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2017-18 Division I Autonomy Publication of Proposed Legislation

This publication presents the proposals that have been submitted for considered by the 65 member institutions and 15 student-athletes of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference during the 2017-18 legislative cycle.

Division I Autonomy Legislative Process for Remainder of the 2017-18 Legislative Cycle

November 1 (5 p.m. Eastern time) - December 15 (5 p.m. Eastern time):

- Comment period.

November 17 (5 p.m. Eastern time) - Friday Prior to Thanksgiving (5 p.m. Eastern time):

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

December 1:

- NCAA Division I Autonomy Official Notice available, which includes final versions of autonomy proposals.
  - Additional amendments-to amendments that do not expand the scope of the original proposal may be submitted prior to or during the autonomy business session at the NCAA Convention.

NCAA Convention

- The 80 representatives of the five autonomy conferences (including 15 student-athletes) vote on all autonomy proposals and amendments during the autonomy business session.

[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.]
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.

11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women's Rowing. In women's rowing, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree 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:

(h) The institution may provide actual and necessary expenses for the individual's spouse significant other and children to attend the season-ending tournament(s) specified in Bylaw 17.15.5.3-(b); and

B. Bylaws: Amend 16.02, as follows:

16.02 Definitions and Applications.

16.02.6 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.

C. Bylaws: Amend 16.6, as follows:

16.6.1.1 Expenses for Spouse Significant Other/Children to Postseason Football Bowl Game or NCAA Championship. The institution may provide the cost of actual and necessary expenses (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals and expenses associated with team entertainment functions) for the spouse significant other and children of an eligible student-athlete to accompany the student-athlete to a postseason football bowl game or an NCAA football championship in which the student-athlete is a participant, and in other sports, to one round (conducted at the site) of any NCAA championship in which the student-athlete is a participant. [R]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

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 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:**


Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-96 AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH -- DIVING

**Intent:** In swimming and diving, to specify that an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach for diving.

**A. Bylaws:** Amend 11.01.4, as follows:

11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women's Rowing and Swimming and Diving. In women's rowing and swimming and diving, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree 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:

[11.01.4-(a) through 11.01.4-(i) unchanged.]

[11.01.4.1 unchanged.]

**B. Bylaws:** Amend 11.7.6.2, as follows:

11.7.6.2 Exceptions to Number Limits. No individual other than coaches designated to fill the coaching limits set forth in Bylaw 11.7.6 may participate in any manner in the coaching of the intercollegiate team of a member institution during any game, practice or other organized activity, with the following exceptions:

[11.7.6.2.1 through 11.7.6.2.7 unchanged.]

11.7.6.2.8 Graduate Assistant Coach -- Swimming and Diving. In swimming and diving, an institution may employ one graduate assistant coach (see Bylaw 11.01.4) for diving (regardless of whether its diving programs are separate or combined).

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** Diving is a specialized sport requiring highly trained and skilled coaches to safely develop and supervise student-athletes. There are times during the competitive season when a diving coach may be unavailable to his or her student-athletes (e.g., traveling, serving as official/judge) resulting in diving student-athletes training on campus or competing without the supervision of a qualified coach. Given the multitude of safety concerns with unsupervised training, such a situation does not promote student-athlete well-being. The opportunity to use a volunteer coach for combined programs does not appropriately address such safety concerns since a volunteer coach may not be as highly trained, may be employed full time outside of his or
her coaching duties and may not be readily accessible at all times for training or competition. Further, the volunteer coach position for separate programs is commonly utilized for swimming only. Adding a graduate assistant coach for diving adds a safety element and provides a consistent level of supervision for all student-athletes involved in diving activities. The addition could also provide another coaching and educational opportunity for females and minorities seeking to become full-time coaches.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

**History:**


Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

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**Autonomy Proposal -- Athletics Personnel -- Graduate Assistant Coach -- Women's Rowing -- Training Table Meals**

**Intent:** In women’s rowing, 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 11.01.4, as follows:

11.01.4 Coach, Graduate Assistant -- Women’s Rowing. In women’s rowing, a graduate assistant coach is any coach who has received a baccalaureate degree 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:

[(11.01.4-(a) through 11.01.4-(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;

[(11.01.4-(c) through 11.01.4-(i) relettered as 11.01.4-(d) through 11.01.4-(j), unchanged.)]

[(11.01.4.1 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:**
## No. 2017-98 AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS -- VOLUNTEER COACH -- COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION, MEALS AND REASONABLE ENTERTAINMENT

**Intent:** To specify that a volunteer coach may receive: (1) Complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit; (2) Complimentary meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete; and (3) Reasonable entertainment in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes.

**Bylaws:** Amend 11.01.6, as follows:

11.01.6 Coach, Volunteer. In sports other than football and basketball, a volunteer coach is any coach who does not receive compensation or remuneration from the institution's athletics department or any organization funded in whole or in part by the athletics department or that is involved primarily in the promotion of the institution’s athletics program (e.g., booster club, athletics foundation association). The following provisions shall apply:

[(11.01.6-(a) through 11.01.6-(b) unchanged.]

(c) **The individual may receive complimentary admission to a home athletics event in conjunction with a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit.**

(d) The individual may receive complimentary meals incidental to organized team activities (e.g., pre- or postgame meals, occasional meals, but not training table meals) or meals provided during a prospective student-athlete's official or unofficial visit, provided the individual dines with the prospective student-athlete.

(e) **The individual may receive reasonable entertainment (but may not receive cash for such entertainment) in conjunction with entertainment provided to student-athletes per Bylaw 16.7.**

**Source:** Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Athletics Personnel

**Rationale:** A volunteer coach assists in many aspects of his or her sport, including on-campus recruiting. Currently, a volunteer coach is permitted to receive expenses that are incidental to his or her role/position as a volunteer coach. Such expenses include transportation, lodging and meals in conjunction with away-from-home competition, meals incidental to organized team activities, complimentary admissions to home events in his or her own sport, activities during an official visit, and parking expenses associated with practice and competition. Many coaching staffs include their volunteer coach within all permissible aspects of a prospective student-athlete's visit as he or she is considered an integral part of the coaching staff. Further, many head coaches include the volunteer coach to assist with his or her development as a coach. Complimentary admissions to home athletics events while accompanying a prospective student-athlete, meals associated with recruiting visits and team entertainment are benefits that are not compensatory in nature and are consistent with the other benefits a volunteer coach receives incidental to his or her coaching role. A volunteer coach does not receive compensation for his or her commitment to the team and is not expected to cover costs associated with team activities; thus, a volunteer coach should be permitted to receive benefits incidental to recruiting activities and team entertainment, as well.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Minimal cost for complimentary admissions and meals associated with prospective student-athletes' visits to campus and team entertainment.

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

History:


Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-99 AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- ATHLETICS PERSONNEL -- RECRUITING COORDINATION FUNCTIONS -- ON-CAMPUS EVALUATION OF VIDEO AND ON-CAMPUS SELECTION OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To specify that on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes are not recruiting coordination functions.

Bylaws: Amend 11.7.2, as follows:

11.7.2 Recruiting Coordination Functions. The following recruiting coordination functions (except related routine clerical tasks) must be performed by the head coach or one or more of the assistant coaches who count toward the numerical limitations in Bylaw 11.7.6:

(a) Activities involving athletics evaluations and/or selection of prospective student-athletes other than on-campus evaluations of video and on-campus activities involving the selection of prospective student-athletes; and

[11.7.2-(b) unchanged.]

[11.7.2.1 through 11.7.2.3 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Athletics Personnel

Rationale: Under current legislation, a noncoaching staff member may edit and prepare recruiting video to later be evaluated by a coaching staff member. However, it is not permissible for a noncoaching staff member to actually evaluate or identify/select, for further evaluation, any prospective student-athletes he or she sees on that same video. This dynamic is confusing, illogical and unenforceable. In permitting noncoaching staff members to simply engage in on-campus evaluations of video and/or activities (e.g., conversations) related to the selection of prospective student-athletes, this proposal will ease the monitoring burden and further eliminate unnecessary enforcement risk while maintaining all other recruiting restrictions currently placed on noncoaching staff members (e.g., no athletics evaluations other than on-campus evaluations of video).

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

Oct 6, 2017: Submitted to National Office

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Amateurism
Intent: In men's ice hockey, to specify that (1) Prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations; (2) The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation; and (3) If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment.

Bylaws: Amend 12.3, as follows:

12.3 Use of Agents.

12.3.1 General Rule. An individual shall be ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she ever has agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation in that sport. Further, an agency contract not specifically limited in writing to a sport or particular sports shall be deemed applicable to all sports, and the individual shall be ineligible to participate in any sport.

12.3.1.1 Exception -- Baseball and Men's Ice Hockey -- Prior to Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment. In baseball and men's ice hockey, prior to full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual who is drafted by a professional baseball or men's ice hockey team may be represented by an agent or attorney during contract negotiations. The individual may not receive benefits (other than representation) from the agent or attorney and must pay the going rate for the representation. If the individual does not sign a contract with the professional team, the agreement for representation with the agent or attorney must be terminated prior to full-time collegiate enrollment.

[12.3.1.2 through 12.3.1.4 unchanged.]

[12.3.2 through 12.3.4 unchanged.]

Source:  Big Ten Conference

Effective Date:  Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Amateurism

Rationale: The resolution adopted in 2015 (Proposal No. R-2014-1) by the autonomy conferences included a commitment to "redefine rules concerning agents and advisors to assist student-athletes with career planning and decision making." This proposal will provide men's ice hockey prospective student-athletes and their families with the opportunity to obtain professional advice and representation in the interest of making the best informed decision as to whether to start a professional career. Further, the proposal does not change current provisions that are designed to maintain the distinction between an amateur athlete and a professional athlete.

Estimated Budget Impact: None.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:


Nov 1, 2017: In Progress
No. 2017-101  AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- STUDENT HOST -- ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWANCE -- $75 PER DAY

Intent: To increase, from $40 to $75, the allowance that an institution may provide a student host for each day of a prospective student-athlete's official visit to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s), the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete; further, to increase, from $20 to $40, the additional allowance an institution may provide the student host per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.7, as follows:

13.6.7 Entertainment/Tickets on Official Visit.

[13.6.7.1 through 13.6.7.4 unchanged.]

13.6.7.5 Student Host. The student host must be either a current student-athlete or a student designated in a manner consistent with the institution's policy for providing campus visits or tours to prospective students in general. The institution may provide the following to a student host entertaining a prospective student-athlete:

(a) A maximum of $40 75 for each day (24-hour period) of the visit (maximum of $80 150 for two 24-hour periods) to cover all actual costs of entertaining the student host(s) and the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete, excluding the cost of meals and admission to campus athletics events. The cost of entertainment of the institution's athletics department staff members who accompany the prospective student-athlete is also excluded. If an athletics department staff member serves as the prospective student-athlete's host, his or her entertainment costs must be included in the entertainment allowance. The entertainment allowance may not be used for the purchase of souvenirs, such as T-shirts or other institutional mementos. It is permissible to provide the student host with an additional $20 40 per day for each additional prospective student-athlete the host entertains;

[13.6.7.5-(b) through 13.6.7.5-(c) unchanged.]

13.6.7.5.1 Multiple Hosts. If several students host a prospective student-athlete, the $40 75-per-day entertainment money may be used to cover the actual and necessary expenses incurred by the prospective student-athlete and all hosts. Only one student host per prospective student-athlete may be provided a free meal if restaurant facilities are used. [D]

[13.6.7.5.2 through 13.6.7.5.4 unchanged.]

[13.6.7.6 unchanged.]

13.6.7.7 Meals on Official Visit. The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the $40 75-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. A reasonable snack (e.g., pizza, hamburger) may be provided in addition to the three meals. [R]

[13.6.7.7.1 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, the normal retail cost of the use of such equipment shall be assessed against the $40 75-per-day entertainment figure; further, if such normal retail costs exceeds the $40 75-per-day entertainment allowance, such entertainment may not be provided. [R]

[13.6.7.9 through 13.6.7.10 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018
Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Recent legislative changes have increased the number of individuals who may accompany a prospective student-athlete and receive entertainment as part of an official visit from four to six (including the prospective student-athlete and a student host). However, the student host entertainment allowance has not changed since 2012, when a moderate inflationary increase was implemented. Feedback from student-athletes has indicated that the current allowance is often insufficient to cover the costs of the most basic forms of entertainment for the student host, the prospective student-athlete and his or her family (current allowance equates to $6.67 per person, per day). This proposal would increase the legislated maximum allowance to allow an institution, at its discretion, to provide additional funds to a student host to fully cover the cost of basic forms of entertainment. Such an increase will alleviate situations in which the student host may be faced with difficult choices or conversations with a prospective student-athlete and his or her family.

Estimated Budget Impact: Potential increase in recruiting costs. Will vary based upon local decision making.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:

Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

No. 2017-102 AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- RECRUITING -- OFFICIAL (PAID) VISIT -- MEALS ON OFFICIAL VISIT -- SNACKS

Intent: To specify that during an official visit, an institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks to a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete.

Bylaws: Amend 13.6.7.7, as follows:

13.6.7.7 Meals on Official Visit. The cost of actual meals, not to exceed three per day, on the official visit for a prospective student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying the prospective student-athlete need not be included in the $40-per-day entertainment expense. Meals must be comparable to those provided to student-athletes during the academic year. A reasonable snack An institution may provide, at its discretion, reasonable snacks (e.g., pizza, hamburger) may be provided to the prospective student-athlete and up to four family members in addition to the three meals. [R]

[13.6.7.7.1 unchanged.]

Source: Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: Immediate

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Recruiting

Rationale: Under current legislation, enrolled student-athletes may receive snacks at any time at an institution’s discretion. The opportunity to provide snacks at any time to a prospective student-athlete and his or her family members as part of a 48-hour official visit would be similarly reasonable. This proposal would allow an institution to provide snacks at its discretion, as opposed to only one per day, during an official visit. The result would be increased flexibility in organizing official visits while continuing to limit opportunities for abuse by limiting the nature of the items that may be provided (e.g., pizza, hamburger, cupcakes) and the timeframe in which they may be provided (48-hour official visit).

Estimated Budget Impact: Minimal. Will vary based upon local decision-making in providing additional snacks.

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

None

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**Awards, Benefits and Expenses**

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<th>AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- GENERAL PRINCIPLES -- ELIGIBILITY EFFECT OF VIOLATION -- RESTITUTION FOR RECEIPT OF IMPERMISSIBLE BENEFITS -- INCREASE FROM $100 TO $200</th>
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**Intent:** To increase, from $100 or less to $200 or less, the limitation on the value of improper benefits for which restitution is required.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.01, as follows:

16.01 General Principles.

[16.01 unchanged.]

16.01.1 Restitution for Receipt of Impermissible Benefits. Unless otherwise noted, for violations of Bylaw 16 in which the value of the benefit is $100 [$200 or less], the eligibility of the student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon the student-athlete repaying the value of the benefit to a charity of his or her choice. The student-athlete, however, shall remain ineligible from the time the institution has knowledge of receipt of the impermissible benefit until the student-athlete repays the benefit. For violations of Bylaw 16 in which there is no monetary value to the benefit, violations shall be considered institutional violations per Constitution 2.8.1; however, such violations shall not affect the student-athlete's eligibility.

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Awards, Benefits and Expenses

**Rationale:** The restitution value has not been reviewed by the membership for approximately 10 years. Case data indicates an increase to $200 will lessen bureaucracies and increase efficiencies for the benefit of the membership and student-athletes. This legislation does not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation or the need to request reinstatement if relief from repayment or an alternative reinstatement condition is requested. Additionally, this legislation makes the restitution value for autonomy and nonautonomy provisions consistent.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

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

**Position Statement(s):**

None

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No. 2017-104  AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES -- MEDICAL EXPENSES -- MEDICAL COVERAGE

**Intent:** To require that an institution provide medical care to a student-athlete for an injury incurred during his or her participation in intercollegiate athletics, as specified.

**Bylaws:** Amend 16.4, as follows:

16.4 Medical Expenses. An institution, conference or the NCAA may provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete. [R]

16.4.1 Medical Coverage. An institution shall provide medical care to a student-athlete for an athletically related injury incurred during his or her involvement in intercollegiate athletics for the institution. The period of care for such an injury shall extend at least two years following either graduation or separation from the institution, or until the student-athlete qualifies for coverage under the NCAA Catastrophic Injury Insurance Program, whichever occurs first. Each institution has the discretion to determine the method by which it will provide medical care, the method by which it determines whether an injury is athletically related and any policy deemed necessary for implementing the medical care.

**Source:** Big Ten Conference and Big 12 Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment

**Topical Area:** Awards, Benefits and Expenses

**Rationale:** Current legislation authorizes an institution to provide medical and related expenses and services to a student-athlete for any reason, including expenses and services for athletically related injuries. To provide assurance that medical costs for an athletically related injury are covered by the institution, this proposal will establish standards an institution must meet. However, it also will assure institutional discretion as to how the standards are funded and implemented. This proposal is designed to set forth a standard of coverage. It does not limit an institution’s authority to provide additional medical care, as it deems appropriate, for a student-athlete (current or former) related to his or her involvement in intercollegiate athletics.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** Varies by institution.

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

**Position Statement(s):** None

**History:**


Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

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No. 2017-105  AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- AWARDS AND BENEFITS -- SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -- CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR TROPHY

**Intent:** To specify that a conference may provide a trophy to one female and one male each year in recognition of being named “scholar-athlete of the year” and to set $1,500 as the maximum value of the trophy.

A. **Bylaws:** Amend 16.1.4.3, as follows:

16.1.4.3 Special Achievement Awards. Awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, honors and distinctions, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-3. [R]

B. **Bylaws:** Amend Figure 16-3, as follows:

Figure 16-3 Special Achievement Awards
### FIGURE 16-3
**Special Achievement Awards [A][R]**

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<th>Type of Award</th>
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<td>Special attainments or contribution to team’s season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)</td>
<td>$175</td>
<td>Once per category of award per year</td>
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<td>Most valuable player — special event*</td>
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<td>Once per event</td>
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<td>Most valuable player — bowl game or all-star contest</td>
<td>$350</td>
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<td>Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)</td>
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<td>Trophy recognizing conference <em>scholar-athlete of the year</em></td>
<td>$1,500</td>
<td>Once per year to one male and one female</td>
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<td>Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)</td>
<td>$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)</td>
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<td><em>Conference</em> &lt;br&gt;Outside organization (e.g., local business)</td>
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<td>Hometown award</td>
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* The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.
** Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate $325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.
Rationale: While current legislation permits a conference to provide a trophy in recognition of its "athlete of the year," there is provision to provide such recognition to a conference's "scholar-athlete of the year." As a result, conferences oftentimes classify such a scholar-athlete of the year award as an "established regional recognition award," which carries a significantly lower maximum value ($325) than an "athlete of the year" award ($1,500). In the interest of promoting and recognizing excellence in academics and education, it is reasonable to allow a conference to provide a trophy (as opposed to a gift or other object) in recognition of such an award that is of equal value to a trophy that may be provided in recognition of a conference "athlete of the year" award.

Estimated Budget Impact: Will vary by conference; up to $3,000 per year.

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

Position Statement(s): None

History:
Oct 6, 2017: Submitted to National Office
Nov 1, 2017: In Progress

Playing and Practice Seasons

No. 2017-106 AUTONOMY PROPOSAL -- PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- TIME LIMITS FOR REQUIRED ATHLETICALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES -- THREE-DAY PERIOD -- BASKETBALL

Intent: In basketball, to specify that 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); further, to specify that required athletically related activities are prohibited on such days.

Bylaws: Amend 17.1.7, as follows:

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

[17.1.7.1 through 17.1.7.8 unchanged.]

17.1.7.9 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.

[17.1.7.9 through 17.1.7.10 renumbered as 17.1.7.10 through 17.1.7.11, unchanged.]

Source: Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Pac-12 Conference and Southeastern Conference

Effective Date: August 1, 2018

Category: Amendment

Topical Area: Playing and Practice Seasons

Rationale: According to an April 2016 NCAA time demands survey completed by more than 3,100 basketball student-athletes, more than half of men's basketball student-athletes and over 70-percent of women's basketball student-athletes support a mandatory "no athletics activity period" during an institution's winter break. Further, anecdotal evidence suggests current basketball student-athletes are supportive of a period of multiple days off around the winter holidays to allow them to travel home and spend time with family and friends. This proposal, which was referred by the Division I Council via the Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees in
conjunction with a proposal to move up the first permissible date of competition by three days, would provide student-athletes with the desired time off. The period may be scheduled at the institution’s discretion, but must be completely free from all required athletically related activity.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.

**Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics):** Three consecutive days free from all required athletically related activity during the institution’s winter break.

**Position Statement(s):**
None

**History:**

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17.1.7.9.1 Exception -- Participation in Qualifying Regular-Season Multiple-Team Event. One time during a four-year period, if an institution participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event 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.

[17.1.7.9 through 17.1.7.10 renumbered as 17.1.7.10 through 17.1.7.11, unchanged.]

**Source:** Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference

**Effective Date:** August 1, 2018

**Category:** Amendment-to-Amendment

**Topical Area:** Playing and Practice Seasons

**Rationale:** Certain multiple-team events are traditionally conducted during the winter break vacation period and provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience and opportunity for participating student-athletes. However, the timing of the event in relation to the institution's vacation period and regular playing schedule may present challenges as it relates to also providing the three-day off period. This proposal would provide an institution the flexibility to forego application of the three-day off period one time during a four year period if it participates in a qualifying regular-season multiple-team event that occurs during the institution's vacation period after the first term of the academic year.

**Estimated Budget Impact:** None.
Impact on Student-Athlete’s Time (Academic and/or Athletics): Application of the exception would result in student-athletes not being provided the otherwise mandatory three-day period during the institution’s vacation period.

Position Statement(s):
None

History:

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