

# June 2025 NCAA Division I Council-Governance Publication of Proposed Legislation



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The Council-Governance POPL presents proposed amendments to the NCAA legislation in areas of Council governance that have been properly introduced for final review during the June 24-25, 2025, Division I Council meeting.

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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 June 2025 Legislative Cycle

<u>Key Dates</u>

March 26 and April 16, 2025: Introduction Deadlines.

April 2 and April 23, 2025: Publication of Proposed Legislation.

Week of May 4, 2025: Sport Oversight Action/Review and NCAA Division I Legislative Committee Review.

May 14: Publication of Official Notice.

June 24-25, 2025: Division I Council Action/Review.

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

Sport oversight committees have authority to adopt legislation related to the sports in specified areas. Legislation adopted in the specified areas is not considered final and effective until the conclusion of the January 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 proposal is included in this process: Proposal No. 2025-2.

#### 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 June meeting.

## Council-Governance Proposals in the June 2025 Legislative Cycle

[Note: In the following proposals, those letters and words that appear in *italics* and <del>strikethrough</del> are to be deleted; those letters and words that appear in **bold** and are <u>underlined</u> 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. 2025-2 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- BASKETBALL -- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CONTESTS AND QUALIFYING REGULAR-SEASON MULTIPLE-TEAM EVENT REQUIREMENTS

**Intent:** In basketball, to specify that an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to 32 contests (games or scrimmages), and to eliminate the legislated requirements for an institution to participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event and the in-season foreign competition limitation.

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

- 17 Playing and Practice Seasons
- [17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]
- 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 through 17.1.7.9 unchanged.]

17.1.7.10 Three-Day Period -- Basketball. In basketball, an institution shall provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off during the institution's official vacation period after the first term of the academic year (e.g., winter break). Required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days.

17.1.7.10.1 Exception – Participation in Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. One time during a fouryear period, if an institution participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that occurs during the institution's official vacation period after the first term when classes are not in session (e.g., winter break), the institution shall not be required to provide student-athletes with three consecutive days off.

- [17.1.7.11 through 17.1.7.13 unchanged.]
- [17.1.8 through 17.1.9 unchanged.]
- [17.2 through 17.3 unchanged.]

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

[17.4.1 through 17.4.4 unchanged.]

17.4.5 Number of Contests.

17.4.5.1 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.6): **32 contests (games or scrimmages)**.

- (a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per team;
- (b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or
- (c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.1.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

- (a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the National Association of Basketball Coaches;
- (b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution. An event in which each institution participates in three contests must conclude not later than 10 days after the first contest of the event. An

event in which each institution participates in two contests must conclude not later than five days after the first contest of the event;

- (c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period;
- (d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event;
- (e) Each participating institution must participate in the same number of contests in the event; and
- (f) The event may include a non-Division Linstitution as a participant only if the non-Division Linstitution serves as the host of the event.

17.4.5.1.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event for the other participating institutions, provided all such institutions use the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.1-(a) or (b)] as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.4.5.2 Maximum Limitations -- Institutional -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, institution shall limit its total regular-season playing schedule with outside competition during the playing season to one of the following (except for those contests excluded under Bylaw 17.4.5.6):

- (a) 28 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event per Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1 that does not exceed three contests per team;
- (b) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed two contests per team; or
- (c) 29 contests (games or scrimmages) during a playing season in which the institution does not participate in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event.

17.4.5.2.1 Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is one in which:

- (a) The event is sponsored by the NCAA, an active member or a member conference of the Association or the Women's Basketball Coaches Association;
- (b) The event includes not more than three contests per institution and concludes not later than 14 days after the first contest of the event;
- (c) Participation is limited, by conference, to one team per conference and, by institution, to not more than once in the same event in any four-year period; and
- (d) Each participating institution is using the same applicable option [Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a) or (b)] as its maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which it participates in the event.

17.4.5.2.1.1 Hawaii/Alaska/Puerto Rico Exception -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an active Division I institution located in Hawaii, Alaska or Puerto Rico that serves as the sponsor of a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event is not required to count its participation in the event as its one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event pursuant to Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a), provided the event is conducted in the institution's state or territory and the institution counts all contests of the event in which it is a participant toward its maximum contest limitations. Such an event qualifies as a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event participating institutions, provided all such institutions use Bylaw 17.4.5.2-(a) as the maximum contest limitation for the playing season in which they participate in the event.

17.4.5.3 In-Season Foreign Competition. An 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 17.32), the institution may not engage in such in-season foreign competition more than once every four years. 17.4.5.42 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete --- Men's Basketball. In men's basketball, an individual studentathlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 32 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.1.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multipleteam event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

17.4.5.5 Maximum Limitations -- Student-Athlete -- Women's Basketball. In women's basketball, an individual student-athlete may participate each playing season in not more than 28 basketball contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event (see Bylaw 17.4.5.2.1) that does not exceed three contests per institution, 29 contests and one qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that does not exceed two contests per institution or 29 contests in an academic year in which the institution does not participate in a regular-season qualifying multiple-team event. This limitation includes those contests in which the student-athlete represents the institution in accordance with Bylaw 17.02.8, including competition as a member of the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team of the institution. Further, an individual student-athlete may participate each year in only one postseason basketball tournament as a member of the institution's varsity, junior varsity or freshman team.

[17.4.5.6 through 17.4.5.7 renumbered as 17.4.5.3 through 17.4.5.4, unchanged.]

- [17.4.6 through 17.4.8 unchanged.]
- [17.5 through 17.34 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** The opportunities to participate in multiple-team events have historically served college basketball well. However, the current multiple-team event criteria are challenging due to conference realignment and other concerns. A contest limitation requiring each game to count toward the maximum is straightforward and provides each institution with scheduling flexibility. This proposal does not require an institution to change its regular season schedule and it does not limit the opportunity for multiple team events to operate or exist. The opportunity for an additional game encourages quality nonconference competition that can be used for championship selection purposes and provides opportunities to generate additional exposure for college basketball. Removing the in-season foreign competition limitation ensures a location restriction is not imposed on future multiple-team events. Men's and women's basketball will continue to be aligned with equitable participation opportunities. Implementation for the 2026-27 season allows for a seamless transition in scheduling of events and contests. Finally, the Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Student-Athlete Engagement Groups and the NABC and WBCA support the proposal.

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

- Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The maximum contest limit in basketball is nationally significant.
- Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes, moving to a uniform maximum contest limit, regardless of whether an institution participates in a regular-season multiple-team event, will be easier to operationalize and monitor.
- How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: Provides all institutions with the opportunity to participate in the same number of regular-season contests regardless of whether they participate in a multiple-team event.

Estimated Budget Impact: Varies based on institutional decision-making.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Varies based on institutional decision-making.

Position Statement(s): None

## History:

Apr 1, 2025:	ln Progress	
Apr 24, 2025:	In Progress	The Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees amended the proposal to include the elimination of the in-season foreign competition limitation (Bylaw 17.4.5.3).
May 6, 2025:	In Progress	Adopted by the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee pending review by the Division I Council.

No. 2025-3 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- MEN'S WRESTLING -- OUTSIDE COMPETITION DURING FIRST TERM OF ENROLLMENT

**Intent:** In men's wrestling, to permit a student-athlete to engage in specific international events, national team tryouts and national team competition during the first full-time term of collegiate enrollment.

Bylaws: Amend 17.29, as follows:

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

[17.29.1 through 17.29.8 unchanged.]

17.29.9 Other Restrictions.

17.29.9.1 Noncollegiate, Amateur Competition.

17.29.9.1.1 During the Playing Season. A student-athlete in men's wrestling who participates during the institution's playing season as a member of any outside men's wrestling team in any noncollegiate, amateur competition (e.g., team invitational meets, exhibition meets or other activity) except while representing the institution in intercollegiate men's wrestling competition shall be ineligible for intercollegiate wrestling competition unless eligibility is restored by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (see Bylaw 17.34 for exceptions).

17.29.9.1.1.1 Competition as Individual/Not Representing Institution. A men's wrestling student-athlete may participate in outside competition as an individual during the institution's playing season beginning November 1 (see Bylaw 17.29.9.1.2.4) or, for a first-year student-athlete, beginning after completion of the first term of enrollment (see Bylaws **17.29.9.1.2.2 and** 17.29.9.1.2.5), provided the student-athlete represents only the student-athlete in the competition and does not engage in such competition as a member of or receive expenses from an outside team. A student-athlete shall meet the minimum gradepoint average requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.3 to participate in outside competition as an individual.

17.29.9.1.2 Out of Season. During the academic year, not more than two student-athletes with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling may practice or compete on an outside amateur men's wrestling team. During the summer, there are no limits on the number of student-athletes from the same member institution with eligibility remaining in intercollegiate men's wrestling who may practice or compete on an outside, amateur men's wrestling team. A student-athlete shall meet the minimum grade-point average requirement specified in Bylaw 14.4.3.3.3 to participate in outside competition.

[17.29.9.1.2.1 unchanged.]

17.29.9.1.2.2 Exception -- No Competition During First Term. A men's wrestling student-athlete shall not participate in outside competition at any time during the student-athlete's first full-time term of collegiate enrollment **except for national team tryouts or competition [see Bylaw 17.34.1-(g) and (h)] and international events listed in Bylaw 17.34.1-(f)**.

[17.29.9.1.2.3 through 17.29.9.1.2.5 unchanged.]

[17.29.9.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I Council (Committee on Academics)

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Current legislation prohibits a men's wrestling student-athlete from engaging outside competition during the first term of full-time enrollment. However, waivers have been granted to allow for limited participation in elite level events. This proposal, which was recommended by USA Wrestling, eliminates the need for institutions to submit waivers for a first-year student-athlete to participate in elite level competition as an individual or as a member of an outside team.

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

- Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Legislation governing outside competition is nationally significant.
- Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. The opportunity for studentathletes to participate in elite-level competition outweighs the monitoring burden.
- How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: This proposal would allow additional studentathlete participation in elite-level competition.

## Estimated Budget Impact: None.

Impact on Student-Athlete's Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Potential increase in participation in elite-level competition.

Position Statement(s): None

## History:

Apr 22, 2025: In Progress

# Championships and Postseason Football

No. 2025-4 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POSTSEASON FOOTBALL -- NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS --SEPARATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intent: In men's and women's fencing, to establish separate national collegiate championships.

A. Bylaws: Amend 18.3, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association administers 9192 national championships. *Twelve* <u>Thirteen</u> are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships. The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championships (1213).

Men ( <del>3</del> <b>4</b> )	Men and Women ( <del>3</del> 2)	Women ( <del>6</del> <u>7</u> )
Fencing	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Gymnastics	Rifle	Bowling
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Skiing	Fencing
Water Polo		Gymnastics
		Ice Hockey (Divisions I and II)
		Water Polo
		Wrestling

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.8, as follows:

[Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

20.8 Eligibility for National Collegiate and Division Championships.

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

Women's beach volleyball	Women's gymnastics	Men's volleyball (Divisions I and II)
Women's bowling	Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)	Men's water polo
Men's <del>and women's</del> fencing	Men's and women's rifle	Women's water polo
Women's fencing	Men's and women's skiing	Women's wrestling

Men's gymnastics

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

[20.8.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division I (Sports Oversight Committee)

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Championships and Postseason Football

**Rationale:** Under the current scoring format, institutions that sponsor only women's fencing face a statistical impossibility to win a national championship. The separation of the two championships would allow for a more equitable championship experience and a realistic pathway for all teams to compete for a national championship. Establishing a women's fencing championship will support the growth, development and recognition of women's championships. This proposal is the result of collaborative work of the USOPC/NCAA collegiate fencing sport management pilot. As a national collegiate championship, this proposal requires adoption by all three divisions.

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

- Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Establishing a national collegiate championship is nationally significant.
- Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not create additional monitoring burden.
- **How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?:** The change to the championship would provide competitive equity to the nine programs and the 154 student-athletes currently representing women's-only fencing programs. Women's fencing student-athletes and their coaches would have a realistic pathway toward a national collegiate championship, which, in turn, will further incentivize grassroots participation and promote growth in the sport.
- **Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with an increase in the operational budget for four additional sets of team awards (estimated at \$7,200).

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Apr 22, 2025: In Progress

# Division Membership

No. 2025-5 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- DIVISION II OR DIVISION III TO DIVISION I -- REFUND SCHEUDLE

**Intent:** To adjust the refund schedule for an institution that withdraws from the reclassification processes with the duration of the processes, as specified.

Bylaws: Amend 20.6, as follows:

20.6 Change of Division Membership.

[20.6.1 through 20.6.2 unchanged.]

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

[20.6.3.1 unchanged.]

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

- (a) An institution reclassifying from Division II to Division I shall be refunded 50 percent through year one, 30 percent through year two and no refund thereafter;
- (b) An institution reclassifying from Division III to Division I shall be refunded 75 percent through year one, 50 percent through year two, 30 percent through year three and no refund thereafter.

[20.6.3.3 through 20.6.3.5 unchanged.]

[20.6.4 through 20.6.6 unchanged.]

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

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

Category: Amendment

- Topical Area: Division Membership
- **Rationale:** The reclassification process has been reduced to three years for an institution reclassifying from Division II and to four years for an institution reclassifying from DIII. As a result, the refund schedule should be adjusted to align with the duration of the current processes.

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

- Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. The reclassification process is nationally significant.
- Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes, this proposal does not create an additional monitoring burden.
- How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal supports student-athletes by applying an equitable standard to instances in which an institution may withdraw from the reclassification process.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Apr 22, 2025: In Progress

# **Governance Structure and Committees**

No. 2025-6 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- HONORS COMMITTEE --NAME, COMPOSITION AND DUTIES

Intent: To rename, increase the composition of, and expand the duties of the Honors Committee, as specified.

## [Common provision, all divisions, divided vote]

- 21.5 Association-Wide Committees -- General Committees.
- [21.5.1 through 21.5.2 unchanged.]
- 21.5.3 Honors Awards Committee.

21.5.3.1 Composition. The Honors Committee shall consist of *nine* <u>10</u> members, including <u>one former student-athlete who was a Woman of the Year nominee</u>, one *current or former chancellor or president* senior-level administrator from a member institution <u>or conference</u>, one member from each division and subdivision of Division I and three nationally distinguished citizens, one of which must be a former NCAA honors recipient. Division II and Division III will be represented each by a member of the Management Council. Two positions shall be allocated for individuals who identify as male, two allocated for individuals who identify as female and *five* <u>six</u> unallocated.

[21.5.3.2 unchanged.]

21.5.3.3 Duties. The committee shall receive nominations for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the Silver Anniversary Awards, the Today's Top 10 Awards, the Award of Valor, the Gerald R. Ford Award, the Pat Summitt Award, the **Woman of the Year Award**, and the Inspiration Award and shall select the recipients of those awards.

[21.5.4 through 21.5.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Governance Structure and Committees

**Rationale:** In January 2025, the three divisions consolidated the four diversity, equity and inclusion committees into one comprehensive committee. The new committee does not oversee the Woman of the Year Award; the Honors Committee will manage it for consistency with other awards like the NCAA Gerald R. Ford Award. Adding a former Woman of the Year nominee and a senior-level athletics administrator to the committee will provide valuable insights. The Honors Committee will be renamed to the Awards Committee to reflect its work. Because this proposal addresses common legislation, it requires adoption by all three divisions.

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

- Is the proposal consequential or nationally significant?: Yes. Association-wide committees are nationally significant.
- Is the proposal enforceable and how do the merits outweigh monitoring burdens?: Yes. This proposal does not include a monitoring burden.
- How does the proposal support student-athlete success/well-being?: The proposal supports student-athlete success by supporting the awards process.
- **Estimated Budget Impact:** Costs associated with one additional committee member to attend the awards presentation at the NCAA Convention.

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

Position Statement(s): None

#### History:

Apr 22, 2025: In Progress