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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 introduced for final review during the January 10, 2024, Division I Council meeting.

The publication is updated from the Legislative Services Database for the Internet (LSDBi) once a day. As modifications or corrections are made to proposals during the sponsor modification period, updates will be made to LSDBi and those changes will be reflected in the POPL.

Because changes to the POPL will occur on a regular basis, there is no table of contents or index; however, users may use the "Bookmark" feature of the Adobe Reader to quickly scan the proposal numbers and titles and go directly to those proposals within the document. Users may also use the "Search" feature to find particular proposals. The proposals are presented by topical area by bylaw numbers and by proposal number within topical areas.

Legislative Process for the January 2024 Legislative Cycle

Key Dates

October 12, 2023: Introduction Deadline.

October 18, 2023: Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Week of November 26, 2023: Sport Oversight Action/Review and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Review.

December 6, 2023: Publication of the January 2024 Official Notice.

January 10, 2024: Division I Council Action/Review.

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

Sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation related to the sports in specified areas. Legislation adopted in the specified areas is not considered final and effective until the conclusion of the January 10, 2024, Division I Council meeting. The areas in which sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation are:

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

The following proposals are included in this process: Proposal Nos. 2023-44, 2023-45, 2023-46, 2023-47, 2023-48 and 2023-49.

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

A sport oversight committee or the council may introduce legislative proposals in areas other than those for which the sport oversight committees have authority. Other standing committees may recommend that the council introduce legislative proposals. After an initial comment period a sport oversight committee may modify a proposal it introduced. The NCAA Division I Legislative Committee will review proposals and provide feedback to oversight committees and the council. The Council will consider legislative proposals during its January 10, 2024, meeting.

Council-Governance Proposals in the January 2024 Legislative Cycle

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and ~~striketrough~~ are to be deleted; those letters and words that appear in **bold** and are underlined are to be added; and those words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division I legislation.]

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2024-1 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- OUTSIDE THE PLAYING SEASON -- SKILL INSTRUCTION -- PUBLICITY -- MEN'S BASKETBALL

Intent: In men's basketball, to specify that skill-related instruction may be publicized and conducted in view of a general public audience, provided the activity occurs on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution's men's basketball team for practice and competition.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1, as follows:

17.1 General Playing-Season Regulations.

[17.1.1 through 17.1.6 unchanged.]

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

[17.1.7.1 unchanged.]

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

[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 includes film review and team meetings related to technical and tactical instruction. In men's basketball, skill-related instruction ~~shall not be publicized and shall not be~~ **may be publicized and** conducted in view of a general public audience, **provided the activity occurs on the institution's campus or at a facility regularly used by the institution's men's basketball team for practice and competition.**

[17.1.7.2.3 through 17.1.7.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.7.3 through 17.1.7.12 unchanged.]

[17.1.8 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: Currently, men's basketball is the only sport that has a restriction on publicizing and conducting skill instruction in view of general public audience. Deregulation of this rule allows for institutional autonomy regarding who may attend practice out of season and during the summer. The proposal also provides programs the opportunity to engage with fans outside of the playing season and during the summer, and allows returning and incoming student-athletes the opportunity to be exposed to the fanbase throughout the year. Allowing fans and community members to have this additional exposure to a team outside of a competition setting would assist with growing their support year-round. Such individuals may also develop a greater appreciation for the team and share the appreciation with other potential fans. Further, restricting the location of such activities to the institution's campus or a facility regularly used by the institution's men's basketball team for practice and competition eliminates any real or perceived recruiting advantage if such team activities were to occur at other locations. This proposal is recommended as expedited legislation inasmuch as a delay in consideration would cause a disruption in the efficient administration of skill instruction activities. If the change is not considered until June, the application of the legislation would be inconsistent based on the timing of summer access periods.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Publicity of countable athletically related activities, in men's basketball, is nationally significant.

Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal eliminates monitoring burdens and establishes a location restriction that is easily monitorable and enforceable.

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal provides additional opportunities for student-athletes to engage with the community and fan base.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 18, 2024: In Progress

Division Membership

No. 2024-2 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CONDITIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP -- PERIODIC COMPLIANCE REVIEW AND EDUCATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL STAFF WITH COMPLIANCE DUTIES -- EFFECTIVE DATE

Intent: To amend the effective date of Proposal No. 2023-26 from August 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025.

Bylaws: Amend 20.2.4, as follows:

20.2.4 Conditions and Obligations of Membership.

[20.2.4.1 through 20.2.4.3 unchanged.]

20.2.4.4 Compliance Review. An active member institution shall complete a compliance review at least once every four years and attest to its completion. The review must involve an authority outside of the athletics department (e.g., campus audit staff, faculty athletics representative, conference staff). The review must, at a minimum, consider areas identified as integral to serving the needs of student-athletes, as identified annually by the Legislative Committee. The findings of the review shall be reviewed by the institution's president or chancellor and director of athletics. Failure to complete a compliance review at least once every four years shall subject an institution to a penalty pursuant to the policies and procedures maintained by the Strategic Vision and Planning Committee. Additionally, there may be consequences through the NCAA infractions process if an institution's compliance operations fail to deter or detect rules violations.

[20.2.4.5 through 20.2.4.34 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Legislative Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Division Membership

Rationale: The purpose of establishing a periodic compliance review to help institutions assess the adequacy of their compliance operations in serving the needs of student-athletes should not begin until institutions have had time to implement new requirements and rules changes, many of which will not occur until on or after August 1, 2024. Delaying the effective date of the compliance review requirement will allow institutions to focus on creating and implementing new policies (e.g., holistic student model for student-athletes) prior to assessing their adequacy. This proposal is recommended as expedited legislation inasmuch as a delay in consideration would cause a disruption in the efficient administration of compliance review requirement. Considering the proposal in April will provide sufficient notice to the membership regarding the effective date.

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

Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Delaying the effective date will promote the effective implementation of the compliance review and education requirements.

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

How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Delaying the effective date provides additional time for institutions to implement policies associated with the student-athlete holistic model, which promotes student-athlete success and overall well-being.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):

None

History:

Mar 18, 2024: In Progress