons. Limiting attendance at events involving national teams to two coaches per institution per calendar day will provide all institutions the opportunity to evaluate the prospective student-athletes who are participating in the events, minimizing the advantage for collegiate coaches selected by USA Basketball. In addition, coaches will have additional opportunities to evaluate international prospective student-athletes in a cost-efficient manner; while also considering work/life
balance with the 10-day limitation. The proposal takes into account the uncertainty of when the covered events will occur; thus, providing some flexibility for coaches to account for these events.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

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**No. 2017-24 RECRUITING -- EVALUATIONS -- WOMEN’S BASKETBALL -- NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING AND TRYOUTS -- USA BASKETBALL EVENTS ONLY**

**Intent:** In women’s basketball, to limit attendance at national team and junior national team training and tryout events conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods to USA Basketball training and tryout events.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6 Evaluations -- Women’s Basketball. In women’s basketball, each institution shall be limited to seven recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations combined) during the academic year per prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.1.5.4 and 13.1.5.6). Women’s basketball staff members shall not exceed 112 recruiting-person days each year (measured August 1 through July 31). A coach’s involvement in off-campus recruiting activities during the July evaluation periods does not count toward the limitation. [D]

[13.1.7.6.1 through 13.1.7.6.5 unchanged.]

13.1.7.6.6 **USA Basketball** National Team Training and Tryouts. Up to two coaching staff members per institution per calendar day may attend **USA Basketball** national team and junior national team (e.g., U18 national team) training and tryout events (e.g., training camps, mini-camps, tryouts, competition) conducted outside the permissible contact and evaluation periods. [D]

[13.1.7.7 through 13.1.7.17 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** This proposal is intended to adjust recently-adopted legislation (Proposal No. 2016-35) by specifying that the only national team training and tryout events that coaches may attend and observe outside a contact or evaluation period are USA Basketball training and tryout events. The proposal limits coaches’ attendance to USA Basketball events only in an effort to reduce the expectation for coaches to attend various national team events outside a contact or evaluation period. This concept captures the majority of college coaches involved with a national team and continues to address the recruiting advantage gained by such involvement. The proposal also encourages coaches to remain on campus to focus on the development and well-being of current student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Possible reduction in recruiting travel expenses.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None
Intent: In women's volleyball, to specify that a coach's employment activities in an institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution's camp or clinic) or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution do not count toward the evaluation days limitation.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1.7.9, as follows:

13.1.7.9 Evaluation Days -- Women's Volleyball. In women's volleyball, each institution is limited to 80 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach's employment activities in an institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution's camp or clinic) or a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution do not count toward the evaluation days limitation. A coach's involvement outside the contact/evaluation period with a local sports club per Bylaw 13.11.2.4 and a coach's employment activities in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic outside a 50-mile radius of the institution shall count toward the limit. [D]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: This proposal is intended to address issues associated with the proliferation of noninstitutional, privately owned camps and clinics in volleyball and the increased pressure volleyball coaches face from individuals associated with prospective student-athletes to participate in such camps. Under current legislation, coaches who are employed at such noninstitutional camps are permitted to evaluate and have in-person interaction with participating prospective student-athletes mostly free from the restraints and limitations of the standard recruiting provisions as such activity is exempt from the tryout and contact rules. This proposal will curtail such activity by requiring that any employment activity in a noninstitutional camp or clinic outside a 50-mile radius of the coach's institution during any portion of a day be counted toward the institution's limit on evaluation days, while still continuing to exempt traditional employment in any institutional camp or clinic (including another NCAA four-year institution's camp or clinic) and/or any noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic within a 50-mile radius of the institution (e.g., local sports club camp or clinic).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.14 unchanged.]

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

[13.1.7.16 through 13.1.7.17 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11, as follows:

13.11 Tryouts.

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

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

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

[13.11.1.3 through 13.11.1.15 unchanged.]

[13.11.2 through 13.11.3 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.12, as follows:


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

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

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.1.6 unchanged.]

[13.12.1.2 through 13.12.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.12.2 through 13.12.4 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference
Effective Date: Immediate
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Recruiting
Rationale: Recently adopted legislation prohibits softball coaching and noncoaching staff members from being employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics, except during permissible evaluation periods. That employment prohibition; however, only applies to camps or clinics in which prospective student-athletes (grades nine and above) participate. Extending the definition of a prospective student-athlete to include seventh graders and eighth graders for these purposes will further promote the goals of the recently adopted legislation in curtailing third-party and outside influences in the recruiting process, particularly in softball, where early recruiting has become commonplace. This proposal, therefore, further creates a healthier recruiting environment in softball and helps shift unwarranted recruiting activity away from camps and clinics, which are intended to serve solely as instructional and educational experiences.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2017-27 PERSONNEL, RECRUITING, AND AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- PERMISSIBLE BENEFITS -- SIGNIFICANT OTHER

Intent: To define "significant other" as a spouse, fiancée, domestic partner or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse; further, to replace "spouse" with "significant other," as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.01, as follows:

11.01 Definitions and Applications.

[11.01.1 through 11.01.7 unchanged.]

11.01.8 Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse.

B. Bylaws: Amend 11.01.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

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

(h) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual’s spouse significant other and children to attend a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA championship; and

[11.01.3-(i) unchanged.]

11.01.3.1 unchanged.

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows:
13.02Definitions and Applications.
[13.02.1 through 13.02.15 unchanged.]

13.02.16Significant Other. A significant other is a spouse, fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse.
[13.02.16 through 13.02.19 renumbered as 13.02.17 through 13.02.20, unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 13.1.2, as follows:

13.1.2 Permissible Recruiters.
[13.1.2.1 unchanged.]

13.1.2.2 General Exceptions. This regulation is not applicable to:
[13.1.2.2-(a) through 13.1.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Spouse Significant Other of Prospective Student-Athlete's Coach. Recruiting contact and evaluation limitations do not apply to a coaching staff member observing a contest that involves prospective student-athletes coached by his or her spouse significant other, provided the attendance by the coaching staff member at such a contest does not involve any personal contact with any prospective student-athlete participating in the contest.
[13.1.2.2-(d) unchanged.]

(e) Spouse Significant Other of Staff Member.
(1) On Campus. A spouse significant other of an institutional staff member on campus.
(2) Off Campus during Official Visit. A spouse significant other of an athletics department staff member during a prospective student-athlete’s official visit and within a 30-mile radius of the institution's main campus during the prospective student-athlete’s official visit.
[13.1.2.2-(f) through 13.1.2.2-(i) unchanged.]

[13.1.2.3 through 13.1.2.8 unchanged.]

E. Bylaws: Amend 13.6.7, as follows:

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit.
[13.6.7.1 through 13.6.7.7 unchanged.]

13.6.7.8 Normal Retail Cost. If a boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle or similar recreational equipment (including those provided by an institutional staff member or a representative of the institution’s athletics interests) is used to entertain a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete's parents (or legal guardians) and spouse significant other, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the $40-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the $40-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R]
[13.6.7.9 through 13.6.7.10 unchanged.]

F. Bylaws: Amend 13.7.2, as follows:

13.7.2 Entertainment/Tickets.

13.7.2.1 General Restrictions. During an unofficial visit, the institution may not pay any expenses or provide any entertainment except a maximum of three complimentary admissions (issued only through a pass list) to a home athletics event at any facility within a 30-mile radius of a member institution’s main campus in which the institution’s intercollegiate team practices or competes. Such complimentary admissions are for the exclusive use of the prospective student-athlete and those persons accompanying the prospective student-athlete on the visit and must be issued on an individual-game basis. Such admissions may provide
seating only in the general seating area of the facility used for conducting the event. Providing seating during the conduct of the event (including intermission) for the prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians) or spouse significant other in the facility’s press box, special seating box(es) or bench area is specifically prohibited. Complimentary admissions may not be provided during a dead period, except as provided in Bylaw 13.7.2.5. [R]

[13.7.2.1.1 through 13.7.2.1.8 unchanged.]

[13.7.2.2 through 13.7.2.7 unchanged.]

G. **Bylaws:** Amend 18.02, as follows:

18.02 Definitions and Applications.

[18.02.1 through 18.02.4 unchanged.]

18.02.5 **Significant Other.** A significant other is a spouse, fiancée, domestic partner, or any individual whose relationship to an identified individual (e.g., prospective student-athlete, coach, student-athlete) is the practical equivalent of a spouse.

H. **Bylaws:** Amend 18.7, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

18.7 Postseason Football.

[18.7.1 through 18.7.4 unchanged.]

18.7.5 Expenses for Spouses Significant Others/Children. A competing institution may include the spouses significant others and children of student-athletes on the traveling squad as part of its official party to attend a postseason football game and may pay their necessary travel, lodging and meal costs (see Bylaw 16.6.1.1).

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Currently, several bylaws specify the permissible benefits and activities for spouses of coaches, staff members, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes. In today’s society, long-term, committed relationships come in many different forms (e.g., same-sex relationships, domestic partnerships). The revisions in this proposal would support the commitment to diversity and inclusion by recognizing the various forms of committed relationships in today’s society. Such a change would be consistent with recent proposals related to family members and nontraditional families. The same principle should be applied throughout the entire NCAA Division I Manual by updating the term “spouse” to “significant other.”

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Additional expenses at the institution's discretion for benefits that could be provided to a significant other that are currently limited to a spouse.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

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Intent: In basketball and bowl subdivision football, to specify that the definition of an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete does not include an individual who maintained (or directed others to maintain) contact with a prospective student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete’s relatives, legal guardians or coaches) only while employed at an NCAA Division I institution.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.18, as follows:

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

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.02.19, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS only]

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

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current legislation defines any individual who maintains contact with a prospective student-athlete in an athletics context as an individual associated with a prospective student-athlete (IAWP) and subjects him or her to NCAA prohibitions related to IAWPs (i.e., an institution may not employ an IAWP as a noncoaching staff member two years before or after an associated prospect enrolls at the institution). This definition and related restrictions were intended to shield a prospective student-athlete from undue influence and pressures by third parties who might interfere with his or her choice of where to attend college. In other words, the purpose of current legislation is to prevent institutions from employing an IAWP in order to secure the prospective student-athlete’s commitment to attend the institution. The definition was intentionally broad and was intended to include all individuals who maintain contact with a prospective student-athlete in an athletics context, whether there is a fully formed risk of undue influence or not. However, there is now a concern that the definition also captures individuals who are not traditionally in a similar position of influence. This proposal provides an exception to the definition of an IAWP for individuals whose relationship and contacts with prospective student-athletes are initiated under and completely regulated by NCAA Division I recruiting regulations. The relationship between NCAA Division I institutional staff members and prospective student-athletes is formed and maintained in an entirely different manner and for entirely different reasons.
than the relationship between prospective student-athletes and traditional third parties. In most cases, an NCAA Division I institutional staff member who might trigger IAWP status accepts a noncoaching position because he or she was released from a previous institution or decided to make a lateral career change, as opposed to a traditional third party who attempts to “break in” to collegiate athletics by obtaining a noncoaching staff position. In addition, NCAA Division I institutional staff members may only make limited, regulated contact with and provide limited benefits to prospective student-athletes during the recruiting process. Conversely, a traditional third party may have unlimited contact with and might provide significant benefits to prospective student-athletes for multiple years, even prior to the beginning of a formal recruiting process. In sum, it is not necessary to include NCAA Division I institutional staff members in the definition of an IAWP to prevent a prospective student-athlete from being improperly influenced by an individual seeking to further personal employment interests (when purportedly providing independent guidance and advice). This proposal would also remove a barrier that can adversely impact such staff members when seeking new employment.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

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**No. 2017-29 RECRUITING AND ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- ELIMINATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON ENDORSEMENTS, RECRUITING CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICITY**

**Intent:** To (a) Eliminate restrictions related to endorsements of entities and events related to prospective student-athletes, as specified; (b) Specify that an institution may provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, and send electronic correspondence (including posts on social media) to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) at any time; and (c) Eliminate restrictions on publicity related to the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete before his or her commitment, as specified.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 11.3.2, as follows:

11.3.2 Income in Addition to Institutional Salary.

[11.3.2.1 through 11.3.2.4 unchanged.]

11.3.2.5 Recruiting Service Consultants. Institutional athletics department staff members may not endorse, serve as consultants or participate on advisory panels for any recruiting or scouting service involving prospective student-athletes.

[11.3.2.6 unchanged.]

11.3.2.7 Consultant for or Endorsement of Noninstitutional Athletics Events Involving Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics department staff member may not serve as a consultant for a noninstitutional athletics event that primarily involves prospective student-athletes and may not endorse or promote such an event.

11.3.2.7.1 Exception — Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., “like,” “favorite,” republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution’s athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.5.)

11.3.2.8 Promotion or Endorsement of a Prospective Student-Athlete’s Team, Coach or Athletics Facility. An athletics department staff member shall not promote or endorse a prospective student-athlete’s team or coach, or an athletics facility that is primarily used by prospective student-athletes.
11.3.2.8.1 Exception -- Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics department staff member may take actions (e.g., “like,” “favorite,” republish, etc.) on social media platforms that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution’s athletics interests. (See Bylaw 11.3.2.5.)

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1, as follows:

13.4.1 Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. An institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until September 1 at the beginning of his or her junior year in high school at any time. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, or send electronic correspondence to the individual (or his or her parents or legal guardians) until the opening day of classes of his or her junior year in high school. [D]

13.4.1.1 Exception — Men’s Basketball. In men’s basketball, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his parents or legal guardians) until June 15 at the conclusion of his sophomore year in high school. If an individual attends an educational institution that uses a nontraditional academic calendar (e.g., Southern Hemisphere), an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his parents or legal guardians) until the day after the conclusion of the individual’s sophomore year in high school. [D]

13.4.1.2 Exception — Men’s Ice Hockey. In men’s ice hockey, an institution shall not provide recruiting materials, including general correspondence related to athletics, to an individual (or his parents or legal guardians) until January 1 of his sophomore year in high school. [D]

13.4.1.3 Exception — Electronic Correspondence to a Prospective Student-Athlete’s Coach who is the Parent or Legal Guardian of a Prospective Student-Athlete. Electronic Correspondence may be sent at the institution’s discretion to a prospective student-athlete’s coach who is the parent or legal guardian of a prospective student-athlete.

13.4.1.4 Exception — Electronic Correspondence in Conjunction With an Unofficial Visit. Electronic correspondence may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete) beginning the day immediately preceding the unofficial visit until the conclusion of the visit. If otherwise impermissible correspondence occurs under this exception and a scheduled unofficial visit is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the prospective student-athlete or the institution (e.g., trip is canceled by the prospective student-athlete, inclement weather conditions), such correspondence shall not be considered institutional violations. However, the institution shall submit a report to the conference office noting the cancellation of the unofficial visit and the reasons for such cancellation.

13.4.1.61 Printed Recruiting Materials. As specified below, an institution may provide only the following printed materials to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: [D]

[13.4.1.5-(a) through 13.4.1.5-(e) renumbered as 13.4.1.1-(a) through 13.4.1.1-(e) unchanged.]

[13.4.1.5.1 renumbered as 13.4.1.1.1, unchanged.]

13.4.1.62 Electronic Correspondence -- General Rule. Electronic correspondence (e.g., electronic mail, Instant Messenger, facsimiles, text messages, posts on social media) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete (or the prospective student-athlete’s parents or legal guardians). Before a prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, the correspondence must be sent directly to the prospective student-athlete (or his or her parents or legal guardians) and must be private between only the sender and recipient (e.g., no use of chat rooms, message boards or posts to “walls”). (See Bylaw 13.10.2.) There are no content restrictions on public electronic
correspondence (e.g., posts to "walls") or the content of attachments to electronic correspondence, except that video and audio materials must conform to the requirements of Bylaw 13.4.1.94, may not be created for recruiting purposes and may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete’s name, picture or likeness. [D]

13.4.1.6.1 Exception—Electronic Correspondence Regarding Institutional Camp or Clinic Logistical Issues. Electronic correspondence to an individual (or his or her parents, legal guardians, relatives or coach) that relates solely to institutional camp or clinic logistical issues (e.g., missing registration information) is not subject to the restrictions on recruiting materials, provided the correspondence does not contain recruiting language and no solicitation of particular individuals to attend a camp or clinic occurs. [D]

13.4.1.7 Other Recruiting Materials. An institution may post recruiting materials not listed in Bylaw 13.4.1.51 on its website. General information (e.g., information not created for recruiting purposes) posted to an institution’s website (e.g., press release, competition schedule) may be sent to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence or such information may be printed and provided to a prospective student-athlete as an attachment to general correspondence or during any permissible on- or off-campus contact. [D]

13.4.1.8 Responding to Prospective Student-Athlete’s Request. Institutional staff members (including athletics staff members) may respond to a prospective student-athlete’s letter or electronic correspondence requesting information from an institution’s athletics department prior to the permissible date on which an institution may begin to provide recruiting materials to a prospective student-athlete, provided the written response does not include information that would initiate the recruitment of the prospective student-athlete or information related to the institution’s athletics program (e.g., the reply contains an explanation of current NCAA legislation or a referral to the admissions department). An electronic reply must be a permissible form of electronic correspondence. [D]

13.4.1.9 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may not produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete except as specified in this section. Permissible video or audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.94.4. [D]

[13.4.1.9.1 through 13.4.1.9.4 renumbered as 13.4.1.4.1 through 13.4.1.4.4, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 13.10, as follows:

13.10 Publicity.

[13.10.1 unchanged.]

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete’s ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution’s team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. [D]

13.10.2.1.1 Evaluations for Media, Recruiting Services. Athletics department staff members shall not evaluate or rate a prospective student-athlete for news media, scouting services or recruiting services. [D]

[13.10.2.2 through 13.10.2.3 renumbered as 13.10.2.1 through 13.10.2.2, unchanged.]

13.10.2.4 Prospective Student-Athlete’s Visit. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-athlete’s visit to the institution’s campus. Further, a prospective student-athlete may not participate in team activities that would make the public or media aware of the prospective student-
athlete's visit to the institution (e.g., running out of the tunnel with team, celebratory walks to or around the
stadium/arena, on-field pregame celebrations). [D]

[13.10.2.5 renumbered as 13.10.2.4, unchanged.]

13.10.2.6 Intent to Enroll. An institution shall not publicize (or arrange for publicity of) a prospective student-
athlete's intention to accept its offer of financial assistance. [D]

[13.10.2.7 renumbered as 13.10.2.5, unchanged.]

13.10.2.8 Exception — Actions That Indicate Approval of Content on Social Media Platforms. An athletics
department staff member may take actions (e.g., "like," "favorite," republish, etc.) on social media platforms
that indicate approval of content on social media platforms that was generated by users of the platforms
other than institutional staff members or representatives of an institution's athletics interests. (See Bylaw
11.3.2.5.)

[13.10.3 unchanged.]

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: There is an unnecessary amount of complexity and minutia within the rules for recruiting
communications. Simplification in the areas of written and electronic correspondence is needed to reflect a
more modern recruiting process that includes the socially-accepted use of social media. Major updates to
social media platforms happen multiple times per year. New platforms are introduced quicker than legislation
can be adopted to regulate them. In an attempt to keep pace, an unreasonable amount of time is being
spent by the membership and the national office interpreting existing legislation, which was not written with
the phenomenon of social media in mind. Under current legislation, institutions must make post-by-post
analyses of social media actions taken by coaches and staff. Post-by-post determinations cannot reasonably
be given by the national office, which may lead to disagreements in the membership as it relates to what is
permissible. Such disagreements cause frustration for coaches and compliance professionals alike.
Additionally, social media is free to all users. Therefore, there is no barrier to entry for a coach or institution to
use it. Further, the elimination of restrictions on endorsements of scouting services and other entities and the
elimination of restrictions on publicity before a prospective student-athlete's commitment is necessary to
achieve the simplicity coaches need to operate within the world of social media.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 31, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-30 RECRUITING -- PRINTED RECRUITING MATERIALS -- CONTENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES

Intent: To specify that there are no restrictions on the design or content of a questionnaire (e.g., may include
information related to the institution's athletics program and may include recruiting language or solicitation of
the prospective student-athlete to enroll at the institution).

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1.5, as follows:
13.4.1.5 Printed Recruiting Materials. As specified below, an institution may provide only the following printed materials to a prospective student-athlete, his or her parents or legal guardians, coaches or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved: [D]

[13.4.1.5-(a) through 13.4.1.5-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Questionnaires. An institution may provide questionnaires at any time. There are no restrictions on the design or content of a questionnaire (e.g., may include information related to the institution's athletics program and may include recruiting language or solicitation of the prospective student-athlete to enroll at the institution even if sent before the first permissible date to provide general and electronic correspondence).

[13.4.1.5-(d) through 13.4.1.5-(e) unchanged.]

[13.4.1.5.1 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Consistent with efforts to deregulate rules that are burdensome, difficult to monitor and unenforceable, this proposal will reverse a staff interpretation (Ref: 10/27/2016, item a) by removing all design and content restrictions on a recruiting questionnaire. It will allow an institution to use its discretion to identify content for a questionnaire including the use of recruiting language and information about the institution's athletics programs.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-31 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING MATERIALS -- VIDEO/AUDIO MATERIALS -- RECRUITING PRESENTATIONS

Intent: To specify that an institution may produce video or audio materials for recruiting purposes to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, provided it is not personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name picture or likeness and it is not created by an entity outside the institution.

Bylaws: Amend 13.4.1.9, as follows:

13.4.1.9 Video/Audio Materials. An institution may not produce video or audio materials to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete except as specified in this section. Permissible video or audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via permissible electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.9.4.4, subject to the following provisions: [D]

(a) The video/audio material may be posted to the institution’s website;

(b) The video/audio material may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete’s name, picture or likeness;

(c) The video/audio material may not be created by an entity outside the institution; and
(d) The video/audio material may only be provided to a prospective student-athlete via electronic correspondence, except as provided in Bylaw 13.4.1.9.1.

13.4.1.9.1 Media Available to All Students. Official academic admissions and student-services media produced by the institution and available to all students may be provided to prospective student-athletes.

13.4.1.9.2 Material Not Created for Recruiting Purposes. An institution may produce video or audio material to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, provided such material includes only general information related to an institution or its athletics programs and is not created for recruiting purposes. [D]

13.4.1.9.3 Computer-Generated Recruiting Presentations. An institution may produce a computer-generated recruiting presentation (e.g., using presentation software) to show to, play for or provide to a prospective student-athlete, subject to the following provisions: [D]

(a) The presentation may be posted to the institution's website;

(b) The presentation may include general informational video/audio material that relates to an institution or its athletics programs and is not created for recruiting purposes;

(c) The presentation may not be personalized to include a prospective student-athlete's name, picture or likeness; and

(d) The presentation may not be created by an entity outside the institution.

13.4.1.9.4 Pre-enrollment Information. An institution may provide any necessary pre-enrollment information (that is not otherwise considered to be general information related to an institution or its athletics programs) regarding orientation, conditioning, academics and practice activities in a video format (e.g., video playbook, games clips) to a prospective student-athlete, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or institutional financial aid agreement, or has been officially accepted for enrollment. Such information may be provided via a digital media storage device (e.g., DVD, flash drive). [D]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Flexibility exists in the legislation to allow institutions to produce computer-generated recruiting presentations. This proposal would expand the legislation related to computer-generated recruiting presentations to include all video/audio material, and would permit such material to be created for recruiting purposes. With the ubiquity of mobile phones that include built-in cameras, it no longer requires sophisticated equipment to produce video/audio material. Additionally, with the improvements that have been made to presentation software, it is difficult to distinguish between a computer generated recruiting presentation and a video. This proposal will also eliminate the confusion that exists related to the definition of "created for recruiting purposes."

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 28, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
Intent: To specify that an institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during an official visit or providing permissible transportation during an unofficial visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students or the institution’s athletics teams.

Bylaws: Amend 13.5, as follows:

13.5 Transportation.

[13.5.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2 Transportation on Official Paid Visit.

[13.5.2.1 unchanged.]

13.5.2.2 Automobile Transportation. If a prospective student-athlete travels by automobile on an official paid visit, the institution may pay round-trip expenses to the individual incurring the expense (except the prospective student-athlete’s coach as set forth in Bylaw 13.8.1.2) at the same mileage rate it allows its own personnel. Any automobile may be used by the prospective student-athlete, provided the automobile is not owned or operated or its use arranged by the institution or any representative of its athletics interests. [R]

[13.5.2.2.1 through 13.5.2.2.2 unchanged.]

13.5.2.2.3 On-Campus Transportation. An institution transporting a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) around campus during the official visit may use institutional vehicles normally used to transport prospective students while visiting the campus or institutional vehicles normally used to transport the institution’s athletics teams. In addition, coaching staff members or student hosts may use personal vehicles to transport a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying the prospective student-athlete) around campus during an official visit. [R]

[13.5.2.3 through 13.5.2.6 unchanged.]

13.5.3 Transportation on Unofficial Visit. During any unofficial recruiting visit, the institution may provide the prospective student-athlete with transportation to view practice and competition sites in the prospective student-athlete’s sport and other institutional facilities and to attend a home athletics contest at any local facility. An institutional staff member must accompany the prospective student-athlete during such a trip. The staff member may use his or her personal vehicle or an institutional vehicle normally used to transport prospective students or the institution’s athletics teams. Payment of any other transportation expenses, shall be considered a violation. [R]

[13.5.4 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: It has become common practice for athletics departments to purchase vehicles to transport teams to and from competition sites. An institution should be permitted to transport a prospective student-athlete (and those accompanying a prospective student-athlete) in an institutional vehicle that is used to transport teams to and from competition sites. Such vehicles are readily available and the prospective student-athlete will likely be transported in such vehicles as a student-athlete. Finally, adding this language to unofficial visit legislation clarifies application across visit types.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None
No. 2017-33 RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- ONE VISIT LIMITATION -- ADDITIONAL VISIT AFTER COMMITMENT AND DEPARTURE OF HEAD COACH -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL

Intent: In sports other than football, to specify that an institution may provide one additional official visit to a prospective student-athlete after the departure of a head coach, provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 unchanged.]

13.6.2 Limitations on Official Visits.

13.6.2.1 One-Visit Limitation. A member institution may finance only one visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete.

13.6.2.1.1 Exception -- Additional Visit After Departure of Head Coach -- Sports Other Than Football. In sports other than football, after the departure of a head coach, an institution may finance one additional visit to its campus for a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or after the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission. For institutions that subscribe to the National Letter of Intent program, this exception does not apply to an individual who only signs an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid prior to the regular signing date of the National Letter of Intent program in the applicable sport. Visits that meet this exception shall be excluded from the limitations on the number of official visits set forth in Bylaws 13.6.2.1, 13.6.2.2, 13.6.2.3, and 13.6.2.6.

[13.6.2.2 through 13.6.2.6 unchanged.]

[13.6.3 through 13.6.8 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Current transfer data reveals that playing time, unmet expectations and “issues with coaches” are the most cited reasons when a student-athlete transfers. When a coaching change occurs after a prospective student-athlete's written commitment and prior to his or her arrival on campus, a relationship must be built between the new coaching staff and the prospective student-athlete. In addition to telephone calls and email, a prospective student-athlete may incur the cost to visit campus to spend time with the new coach; however, this is not feasible for all prospective student-athletes and their families. A new head coach can visit a prospective student-athlete; however, doing so requires the coach to leave campus and enrolled student-athletes, with whom he or she is also building new relationships. Providing institutions with the flexibility to finance a second official visit after a coaching change benefits both committed prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes by allowing greater opportunities for the new head coach to spend valuable time on campus while giving the prospective student-athlete an opportunity to make an informed decision about his or her college commitment.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase when a new coach is hired.
Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): None.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

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Intent: To specify that an institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities for an official or unofficial visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while they are decorated.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.6, as follows:

13.6 Official (Paid) Visit.

[13.6.1 through 13.6.7 unchanged.]

13.6.9 Activities During Official Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an official visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g., lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an official visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated.

[13.6.7.10 unchanged.]

[13.6.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.7, as follows:

13.7 Unofficial (Nonpaid) Visit.

[13.7.1 through 13.7.2 unchanged.]

13.7.3 Activities During Unofficial Visit. An institution may not arrange miscellaneous, personalized recruiting aids (e.g., personalized jerseys, personalized audio/video scoreboard presentations) and may not permit a prospective student-athlete to engage in any game-day simulations (e.g., running onto the field with the team during pregame introductions) during an official visit. Personalized recruiting aids include any decorative items and special additions to any location outside of athletics facilities the prospective student-athlete will visit (e.g., hotel room, locker room, coach's office, conference room, arena, dorm room, student union) regardless of whether the items include the prospective student-athlete's name or picture. An institution may decorate common areas in athletics facilities (e.g., lobby, coach's office, suite in arena) for an unofficial visit, provided the decorations are not personalized and the common areas are not accessible or visible to the general public while decorated.

[13.7.4 unchanged.]

Source: Mountain West Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment
**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** The current restrictions on decorations for official visits are excessive. An institution should be allowed flexibility in how it presents common areas to a prospective student-athlete during an official or unofficial visit. This proposal supports the Commitment to Responsible Recruiting Standards by allowing some flexibility in hosting prospective student-athletes while maintaining responsible recruiting standards. This proposal is of national significance and the added flexibility would outweigh any monitoring burdens.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Variable.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

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**Intent:** To specify that an enrolled student-athlete may comment on social media about a prospective student-athlete, provided such comments are not made at the direction of an institutional staff member.

**Bylaws:** Amend 13.10.2, as follows:

13.10.2 Publicity Before Commitment.

13.10.2.1 Comments Before Commitment. Before the signing of a prospective student-athlete to a National Letter of Intent or an institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid or before the institution receives his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission, a member institution may comment publicly only to the extent of confirming its recruitment of the prospective student-athlete. The institution may not comment generally about the prospective student-athlete’s ability or the contribution that the prospective student-athlete might make to the institution’s team; further, the institution is precluded from commenting in any manner as to the likelihood of the prospective student-athlete committing to or signing with that institution. [D]

[13.10.2.1.1 unchanged.]

[13.10.2.2 through 13.10.2.8 unchanged.]

**13.10.2.9 Exception -- Enrolled Student-Athletes.** An enrolled student-athlete may publicly comment on social media about a prospective student-athlete, provided such comments are not made at the direction of an institutional staff member.

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Recruiting

**Rationale:** Student-athletes have friends and acquaintances from before their participation in collegiate athletics. It is practical, logical and realistic that student-athletes will continue to communicate on social media with their friends and acquaintances after they become student-athletes. Current legislation prohibits a student-athlete from posting content related to a prospective student-athlete’s recruitment. This restriction assumes that student-athletes have been educated and are mindful of the restriction when using social media. This proposal supports the Division I commitment to institutional control and compliance by creating a rule that is reasonable for an institution to monitor to provide education. Specifically, this proposal will eliminate unintentional violations in this area by allowing student-athletes to engage with prospective
student-athletes on social media as they normally have, provided the communication is not made at the
direction of the institution's coaches or staff.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-36 RECRUITING -- TRYOUTS -- COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A HIGH SCHOOL,
PREPARATORY SCHOOL OR TWO-YEAR COLLEGE -- ELIMINATE RESTRICTIONS FOR
MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Intent: In men's gymnastics, to eliminate the restrictions on hosting a high school, preparatory school or two-
year college competition in conjunction with an intercollegiate competition.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.1.6, as follows:

13.11.1.6 Competition in Conjunction with a High School, Preparatory School or Two-Year College. In basketball, football, women's gymnastics and volleyball, member institutions shall not permit competition between or among high schools, preparatory schools or two-year colleges to be conducted in conjunction with an intercollegiate athletics event (see Bylaw 13.15.1.5). [D]

[13.11.1.6.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.15.1.5, as follows:

13.15.1.5 High School Contest in Conjunction with College Competition. A high school contest held in conjunction with an institution's intercollegiate contest shall be governed by the following:

(a) It shall involve a sport other than basketball, football, women's gymnastics or volleyball;

[13.15.1.5-(b) through 13.15.1.5-(d) unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: It is important for men's gymnastics to take every opportunity to promote the sport, regardless of the level of competition. Gymnastics competition often occurs at "festivals," which are multiple day events with gymnasts participating from all levels. The benefit of an opportunity to promote the sport in this fashion outweighs the minimal impact on recruiting that hosting this event would provide for the host institution.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
No. 2017-37  RECRUITING -- SPORTS CAMPS AND CLINICS -- LOCATION RESTRICTION -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted within the state where the institution is located.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]


[13.12.1.1 unchanged.]

13.12.1.2 Location Restriction.

[13.12.1.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.1.2.2 Football. In football, an institution's camp or clinic shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities regularly used by the institution for practice or competition within the state where the institution is located.

[13.12.1.3 through 13.12.1.8 unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Conducting or working at camps and clinics for media exposure and program "one-upmanship" is not a significant issue in championship subdivision football. Institutional camps and clinics allow an institution to interact with a large group of prospective student-athletes in single location in a cost effective manner. Allowing an institution to conduct camps and clinics outside the confines of the institution's campus will expose a more diverse population of prospective student-athletes to the institution's athletics and academic programs without the prospective student-athletes having to incur additional travel costs. Providing educational opportunities to prospective student-athletes from areas outside the institution's community will help to strengthen campus-wide diversity and promote inclusion. This proposal is easily enforceable and will result in a minimal increase in monitoring efforts.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential for additional revenue.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:


Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-38  RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC -- INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A RECRUITED PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- ELIMINATE RESTRICTION -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to remove the restriction on employing an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete at an institution's camp or clinic.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

Date Printed: 11/03/2017
13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: [R]

13.12.2.2-(a) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.

13.12.2.2-(c) through 13.12.2.2-(f) unchanged.

13.12.2.2.5 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.2.1.3) at the institution's camp or clinic (including a coaches' clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects), unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.5 and 13.12.4.)

13.12.2.2.5.1 Exception -- Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Institution -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete.

[13.12.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The issue of institutions providing camp employment to an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete as a means of ultimately securing the enrollment of the prospective student-athlete is not applicable to championship subdivision football. Employment at institutional camps often serves as a gateway into the collegiate coaching profession for high school coaches, many of whom are recent college graduates and former student-athletes. This proposal would allow institutions to support professional development opportunities for coaches of all backgrounds. Finally, the administrative burden of vetting candidates for such positions places an unnecessary burden on athletics departments.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:


Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-39 RECRUITING -- EMPLOYMENT AT CAMP OR CLINIC -- INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH A RECRUITED PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE -- EXCEPTION -- COACH OF FOUR-YEAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTION -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year collegiate institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:
13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

[13.12.2.1 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2 High School, Preparatory School, Two-Year College Coaches or Other Individuals Involved With Prospective Student-Athletes. A member institution (or employees of its athletics department) may employ a high school, preparatory school or two-year college coach or any other individual responsible for teaching or directing an activity in which a prospective student-athlete is involved at its camp or clinic, provided: [R]

[13.12.2.2-(a) through 13.12.2.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.12.2.2.1 through 13.12.2.2.4 unchanged.]

13.12.2.2.5 Individual Associated With a Recruited Prospective Student-Athlete -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member shall not employ (either on a volunteer or paid basis) an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete (see Bylaws 13.02.14.1, 13.02.19 and 13.12.1.1.3) at the institution's camp or clinic (including a coaches clinic or a camp or clinic involving nonprospects), unless at least two years (24 months) have elapsed since the prospective student-athlete's initial full-time enrollment at the institution. (See Bylaws 13.2.1.5 and 13.12.4.)

13.12.2.2.5.1 Exception -- Coach of Four-Year, NCAA Member Collegiate Institution -- Football. In football, an institution or staff member may employ a coach of another four-year, NCAA member collegiate institution at the institution's camp or clinic regardless of whether the coach is an individual associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete.

[13.12.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: Big Sky Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The same rationale for exempting coaches of NCAA member institutions from the application of the camp or clinic employment legislation also applies to coaches from non-NCAA member institutions. It is highly unlikely that such coaches will influence a prospective student-athlete to attend the institution that is sponsoring the camp or clinic. All four-year institutions have a significant number of staff members who are associated with prospective student-athletes and enrolled student-athletes. Ultimately, the analysis required to apply the current legislation is overly burdensome as compared to the potential harm in employing coaches from non-NCAA member institutions who may be associated with a recruited prospective student-athlete. Football Championship Subdivision institutions, in particular, do not generally use camp or clinic employment to gain access to prospective student-athletes, but often hire coaches from other four-year institutions to help provide high level instruction to the campers.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Aug 29, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
Intent: In football, to specify that a noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed at his or her own institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

13.12.2 Employment at Camp or Clinic.

13.12.2.1 through 13.12.2.3 unchanged.

13.12.2.3.4 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Bowl Subdivision Football. In bowl subdivision football, an institution's coach (including a graduate assistant coach who has successfully completed the coaches' certification examination per Bylaw 11.5.1.1) or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic is limited to 10 days in the months of June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. The dates must be on file in the office of the athletics director. It is not permissible for a football coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

13.12.2.3.5 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Championship Subdivision Football. In championship subdivision football, an institution's coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) only by his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics. A noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football may be employed only by his or her institution's camps or clinics. Employment in such a camp or clinic may occur only in June [or any calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that includes days in June (e.g., May 28-June 3)] and July. It is not permissible for a football coach or noncoaching athletics department staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic. It is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to football to be employed at other institutional camps or clinics or at noninstitutional, privately owned camps or clinics. [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.10 unchanged.]

Source: Southern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The employment of noncoaching athletics department staff members at camps for recruiting purposes is not a significant issue in championship subdivision football. In championship subdivision football in particular, such noncoaching positions often serve as a bridge for recent college graduates, many of whom are former student-athletes, seeking entrance into the coaching profession. Allowing noncoaching staff members to be employed at camps provides increased professional development opportunities for potential coaches of all backgrounds. As camp or clinic employment will be limited to the staff members' own institution or another four-year, NCAA member institution (the same standard applicable to the institution's coaching staff) it will be easily enforceable and will result a minimal increase in institutional monitoring efforts.
Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-41 RECRUITING -- CAMPS AND CLINICS -- EMPLOYMENT -- INSTITUTIONAL OR NONINSTITUTIONAL, PRIVATELY OWNED CAMPS/CLINICS -- WOMEN’S SOCCER

Intent: In women’s soccer, to specify that an institution’s coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's soccer may be employed only at his or her institution's camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution's camps or clinics.

Bylaws: Amend 13.12.2.3, as follows:

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

[13.12.2.3.1 through 13.12.2.3.5 unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.6 Institutional or Noninstitutional, Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Women’s Soccer. In women’s soccer, an institution’s coach or noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's soccer may be employed only at his or her institution’s camps or clinics or another four-year, NCAA member institution’s camps or clinics. It is not permissible for a women’s soccer coach or a noncoaching staff member with responsibilities specific to women's soccer to be employed at noninstitutional, privately owned camps and clinics. [D]

[13.12.2.3.6 through 13.12.2.3.7 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.7 through 13.12.2.3.8, unchanged.]

13.12.2.3.9 Noninstitutional Privately Owned Camps/Clinics -- Sports Other Than Baseball, Basketball, Football, Women’s Soccer, Softball and Women's Volleyball. In sports other than baseball, basketball, football, women's soccer, softball and women’s volleyball, an institution's athletics department personnel may serve in any capacity (e.g., counselor, guest lecturer, consultant) in a noninstitutional, privately owned camp or clinic, provided the camp or clinic is operated in accordance with restrictions applicable to institutional camps (e.g., open to any and all entrants, no free or reduced admission to or employment of athletics award winners). [D]

[13.12.2.3.9 through 13.12.2.3.10 renumbered as 13.12.2.3.10 through 13.12.2.3.11, unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate; a contract signed before 10/29/17 may be honored.

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Concerns continue to persist in women's soccer related to preferential access to prospective student-athletes and other recruiting advantages that exist as a result of employment in noninstitutional, privately owned camps and clinics. Due to the fact that employment in a camp or clinic is an exception to the tryout and recruiting contact rules, coaches who are employed at noninstitutional camps, which are oftentimes organized and conducted by high school and/or nonscholastic coaches, are permitted to evaluate and have in-person interaction with prospective student-athletes free from the restraints and limitations of the standard recruiting provisions. In addition, noninstitutional, privately owned-camps and clinics oftentimes generate significant revenue for the host high school, nonscholastic program, or involved third-party, which also creates additional, unnecessary influences in the recruiting process. This proposal addresses many of
those concerns and should improve the image of the sport by minimizing the perception that coaches seek employment in camps and clinics for the purpose of potentially acquiring an advantage in the recruitment of particular prospective student-athletes.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

Aug 28, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

**No. 2017-43 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- MEN’S GOLF -- 45 EVALUATION DAYS**

**Intent:** In men’s golf, to establish a recruiting calendar, as specified; further, to specify that each institution shall be limited to 45 evaluation days per calendar year.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 13.02.7.2, as follows:

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

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 13.1.7, as follows:

13.1.7 Evaluations.

[13.1.7.1 through 13.1.7.11 unchanged.]

13.1.7.12 Evaluation Days -- Men’s Golf. In men’s golf, each institution is limited to 45 evaluation days (measured August 1 through July 31) per Bylaw 13.02.7.2. A coach’s employment activities in instructional camps or clinics do not count toward the evaluation days limitation.

[13.1.7.12 through 13.1.7.17 renumbered as 13.1.7.13 through 13.1.7.18, unchanged.]

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

13.17 Recruiting Calendars.

[13.17.1 through 13.17.5 unchanged.]

13.17.6 Men’s Golf. The following periods of recruiting activities shall apply to men’s golf:

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

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

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

(c) **The Monday immediately after Thanksgiving Day through December 22 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Quiet Period**

(1) **A coach may evaluate at the Coaches Convention Combine sponsored by the Golf Coaches Association of America.**

(2) **The first official day of the Golf Coaches Association of America Convention to 12:01 a.m. on the day after the adjournment of the convention:** Dead Period

(d) **December 23 through January 1:** Dead Period

Date Printed: 11/03/2017
(e) January 2 through July 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

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

(2) The 10 calendar days immediately before the Monday immediately after July 4: Contact Period

[13.17.6 through 13.17.12 renumbered as 13.17.7 through 13.17.13, unchanged.]

Source: Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: There is currently no recruiting calendar in golf and no limit on the number of days in which golf coaches may engage in off-campus recruiting evaluations. As golf tournaments involving prospective student-athletes occur year-round, including holidays, the off-campus "recruiting season" in golf has grown to encompass the entire calendar year. Further, coaches report feeling increased pressure to merely "be seen" at many golf tournaments when no actual evaluations are necessary. This proposal would curtail these problems while still providing coaches with the flexibility to engage in significant and meaningful off-campus recruiting at the tournaments of their choice. This proposal will promote prospective student-athlete well-being (by limiting academic disruptions) and health and safety (by reducing the physical demands related to participation in events year around). The establishment of a recruiting calendar in men's golf promotes an appropriate balance between a coach's need to support and supervise current student-athletes as well as the interest of prospective student-athletes in offering an opportunity to interact with coaches. Finally, this proposal received preliminary support (133 of 188 coaches polled supported the proposal) from the Division I Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) via an online survey conducted in the spring.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential reduction in recruiting costs.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 28, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-44 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD

Intent: In cross country and track and field, to revise the recruiting calendar, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.9, as follows:

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

(a) August 1-21 through the second Saturday in August: Quiet Evaluation Period

(b) The day after the second Saturday in August August 22 through the second Sunday in December [except for (1) and (2) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.9-(b)-(1) through 13.17.9-(b)-(2) unchanged.]

(c) The day after the second Sunday in December through January 21 [except for (1) below]: Quiet Dead Period

(1) The first official day of the national convention of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association through the day of the adjournment of the convention: Dead Period

Date Printed: 11/03/2017
(d) January 3 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) and (2) below]: Contact Period

[13.17.9-(d)-(1) unchanged.]

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

[13.17.9-(d)-(2) renumbered as 13.17.9-(d)-(3), unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Changing the August quiet period to an extended evaluation period would protect coaches' time with current student athletes by preventing in person, off campus recruiting contacts during an extended period just prior to the start of the fall semester at many institutions, while also permitting coaches to use this time to evaluate the academic and athletic qualifications of prospective student athletes. Replacing the December quiet period with a dead period would provide both coaches and prospective student athletes with an extended break from in person recruiting contact and official/unofficial campus visits during the winter holiday season. The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association found that this change, in particular, was important in terms of promoting coaches' life/work balance. With this recruiting calendar covering three sports (cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field), the proposed dead period in December is one of the few times of year when both cross country and track and field coaches experience a break from collegiate competition. Division I track and field and cross country coaches strongly support these recommendations.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-45 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING CALENDARS -- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL -- ADDITIONAL QUIET PERIODS

Intent: In women's volleyball, to revise the recruiting calendar, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.10, as follows:

13.17.10 Women's Volleyball. The following periods of recruiting shall apply to women's volleyball:

(a) August 1-31 through the first Sunday of December [except for (1) below]: Contact Quiet Period

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

(b) September 1 through November 30: Contact Period

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

(b) Monday following the first Sunday of December through the Tuesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship: Quiet Period

(c) Wednesday prior to the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship through December 31 through January 31 [except for (1) and (2) below]: Dead Quiet Period

Date Printed: 11/03/2017
[13.17.10-(c)-(1) through 13.17.10-(c)-(2) unchanged.]

(d) January February 1 through July 31 [except for (1) through (3) below]: Contact Period

(1) January February 1 through the Friday Thursday prior to Martin Luther King Jr. President’s Day: Quiet Period

[13.17.10-(d)-(2) unchanged.]

(3) May 1 through the Friday prior to Memorial Day Thursday immediately before the first weekend in June: Quiet Period

(e) The following state-specific contact and evaluation times are permissible:

(1) In those states that play the high school volleyball season in the winter, contacts and evaluations shall be permissible January 1 through the Friday prior to the Presidents Day weekend tournaments.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: The proliferation of events in youth volleyball is forcing collegiate coaches to allocate an increasing amount of time and resources to recruiting, and to make choices about whether to train their own teams or recruit at a youth event. Further, youth events are scheduled at all times of the year, which may lead to overuse injuries and contributes to less time spent on training. The emphasis has switched from developing skills to playing in events that attract college coaches. Adjusting the quiet periods is an attempt to initiate change in youth volleyball. This proposal reduces the window for use of the 80-evaluation days from 291 to 218. The reduction will allow coaches to be on campus more to train and mentor current student-athletes. This proposal has majority support from the Women’s Volleyball Coaches Association.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-47 RECRUITING -- RECRUITING PERIODS -- OTHER SPORTS -- DEAD PERIODS -- WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS -- ADDITIONAL DEAD PERIODS

Intent: In women’s gymnastics, to designate June 1-15 and December 1-30 as dead periods.

Bylaws: Amend 13.17.12, as follows:

13.17.12 Recruiting Periods -- Other Sports. There are no specified recruiting periods in sports for which no recruiting calendars have been established, except for the following dead and quiet periods.

13.17.12.1 Dead Periods.

[13.17.12.1.1 through 13.17.12.1.2 unchanged.]

13.17.12.1.3 Women’s Gymnastics.

(a) The day before the first day of the National Collegiate Women’s Gymnastics Championships to noon on the day after the championships;

(b) June 1-15; and
(c) December 1-30.

[13.17.12.1.4 through 13.17.12.1.6 unchanged.]

[13.17.12.2 unchanged.]

Source: Pac-12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Establishing additional dead periods in June and December will limit seasonal camps and unofficial visits, as well as provide a short reprieve at the beginning of the summer. This approach, in turn, will promote a better work-life balance for the women’s gymnastics coaching community.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Academic Eligibility

No. 2017-49 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- PRACTICE PRIOR TO INITIAL ENROLLMENT -- PROHIBITED PRACTICE ACTIVITIES -- FOOTBALL -- OBSERVATION OF CLOSED PRACTICES

Intent: In football, to specify that a prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution’s offer of admission may observe an institution’s off-field practice session (e.g., meeting, film review) that is closed to the general public.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.1.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

14.2.1.1 Practice Prior to Initial Enrollment. A student-athlete may practice during the official vacation period immediately preceding initial enrollment, provided the student has been accepted by the institution for enrollment in a regular, full-time program of studies at the time of the individual’s initial participation; is no longer enrolled in the previous educational institution; and is eligible under all institutional and NCAA requirements.

14.2.1.1.1 Prohibited Practice Activities. A prospective student-athlete shall not engage in any practice activities (e.g., review of playbook, chalk talk, film review) with a coaching staff member prior to his or her enrollment. A prospective student-athlete who has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution’s offer of admission shall not observe an institution’s off-field or off-court practice session (e.g., meeting, film review) that is closed to the general public. A prospective student-athlete may observe an institution’s on-field or on-court practice session (including a session that is closed to the general public), regardless of whether he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or has submitted a financial deposit to the institution in response to the institution’s offer of admission.

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference
Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Current legislation related to the observation of an off-field, closed practice session (e.g., film review) is more restrictive for a prospective student-athlete who has committed to an institution than for a prospective student-athlete who has not committed. During large recruiting weekends, the football staff is expected to separate committed and uncommitted prospects during campus visit activities that include off-field practice activities that are closed to the public. In addition, football staff members are expected to educate prospective student-athletes on the more restrictive legislation once they have committed to the institution. Recent changes to the football recruiting model that created an early signing period will further lengthen the time between a prospective student-athlete’s commitment to the institution and enrollment at the institution. Consistent with efforts to deregulate rules that are burdensome and difficult to monitor, this proposal will eliminate the unnecessary regulation in this area.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

  Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office
  Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-50 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- REQUIREMENT FOR PRACTICE -- EXCEPTION -- FORMER STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN PRACTICE ON AN OCCASIONAL BASIS -- FOOTBALL

Intent: In football, to specify that a former student-athlete at the certifying institution may not participate in organized practice sessions.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

14.2.1 Requirement for Practice. To be eligible to participate in organized practice sessions, a student-athlete shall be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies leading to a baccalaureate or equivalent degree as defined by the regulations of the certifying institution. [D]

[14.2.1.1 through 14.2.1.6 unchanged.]

14.2.1.7 Exception -- Former Student Participating in Practice on an Occasional Basis -- Sports Other Than Football. A [in sports other than football, a] former student (e.g., former student-athlete) at the certifying institution may participate in an organized practice session on an occasional basis, provided the institution does not publicize the participation of the former student at any time before the practice session.

[14.2.1.8 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: This proposal will encourage competitive equity in football by eliminating the exception for former student-athletes to participate in practice activities on an occasional basis. Under current legislation, an institution may gain a competitive or recruiting advantage by allowing a talented or high-profile former
student-athlete to participate in practice activities. Further, there is an additional burden placed on the institution to educate and monitor former student-athletes and those accompanying them (e.g., agents) on their interactions with current student-athletes. Eliminating this exception for football will create a consistent standard and reduce questions regarding the application of occasional participation in practice activities.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-51 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY -- FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFERS -- COMPETITION OR RECEIPT OF ATHLETICALLY RELATED FINANCIAL AID IN YEAR OF TRANSFER -- GOLF

**Intent:** In golf, to specify that a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if he or she has competed during the same academic year or received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 14.5.5.3.1, as follows:

14.5.5.3.1 Competition or Receipt of Athletically Related Financial Aid in Year of Transfer -- Golf and Tennis. In golf and tennis, a transfer student from a four-year institution who enrolls at the certifying institution as a full-time student after the conclusion of the first term of the academic year and qualifies for an exception to the one-year residence requirement shall not be eligible for competition until the following academic year if he or she has competed during the same academic year or received athletically related financial aid during the same academic year from the previous four-year institution.

**Source:** Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Academic Eligibility

**Rationale:** In golf, competition that occurs during both the nonchampionship and championship segments of a season are used to determine NCAA championship qualification and selection. The current four-year transfer rules allow a golf student-athlete who competed for a four-year institution in the fall term to compete for another institution during the same academic year if the fall term was designated as the previous institution’s nonchampionship segment and the student-athlete qualifies for a four-year transfer exception. As a result, a golf student-athlete can potentially represent and impact the NCAA championship prospects for two teams during the same academic year. This proposal adds golf to the current rule applicable to tennis, to prohibit a midyear transfer student-athlete who competed for or received athletics aid from one institution during the fall term from competing at the new institution until the following academic year. The proposal is consistent with the division’s principle of fair competition.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**
Intent: To specify that a transfer student from a four-year institution who has received a waiver of or qualifies for an exception to the transfer residence requirement is not eligible to compete in a particular sport at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed in that sport during the same academic year and his or her performance is used for the previous four-year institution’s NCAA championship qualification or consideration.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5.5.3, as follows:

14.5.5.3 Competition in Year of Transfer. A transfer student from a four-year institution, who has received a waiver of or qualifies for an exception to the transfer residence requirement (per Bylaw 14.5.5.2), is not eligible to compete in a particular sport at the certifying institution during the segment that concludes with the NCAA championship if the student-athlete has competed during that segment of the same academic year in that sport at the previous four-year institution in that sport during the same academic year and his or her performance is used for the previous four-year institution’s NCAA championship qualification or consideration.

[14.5.5.3.1 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Academic Eligibility

Rationale: Current legislation precludes a student-athlete from competing during the championship segment of a particular sport on behalf of two different institutions during the same academic year. The application of this rule to a midyear four-year transfer student-athlete is determined by how the two institutions designate the championship and nonchampionship segments of the sport. In several sports, competition that occurs during both the nonchampionship and championship segments of a season is used to determine NCAA championship qualification and selection (e.g., golf, swimming and diving, track and field). As a result, the current rule allows a midyear transfer student-athlete to represent and impact the NCAA championship prospects for two teams during the same academic year, provided the student-athlete meets a transfer exception and is otherwise eligible. This proposal would extend a component of the rule adopted for tennis to such sports in an effort to ensure that a student-athlete does not help multiple teams qualify or be selected for an NCAA championship during the same academic year. Such a change is consistent with the principle of fair competition and may encourage more responsible recruiting practices between coaches and prospective student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
Intent: To specify that an institution may provide tuition and course related fees to a student-athlete (or a prospective student-athlete prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution) to attend another institution during the summer provided the certifying institution does not offer degree-applicable coursework during the same summer and the recipient is enrolled in a minimum of three hours of degree-applicable credit that is transferable to the certifying institution.

Bylaws: Amend 15.01.1, as follows:

15.01.1 Institutional Financial Aid Permitted. A student-athlete may receive scholarships or educational grants-in-aid administered by (see Bylaw 15.02.1) an educational institution that do not conflict with the governing legislation of this Association. (See Bylaws 15.01.6.1, 16.3, 16.4 and 16.12.)

15.01.1.1 Financial Aid to Attend Another Institution. An institution may not provide financial aid to a student-athlete to attend another institution, except as specifically authorized by NCAA legislation.

15.01.1.1.1 Exception -- Summer School at Another Institution. An institution may provide tuition and course related fees to a student-athlete [or a prospective student-athlete prior to initial full-time enrollment at the certifying institution (see Bylaw 15.2.8.1.4)] to attend another institution during the summer, provided the certifying institution does not offer degree-applicable coursework (see Bylaw 14.4.3.1.7) during any term in the same summer and the recipient is enrolled in a minimum of three hours of degree-applicable credit that is transferable to the certifying institution.

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Current legislation prohibits Division I institutions from paying for a student-athlete to take coursework at another institution. Waiver relief of this general prohibition has been provided in certain contexts in which specific coursework that is required for a student-athlete’s degree program is not offered at the certifying institution during a specific period of time (e.g., academic term or year). This proposal converts the specific criteria currently considered through the waiver process into a legislative exception. This exception would allow institutions to pay for a student-athlete’s summer coursework (continuing or incoming student-athlete) that is offered at another institution, provided the coursework is transferable and applicable to the student-athlete’s degree program and not offered at the certifying institution during the same summer. This exception would better enable student-athletes to enroll in summer coursework that aligns with their academic goals, while alleviating challenges faced by institutions that do not conduct summer school or only have limited course offerings during the summer.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies depending on summer school offerings at certifying institution.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
**Intent:** In football and basketball, to eliminate the 3.000 cumulative grade-point average requirement to allow a recruited student-athlete whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient’s academic record at the certifying institution to compete without counting in the institution’s financial aid team limits; further, in equivalency sports, to eliminate the 3.000 cumulative grade-point-average requirement for the exemption of renewals of academic honor awards from equivalency computations; and to eliminate the 3.000 cumulative grade-point average requirement for the exemption of institutional academic scholarships from equivalency computations, as specified.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

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

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

15.5.1.1 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.8) by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.2) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports.

15.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.8) by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient’s academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may compete without counting in the institution’s financial aid team limits, provided he or she has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

[15.5.1.2 through 15.5.1.9 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

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

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

15.5.1.1 Football or Basketball, Varsity Competition. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.8) by the awarding institution and who receives institutional financial aid (as set forth in Bylaw 15.02.4.2) granted without regard in any degree to athletics ability does not have to be counted until the student-athlete engages in varsity intercollegiate competition (as opposed to freshman, B-team, subvarsity, intramural or club competition) in those sports.

15.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Receipt of Institutional Academic Aid Only. In football or basketball, a student-athlete who was recruited (see Bylaw 15.02.8) by the awarding institution and whose only source of institutional financial aid is academic aid based solely on the recipient’s academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may compete without counting in the institution’s financial aid team limits, provided he or she has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

[15.5.1.2 through 15.5.1.9 unchanged.]

C. **Bylaws:** Amend 15.5.3.2, as follows:

15.5.3.2 Equivalency Computations. In equivalency sports, each institutional financial aid award (per Bylaw 15.02.4.2) to a counter shall be computed as follows:
15.5.3.2 Exceptions.

15.5.3.2.4 Exceptions.

15.5.3.2.4.1 Academic Honor Awards -- Based on High School Record. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution’s normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient’s high school record and awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by institutions, are exempt from an institution’s equivalency computation, provided the recipient was ranked in the upper 10 percent of the high school graduating class or achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.500 (based on a maximum of 4.000) or a minimum ACT sum score of 105 or a minimum SAT score of 1200 (critical reading and math) for SAT tests taken before March 1, 2016; or a minimum SAT score of 1270 (critical reading and math) for tests taken on or after March 1, 2016, based on the concordance determined by the College Board.

15.5.3.2.4.2 Renewals. The renewal of an academic honor award (per Bylaw 15.5.3.2.4.1) may be exempted from an institution’s equivalency computation regardless of whether the recipient qualified for exemption in his or her initial academic year enrollment, provided: the recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

(a) The recipient achieves a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000) at the certifying institution; and

(b) The recipient meets all NCAA, conference and institutional progress-toward-degree requirements.

15.5.3.2.4.2 Academic Honor Awards -- Transfer Students. Academic honor awards that are part of an institution’s normal arrangements for academic scholarships, either based solely on the recipient’s cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended or based on the recipient’s high school record and cumulative academic record from all collegiate institutions previously attended, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, may be exempted from a team’s equivalency computation, provided the recipient achieved a cumulative transferable grade-point average of at least 3.000 (based on a maximum of 4.000).

15.5.3.2.4.3 Institutional Academic Scholarships. Institutional academic scholarships that are part of an institution’s normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution, are exempt from an institution’s equivalency computation, provided the recipient has completed at least one academic year of full-time enrollment at the certifying institution and has achieved a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.000 (on a 4.000 scale) at the certifying institution.

15.5.3.2.4.4 through 15.5.3.2.4.5 unchanged.

[15.5.3.2.5 unchanged.]
Rationale: Removing the grade-point average requirement to exempt institutional academic awards that are part of an institution's normal arrangements for academic scholarships, based solely on the recipient's academic record at the certifying institution, awarded independently of athletics interests and in amounts consistent with the pattern of all such awards made by the institution from team limits, would lessen the financial burden on student-athletes and their families, require fewer student-athletes to choose between athletics aid or academic scholarships, and align student-athlete eligibility for institutional academic awards with institutional standards applied to the student body generally. Removing the grade-point average requirement would also address concerns that, in some instances, the general student population has access to institutional academic awards, but a student-athlete who is a counter may only accept the award if his or her team has room in the team financial aid limitation. Therefore, this change would promote a positive relationship between the student-athlete and coach, foster transparency in the offering of financial aid, and reduce the monitoring burden. Individual financial aid limitations will continue to include institutional academic awards, and institutions must continue to abide by standards adopted by the institution for the student body generally.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:


Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-55 FINANCIAL AID -- MAXIMUM INSTITUTIONAL GRANT-IN-AID LIMITATIONS BY SPORT -- COUNTERS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- GRADUATE TRANSFER

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that a graduate transfer student-athlete who transfers with one season of eligibility remaining shall be a counter for two academic years.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5, as follows:

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

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

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

[15.5.1.1 unchanged.]

15.5.1.2 Men’s Basketball -- Graduate Transfer. In men’s basketball, a graduate transfer student-athlete who enrolls at the certifying institution with one season of eligibility remaining shall be a counter for two academic years.

[15.5.1.2 through 15.5.1.4 renumbered as 15.5.1.3 through 15.5.1.5, unchanged.]

15.5.1.56 Eligibility Exhausted. A student-athlete receiving institutional financial aid after having exhausted his or her eligibility in a sport is not a counter in that sport in later academic years following completion of eligibility in the sport, except as noted in Bylaw 15.5.1.2. For this provision to be applicable, the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for the aid and is not permitted to take part in organized, institutional practice
sessions in that sport unless the individual has eligibility remaining under the five-year rule. (See Bylaw 15.3.1 for eligibility for financial aid.)

[15.5.1.5.1 renumbered as 15.5.1.6.1, unchanged.]

[15.5.1.6 through 15.5.1.9 renumbered as 15.5.1.7 through 15.5.1.10, unchanged.]

[15.5.2 through 15.5.11 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Current legislation allows a graduate transfer student-athlete to be excluded from annual counter limitations once the student-athlete exhausts his athletics eligibility. While the number of men's basketball graduate transfers has grown, the current rules have not adequately held programs accountable for the academic outcomes of this cohort of student-athletes. This proposal seeks to achieve greater institutional accountability and encourage more thoughtful decision making by institutions who recruit men's basketball student-athletes for graduate school. Furthermore, this proposal aligns with the division’s commitment to student-athlete well-being and sound academic standards for all student-athletes.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-56 FINANCIAL AID -- COUNTERS -- FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENT-ATHLETE WHOSE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD EXPIRES MIDYEAR

Intent: In sports in which performance from the nonchampionship and championship segments is considered for NCAA championship qualification or selection, to specify that a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid is not a counter, provided the student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility will expire before the NCAA championship in the applicable sport and the student-athlete does not compete in the involved sport during that academic year.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.1, as follows:

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

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

[15.5.1.1 through 15.5.1.5 unchanged.]

15.5.1.6 Student-Athlete Whose Five-Year Period of Eligibility Expires Midyear. In sports in which performance from the nonchampionship and championship segments is considered for NCAA championship qualification or selection, a student-athlete who receives athletically related financial aid is not a counter, provided:

(a) The student-athlete’s five-year period of eligibility will expire before the NCAA championship in the applicable sport (e.g., end of fall semester); and

(b) The student-athlete does not compete in the involved sport during that academic year.
[15.5.1.6 through 15.5.1.9 renumbered as 15.5.1.7 through 15.5.1.10, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Currently, a student-athlete with remaining season(s) of eligibility whose five-year period of eligibility expires prior to the NCAA championship may participate in contests that help the institution qualify for the championship although the student-athlete will be ineligible to participate in the championship. Winter and spring championships should include student-athletes who were eligible to compete for their teams throughout the academic year in alignment with championship selection criteria. This proposal enhances student-athlete well-being for student-athletes whose five-year periods of eligibility will expire midyear by making financial aid available to those who might not otherwise be provided aid since they will not be eligible for the sport's championship.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-57 FINANCIAL AID -- TEAM LIMITS -- HEAD COUNT SPORTS -- VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Intent: In head count sports, to specify that an institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws from the institution or team during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.2, as follows:

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

[15.5.2.1 through 15.5.2.7 unchanged.]

15.5.2.8 Voluntary Withdrawal During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfers, official religious mission) from the institution or team during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.5, as follows:

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

[15.5.5.1 through 15.5.5.2 unchanged.]

15.5.5.3 Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfers, official religious mission) from the institution or team during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.5.3 renumbered as 15.5.5.4, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6, as follows:
15.5.6 Football Limitations.

[15.5.6.1 through 15.5.6.3 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4 Exceptions.

[15.5.6.4.1 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4.2 Voluntary Withdrawal During the Academic Year. An institution may replace a counter who voluntarily withdraws (e.g., transfers, official religious mission) from the institution or team during the academic year by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.6.4.2 through 15.5.6.4.5 renumbered as 15.5.6.4.3 through 15.5.6.4.6, unchanged.]

Source: Big Sky Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Legislation was recently adopted that demonstrates the membership's willingness to allow the replacement of counters (Proposal Nos. 2016-79, 2016-114 and 2016-115). Current legislation allows for the replacement of a student-athlete who renders himself or herself ineligible but it does not allow for a replacement in situations such as withdrawal from the team while eligible, transfers, or withdrawal from the institution to serve an official religious mission. This proposal would allow institutions to replace financial aid for student-athletes who voluntarily withdraw from the team or the institution during the regular academic year by awarding the unused aid to another deserving student-athlete. It is in the best interests of student-athletes to allow reallocation of the aid that would otherwise go unused. This legislation will not provide a competitive advantage since the reallocated aid is still within the overall institutional limit. The reallocation simply provides the previously awarded aid to another deserving student-athlete without counting the second student-athlete as another initial counter.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 29, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-58 FINANCIAL AID -- TEAM LIMITS -- HEAD COUNT SPORTS -- REPLACEMENT OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE WHO PARTICIPATES IN A SERVICE EXCEPTION

Intent: In head count sports, to specify that an institution may replace a counter who withdraws from the institution during the academic year and serves in active duty in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government by providing the financial aid to another student in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

A. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.2, as follows:

15.5.2 Head-Count Sports Other Than Football and Basketball.

[15.5.2.1 through 15.5.2.6 unchanged.]
15.5.2.7 Replacement of a Student-Athlete Who Participates in a Service Exception. An institution may replace a counter who withdraws from the institution during the academic year and serves in active duty in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.2.7 renumbered as 15.5.2.8, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.5, as follows:

15.5.5 Basketball Limitations.

[15.5.5.1 unchanged.]

15.5.5.2 Replacement of a Student-Athlete Who Participates in a Service Exception. An institution may replace a counter who withdraws from the institution during the academic year and serves in active duty in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.5.2 through 15.5.5.3 renumbered as 15.5.5.3 through 15.5.5.4, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5.6 Football Limitations.

[15.5.6.1 through 15.5.6.3 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4 Exceptions.

[15.5.6.4.1 unchanged.]

15.5.6.4.2 Replacement of a Student-Athlete Who Participates in a Service Exception. An institution may replace a counter who withdraws from the institution during the academic year and serves in active duty in the armed services, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government by providing the financial aid to another student-athlete, including an incoming student-athlete, in the ensuing term (e.g., spring semester, spring quarter).

[15.5.6.4.2 through 15.5.6.4.5 renumbered as 15.5.6.4.3 through 15.5.6.4.6, unchanged.]

Source: Big Sky Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Financial Aid

Rationale: Legislation was recently adopted to establish exceptions to the five-year rule for study-abroad, full-time internships and cooperative work experience programs (Proposal Nos. 2016-114 and 2016-115). An institution may now replace a counter who participates in such programs. This proposal would allow institutions to reallocate financial aid previously awarded to a student-athlete who withdraws from the institution for service in previously-established exceptions to the five-year rule, such as an official religious mission or active duty military service, by reallocating the aid to another deserving student-athlete. It is in the best interests of student-athletes to allow reallocation of aid that would otherwise go unused. This legislation will not provide a competitive advantage since the reallocated aid is still within the overall institutional limit. The reallocation simply provides the previously awarded aid to another deserving student-athlete without counting the second student-athlete as another initial counter.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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Intent: In football, to specify that a student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least one academic year may receive athletically related financial aid for the first time without such aid counting as an initial award.

Bylaws: Amend 15.5.6.3, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

15.5.6.3 Initial Counters -- Football (Also see Bylaw 15.02.3.1).

[15.5.6.3.1 through 15.5.6.3.2 unchanged.]

15.5.6.3.3 Recruited Student-Athlete, Aid Received After First Year. A recruited student-athlete (per Bylaw 15.02.8) (including a student-athlete who was not a qualifier) who first receives athletically related financial aid after the student-athlete’s first academic year in residence shall be an initial counter for that academic year in which the aid is first received, if such aid is received during the fall term. However, such a student-athlete who first receives athletically related financial aid in the second or third term of an academic year may be considered an initial counter during the academic year in which aid was first received or the next academic year. In either case, the student-athlete shall be included in the institution’s total counter limit during the academic year in which the aid was first received.

15.5.6.3.4 Nonrecruited Student-Athlete Receiving Institutional Financial Aid During First Year. A student-athlete not recruited (per Bylaw 15.02.8) by the institution who receives institutional financial aid (based in any degree on athletics ability) after beginning football practice during the first year of enrollment becomes a counter but need not be counted as an initial counter until the next academic year if the institution has reached its initial limit for the year in question. However, the student-athlete shall be considered in the total counter limit for the academic year in which the aid was first received.

[15.5.6.3.5 renumbered as 15.5.6.3.4, unchanged.]

15.5.6.3.65 Aid First Awarded After Second First Year. A student-athlete who has been in residence at the certifying institution for at least two one academic years may receive athletically related financial aid for the first time without such aid counting as an initial award, provided the aid falls within the overall grant limitation.

[15.5.6.3.7 through 15.5.6.3.11 renumbered as 15.5.6.3.6 through 15.5.6.3.10, unchanged.]
having to wait until two years of enrollment have elapsed. Further, the student-athlete still counts toward the total counter limit during each academic year in which aid is received, including the first year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

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**Playing and Practice Seasons**

No. 2017-60 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON -- SPORTS OTHER THAN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL

**Intent:** In sports other than basketball and football, to eliminate the limitation of two hours of skill-related instruction within the weekly limitation of eight hours of out-of-season athletically related activities.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.7.2, as follows:

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

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

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

[17.1.7.2.1 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Current legislation unnecessarily restricts the time that coaches may spend with student-athletes on individual skill instruction outside the playing season. This proposal will enhance student-athlete well-being by allowing required athletics activities to be developed according to the latest sport science and research, rather than trying to accommodate the available time. Coaches report that the current limitation often results in insufficient warm-up and cool-down activities in order to maximize the two hours of available skill instruction. Deregulating the limitation on skill activities will allow student-athletes to receive additional attention and development in their sports, particularly those who may receive less instruction from coaches during the competitive season. Additional flexibility with countable athletically related activities will also provide coaches with the discretion to determine how the eight hours should be allocated based on the specific needs of a student-athlete or team. This proposal does not increase the length of the playing season nor the number of hours dedicated to countable athletically related activities. This proposal will ease monitoring of countable hours outside the playing season.
Intent: In team sports other than football, to specify that a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week with not more than four hours spent on skill-related workouts. In individual sports, to specify that a student-athlete's participation in required weight training, conditioning and skill-related instruction shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2, as follows:

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

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

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

[17.1.7.2.1 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation limits the permissible out-of-season countable athletically related activities to eight hours with only two hours of skill instruction. The current restriction is detrimental to student-athletes of different sports, particularly individual sports, as each student-athlete's needs are different, depending on the individual and his or her sport. For example, golf student-athletes require less time cross training, conditioning, and weight lifting than basketball student-athletes. Maintaining the eight-hour limitation, but increasing the permissible time for skill instruction strikes the appropriate balance for each student-athlete. This proposal would also benefit the strength and conditioning coaches during an out-of-season period, as such coaches likely also oversee other sports that are in season.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Student-athletes may choose to participate in additional voluntary hours of weight and conditioning training.
Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2017-62 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS AND RECRUITING -- SUMMER ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- INSTITUTIONS THAT DO NOT OFFER SUMMER SCHOOL

Intent: In basketball and football, to specify that an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which (a) A prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities, provided he or she has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission; and (b) A student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities, provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3.9, as follows:

13.11.3.9 Required Summer Athletic Activities -- Basketball.

[13.11.3.9.1 through 13.11.3.9.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.9.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[13.11.3.9.3 renumbered as 13.11.3.9.4, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.11.3.10, as follows:

[13.11.3.10.1 through 13.11.3.10.2 unchanged.]

13.11.3.10.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Football. In football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer during which a prospective student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2), provided the prospective student-athlete has signed a National Letter of Intent or the institution’s written offer of admission and/or financial aid, or the institution has received his or her financial deposit in response to its offer of admission.

[13.11.3.10.3 renumbered as 13.11.3.10.4, unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

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

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.1.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.1), provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.2 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2.1.5, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.1.7.2.1.5 Summer Athletic Activities.

[17.1.7.2.1.5.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.1.7.2.1.5.2.1 through 17.1.7.2.1.5.2.2 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.1.5.2.3 Institutions That Do Not Offer Summer School Courses -- Football. In football, an institution that does not offer summer school courses may designate eight weeks of the summer in which a student-athlete may participate in required summer athletic activities (pursuant to Bylaw 17.1.7.2.1.5.2), provided he or she has satisfied progress-toward-degree requirements to be eligible for competition in the ensuing fall term by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

Source:  Patriot League

Effective Date:  Immediate

Category:  Amendment

Topical Area:  Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, a small number of Division I institutions do not offer summer school courses. As such institutions incoming prospective student-athletes and continuing student-athletes who do not satisfy the exception to summer school enrollment are unable to participate in summer athletic activities. Several legislative relief waivers have been granted to accommodate institutions impacted by the lack of summer school courses. This proposal will provide competitive equity to those impacted institutions and address potential safety concerns by ensuring an institution's coaches will be permitted to work with prospective student-athletes prior to their initial enrollment. Finally, the proposal will encourage continuing student-athletes to satisfy all fall progress-toward-degree requirements by the conclusion of the preceding spring term.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time spent in required activities by impacted prospective student-athletes and student-athletes.
Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

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No. 2017-63 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WEEKLY HOUR LIMITATIONS -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL -- PUBLICITY

Intent: In sports other than football, to eliminate the restrictions that preclude skill-related instruction from being publicized and conducted in view of a general public audience.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.2, as follows:

17.1.7.2 Weekly Hour Limitations -- Outside the Playing Season.

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

[17.1.7.2.1 unchanged.]

17.1.7.2.2 Skill Instruction -- Sports Other Than Football. Participation by student-athletes in skill-related instruction in sports other than football is permitted outside the institution's declared playing season, from the institution's first day of classes of the academic year or September 15, whichever occurs earlier, to one week prior to the beginning of the institution's final examination period at the conclusion of the academic year [see Bylaw 17.1.7.2-(a)].  **Skill-related instruction shall not be publicized and shall not be conducted in view of a general public audience.**

[17.1.7.2.3 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

Source: American Athletic Conference and Atlantic 10 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current legislation was intended to prohibit an institution from creating a celebrity atmosphere during a prospective student-athlete's campus visit as well as to prohibit sport programs from combining permissible skill instruction and permissible promotional activities to allow a practice before the official start of season. However, the legislation does allow a prospective student-athlete and those individuals accompanying him or her on an official or unofficial visit to view a skill instruction session. In addition, a member of the general public could walk into a facility where a team is involved in skill-related instruction on his or her own (i.e., not invited to watch) and permissibly observe the skill instruction session. Thus, there are still opportunities for individuals to watch the skill instruction session, and there are no restrictions on publicizing (e.g., website, social media) the skill instruction session after it has concluded. With the increased use of social media, it should be permissible to live-stream skill-related instruction or use other social media platforms to share skill-instruction sessions with fans across the country. Such a change would allow the general public to view such sessions without creating a celebratory atmosphere. In addition, it remains impermissible for an institution to publicize the participation of a former student in a practice session, including skill instruction, and it remains impermissible to celebratize a prospective student-athlete's campus visit. These restrictions should be sufficient to minimize the concerns related to the initial intent of prohibiting the publicity of skill instruction and prohibiting the sessions from being conducted in view of a general public audience.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

History:

Aug 31, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-64 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- REQUIRED DAY OFF -- PLAYING SEASON -- EXCEPTION -- THREE CONTESTS IN A WEEK

Intent: In sports other than basketball, to specify that if an institution’s team participates in three contests or dates of competition in a week, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any countable athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7.4, as follows:

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

[17.1.7.4.1 through 17.1.7.4.6 unchanged.]

17.1.7.4.7 Exception -- Basketball Three Contests in a Week. If an institution’s team participates in three contests or dates of competition in a week, an institution is not subject to the one-day-off-per-week requirement, provided the student-athletes do not engage in any countable athletically related activities for two days during either the preceding or the following week.

Source: Sun Belt Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, basketball is the only sport with a legislated exception to the one-day-off-per-week requirement during the playing season for situations in which a team participates in three contests in a week. Other sports also regularly schedule three contests or dates of competition in a week. A team that takes its required day off during the week in which it is scheduled to compete in three contests or dates of competition is only left with one day to prepare for the next opponent. Expanding the exception to include all sports provides consistency for student-athletes while making it easier for institutions to monitor the one-day-off-per-week requirement.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 30, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-65 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASON -- INDIVIDUAL SPORTS -- VACATION-PERIOD WORKOUT SESSIONS INITIATED BY STUDENT-ATHLETE
Intent: In individual sports, to specify that a coach may participate in an individual-workout session with a student-athlete from the coach's team during an institutional vacation period, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.5, as follows:

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

[17.5.1 through 17.5.5 unchanged.]

17.5.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.5.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.5.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.5.7 through 17.5.8 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

[17.6.1 through 17.6.5 unchanged.]

17.6.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.6.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.6.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.6.7 through 17.6.8 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.7, as follows:

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

[17.7.1 through 17.7.5 unchanged.]

17.7.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.7.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.7.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.7.7 through 17.7.9 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.8, as follows:

17.8 Fencing. Regulations for computing the fencing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
17.8.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete’s institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.8.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

E. Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.11.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

F. Bylaws: Amend 17.12, as follows:

17.12 Gymnastics. Regulations for computing the gymnastics playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.12.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete’s institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.12.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

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

G. Bylaws: Amend 17.15, as follows:

17.15 Rifle. Regulations for computing the rifle playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.15.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete’s institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.15.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.
17.15.6.42.4 | Vacation Period and Summer-Workout Sessions. A coach may participate in individual-workout sessions with student-athletes from the coach’s team during any institutional vacation period and/or the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete.

[17.15.7 through 17.15.9 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 17.18, as follows:

17.18 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.18.1 through 17.18.5 unchanged.]

17.18.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff at the student-athlete’s institution shall not engage in countable athletically related activities (see Bylaw 17.02.1) outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.18.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.18.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.18.7 through 17.18.9 unchanged.]

I. Bylaws: Amend 17.21, as follows:

17.21 Swimming and Diving. Regulations for computing the swimming and diving playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.21.1 through 17.21.5 unchanged.]

17.21.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season pursuant to Bylaw 17.21.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.21.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.21.7 through 17.21.9 unchanged.]

J. Bylaws: Amend 17.22, as follows:

17.22 Tennis. Regulations for computing the tennis playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.22.1 through 17.22.5 unchanged.]

17.22.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution’s declared playing season per Bylaw 17.22.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.22.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.22.7 through 17.22.8 unchanged.]

K. Bylaws: Amend 17.23, as follows:
17.23 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.23.1 through 17.23.5 unchanged.]

17.23.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.23.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.23.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.23.7 through 17.23.9 unchanged.]

L. Bylaws: Amend 17.27, as follows:

17.27 Wrestling. Regulations for computing the wrestling playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

[17.27.1 through 17.27.5 unchanged.]

17.27.6 Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities. Student-athletes and members of the coaching staff shall not engage in countable athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing season per Bylaw 17.27.1 except as permitted in Bylaw 17.1.7.2.

[17.27.6.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.27.7 through 17.27.9 unchanged.]

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Current legislation permits a coach in an individual sport to participate in individual-workout sessions with a student-athlete from the coach's team during the summer, provided the request for such assistance is initiated by the student-athlete. This proposal extends the same opportunity to a student-athlete during any institutional vacation period. Many student-athletes may not be able to return home during a vacation period due to distance (e.g., international student-athletes), time or budget constraints. Such student-athletes may wish to use vacation periods for athletic improvement. Other student-athletes may simply wish to take advantage of additional opportunities to train with their coach. This proposal will allow a student-athlete in an individual sport the opportunity to request and receive additional instruction and guidance from a countable coach when there are fewer demands on the student-athlete's time.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time spent in voluntary workout sessions.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office
Intent: In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball, to specify that if there are fewer Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution than the maximum number of permissible nonchampionship segment contests or dates of competition, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of institutions and the maximum number of contests or dates of competition.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

17.6.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men's or women's cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.6.5.1.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor cross country (without indoor or outdoor track and field) located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.9, as follows:

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

17.9.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.5.3 and 17.9.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.9.5.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer than five other Division I institutions that sponsor field hockey located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and five.
C. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

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

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

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

17.20.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution’s softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.20.5.1 **Exception -- Isolated Institution.** If there are fewer than eight other Division I institutions that sponsor softball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and eight.
17.25.7 Number of Dates of Competition -- Women.

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

17.25.7.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer that four other Division I institutions that sponsor women’s volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four.

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 renumbered as 17.25.7.1.2 through 17.25.7.1.3, unchanged.]

[17.25.7.2 unchanged.]

17.25.8 Number of Dates of Competition -- Men.

17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men’s volleyball during the playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

17.25.8.1.1 Exception -- Isolated Institution. If there are fewer that four other Division I institutions that sponsor men’s volleyball located within 400 miles of the institution, the institution may use any form of transportation to travel to the number of nonchampionship segment competitions that represents the difference between the number of other institutions and four.

[17.25.8.1.1 through 17.25.8.1.2 renumbered as 17.25.8.1.2 through 17.25.8.1.3, unchanged.]

[17.25.8.2 unchanged.]

[17.25.9 through 17.25.13 unchanged.]

Source: The Summit League

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Institutions that are geographically isolated have been adversely affected by the current legislation related to team travel for competition during the nonchampionship segment. While the current legislation does often result in reduced costs by restricting competition to nearby opponents, costs for institutions that have few sponsoring institutions nearby are actually increased by long distance travel via ground transportation. The current legislation creates a competitive disadvantage for such institutions because they choose to schedule competition against nearby non-Division I opponents (e.g., Division II, Division III, club teams) due to the student-athlete well-being concerns related to long distance travel via ground transportation. The cost of using ground transportation for long distances is also often greater than for other modes of transportation. Conversely, institutions in more populated areas are able to schedule all of their contests during the nonchampionship segment with Division I institutions without the same financial and competitive implications.

Estimated Budget Impact: Will vary depending on specific situations.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potentially, less time spent traveling.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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No. 2017-67 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT TRAVEL -- CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, SOCCER, SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL -- ELIMINATE GROUND TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTION

Intent: In cross country (for institutions without indoor or outdoor track and field), field hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball, to eliminate the restriction that limits an institution to ground transportation for travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.6.5.1.1, as follows:

17.6.5.1.1 Exception -- Cross Country Without Indoor or Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors men’s or women’s cross country but does not sponsor indoor or outdoor track and field shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the cross country playing season to seven dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.6.5.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.9.5.1, as follows:

17.9.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the institution's field hockey playing season in any one year to 20 contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and five dates of competition during another segment, except for those contests or dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.9.5.3 and 17.9.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.9.5.1.1 through 17.9.5.1.2 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.19.5.1, as follows:

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

[17.19.5.1.1 through 17.19.5.1.2 unchanged.]

D. Bylaws: Amend 17.20.5.1, as follows:

17.20.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in softball during the institution's softball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and eight contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.20.5.3 and 17.20.5.4. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.20.5.1.1 through 17.20.5.1.3 unchanged.]
E. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.7.1, as follows:

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

[17.25.7.1.1 through 17.25.7.1.2 unchanged.]

F. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.25.8.1, as follows:

17.25.8.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in men's volleyball during the playing season to not more than 28 dates of competition during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and not more than four dates of competition during another segment, except for those dates of competition excluded under Bylaws 17.25.9 and 17.25.10. Travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment shall be restricted to ground transportation, unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution.

[17.25.8.1.1 through 17.25.8.1.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mountain West Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Currently, travel to competition in the nonchampionship segment (for select sports) is restricted to ground transportation unless there are no Division I institutions that sponsor the sport located within 400 miles of the institution. Removing this restriction would reduce the time in which student-athletes are away from campus as teams would have the option to fly to and from competitions. In addition, the elimination of the restriction also would create additional competition opportunities for institutions.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Reduction in travel time.

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Aug 17, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

**No. 2017-68 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS -- TWO CONTESTS DURING NONCHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT**

**Intent:** In baseball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests (games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.2.5, as follows:

17.2.5 Number of Contests.

17.2.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. A member institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition in baseball during the institution's baseball playing season to 56 contests (games and scrimmages) during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests...
(games and scrimmages) during the nonchampionship segment, except for those contests excluded under Bylaws 17.2.5.3 and 17.2.5.4.

[17.2.5.1.1 unchanged.]

17.2.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete. An individual student-athlete may participate in each academic year in not more than 56 baseball contests during the segment in which the NCAA championship is conducted and two contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

[17.2.5.3 through 17.2.5.4 unchanged.]
championship is conducted and four contests during the nonchampionship segment (this limitation includes those contests in which the student represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution).

[17.2.5.3 through 17.2.5.4 unchanged.]

Source: Big South Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal seeks to allow similar competitive opportunities in baseball as are provided to other spring sports, such as softball, which has comparable time demands on student-athletes. Because existing legislation prohibits missed class time for nonchampionship competition, and weekly and daily hour limitations will not be adjusted, student-athletes' time is not negatively impacted by this proposal. This proposal would provide flexibility and equity for institutions in different regions to be able to gain competitive experience in the fall.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost associated with up to four nonchampionship contests.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time associated with up to four nonchampionship contests.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 29, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-70 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- VARSITY SQUAD SIZE LIMITATION -- CHAMPIONSHIP SEGMENT -- EXCEPTION -- SEASON-ENDING INJURY -- REPLACED STUDENT-ATHLETE

Intent: In baseball, to specify that a student-athlete who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury may participate in the following countable athletically related activities with the varsity team: (a) Participation in limited on-field activities (e.g., hitting fungoes, shagging balls); (b) Dress in uniform and be in the dugout during home and away contests; and (c) Participation in rehabilitation activities (including the use of baseball-specific equipment) under the supervision of a coaching staff member conducted at the same time as team practice.

Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]

17.2.8.3 Varsity Squad Size Limitation -- Championship Segment. An institution shall declare a varsity squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season. Only those student-athletes who are declared as varsity squad members at that time shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities with the varsity squad during the remainder of the championship segment. Declared varsity squad members shall not participate in countable athletically related activities with an institution's subvarsity team (e.g., freshman, junior varsity). A student-athlete who is a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) must be included in the varsity squad limit.
17.2.8.3.1 Exception -- Season-Ending Injury. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who sustains a season-ending injury prior to the institution’s first scheduled competition in the championship segment, provided medical documentation verifies the student-athlete suffered an incapacitating injury or illness and is unable to participate in team practice and competition for the remainder of the academic year. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term.

17.2.8.3.1.1 Application to Replaced Student-Athlete. A student-athlete who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury may participate in the following countable athletically related activities with the varsity team:

(a) Participation in limited on-field activities (e.g., hitting fungoes, shagging balls);

(b) Dress in uniform and be in the dugout during home and away contests; and

(c) Participation in rehabilitation activities (including the use of baseball-specific equipment) under the supervision of a coaching staff member conducted at the same time as team practice.

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently a student-athlete who has been replaced as a varsity squad member due to a season-ending injury or illness cannot be in uniform during competition, participate in pre-game activities or participate in rehabilitation activities at the same time and place as the team participates in practice. Consequently, the replaced student-athlete is often left to feel isolated and not a member of the team during what is a very difficult recovery process. Providing the opportunity to be around the team and more involved in team activities will give the student-athlete an improved support system and access to the camaraderie that can ease the recovery process. In addition, aligning rehabilitation activities with other team activities will reduce the burden on both training and strength personnel and facility usage. For example, this proposal would permit a replaced student-athlete to shag balls during batting practice. Such activity is an integral part of building and maintaining relationships with teammates and is a fundamental part of being a member of a baseball team. Such proposed activities do not provide a competitive advantage since as the student-athlete will not participate in competition. It should be a priority to boost the wellness and mental health of the student-athlete during an excruciating period.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Minimal.

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-71  PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASEBALL -- SQUAD SIZE LIMITATION -- REPLACEMENTS -- VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Intent: In baseball, to specify that (a) An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily withdraws from the team for personal reasons before the institution’s first scheduled contest in the championship segment; (b) The student-athlete’s request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal; (c) The student-athlete's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the same academic year; and (d) The student-athlete selected as the replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall academic term.
Bylaws: Amend 17.2, as follows:

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

[17.2.1 through 17.2.8 unchanged.]

17.2.8.3 Varsity Squad Size Limitation -- Championship Segment. An institution shall declare a varsity squad of a maximum of 35 student-athletes by the day prior to its first scheduled contest in the championship segment of the playing and practice season. Only those student-athletes who are declared as varsity squad members at that time shall be eligible to participate in countable athletically related activities with the varsity squad during the remainder of the championship segment. Declared varsity squad members shall not participate in countable athletically related activities with an institution's subvarsity team (e.g., freshman, junior varsity). A student-athlete who is a counter (per Bylaw 15.5.1) must be included in the varsity squad limit.

[17.2.8.3.1 unchanged.]

17.2.8.3.2 Exception -- Voluntary Withdrawal. An institution may replace a varsity squad member who voluntarily (on his own initiative) withdraws from the team for personal reasons before the institution's first scheduled competition in the championship segment. A student-athlete's request for written permission to contact another four-year collegiate institution regarding a possible transfer does not constitute a voluntary withdrawal. The student-athlete selected as a replacement shall not have previously received athletically related financial aid and must have participated with the team during the fall term. The replaced student-athlete's financial aid may not be awarded to another student-athlete in the same academic year.

Source: Big 12 Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, the squad size is fixed even if a counter voluntarily withdraws from the team. This application denies nonscholarship student-athletes the opportunity to fill the vacated spot. Allowing replacements for these situations will not result in a competitive advantage to the institution. Rather, it enhances student-athlete well-being by allowing additional student-athletes to be part of the team during the championship segment.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 28, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
17.3.2.2 Women's Basketball. An institution shall not commence on-court preseason basketball practice sessions before the date that is 40 days before the date of the institution's first regular-season contest. An institution shall not engage in more than 30 days of countable athletically related activities before its first regular-season contest. Any countable athletically related activities (e.g., conditioning, skill-related instruction) that occur within the 40-day period shall count against the 30 days of countable athletically related activities.

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Women's Basketball Oversight Committee)
Effective Date: August 1, 2018
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Rationale: Current legislation allows a 40-day window before an institution's first regular-season contest. This change will align women's basketball with men's basketball, which will alleviate monitoring burden while providing additional flexibility for coaches to adequately prepare for the season without increasing time demands for student-athletes. The Women's Basketball Oversight Committee will recommend this proposal for January consideration by the Council.

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

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-73 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- FIRST CONTEST -- TUESDAY BEFORE SECOND FRIDAY OF NOVEMBER

Intent: In basketball, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition prior to the Tuesday immediately before the second Friday in November.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.3, as follows:

17.3.3 First Contest. An institution shall not play its first contest (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in basketball prior to the Tuesday immediately before the second Friday of November (see Figure 17-2).

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees)
Effective Date: August 1, 2018
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons
Rationale: Moving the first contest date up by three days provides institutions with an extra scheduling opportunity without increasing the number of contests. Establishing an earlier start date by three days spreads out the nonconference portion of the basketball season, which results in a reduction in schedule compression for the benefit of student-athletes, both physically and academically. In addition, institutions will have greater flexibility and opportunity to provide student-athletes with an extended holiday break. Further, a Tuesday start date delivers a more strategic and favorable midweek scheduling window to bring attention and exposure to the opening of the basketball season. Finally, moving the start of the season three days earlier assures that Veterans Day falls in the permissible dates for scheduling annually.
Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): More flexibility to schedule days off throughout the season.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-74 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- LOCATION OF QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT -- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Intent: In basketball, to specify that a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event may occur in the United Arab Emirates.

Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5.1.1, as follows:

17.3.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. A qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

(a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active or affiliated member or a member conference of the Association and must take place in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Northern Ireland, Mexico, the United Arab Emirates or the United States or one of its territories;

[17.3.5.1.1-(b) through 17.3.5.1.1-(d) unchanged.]

[17.3.5.1.1 unchanged.]

Source: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal provides institutions additional opportunities to compete in multiple-team events at neutral sites. It would not adversely affect student-athlete missed class time or interfere with other student-athlete academic responsibilities, as it would not increase the number of contests per season. The proposal would maintain the original intent of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event by maintaining the participation limit to one team per conference and one appearance per institution every four years while allowing more student-athletes the opportunity to participate. The United Arab Emirates, specifically Dubai, is a location where the influence of basketball is rapidly expanding. The purpose of hosting an event in Dubai is to further grow within the youth culture in the Middle East an awareness that through sport a young person can achieve both athletic and academic success. It is also designed to introduce NCAA student-athletes to the Middle East to help them understand the history and culture of the region. It would also provide a limited, but rewarding, foreign experience for many NCAA students who oftentimes, because of their sport schedules and academic commitments, cannot take advantage of study abroad learning experiences while they are undergraduate students. It is consistent with the commitments to the Division I collegiate model and is of national significance. The proposal will not create additional monitoring responsibilities.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Minimal.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:
No. 2017-75 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- IN-SEASON FOREIGN COMPETITION

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that an institution may play one or more of its countable contests in one or more foreign countries on one trip during the prescribed playing season once every two years.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.3.5, as follows:

17.3.5 Number of Contests.

[17.3.5.1 unchanged.]

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

[17.3.5.2 through 17.3.5.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mid-American Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** The current once-in-four years restriction on in-season foreign competition should be deregulated as it relates to basketball to allow institutions to make local decisions about the frequency of such competition. Deregulating this legislation will give student-athletes more opportunities to experience different cultures and areas of the world. The current limit of once in four years is unduly restrictive in nature and limits an institution's opportunities to provide student-athletes a diverse, worldly experience. This proposal supports the Division I Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being by providing student-athletes with opportunities to travel internationally to gain cultural experience, which helps student-athletes become more well-rounded individuals. The proposal also supports growing the game of basketball internationally.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Cost increase for an institution that participates in additional in-season foreign competition.

**Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Potential for additional missed class time if institution chooses to participate in additional in-season foreign competition.

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-76 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S BASKETBALL -- NUMBER OF CONTESTS -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- CONFERENCE CHALLENGE EVENT

**Intent:** In men's basketball, to specify that each year, one contest played as part of a conference challenge event in which two or more conferences organize interconference contests during a limited time period and implement a conference versus conference scoring format may be exempted from an institution's maximum number of contests.

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Bylaws: Amend 17.3.5.3, as follows:

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

[17.3.5.3-(a) through 17.3.5.3-(e) unchanged.]

(f) **Conference Challenge Event.** In men's basketball, one contest played as part of a conference challenge event in which two or more conferences organize interconference contests during a limited time period and implement a conference versus conference scoring format.

[17.3.5.3-(f) through 17.3.5.3-(h) relettered as 17.3.5.3-(g) through 17.3.5.3-(i), unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Conference challenge events provide an opportunity for men's basketball teams to compete against a high-quality opponent and to enhance the student-athlete experience by participating in high-profile nonconference competition. Establishing an exemption for conference challenge events would provide institutions with additional scheduling flexibility. Specifically, some conferences have increased the number of conference games played, thereby decreasing the opportunities and options for nonconference competition. Conference challenge events also create attention for collegiate men's basketball prior to the start of conference seasons.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential for additional revenue in years in which a team plays an additional home game; potential for additional expense in years a team plays an additional away game.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time associated with additional contest.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-77 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SEGMENTS OF PLAYING SEASON -- ELIMINATE TWO SEGMENT LIMIT -- CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD

Intent: In cross country and track and field, to eliminate the restriction on dividing the playing season into not more than two distinct segments; further, to specify that each segment must consist of at least one week.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.1.2, as follows:

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

[17.1.2.1 unchanged.]

B. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.6, as follows:

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

17.6.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in cross country shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two **multiple** segments (each consisting of consecutive days at least one week) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.
C. **Bylaws:** Amend 17.23, as follows:

17.23 Track and Field, Indoor/Outdoor. Regulations for computing the indoor/outdoor track and field playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.23.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in indoor and outdoor track and field shall be limited to the following:

(a) Indoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors only indoor or outdoor track and field (but not both) or does not participate in the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both indoor and outdoor track and field in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 144-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of **two multiple segments** (each consisting of **consecutive days at least one week**) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

(b) Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field. An institution that sponsors both indoor and outdoor track and field and participates in at least the minimum number of contests with at least the minimum number of participants required to count both sports in meeting division membership requirements is limited to a 156-day season for indoor and outdoor track and field combined, which may consist of **two multiple segments** (each consisting of **consecutive days at least one week**) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 or 17.1.7.6 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal would provide institutions with more flexibility in their playing seasons to better suit academic calendars and student-athlete safety, welfare and development. Each institution would be empowered to structure its season and off season around midterms, finals or other periods of academic intensity, as suits the academic interests of the student-athletes. The flexibility would allow the distribution of the training-intensive in-season weeks over a greater period of time, providing intermittent recovery weeks of off-season training between the more intensive in-season training weeks. The flexibility offered by eliminating the limit of two segments would not force institutions to change their current overall playing seasons.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress
Intent: In football, to eliminate the limit on the number of student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution’s first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

Bylaws: Amend 17.10.2, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

17.10.2 Practice.

17.10.2.1 First Practice Date. An institution shall not commence official preseason football practice sessions, for the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team, prior to the date that will permit a maximum of 40 units (see Bylaw 17.02.13) prior to its first scheduled intercollegiate game. During the preseason practice period, institutions may not engage in more than 29 on-field practice sessions (see Bylaw 17.10.2.5.1).

17.10.2.1.2 Limit on Number of Participants — Bowl Subdivision. In bowl subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 105 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution’s first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

17.10.2.1.2.1 Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Voluntarily Withdraws. A student-athlete who has voluntarily withdrawn from an institution’s team, has departed the practice site and no longer will engage in any preseason activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution’s 105-participant preseason practice limitation.

17.10.2.1.2.2 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution’s limitation on number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice. The replaced student-athlete shall cease participation in all athletically related activities (including team meetings and film review) and shall not resume participation in athletically related activities before the institution’s first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete may continue to receive preseason practice expenses.

17.10.2.1.2.3 Exception — National Service Academies. There is no limit on the number of student-athletes who will be attending a national service academy and who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution’s first day of classes or the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

17.10.2.1.3 Limit on Number of Participants — Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, there shall be a limit of 105 student-athletes who may engage in practice activities prior to the institution’s first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs earlier.

17.10.2.1.3.1 Exception — Limited Preseason Practice Units. There shall be a limit of 110 student-athletes who may engage in such preseason practice activities at an institution, provided the institution establishes its first preseason practice date based on 35 practice units, per Bylaw 17.02.13 (including practice units for first-time participants) and engages in not more than 27 actual practice sessions. This exception shall apply exclusively to institutions that award financial aid in football pursuant to the following criteria, even if there are student-athletes who participate in football and one or more other sports who receive athletics aid in sport(s) other than football:

(a) In football, the institution awards financial aid only to student-athletes who demonstrate financial need, except that loans, academic honor awards, nonathletic achievement awards or on-campus employment and certain aid from outside sources may be provided without regard to financial need;
(b) The institution uses methodologies for analyzing need that conform to federal, state and written institutional guidelines. The methodologies used to determine the need of a student-athlete must be consistent with the methodologies used by the institution’s financial aid office for all students; and

(c) The composition of the financial aid package offered to football student-athletes is consistent with the policy established for offering financial assistance to all students. The financial aid packages for football student-athletes also shall meet the following criteria:

1. The institution shall not consider athletics ability as a criterion in the formulation of any football student-athlete’s financial aid package; and

2. The procedures used to award financial aid to football student-athletes must be the same as the existing financial aid procedures used for all students at the institution.

17.10.2.1.3.2 Junior Varsity Exception. Institutions that sponsor junior varsity teams that compete in at least four intercollegiate contests are not subject to the limits of Bylaw 17.10.2.1.3.

17.10.2.1.3.3 Replacement of Student-Athlete Who Voluntarily Withdraws. A student-athlete who has voluntarily withdrawn from an institution’s team, has departed the practice site and no longer will engage in any preseason activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution’s limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice.

17.10.2.1.3.4 Replacement of Student-Athlete Due to Injury or Illness. A student-athlete who sustains an injury or illness that prevents further participation in preseason practice activities may be replaced with another student-athlete without including that individual in the institution’s limitation on the number of individuals who may participate in preseason practice. The replaced student-athlete shall cease participation in all athletically related activities (including team meetings and film review) and shall not resume participation in athletically related activities before the institution’s first day of classes or prior to the fifth day before the day of the institution’s first contest, whichever occurs first. The replaced student-athlete may continue to receive preseason practice expenses.

[17.10.2.2 through 17.10.2.5 unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Institutions should have discretion over how many team members participate in preseason practice. Allowing all members of a team to participate in preseason practice would enhance the well-being and safety of student-athletes who currently join practice after most team members have had a month’s worth of instruction and conditioning. In addition, the introduction of required summer activities and expansion of access to such activities means that student-athletes may have participated in team activities throughout the summer but are prohibited from practicing for a month. Participating in preseason practice will allow the additional student-athletes to feel more engaged with the team from the outset of the season. Eliminating the limit would also remove the administrative burden related to monitoring the number of preseason participants and the questions related to replacement of student-athletes within the limit.

Estimated Budget Impact: Additional room and board expenses at institution’s discretion will vary.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): For some student-athletes, earlier start of preseason practice.

Position Statement(s): None

History:

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No. 2017-79  PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- FIRST CONTEST EXCEPTION AND MAXIMUM CONTESTS EXEMPTION -- CONTEST AGAINST CANADIAN INSTITUTION -- FCS

**Intent:** In championship subdivision football, to specify that an institution may participate in a contest against a Canadian institution the weekend (Saturday-Sunday) prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day; further, to specify that one such contest shall be exempt from counting against the maximum number of contests.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.10, as follows:

[Federated provision, FCS only]

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

[17.10.1 through 17.10.2 unchanged.]

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

[17.10.3.1 through 17.10.3.2 unchanged.]

17.10.3.3 Exception -- Contest Against Canadian Institution -- Championship Subdivision. In championship subdivision football, an institution may participate in a contest against a Canadian institution the weekend (Saturday-Sunday) prior to the Thursday preceding Labor Day.

[17.10.4 unchanged.]

17.10.5 Number of Contests.

17.10.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional. In bowl subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 12 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.28.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.10.5.2. In championship subdivision football, a member institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the permissible football playing season in any one year to 11 contests (games or scrimmages), except as provided for member institutions located in Alaska and Hawaii, under Bylaw 17.28.2, and except as provided for all members under Bylaw 17.10.5.2. Twelve football contests shall be permissible during those years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date through the last playing date in November (e.g., 2019, 2024, 2025).

[17.10.5.1.1 through 17.10.5.1.2 unchanged.]

17.10.5.2 Annual Exemptions.

[17.10.5.2.1 unchanged.]

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

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

(i) Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico. Any football games played in Hawaii, Alaska, or Puerto Rico, respectively, either against or under the sponsorship of an active member institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico, by a Division I member institution located outside the areas in question; and

(j) Canadian Institution. One football game played against a Canadian institution; and

[17.10.5.2.2-(j) relettered as 17.10.5.2.2-(k), unchanged.]
[17.10.6 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

Source: Colonial Athletic Association

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: This proposal permits additional participation and exposure opportunities for Football Championship Subdivision institutions. Specifically, this proposal would provide an opportunity for FCS institutions to play on television the weekend prior to the general start of the football season. This would give FCS institutions and student-athletes increased national exposure during a time when there are not many other games on television. Additionally, due to certain restrictions, football teams typically do not participate in foreign tours. This proposal would give FCS teams the opportunity to play an international opponent. By providing additional high-profile competitive opportunities to FCS teams, this proposal promotes the commitments to student-athlete well-being and fair competition.

Estimated Budget Impact: Costs associated with an additional contest.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time associated with an additional contest.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 15, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-80 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOOTBALL -- OUT-OF-SEASON ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT OR WORKOUT ACTIVITY

Intent: In football, to specify that an institution may conduct one postseason practice session prior to the end of the institution's academic year for the purpose of conducting a professional tryout or workout activity and that employees of a professional sports organization may participate in such a session without counting against the institution's coaching limits, provided: (a) The student-athlete does not miss class to participate in such activity; (b) The session shall be conducted on the institution's campus or in facilities primarily used by the institution for practice or competition; (c) The session shall not involve contact and student-athletes shall not wear protective equipment (e.g. helmet, shoulder pads, spider pads, padded undergarments); and (d) The amount of time that a student-athlete is involved in such countable athletically related activities is limited to a maximum of four hours.

A. Bylaws: Amend 11.7.1.1, as follows:

[Federated provision, FBS and FCS, divided vote]

11.7.1.1 Countable Coach. An institutional staff member or any other individual outside the institution (e.g., consultant, professional instructor) with whom the institution has made arrangements must count against coaching limits in the applicable sport as soon as the individual participates (in any manner) in any of the following:

[11.7.1.1-(a) through 11.7.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

11.7.1.1.1 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. In football, an employee of a professional sports organization or team who conducts a postseason practice session per Bylaw 17.10.6.4 is not considered a countable coach.

[11.7.1.1.1 through 11.7.1.1.2 renumbered as 11.7.1.1.2 through 11.7.1.1.3, unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 12.2, as follows:
12.2 Involvement With Professional Teams.

[12.2.1 unchanged.]

12.2.1.3 Tryout After Enrollment. After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who has eligibility remaining may try out with a professional athletics team (or participate in a combine including that team) at any time, provided the individual does not miss class. The individual may receive actual and necessary expenses in conjunction with one 48-hour tryout per professional team (or a combine including that team). The 48-hour tryout period shall begin at the time the individual arrives at the tryout location. At the completion of the 48-hour period, the individual must depart the location of the tryout immediately in order to receive return transportation expenses. A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the individual self-finances additional expenses, including return transportation. A self-financed tryout may be for any length of time, provided the individual does not miss class.

[12.2.1.3.1 through 12.2.1.3.3 unchanged.]

12.2.1.3.4 Exception -- Postseason Practice Session -- Football. In football, a student-athlete may participate in a postseason practice per Bylaw 17.10.6.4 without such activity being considered a tryout with a professional team.

[12.2.1.3.4 renumbered as 12.2.1.3.5, unchanged.]

[12.2.2 through 12.2.5 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 17.10, as follows:

[17.10.6.4 renumbered as 17.10.6.5 through 17.10.6.6, unchanged.]

[17.10.7 through 17.10.8 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018
Category: Amendment
Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The American Football Coaches Association and the National Football League recently agreed to allow each institution to designate a maximum of five student-athletes with eligibility remaining to receive "special eligibility" status to participate in an on-campus pro-day during the 2017 spring term. While student-athletes with eligibility remaining are permitted to participate in such a pro-day as a professional team tryout, limitations on countable athletically related activities continue to apply. As a result, under current legislation, an institution is forced to decide to whether to (1) allow institutional coaching staff members to conduct the activity as one of its 15 spring practice sessions, in which case employees of a professional organization (e.g. scouts, coaches) may not be involved in conducting the activity, or (2) allow employees of a professional organization to conduct the activity, in which case institutional coaching staff members may not conduct or observe the activity. This proposal would provide an additional practice opportunity to allow coaching staff members and/or employees of a professional organization to engage in such activities with student-athletes with eligibility remaining.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Student-athletes may not miss class for participation in such activity, and participation must be counted as countable athletically related activity.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 28, 2017: Submit to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-81 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GOLF -- ANNUAL EXEMPTIONS -- PGA MINORITY COLLEGIATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: In golf, to exempt the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship from the maximum dates of competition and the declared playing season.

Bylaws: Amend 17.11, as follows:

17.11 Golf. Regulations for computing the golf playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)

17.11.1 Length of Playing Season. The length of an institution's playing season in golf shall be limited to a 144-day season, which may consist of two segments (each consisting of consecutive days) and which may exclude only required off days per Bylaw 17.1.7.4 and official vacation, holiday and final-examination periods during which no practice or competition shall occur.

17.11.1.1 Exception -- East Lake Cup. Participation in the East Lake Cup is excluded from an institution's 144-day season.

17.11.1.2 Exception -- PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship. Participation in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship is excluded from an institution's 144-day season.

[17.11.2 through 17.11.4 unchanged.]
(l) College All-American Golf Classic. Competition in the College All-American Golf Classic shall be exempt, provided not more than two student-athletes from the institution participate and the event is limited to two dates of competition; and

(m) East Lake Cup. Competition in the East Lake Cup; and

(n) PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship. Competition in the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

[17.11.5.3 unchanged.]

[17.11.6 through 17.11.8 unchanged.]

Source: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and Colonial Athletic Association

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship began in November 1986 and is a unique event that provides opportunities to minority student-athletes to compete in a national championship. In addition to four team divisions, the event includes an Individual Invitational Competition for minority men and women players listed on the roster of their college team. At the 2017 Championship, 168 student-athletes hailing from 40 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority-serving institutions participated in the event. To represent their institutions at the event, student-athletes must be academically eligible per NCAA legislation. Currently, the event occurs in May, which is outside of the playing and practice season and has no impact on NCAA Championship selection. Due to the timing of participant selection, institutions cannot revise playing seasons or dates of competition to include the event in student-athletes’ and institutional competition limits. As such, institutions must submit NCAA Division I Legislative Relief Waivers to allow their student-athletes to participate. This proposal is easily enforceable, monitorable and would eliminate the administrative burden associated with submitting a waiver. Perhaps most importantly, this proposal provides the NCAA membership an opportunity to embrace a prestigious event that supports the NCAA’s mission of inclusion and diversity in sport.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential additional dates of competition.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 7, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

Intent: In lacrosse, to specify that an institution may play up to three lacrosse scrimmages or exhibition games prior to the first scheduled regular-season contest, provided such scrimmages or exhibitions games are counted against the maximum number of contests; further, to specify that contests that would otherwise be exempted from the maximum number of contests shall count against the maximum if they are played prior to the date specified for the first regular-season contest.

Bylaws: Amend 17.14.3, as follows:

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

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Lacrosse teams often designate early-season contests as a scrimmages or exhibitions. Creating a legislated category for such contests will permit a lacrosse student-athlete to compete against outside competition without using one of his or her four seasons of competition. This proposal supports the commitment to student-athlete well-being and would apply in the same way as similar rules that currently exist in basketball, field hockey, soccer and volleyball. The proposal would not increase the overall number of contests played by an institution’s lacrosse team.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-83 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR COMPUTING PLAYING SEASONS -- NON-NCAA POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPATION -- MEN'S LACROSSE

Intent: In men’s lacrosse, to specify that practice for and competition in the Men’s Lacrosse Invitational Tournament shall be exempt from an institution’s declared playing and practice season limitations; further, to specify that the maximum number of dates of competition shall exclude the Men’s Lacrosse Invitational Tournament.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.9, as follows:

17.1.9 General Regulations for Computing Playing Seasons Applicable to All Sports.

[17.1.9-(a) through 17.1.9-(e) unchanged.]

(f) Non-NCAA Postseason Championships Participation. Practice and/or competition in non-NCAA (or non-NAIA) postseason championships (e.g., an invitational tournament scheduled after a conference championship) must be counted against the institution’s declared playing-season limitation; except that practice and competition for one postseason championship in each non-NCAA championship sport used for sports sponsorship purposes pursuant to Bylaw 20.9.6.1.1, practice and competition for one recognized national intercollegiate championship event in an emerging sport for women pursuant to Bylaw 20.02.4 and practice and competition for the National Invitational Softball Championship, for the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Women’s Lightweight Rowing Championship, the National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the College Swimming Coaches Association of America National Invitational and the USA
Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship and the Men's Lacrosse Invitational Tournament are exempt from the institution's declared playing-season limitations in those sports;

[17.1.9-(g) unchanged.]

[17.1.9.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 17.14.5, as follows:

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

[17.14.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) NCAA Championship Season-Ending Tournaments. Competition in an NCAA lacrosse championship;

   (1) NCAA Championship. Competition in the Men's or Women's NCAA Division I Lacrosse Championship; and

   (2) Men's Lacrosse Invitational Tournament. In men's lacrosse, competition in the Men's Lacrosse Invitational Tournament.

[17.14.5.3-(c) through 17.14.5.3-(i) unchanged.]

Source: Colonial Athletic Association

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, the Men's Lacrosse Invitational Tournament (MLIT) must be counted within the declared playing season and participation in the tournament must be counted against institutional and individual dates of competition. The MLIT provides a championship like opportunity for student-athletes whose teams were not selected to participate in the NCAA championship. Since institutions must include the MLIT within their playing seasons, there is a concern that student-athletes will lose post-season participation opportunities. The inclusion of the MLIT as an exempted event will enhance the student-athlete experience and expand the opportunity for post-season competition to an additional eight institutions.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential costs to participate in the invitational event.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Time associated with practice and competition in the invitational event.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Aug 21, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-84 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S RUGBY -- END OF REGULAR PLAYING SEASON -- NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: In women's rugby, to specify that an institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) by the conclusion of the USA Rugby College 7s National Championship or the Collegiate Rugby 7s National Championship, whichever occurs later.

Bylaws: Amend 17.17, as follows:

17.17 Rugby, Women's. Regulations for computing the rugby playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
17.17.4 End of Regular Playing Season. An institution shall conclude all practice and competition (games and scrimmages) in women's rugby by the last date of final exams for the regular academic year at the institution's conclusion of the USA Rugby College 7s National Championship or the Collegiate Rugby 7s National Championship, whichever occurs later.

Source: Patriot League

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Traditionally, the collegiate rugby season has two separate components -- one devoted to 7-on-7 play and one devoted to 15-on-15 play. The component devoted to 7s typically takes place in the spring. Allowing member institutions that sponsor women's rugby at the Division I level to continue to practice and compete through the conclusion of the USA Rugby College 7s National Championship or the Collegiate Rugby 7s National Championship will allow them the option of participating in either event as a non-NCAA postseason championship. It will also allow teams the option of participating in and exempting the USA Rugby Championship regardless of when their academic years conclude. Currently, individuals who participate in NCAA women's rugby are often disadvantaged in comparison with those who participate at the club level, as the latter are able to participate in a greater number and variety of competitive events. Additionally, NCAA teams whose institutions conclude their final exam periods later in the year are able to participate in these events while those with earlier exam periods are forced to either forego participation in these events or request a waiver. This proposal seeks to partially correct these inequities by ensuring that student-athletes have the opportunity to take part in a major postseason event focused on 7-on-7 play. The USA Rugby College 7s National Championship is typically held in late May. The Collegiate Rugby Championship is typically held in early June. Therefore, the proposal does not significantly extend the time period during which practice and competition are permitted.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential for vacation-period expenses after the conclusion of the academic year.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential for seasons to be extended by up to a few weeks.

Position Statement(s): None

History:

- Aug 31, 2017: Submitted to National Office
- Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-85 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION -- WOMEN'S SOCCER -- THURSDAY BEFORE 12TH WEEKEND BEFORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Intent: In women's soccer, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Thursday before the 12th weekend before the start of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

17.19 Soccer. Regulations for computing the soccer playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1. (See Figure 17-1 and Figure 17-2.)
(a) Men. An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Friday before the 12th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Men’s Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

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

[17.19.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.19.4 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

Source: Colonial Athletic Association

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Many institutions schedule their regular season women’s soccer games Thursday through Sunday. An institution playing its first regular contest or engaging in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition on Thursday, instead of Friday, provides consistency for scheduling purposes. It also gives the institution the option of playing two games during the opening weekend of the season.

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Aug 7, 2017: Submitted to National Office

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-86 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WOMEN'S SOCCER -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST CONTEST OR DATE OF COMPETITION

Intent: In women’s soccer, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions before August 1; further, to specify that an institution shall not play its first contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before August 15.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

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

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 Preseason Practice.

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

(b) Women. An institution shall not commence practice sessions before August 1.

17.19.3 First Contest or Date of Competition.
(a) **Men.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before the Friday before the 12th weekend before the start of the applicable NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship (see Figure 17-2), except that an alumni contest may be played the previous weekend.

(b) **Women.** An institution shall not play its first regular-season contest or engage in its first date of competition (game) with outside competition before August 15.

[17.19.3.1 unchanged.]

[17.19.4 through 17.19.8 unchanged.]

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

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** This proposal provides the opportunity to increase the time between fall contests to address the physical demands of the modern game and provides the opportunity for better scheduling balance for student-athletes to attend to personal, academic and athletic priorities during the academic year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Some increased costs associated with an early start date.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Would allow student-athletes more opportunity to balance time between academics and athletics.

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**

Sep 29, 2017: In Progress

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No. 2017-87 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SWIMMING AND DIVING -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION EXCEPTION -- CONFERENCE ALL-STAR CONTEST AGAINST U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

**Intent:** In swimming and diving, to specify that a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 17.21.9.1, as follows:

17.21.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.21.9.1.1 During Academic Year. A student-athlete in swimming and diving who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meet, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate swimming and diving competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.31.3 for exceptions).

[17.21.9.1.1 unchanged.]

17.21.9.1.1.2 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team. A student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for intercollegiate competition at the time of the competition.

[17.21.9.1.2 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 17.31.1, as follows:
17.31.1 Outside Competition -- Sports Other Than Basketball. A student-athlete in any sport other than basketball who participates during the academic year as a member of any outside team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition becomes ineligible for intercollegiate competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. A student-athlete is permitted to practice on such a team.

[17.31.1.1 through 17.31.1.4 unchanged.]

17.31.1.5 Exception -- Conference All-Star Competition Against U.S. National Team -- Swimming and Diving. In swimming and diving, a student-athlete may compete during the academic year as a member of a conference all-star team in one contest against the USA Swimming National Team or the USA Diving National Team, provided the student-athlete is academically eligible for competition at the time of the competition.

[17.31.1.5 through 17.31.1.11 renumbered as 17.31.1.6 through 17.31.1.12, unchanged.]
17.29.1.2 Timing of Tour. A tour may only be scheduled during the summer-vacation period between the institution's spring and fall terms or during an academic year vacation period (other than a Labor Day vacation period) published in the institution's official catalog. All travel to and from the foreign country must take place during such a vacation period. However, if the team crosses the international date line during the tour, the change of date will be disregarded and the equivalent time as measured in the United States will be used to determine the institution's vacation period.

17.29.1.2.3 Exception -- National Service Academies. In sports other than football, a national service academy may conduct a foreign tour at any time, provided:

(a) The tour is requested and sponsored by the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Department of Defense, or a direct subordinate organization;

(b) The tour is for the purpose of advancing international relations; and

(c) All missed class time is approved by the appropriate institutional authority.

17.29.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.

17.29.1.3.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. A national service academy shall not engage in a foreign tour conducted pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.2.3 more than once every three years in each sport. Such a tour shall not count toward the once-in-four-years restriction and, in basketball, shall not count as participation in a foreign tour for the participating student-athletes.

17.29.1.6 Maximum Number of Contests/Competition Dates. A team shall be limited to a maximum of three football games, 10 basketball games, or 10 contests or dates of competition in any other sport during and as part of the tour.

17.29.1.6.1 Exception -- National Service Academies. A national service academy that conducts a foreign tour pursuant to Bylaw 17.29.1.2.3 shall be limited to a maximum of three contests or dates of competition during and as part of the tour.

Source: Patriot League

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The national service academies, as subordinates of the Department of Defense, have a unique duty to support American interests abroad. Each service academy is devoted to producing officers for our country's armed forces, whose service and influence are global in scope. This proposal seeks to allow these institutions greater flexibility in supporting their instructional missions and meeting the needs of our government by treating a competition sponsored by the Department of State or Department of Defense, or a direct subordinate of one of these organizations, as a special type of foreign tour. At the service academies, all missed class time must be approved by the institutional chain of command in accordance with applicable requirements and procedures, and it is not uncommon for cadets and midshipmen to be granted leave from classes in order to support an institutional or governmental mission. Therefore, no class time that is missed
by a student-athlete as a result of a foreign tour will be incompatible with the academic program of the institution that conducts the tour.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Expenses related to such tours.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**

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**No. 2017-89 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- TIME LAPSE BETWEEN TOURS**

**Intent:** To specify that an institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every three years; further, to specify that a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.

**Bylaws:** Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 Foreign Tours.

17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.

[17.29.1.1 through 17.29.1.2 unchanged.]

17.29.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every **three** years. In basketball, a **A** student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.

[17.29.1.4 through 17.29.1.10 unchanged.]

[17.29.2 unchanged.]

**Source:** Mountain West Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate; a contract signed before September 29, 2017 may be honored.

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Under the current time-lapse rule, a student-athlete may miss an opportunity to participate in a foreign tour due to the timing of the previous tour. This proposal would allow more student-athletes to participate in foreign tours and thus enhance the overall experience of student-athletes. This concept is especially important as student-athletes do not always have study abroad opportunities. The proposal is consistent with Division I enduring values and the commitment to the Division I collegiate model as it provides educational and cultural experiences to student-athletes, as well as more frequent amateur competition against athletes from other countries. Finally, the proposal indirectly addresses recruiting concerns in that it limits a student-athlete to one foreign tour per institution. The limit of one foreign tour for a student-athlete at a particular institution is intended to address promises (during the recruiting process) of multiple foreign tours at one institution. This proposal is of national significance and would not have a major impact on monitoring.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Will vary.

**Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** The time for preparation for the tour as well as the duration of the tour.
No. 2017-90 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- FOREIGN TOURS -- TIME LAPSE BETWEEN TOURS -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to eliminate the once-in-four years restriction on institutional foreign tours; further, to eliminate the restriction that a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29, as follows:

17.29 Foreign Tours.

17.29.1 Institutionally Certified Tours. A member institution may participate in competition in any sport on foreign tours. The institution must certify in writing that the conditions set forth in this section are met and must maintain the certification on file in the athletics department.

[17.29.1.1 through 17.29.1.2 unchanged.]

17.29.1.3 Time Lapse Between Tours. An in sports other than basketball, an institution shall not engage in a foreign tour in each sport more than once every four years. In basketball, a student-athlete shall not participate in more than one foreign tour for a particular institution.

[17.29.1.4 through 17.29.1.10 unchanged.]

[17.29.2 unchanged.]

Source: Mid-American Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: The current once-in-four years restriction on foreign tours should be deregulated as it relates to basketball to allow institutions to make local decisions related to frequency of such tours. Deregulating this legislation will give student-athletes more opportunities to experience different cultures and areas of the world. The current limit is unduly restrictive in nature and limits an institution's opportunity to provide student-athletes a diverse, worldly experience. This proposal supports the Division I Commitment to Student-Athlete Well-Being by providing student-athletes with opportunities to travel internationally to gain cultural experience, which helps student-athletes become more well-rounded individuals. The proposal also supports growing the game of basketball internationally.

Estimated Budget Impact: Cost increase for an institution that participates in additional foreign tours.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Possible increase for basketball student-athletes if an institution takes additional foreign tours.

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Sep 1, 2017: Submitted to National Office
Infractions Program

No. 2017-92  INFRACTIONS PROGRAM -- PENALTIES -- MITIGATING FACTORS -- NAAC REASONABLE STANDARDS

Intent: To add demonstrated adherence to National Association for Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards as an example of a mitigating factor that may be weighed by a hearing panel in determining penalties in an infractions case.

Bylaws: Amend 19.9, as follows:

19.9 Penalties.

[19.9.1 unchanged.]

19.9.2 Factors Affecting Penalties. The hearing panel shall determine whether any factors that may affect penalties are present in a case. The panel shall weigh any factors and determine whether a party should be subject to standard penalties or should be classified with aggravation or mitigation and, therefore, subject to a higher or lower range of penalties. Absent extenuating circumstances, core penalties corresponding to the classification shall be prescribed as set forth in Figure 19-1.

[19.9.2.1 through 19.9.2.3 unchanged.]

[19.9.3 unchanged.]

19.9.4 Mitigating Factors. Mitigating factors are circumstances that warrant a lower range of penalties for a particular party. A hearing panel of the Committee on Infractions determines whether mitigating factors are present in a case and the weight assigned to each factor. Examples of mitigating factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

(f) Demonstrated adherence to National Association for Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards:

[19.9.4-(f) through 19.9.4-(i) relettered as 19.9.4-(g) through 19.9.4-(j), unchanged.]

[19.9.5 through 19.9.11 unchanged.]

Source: American Athletic Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Infractions Program

Rationale: The National Association for Athletic Compliance (NAAC) created "Reasonable Standards" to establish a model for all institutions to follow as it relates to monitoring and documenting compliance with specific NCAA rules and providing education on those rules. Input is sought from a variety of conferences, institutions, and administrators representing a complete cross-section of the industry, and the Reasonable Standards are intended to establish a norm to which institutions should adhere in establishing its compliance programs. The Reasonable Standards include guidelines for monitoring, education, and documentation and key insights from past major infractions cases. While it is not a "safe haven" for institutions, the Reasonable Standards provide guidance to compliance programs, which furthers the Commitment to Institutional Control and Compliance. The NAAC Reasonable Standards have been incorporated into the Division I Enforcement Charging Guidelines that were endorsed by the Division I Council. In those guidelines, the Reasonable Standards are noted as one example of how an institution may demonstrate adequate policies and procedures, education and training, and/or program monitoring and review such that a charge of lack of institutional control is not warranted. If an institution can use the standards in the investigative process, then the institution should also have the opportunity for its demonstrated adherence to the standards to be a mitigating factor in the penalty process. Adding this language to Bylaw 19.9.4 is consistent with how the
Reasonable Standards are used in the charging guidelines and brings clarity to the entire Division I membership.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

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**Division Membership**

No. 2017-93  DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- RECLASSIFICATION OF FOOTBALL SUBDIVISION -- FCS TO FBS -- WAIVERS

**Intent:** To specify that the Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the requirements for reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

**Bylaws:** Amend 20.4, as follows:

20.4 Multidivision Classification/Reclassification of Football Subdivision.

[20.4.1 unchanged.]

20.4.2 Football Subdivision Reclassification Options. A member of Division I may petition to be classified in football in the Football Bowl Subdivision or the Football Championship Subdivision.

20.4.2.1 Reclassification from Football Championship Subdivision to Football Bowl Subdivision.

[20.4.2.1.1 through 20.4.2.1.4 unchanged.]

20.4.2.1.5 *Waivers.* The Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may grant waivers of the requirements for reclassification from the Football Championship Subdivision to the Football Bowl Subdivision.

[20.4.3 through 20.4.4 unchanged.]

**Source:** Northeast Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Division Membership

**Rationale:** Per NCAA Division I Constitution 5.4.1.3, the Committee for Legislative Relief has the authority to waive the application of NCAA legislation in situations in which there is no other entity that has the authority to act. The Council, through the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee, is already tasked with monitoring an institution's progress and compliance with the criteria of the subdivision reclassification process and has the authority to deny advancement. Currently, waivers of multidivisional situations (other than a waiver related to submission or a compliance review report) of Bylaw 20.4.2 are reviewed by the Committee for Legislative Relief. In keeping with the overall authority and oversight already granted to the Council, the authority for the review of football subdivision reclassification should be placed with the Council to affirm the importance of the nature and purpose of subdivision reclassification process.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

History:

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