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120th Annual Convention

On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Division II Executive Board, Division III Presidents Council, the Division I Cabinet and the Divisions II and III Management Council, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association's 120th Annual Convention scheduled January 13 through 16, 2026.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2026 NCAA Convention. This publication is provided to the chancellor or president, director of athletics, senior compliance administrator, faculty athletics representative and senior woman administrator at each active NCAA Division III member institution, as well as to the officers of member conferences and provisional member institutions.

This Official Notice contains legislation for consideration at the Division III business session of the Convention. It also contains the necessary information concerning the accreditation of delegates, voting procedures and other Convention policies. We encourage each member to review the information related to the activities in which you will be involved before attending the Convention. **It is particularly important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice during the Convention. The Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Association-wide and Division III Convention legislation.**

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

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

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2026 NCAA Convention. We look forward to seeing you.

James Phillips, Commissioner
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November 15, 2025

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Accrediting of Delegates

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

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

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

An institution's or organization's chancellor or president shall appoint the voting and alternate delegates by completing the online delegate appointment form. The transfer of voting rights among the delegates is a matter of institutional discretion.

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

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

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

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

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

The Convention registration fee for NCAA members was $325 for all delegates who registered on or before Friday, October 10, and $450 for all delegates who register before Friday, November 28. Member registration fees on or after November 29 are $600.

The registration fee includes all NCAA Convention programming in addition to one ticket for the welcome reception and delegates breakfasts.

Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was made available to the membership in mid-October 2025. An online registration process was also made available for event registration and hotel reservations. If there is anything further the NCAA can do to facilitate your attendance at the Association's 2026 Convention, please call upon us.

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

The Convention officially begins at the State of College Sports and Honors when it convenes Wednesday, January 14 at 5 p.m., Eastern time. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Friday, January 16.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 120th Annual Convention begin on Page No. 1. All amendments, if adopted, become effective as indicated in each proposal.

It is important that each Division III delegate have access to the Official Notice to the Convention, inasmuch as the Official Notice will be the only publication containing all Convention legislation for the 2026 Convention.

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

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

Amendments-to-Amendments

In Division III, all amendments submitted by the membership and the Division III Management and Presidents Councils in accordance with the September 15 deadline were published in the Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website by the October 1 deadline.

The Division III Management and Presidents Councils, any 20 active Division III member institutions eligible to vote on a given issue or two member conferences had until November 1 to submit amendments to the original proposals, provided the amendment to the amendment did not increase the modification proposed by to the original amendment. As a result of that deadline, all amendments-to-amendments are included in this Official Notice with the proposals they are intended to amend. Resolutions also were handled in accordance with those same deadlines and are included in this publication. No additional amendments-to-amendments or resolutions are permitted for the 2026 Convention unless they are sponsored by the Presidents Council or Management Council and distributed before or during the business session.

Withdrawal of Proposal

Sponsors who intend to withdraw a proposal are urged to notify the NCAA governance and member services staff as soon as possible before the business session of the Convention at which the proposal is scheduled to be considered.

Review of Interpretations

The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee issues interpretations as to the scope, meaning or effect of the constitution and bylaws applicable to Division III. These rulings are subject to review by the Division III membership upon the request of any member in accordance with Bylaw 9.4.1.4. Any Division III member to which an interpretation applies may request a review of the interpretation by making such a request in writing to the governance and member services staff via electronic mail to Corey Berg, cberg@ncaa.org and/or Jeff Myers, jmyers@ncaa.org before 1 p.m. on the day before the Division III business session of the Convention.

Emergency Amendments Adopted by the Presidents Council

The Presidents Council by at least three-fourths majority of its members present and voting may adopt emergency legislation that shall be effective immediately in situations when the NCAA must respond to or comply with a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings or when significant values or harm are at stake and the use of the regular legislative cycle is likely to cause undue hardship to the Association or the Division III membership because of the delay in its effective date. Emergency legislation must be ratified by the

Division III membership at the next regularly scheduled NCAA Convention. The emergency legislation adopted by the Presidents Council in 2025 appears in Appendix A.

Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division III Manual

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

Noncontroversial Amendments Adopted by the Presidents and Management Councils

The Management Council and Presidents Council are authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, noncontroversial legislative amendments that are necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation, per Bylaws 21.10.2-(d), 21.11.3-(d) and 9.3.1.1.1. That authorization requires a three-fourths majority vote of the council. The council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under its authorization. The noncontroversial amendments adopted by the Management Council or Presidents Council in 2025 appear in Appendix C. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these amendments.

Modifications of Wording Adopted by the Management Council

The Management Council is authorized to adopt, in the interim between annual Conventions, proposals that are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation when sufficient documentation and testimony exist to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent, per Bylaw 9.4.1.1.1. That authorization requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Management Council. The Management Council then submits to the next annual Division III business session the amendments that have been adopted under this authorization. The modifications adopted by the Management Council in 2025 appear in Appendix D. Approval of the Official Convention Notice during the Division III business session constitutes ratification of these actions.

Order of Business

The NCAA Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation of the 120th annual Convention will begin at 5 p.m., Eastern time, Wednesday, January 14. The State of College Sports remarks by the NCAA president will be presented orally during that general session.

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

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

In each grouping of related items (either amendments or amendments-to-amendments), the Association's established procedure will be followed. The membership will consider first the proposal that contemplates the greatest modification of the present circumstance, followed by other proposals in the order of decreasing modification. In some instances, when a proposal in such a grouping is adopted, those that follow in that grouping become moot.

Voting Procedures

Methods of voting shall be in accordance with Bylaw 9.1.1.9.3. Each voting delegate, when registering, receives a "voting paddle" for use in indicating the institution's vote when the chair calls for a "paddle" vote. Voting delegates receive paddles of different colors to indicate their division status.

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

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

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

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

Delegates are urged to register and receive their voting materials before the NCAA State of College Sports which begins at 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 14. In addition, all voting in the division business sessions shall be by show of paddles or by electronic roll call votes, rather than by voice or hand.

Memorial Resolutions

At the time of the annual Convention, members of the Association honor by memorial resolution those persons closely associated with intercollegiate athletics who we have lost in the last year. Your assistance is needed to create a complete and accurate memorial list of current and former staff members or current student-athletes who passed away in 2025. Click here to enter the names of any individuals from your conference or institution you would like **to honor in this manner**. The deadline for submitting names is Friday, December 19. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Lawrence at mlawrence@ncaa.org

Administrative Structure

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

Request for Interpretations

Division III member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice in advance of the Convention.

All such requests must be received in the national office not later than Friday, November 21, 2025. Requests will be considered by the Interpretations and Legislation Committee and the decisions will be reviewed by the Division III Management Council in its pre-Convention meeting. The resulting interpretations will be distributed to the conferences before the beginning of the business session.

TOPICAL GROUPINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 120th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Topical Groupings

Proposal Number	*General Topic*
1 through 6	Presidents Council Grouping
7 through 17	General Grouping

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Note: In the following proposals:

- Those letters and words that appear in ~~*italics and strikethrough*~~ are to be deleted;
- Those letters and words that appear in **boldface and underlined** are to be added; and
- Those letters and words that appear in normal text are unchanged from the current Division III legislation.

DIVISION III LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

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

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

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

No. 2027- Playing Seasons -- Football -- Spring Period Practice Modifications

Intent: To amend the spring football practice period as follows: (1) Establish four of the 16 days as "walk-through" days with no pads or helmets; (2) For the remaining 12 days, permit four days of student-athletes wearing helmets only, four days of shoulder pads and helmets, and four days of wearing full pads. (3) Establish a three-day acclimatization period where two days are helmet only and the third day may be shoulder pads and helmets; (4) Define permissible activities based on the protective equipment worn; and (5) Limit full padded practices to no more than 75 minutes of full-contact drills.

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons.

[17.01 through 17.11 unchanged.]

17.12 Football.

[17.12.1 through 17.12.6 unchanged.]

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

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

[17.12.7.1-(a) through 17.12.7.1-(b) unchanged.]

(c) Institutions are permitted to conduct weight training activities, conditioning, speed, strength or agility tests on any of its 16 days;

(~~*c*~~ **d**) ~~*Helmets may be worn on all 16 days. After the fourth practice day, an institution may conduct four of its remaining twelve days in helmets and shoulder pads*~~**For on-field practice activities, four of the 16 days shall be designated for walk through sessions (see Bylaw 17.12.1.2). Walk-through sessions are permitted at any time throughout the five-week period**;

(e) Three-Day Acclimatization Period. Spring on-field period practice shall begin with a three-day acclimatization period for both first-time participants (e.g., freshmen and transfers) and continuing student-athletes. All student-athletes, including those who join after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a three-day acclimatization period. The three-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Institutions may conduct walk-through sessions before the start of the three-day acclimatization period.

(2) During the first two days of the acclimatization period, helmets are the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice sessions.

(3) During the third day of the acclimatization period, helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice sessions.

(f) Spring Period Activities After Three-Day Acclimatization Period. The remaining nine days may be conducted as follows:

(1) No more than four days where student-athletes may practice in full pads;

(2) Three additional days where helmets and shoulder pads shall be the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice sessions; and

(3) Two additional days when helmets are the only piece of protective equipment student-athletes may wear during the on-field practice sessions.

(4) An institution is not required to conduct the maximum number of practice days in any equipment category and may conduct a practice in less equipment in place of a practice otherwise permitted (e.g., helmet only practice for a full padded practice).

(~~*d*~~ **g**) ~~*During helmet only days, skill instruction shall be limited to passing, catching and kicking-related drills. Such instruction may include offensive and defensive alignments but may not involve contact. The use of footballs and hand shields are permitted. The use of hand shields shall be limited to one-on-one and two-on-two skill*~~

*instruction;***Institutions may utilize footballs, sleds, hand shields, step-over bags, chutes and similar teaching equipment for any practices that are not walk-through sessions;**

(e **h**) During the helmet and shoulder pads days, *the use of equipment necessary for effective teaching of tackling and blocking is permitted.***practices shall be limited to thud contact (see Bylaw 17.12.1.4).** There shall be no full contact *or 11 v. 11 contact* drills*, and the focus should be on teaching individuals appropriate blocking and tackling*;

(i) During the four days of full pads, full contact drills are permitted (see Bylaw 17.12.1.3). Full padded practices are limited to no more than 75 minutes of full contact drills.

(j) No outside competition is permitted. An institution may conduct an intrasquad scrimmage on one of its four full padded days, but the scrimmage shall not exceed 75 minutes of full contact.

[17.12.7.1-(f) through 17.12.7.1-(g) relettered as 17.12.7.1-(k) through 17.12.7.1-(l), unchanged.]

[17.13 through 17.34 unchanged.]

Source: Alma College; Carnegie Mellon University; Central College (Iowa); Cornell College; Hampden-Sydney College; Illinois College; Lake Forest College; Kenyon College; Luther College; Maryville College (Tennessee); Muhlenberg College; North Central College; Randolph-Macon College; Rhodes College; Shenandoah University; Trinity University (Texas); Wartburg College; Berry College; Hendrix College; and Pacific Lutheran University.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: This proposal reduces the number of practices with equipment or pads but allows for full 11-on-11 football during the non-traditional season. This aligns football with all other fall and spring sports with non-traditional seasons, allowing them to play their sport as they do on game day. The proposal maintains the limit of four practices per defined week but expands the use of protective equipment. Additionally, it uses established definitions of instructional tempo that already exist within the NCAA By-laws as well as a specified acclimatization period, to reduce inconsistent interpretation of permissible contact. The proposal also permits multi-participant and full-team (11v.11) settings. This supports safer skill development and preparation for the traditional season. With clear definitions of activities, this proposal promotes consistent application and understanding throughout Division III football. It introduces a more flexible and structured model to improve consistency, safety, and student-athlete experience, including structured contact within both individual and team instructional settings.

Budget Impact:

No. 2027- Eligibility -- Age-Based Eligibility Model

Intent: To transition from a season-based eligibility and waiver-driven framework to a continuous, five year age-based eligibility model that mirrors the framework adopted by Division I. The period of eligibility will be triggered by either a student-athlete's initial full-time collegiate enrollment or the start of the regular academic year following their 19th birthday (whichever occurs earlier), operating continuously for five years with limited, clear exceptions (e.g., pregnancy, military service, and religious missions). Furthermore, this proposal intends to establish an equitable implementation timeline providing current student-athletes with eligibility remaining after the 2025-26 academic year the benefit of whichever model is most advantageous, while exploring avenues to protect student-athletes finishing their eligibility during the 2026-27 academic year.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12.1, as follows:

12.1.1.4.1 Temporary Certification. If a prospective student-athlete reports for athletics participation before the student's amateur status has been certified, the student may practice, but not compete, for a maximum period of 45 days. After this period, the student's amateur status must be certified in order to continue to practice or to compete. *See Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1, for determining use of a season.*

[12.1.1.4.1.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1.1.2.4 Transfer from Institution on Probation. It is not necessary for an institution to obtain authorization through the notification of transfer process to recruit a student-athlete at an institution that has been placed on probation with sanctions that preclude it from competing in postseason competition during the remaining *seasons* **period** of the student-athlete's eligibility. However, the student-athlete's institution must be notified of the recruitment [see Bylaw 14.13.1.2-(c)]. [D]

C. Bylaws: Amend 14.1, as follows:

14.1 General Eligibility Requirements.

[14.1.1 through 14.1.7 unchanged.]

14.1.8 Graduate Student/Postbaccalaureate Participation. A student who has graduated from an NCAA Division III institution may participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student at the Division III institution they most recently attended as an undergraduate or another Division III institution, provided:

(a) The student is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; **and**

(b) The student**'s** ~~*has*~~ **participation occurs within the applicable** eligibility ~~*remaining*~~ **period set forth in Bylaw 14.2.**~~*; and*~~

~~*(c) The student's participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2.*~~

14.1.8.1 Graduates of a non-NCAA Division III Institution. A student who has graduated from a non-NCAA Division III institution may participate as a graduate or postbaccalaureate student provided they meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.1.8(a) through ~~*(c)*~~ **(b)** and additionally meet the following:

[14.1.8.1-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student-athlete has ~~*seasons of participation*~~ **eligibility** remaining based on Bylaw ~~*14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of participation)*~~**14.2**, regardless of where (e.g., other NCAA division, NAIA) the participation occurred; and

[14.1.8.1-(c) unchanged.]

[14.1.8.2 unchanged.]

[14.1.9 unchanged.]

14.1.10 Male Practice Player Eligibility. A male student who practices with a women's team is considered to be a student-athlete in that women's sport. The male student-athlete must be certified as eligible under all applicable NCAA eligibility requirements to participate (e.g., the individual must be enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies, sign a student-athlete statement and drug-testing consent form and ~~*have eligibility remaining under the 10-semester rule*~~ **all participation occurs during the applicable eligibility period**). The male student-athlete is subject to all other NCAA legislated restrictions. See ~~*Bylaw 14.2.4.8 for use of a season of participation and*~~ Bylaw 16.8.1.4 for benefits that a male practice player may receive.

[14.1.10.1 unchanged.]

14.1.11 Recognized Foreign Exchange/Study Abroad Program. A student-athlete who participates in a formal and established educational foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the certifying institution's academic authorities shall not be considered a transfer student-athlete upon return to the certifying institution. A student-athlete who also participates (practices or competes) in athletics while participating in the recognized study abroad program ~~*does not use a season of participation nor*~~ is **not** considered to have engaged in impermissible outside competition. All amateurism regulations still apply.

D. Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 ~~*Seasons of Participation: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.*~~**Five-Year Period of Eligibility.** ~~*A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate participation in any one sport (see Bylaw 14.2.4.1).*~~**An individual's period of eligibility for practice and competition shall be limited to five years. An individual's five-year period of eligibility begins with the earlier of the following:**

(a) The regular term (semester or quarter) of an academic year in which the individual enrolls in a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign; see Bylaw 14.02.2) in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends a class in that term while enrolled full-time; or

(b) The beginning of the regular academic year immediately after the individual's 19th birthday.

14.2.1 Timing of 19th Birthday. For an individual who turns 19 years old on or after September 1, the period of eligibility begins at the start of the following academic year, unless the individual enrolls full-time in a collegiate institution earlier.

14.2.2 Service Exception to the Five-Year Period of Eligibility. Time spent in the armed forces, on official religious missions or with recognized foreign aid services of the U.S. government is excepted from the application of the five-year period of eligibility.

~~*14.2.2.1 Use of Semester or Quarter. A student-athlete is considered to have used a semester or quarter under this rule when the student attends any class while officially registered in a collegiate institution (domestic or foreign) in a regular term of an academic year for a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the institution, even if the student-athlete drops to part-time status at any time during the term, including their first day of attendance (see Bylaw 14.2.3).*~~

~~*14.2.2.2 Fraction of 10 Semesters/15 Quarters Remaining. A student-athlete whose combination of semesters and quarters of previous enrollment leaves them with any fraction of the 10th semester or 15th quarter of eligibility at the beginning of their final semester or quarter may remain eligible for the entire semester or quarter.*~~

14.2.~~1~~**2**.**1** Collegiate Enrollment Concurrent with Service Assignment. Any time in which a student-athlete is enrolled for a minimum full-time program of studies as a regular student in a collegiate institution while simultaneously on active duty in the U.S. military, on an official religious mission or with a recognized foreign aid service of the U.S. government shall count against the 10 semesters/15 quarters in which the four seasons of participation must be completed.

14.2.~~2~~**3**.~~3~~ Pregnancy Exception **to the Five-Year period of Eligibility.** A member institution may ~~*approve a two-semester or three-quarter extension of this 10-semester/15-quarter*~~ **extend the five-year** period of eligibility for a student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy.

14.2.3.1 Application. The pregnancy exception applies to any condition related to pregnancy (e.g., miscarriage, postpartum depression).

14.2.3.2 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation, from a physician (medical doctor) who administered care at the time of the pregnancy or related condition shall be submitted to establish the application of the pregnancy exception. For a case involving a psychological or mental illness, the required contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation may be provided by an individual (e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist) who is qualified and licensed to diagnose and treat the particular illness.

14.2.~~2~~**4** ~~*Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule.*~~**Alternate Academic Calendar.** ~~*A student-athlete shall complete their seasons of participation during the first 10 semesters or 15 quarters in which the student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in at least a minimum full-time program of studies, as determined by the regulations of that institution.*~~ For an institution that conducts registration other than on a traditional semester or quarter basis, the Management Council shall determine an equivalent enrollment period.

14.2.~~3~~**5** Additional Applications of the ~~*10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule*~~ **Five-Year Eligibility Period**.

14.2.~~3~~**5**.1 Athletics Competition. Even though a student is enrolled for less than a minimum full-time program of studies at a collegiate institution, ~~*a student shall use a semester or quarter under the 10-semester/15-quarter*~~ **their five-year** period of eligibility **begins** if the**y** ~~*individual*~~ represent~~s~~ the institution in intercollegiate athletics.

14.2.~~3~~**5**.2 Nonrecognized College. Enrollment in a postsecondary, noncollegiate institution (e.g., technical school, seminary or business college) in the United States that is not accredited at the college level by an agency or association recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Education and legally authorized to offer at least a one-year program of study creditable toward a degree, constitutes enrollment in the application of the ~~*10-semester/15-quarter*~~ **five-year period of eligibility** rule only if:

[14.2.5.2-(a) through 14.2.5.2-(b) unchanged.]

14.2.~~3~~**5**.3 Joint College/High School Program. A student-athlete's **five-year period of** eligibility ~~*under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule*~~ does not begin while a student is enrolled in a collegiate institution in a joint high school/college academic program for outstanding high school students, in which the courses count as both high school graduation credit and college credit, provided the student has not officially graduated from high school and does not participate in intercollegiate athletics while enrolled in the joint program. **(See Bylaw 14.2 for when an individual's five-year period of eligibility begins.)**

14.2.~~3~~**5**.4 Vocational Program. A student-athlete's **five-year period of** eligibility ~~*under the 10-semester/15-quarter rule*~~ does not begin while the student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies as a part of a special vocational program that combines enrollment in regular college courses and participation in vocational training courses, provided the student is not considered to be regularly matriculated by the institution, does not go through the customary registration and testing procedures required of all regular entering students and is not

eligible for the institution's extracurricular activities, including athletics. **(See Bylaw 14.2 for when an individual's five-year period of eligibility begins.)**

14.2.6 Waivers. There shall be no waivers of the application of the five-year period of eligibility legislation.

14.2.4**7**.~~1.4~~ Transfer from a Non-Division III Institution.

The ~~season of participation~~ **five-year eligibility** standard does not apply to a transfer student-athlete's previous participation at a non-Division III institution. A transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation that applied to the previous institution during the term(s) of participation.

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

~~14.2.2.4.1 Waiver Criteria. A waiver of the 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility is designed to provide a student-athlete with the opportunity to engage in four seasons of intercollegiate participation within a 10-semester/15-quarter period. This waiver may be granted, based upon objective evidence, for reasons that are beyond the control of the student-athlete and the institution, which deprive the student-athlete of the opportunity to participate for more than one season in their sport within the 10-semester/15-quarter period. The Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement reserves the right to review requests that do not meet the more-than-one-season criteria detailed in this bylaw for extraordinary circumstances or extreme hardship.~~

~~14.2.2.4.1.1 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:~~

~~(a) Situations clearly supported by contemporaneous medical documentation, which states that a student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate competition as a result of incapacitating physical or mental circumstances;~~

~~(b) The student-athlete is unable to participate in intercollegiate athletics as a result of a life-threatening or incapacitating injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;~~

~~(c) Reliance by the student-athlete on written, contemporaneous, clearly erroneous academic advice provided to the student-athlete from a specific academic authority from a collegiate institution regarding the academic status of the student-athlete or prospective student-athlete, which directly leads to that individual not being eligible to participate and, but for the clearly erroneous advice, the student-athlete would have established eligibility for intercollegiate competition;~~

~~(d) Natural disaster (e.g., earthquakes, floods); and~~

~~(e) Extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in the family) experienced by the student-athlete or by an individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent, which prohibit the student-athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent.~~

~~14.2.2.4.1.2 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:~~

~~(a) A student-athlete's decision to attend an institution that does not sponsor their sport or decision not to participate at an institution that does sponsor their sport;~~

~~(b) An inability to participate due to failure to meet institutional/conference or NCAA academic requirements, disciplinary reasons or incarceration culminating in or resulting from a conviction;~~

~~(c) Reliance by a student-athlete on misinformation from a coaching staff member;~~

~~(d) Redshirt year;~~

~~(e) An inability to participate as a result of an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) or fulfilling a condition for restoration of eligibility; and~~

(f) A student-athlete's lack of understanding regarding the specific starting date of their 10-semester/15-quarter period of eligibility.

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

14.2.2.4.3 Use of Additional Terms. Any additional terms (semesters or quarters) provided as part of a 10-semester/15-quarter rules waiver must be used by the student-athlete in consecutive regular academic terms at the certifying institution.

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

14.2.4.1 Minimum Amount of Participation. A season of intercollegiate participation shall be counted in the student-athlete's sport when a student-athlete participates (practices or competes) during or after the first contest in the traditional segment following the student-athlete's initial participation of that academic year at that institution or when the student-athlete engages in intercollegiate competition during the nontraditional segment in that sport. This provision is applicable to intercollegiate athletics participation (practice or competition) conducted by a Division III collegiate institution at the varsity, junior varsity or freshman team level. (See Bylaw 14.1.11, for student-athletes participating in a recognized foreign exchange/study abroad program).

14.2.4.1.1 Exceptions. A season of participation shall not be counted:

(a) During the traditional segment when a student-athlete participates in a preseason scrimmage or preseason exhibition conducted before the first contest following the student-athlete's initial participation of that academic year at that institution;

(b) During the traditional segment when a student-athlete participates in an alumni contest conducted before the first regular-season contest following the student-athlete's initial participation of that academic year at that institution;

(c) When a student-athlete participates (practices or competes) during the nontraditional segment; and

(d) During the traditional segment when an international student (see Bylaw 12.1.1.1) practices during the temporary certification period per Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1, even if such practice occurs during or after the first contest in the traditional segment.

14.2.4.1.2 Exception -- Pending Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Waiver. A student-athlete who is eligible for practice may practice, but not compete, after the first contest or date of competition without using a season of participation while a Subcommittee for Legislative Relief waiver is pending. To be eligible for this exception, the institution must have received official notification that the national office has received the institution's completed waiver application and all relevant supporting documentation. If the waiver request is denied, the student-athlete must cease practicing immediately on notification to the institution of the decision or the student-athlete shall be charged with the use of a season of participation. If the institution chooses to appeal a waiver denial, the student-athlete shall not resume practice until the institution receives official notification that any information required for appeal has been received. If the subcommittee denies the appeal, the student-athlete must cease practicing immediately upon notification to the institution of the decision or the student-athlete shall be charged with the use of a season of participation.

14.2.4.1.3 Student Managers and Student Coaches. A season of participation shall be counted when a student manager or student coach participates as a team member in practice or other physical activities during the time frame set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.1. A student coach or student manager's role should be limited to performing traditional coaching or managerial duties.

14.2.4.2 Track and Field and Cross Country. For the purposes of determining a season of intercollegiate participation, cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field shall be considered separate sports.

14.2.4.2.1 Participation on Triathlon Team. Participation in triathlon shall not use a season of participation in cross country, swimming or track and field.

14.2.4.3 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. For the purposes of determining a season of intercollegiate participation, volleyball and beach volleyball shall be considered separate sports.

~~*14.2.4.4 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall use a season of intercollegiate participation for each consecutive 12-month period after October 1 or March 1 and before the initial collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.4.1.*~~

~~*14.2.4.4.1 Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of participation per Bylaw 14.2.4.4 if the individual engages in activities that meet any of the following criteria:*~~

~~*(a) Any team competition or training in which pay in any form is provided to any of the participants above actual and necessary expenses;*~~

~~*(b) Any individual competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form based on their place finish or any competition or training in which the individual accepts pay in any form above actual and necessary expenses;*~~

~~*(c) Any competition pursuant to the signing of a contract with a professional team for athletics participation or entering a professional draft; or*~~

~~*(d) Any competition funded by a representative of an institution's athletics interests that is not open to all participants.*~~

~~*14.2.4.4.1.1 Competition Exceptions. A maximum one-time, one-year exception for participation in the following activities:*~~

~~*(a) Preparatory School Exception. Participation in organized competition while enrolled in a postgraduate college preparatory school shall be exempted; and*~~

~~*(b) Athletics Activity Exception.*~~

~~*(1) Official Pan American, Parapan American, World Championships, World Cup, World University Games (Universiade), World University Championships, Olympic and Paralympic training, tryouts and competition or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams);*~~

~~*(2) Officially recognized training and competition directly qualifying participants for final Olympic and Paralympic tryouts or the junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic Games, U20 World Cup, junior national teams); or*~~

~~*(3) Official tryouts and competition involving national teams sponsored by the appropriate national governing bodies of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee (or for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation, or for student-athletes competing in a non-Olympic or Paralympic sport, the equivalent organization of that sport) or junior level equivalents (e.g., Youth Olympic, U20 World Cup, junior national teams).*~~

~~*14.2.4.4.1.2 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 and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.4.*~~

~~*14.2.4.4.2 Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. Volleyball and beach volleyball are considered the same sport for the purposes of Bylaw 14.2.4.4.*~~

~~*14.2.4.5 Intercollegiate Participation. A student-athlete is considered to have engaged in a season of intercollegiate participation when they compete in an athletics event involving any one of the conditions characterizing intercollegiate participation (per Bylaws 14.02.6 and 14.2.4.1).*~~

~~*14.2.4.6 International Competition/Summers. Competition by a student-athlete representing an institution in international competition during the summer-vacation period shall not affect the student-athlete's seasons of participation, provided the competition has been certified by the institution per Bylaw 17.33.1 or sanctioned by the Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, and the request for Management Council sanction has been made by the institution at least 30 days before the competition.*~~

~~*14.2.4.7 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who did not participate during the institution's season just completed and who represents the institution in a certified foreign tour after that intercollegiate season and before the start of the next academic year shall not be charged with a season of participation for the preceding season.*~~

~~*14.2.4.8 Male Practice Player. A male student who practices with a women's team in a sport that is also sponsored as a men's sport by the NCAA or is considered the same sport under amateurism regulations, is charged with a season of participation in the men's sport. If a male student practices with a women's team in a sport that has no equivalent men's sponsored sport, the male student is charged with a season of participation in the women's sport.*~~

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

~~*(a) The season-ending injury or illness occurs before the completion of the first half of the traditional playing season in that sport for the season being waived and results in incapacity to compete for the remainder of the traditional playing season. The first half of the traditional playing season is measured by the maximum contest or date of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) limitation in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 plus one contest or date of competition (excluding exempted scrimmages, exhibitions and/or joint practices). For cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1; and*~~

~~*(b) The season-ending injury or illness occurs when the student-athlete has not competed in more contests or dates of competition than a number equivalent to one-third of the standard denominator, where the standard denominator is determined by the maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one contest or date of competition (see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1). For cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field, see Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1. Only competition (excluding exempted scrimmages, exhibition contests and/or joint practices) against outside participants during the traditional playing season, or, if so designated, during the official NCAA championship playing season in that sport (e.g., spring baseball, fall soccer), shall be countable under this limitation in calculating the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete has competed. [See Figure 14-1]*~~

~~*14.2.5.1 Administration of Hardship Waiver. The hardship waiver shall be administered by the member conferences of the Association or, in the case of an independent member institution, by the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement. An institution may appeal a decision by its conference to the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.*~~

~~*14.2.5.2 Criteria for Administration of Hardship Waiver. The following criteria are to be employed in the administration of the hardship waiver:*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.1 Nature of Injury/Illness. It is not necessary for the incapacitating, season-ending injury or illness to be the direct result of the student's participation in the institution's organized practice or game competition.*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.2 Medical Documentation. Contemporaneous or other appropriate medical documentation from a physician (i.e., a medical doctor), who administered care at the time of the injury or illness, that establishes the student-athlete's inability to compete for the remainder of the traditional playing season as a result of that injury or illness shall be submitted with any hardship-waiver request. Chiropractic records do not constitute medical documentation for purposes of administering a hardship-waiver request.*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.2.1 Exception for Mental Health Condition. Where the assertion for the hardship waiver is based on a mental health condition, the information submitted may be contemporaneous or noncontemporaneous medical documentation provided by an individual who is licensed to diagnose the mental health condition (e.g., psychiatrist, psychologist).*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.3 First-Half-of-Season Calculation. In determining if an injury or illness occurs in the first half of the traditional season, any computation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded up to the next whole number. The first contest or date of competition immediately following the rounded value is the first contest or date of competition in the second half of the season (e.g., 50 percent of a sport with a standard denominator of 11 contests -- 5.5 contests -- shall be considered 6 contests and an injury or illness must have occurred prior to the start of the seventh contest). [See Figure 14-1]*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.4 Reinjury in Second Half of Season. A student-athlete who suffers an injury in the first half of the traditional season, enters competition during the second half of the traditional season and then is unable to participate further as a result of aggravating the original injury does not qualify for the hardship waiver.*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.5 Percent Calculation. The following requirements are to be met in determining the percent calculation under this waiver provision: (Note: The percent calculation requirements set forth in Bylaws 14.2.5 and*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.3 apply only to the waiver provisions of this section and do not apply to the maximum- and minimum-contests requirements in Bylaw 20.)*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.5.1 Denominator in Percent Computation. The denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be based on the maximum contest or date of competition (whichever is applicable to that sport) limitation in each sport (as set forth in Bylaw 17) plus one contest or date of competition. For the sport of cross country, the denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be based on the maximum dates of competition (as set forth in Bylaw 17) plus two dates of competition. For indoor and outdoor track and field, the denominator in the institution's percent calculation shall be nine for each sport. [See Figure 14-1]*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.5.2 Fraction in Percent Computation. Any computation of the percent limitation that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded to the next whole number (e.g., 33 percent of the standard basketball denominator of 26 -- 8.6 games -- shall be considered nine games).*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.6 Foreign-Tour Competition. A student-athlete who qualifies for a hardship for the previous academic year would not use a season of participation if the student-athlete represents the institution on a certified foreign tour during the summer-vacation period at the conclusion of that academic year.*~~

~~*14.2.5.2.7 Transfer Student-Athletes. The hardship-waiver criteria for a transfer student-athlete who suffers an injury or illness while attending an NCAA Division I or Division II institution may be based on the rule that would be most favorable to the student-athlete (the rule applicable to the division in which the injury or illness occurred or the Division III rule). The application of a particular division's legislation must include all the applicable elements of that division's legislation, as opposed to selected elements of the legislation of each division.*~~

~~*14.2.5.3 Eligibility for Practice. A student-athlete who meets the criteria for receipt of a hardship waiver may practice and/or participate in rehabilitative activities for the remainder of the season and still qualify for a hardship waiver. A student-athlete who competes in that sport during the remainder of the season shall use a season of participation, unless the competition meets an exception per Bylaw 14.2.4.1.1.*~~

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

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

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

~~*(a) The participation occurred while the student-athlete was representing an NCAA member institution;*~~

~~*(b) The participation occurred within 60 days of the date the student-athlete first reported for athletics participation;*~~

~~*(c) The student-athlete did not participate in more than two events or 10 percent (whichever number is greater) of the institution's completed or scheduled (not exceeding the maximum limitations in each sport as set forth in Bylaw 17 as set before the first scheduled contest or date of competition) events in their sport. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating both the number of events in which the student-athlete participated and the number of completed or scheduled events during that season (traditional and nontraditional) in the sport;*~~

~~*(d) The student-athlete was involved innocently and inadvertently in the erroneous determination or declaration of eligibility, which permitted the student-athlete to participate while ineligible; and*~~

~~*(e) In the case of a coaching staff member's erroneous decision, the student-athlete had reason to believe they would be eligible to participate and the student-athlete did not contribute to the coaching staff member's erroneous decision to allow the student-athlete to participate.*~~

~~*14.2.6.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5 shall apply to the 10-percent calculation specified in this waiver.*~~

~~*14.2.6.2 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete, who has exhausted their seasons of participation, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a season-of-participation waiver request. If such a request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.*~~

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

~~*(a) The participation occurred within the first half of the traditional segment; and*~~

~~*(b) The student-athlete did not compete in more contests or dates of competition than a number equivalent to one-third of the standard denominator, where the standard denominator is determined by the maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one contest or date of competition. All competition (including a scrimmage) against outside participants shall be countable under this limitation in calculating the number of contests or dates of competition in which the student-athlete participated.*~~

~~*14.2.7.1 Administrative Criteria. The following criteria shall be employed in the administration of this season-of-participation waiver:*~~

~~*14.2.7.1.1 Percent Calculation. The requirements specified in Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5 shall apply to the percent calculation specified in this waiver.*~~

~~*14.2.7.1.2 Extenuating Circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:*~~

~~*(a) The student-athlete is unable to compete as a result of a life-threatening injury or illness suffered by a member of the student-athlete's immediate family, which clearly is supported by contemporaneous medical documentation;*~~

~~*(b) The student-athlete is unable to compete as a result of extreme financial difficulties as a result of a specific event (e.g., layoff, death in family) experienced by the student-athlete or an individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent. These circumstances must be clearly supported by objective documentation (e.g., decree of bankruptcy, proof of termination) and must be beyond the control of the student-athlete or the individual on whom the student-athlete is legally dependent; and*~~

~~*(c) The student-athlete's institution dropped the sport (in which the student has practiced or competed) from its intercollegiate program.*~~

~~*14.2.7.1.3 Review Authority. In cases in which a student-athlete does not meet the extenuating circumstances listed in Bylaw 14.2.7.1.2, the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement shall have authority to review and grant waivers based on additional documented extenuating circumstances.*~~

~~*14.2.7.2 Practice While Waiver is Pending. A student-athlete, who has exhausted their seasons of participation, may practice, but not compete, provided the institution has filed a season-of-participation waiver request. If such a request is denied, the student-athlete must cease all practice activities upon the institution's notification of the denial and may not continue to practice during the appellate process.*~~

E. Bylaws: Amend Figure 14-1, as follows:

~~*Figure 14-1 Hardship Waiver Calculations -- Standard Denominators Based on Bylaw 17 Maximums Sport Standard Denominator*~~

FIGURE 14-1
Hardship Waiver Calculations — Standard Denominators Based on Bylaw 17

Sport	Standard Denominator*	First Half of Playing Season	One-third of Contests or Dates of Competition
Acrobatics and Tumbling	13	Before the start of the eighth date of competition.	5
Baseball	41	Before the start of the 22nd contest.	14
Men's Basketball	26	Before the start of the 14th contest.	9
Women's Basketball	26	Before the start of the 14th contest.	9
Beach Volleyball	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Women's Bowling	33	Before the start of the 18th date of competition.	11
Men's Cross Country	11#	Before the start of the seventh date of competition.	4
Women's Cross Country	11#	Before the start of the seventh date of competition.	4
Men's Fencing	12	Before the start of the seventh date of competition.	4
Women's Fencing	12	Before the start of the seventh date of competition.	4
Field Hockey	21	Before the start of the 12th contest.	7
Women’s Flag Football	25	Before the start of the 13th contest.	9
Football	11	Before the start of the seventh contest.	4
Men's Golf	21	Before the start of the 12th date of competition.	7
Women's Golf	21	Before the start of the 12th date of competition.	7

* Maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5-(a)-(b).
\# Maximum of nine dates of competition (Bylaw 17) plus two dates of competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.
** See Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.

FIGURE 14-1
Hardship Waiver Calculations — Standard Denominators Based on Bylaw 17

Sport	Standard Denominator*	First Half of Playing Season	One-third of Contests or Dates of Competition
Men's Gymnastics	14	Before the start of the eighth date of competition.	5
Women's Gymnastics	14	Before the start of the eighth date of competition.	5
Men's Ice Hockey	26	Before the start of the 14th contest.	9
Women's Ice Hockey	26	Before the start of the 14th contest.	9
Men's Lacrosse	18	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Women's Lacrosse	18	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Men's Rifle	14	Before the start of the eighth date of competition.	5
Women's Rifle	14	Before the start of the eighth date of competition.	5
Women's Rowing	21	Before the start of the 12th date of competition	7
Women's Rugby	16	Before the start of the ninth date of competition.	6
Men's Skiing	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Women's Skiing	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Men's Soccer	21	Before the start of the 12th contest.	7
Women's Soccer	21	Before the start of the 12th contest.	7
Softball	41	Before the start of the 22nd contest.	14

* Maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5-(a)-(b).
\# Maximum of nine dates of competition (Bylaw 17) plus two dates of competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.
** See Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.

FIGURE 14-1
Hardship Waiver Calculations — Standard Denominators Based on Bylaw 17

Sport	Standard Denominator*	First Half of Playing Season	One-third of Contests or Dates of Competition
Stunt	14	Before the start of the 8th date of competition.	5
Men's Swimming and Diving	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Women's Swimming and Diving	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Men's Tennis	21	Before the start of the 12th date of competition.	7
Women's Tennis	21	Before the start of the 12th date of competition.	7
Men's Track and Field (Indoor)	9**	Before the start of the sixth date of competition.	3
Men's Track and Field (Outdoor)	9**	Before the start of the sixth date of competition.	3
Women's Track and Field (Indoor)	9**	Before the start of the sixth date of competition.	3
Women's Track and Field (Outdoor)	9**	Before the start of the sixth date of competition.	3
Women's Triathlon	7	Before the start of the fifth date of competition.	3
Men's Volleyball	23	Before the start of the 13th date of competition.	8
Women's Volleyball	23	Before the start of the 13th date of competition.	8
Water Polo	22	Before the start of the 12th date of competition.	8
Men's Wrestling	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6
Women's Wrestling	17	Before the start of the 10th date of competition.	6

* Maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5-(a)-(b).
# Maximum of nine dates of competition (Bylaw 17) plus two dates of competition pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.
** See Bylaw 14.2.5.2.5.1.

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F. Bylaws: Amend 17.1.6, as follows:

17.1.6.4 Mandatory Medical Examination. Before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities (or, in Division I, permissible voluntary summer conditioning or individual workouts, or permissible required summer athletic activities in basketball and football), student-athletes who are beginning their ~~*initial season*~~ **period** of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall be required to undergo a medical examination or evaluation administered or supervised by a physician (e.g., family physician, team physician). A nurse practitioner whose medical licensure allows for health care practice independent of physician supervision may complete the medical examination without supervision by a physician. The examination or evaluation must be administered within six months before participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities. In following years, an updated history of the student-athlete's medical condition shall be administered by an institutional medical staff member (e.g., sports medicine staff, team physician) to determine if additional examinations (e.g., physical, cardiovascular, neurological) are required. The updated history must be administered within six months before the student-athlete's participation in any practice, competition or out-of-season conditioning activities for the applicable academic year.

[17.1.6.4.1 unchanged.]

G. Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4.1 Student-Athlete Eligibility. To be eligible for NCAA championships, a student-athlete shall meet all applicable individual-eligibility requirements set forth in NCAA legislation. The general and academic eligibility requirements are set forth in detail in Bylaw 14.

[18.4.1.1 through 18.4.1.5 unchanged.]

18.4.1.5.1 Penalty -- Banned Drug Classes Other Than Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors), ~~*shall be charged with the loss of one season of participation in all sports, in addition to the use of a season of participation, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, during the same academic year. The student-athlete*~~ shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug-test specimen and until they test negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

[18.4.1.5.1.1 unchanged.]

18.4.1.5.2 Penalty -- Narcotics. A student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports (i.e., 50 percent of the Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition). The student-athlete shall remain ineligible from the time the institution is notified of the test result until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled and they test negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

18.4.1.5.2.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics, they ~~*shall be charged with the loss of one additional season of participation in all sports, in addition to the use of a season of participation, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, during the same academic year. The student-athlete*~~ shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of their second positive drug-test specimen or until the period of ineligibility for any prior positive drug tests has expired, whichever occurs later. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class narcotics tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than narcotics, they ~~*shall be ineligible for one season of participation in all sports, in addition to the use of a season of participation, pursuant to Bylaw 14.2.4.1, during the same academic year. The student-athlete*~~ shall remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athlete's positive drug test specimen and until they test negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors).

18.4.1.5.3 Breach of NCAA Drug-Testing Program Protocol. A student-athlete who is in breach of the NCAA drug-testing program protocol (e.g., no show) shall be considered to have tested positive for the use of any drug other than a narcotic.

18.4.1.5.3.1 Tampering With a Drug-Test Sample. A student-athlete who is involved in a case of clearly observed tampering with an NCAA drug test sample (e.g., urine substitution and related methods), as documented per NCAA drug-testing protocol by a drug-testing crew member, shall ~~*be charged with the loss of two seasons of participation in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun for that student-athlete or the equivalent of two full seasons of participation in all sports if the student-athlete is involved in tampering with a drug-test sample during their season of participation (the remainder of contests in the current season and contests in the following two seasons up to the period of time in the initial season in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible). The student-athlete shall*~~ remain ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition during the time period ending two calendar years (i.e., 730 days) after the student-athlete was involved in the tampering with a drug test sample and until they test negative (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors.

[18.4.1.5.4 through 18.4.1.5.7 unchanged.]

H. Bylaws: Amend 21.9.5.4, as follows:

21.9.5.4 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

[21.9.5.4.1 unchanged.]

21.9.5.4.2 Duties. The committee shall have the authority under Bylaw 14.12 to determine all matters pertaining to the policies and procedures for the reinstatement of eligibility of a student-athlete who is ineligible for intercollegiate competition as a result of an NCAA rules violation~~*, and for waivers of legislation that the Management Council or the membership has authorized the committee to grant*~~. The procedures for processing such appeals or requests shall be established by the committee and approved by the Management Council. The committee may reinstate eligibility immediately, may reinstate eligibility at a future time or may determine that eligibility should not be reinstated. The committee also may impose conditions for reinstatement of eligibility.

[21.9.5.4.3 through 21.9.5.4.5 unchanged.]

Source: American Rivers Conference and Ohio Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: This proposal initiates a necessary legislative debate within Division III following Division I's landmark shift toward a continuous, age-based eligibility framework. Introducing this proposal ensures our division can evaluate how this model aligns with or challenges our distinct divisional philosophy before risking long-term misalignment. Proponents highlight significant operational benefits. A standardized, time-bound framework would drastically reduce administrative burdens on compliance staff by eliminating the tracking of athletic redshirts, delayed enrollment, and complex competition variables. It replaces unpredictable, case-by-case waiver pipelines, such as medical hardships and extensions, with clear, predefined rules that offer upfront transparency for student-athletes. However, a shift of this magnitude introduces challenges that run counter to traditional Division III values. Moving away from a flexible, enrollment-driven framework provides less flexibility for student-athletes who pause their participation to focus on rigorous academics, study abroad opportunities, or financial constraints. Consequently, a continuous "clock" could negatively impact non-traditional, older, or transfer student-athletes whose journeys do not follow a rigid timeline. Given our membership's diverse institutional missions, proactive engagement is essential. This proposal utilizes the legislative comment and amendment periods to provide a structured platform to thoroughly evaluate this model's intersection with the student-athlete experience and the core values of Division III.

Budget Impact:

No. 2027- Division III Presidents Council and Management Council -- Term of Office and Vacancies

Intent: To change the length of the unexpired term which requires a vacancy to be filled from at least two years to at least one year for the NCAA Division III Presidents Council and Management Council to avoid lengthy periods in which an active multi-sport conference is not represented on either Presidents or Management Council.

Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

21 Committees

[21.02 through 21.10 unchanged.]

21.10.3.2.3 Vacancies. The Presidents Council, by a majority vote, may fill a vacancy that occurs for a conference slot for the unexpired term provided there remains at least **one**~~*two*~~ year~~s~~ for that term. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of that term.

[21.10.3.3 through 21.10.3.5 unchanged.]

[21.11 unchanged.]

21.11.4.1.3 Vacancies. When a vacancy occurs on the council, the council, by a majority vote, may fill the conference slot for the unexpired term provided there remains at least **one**~~*two*~~ year~~s~~ for that term. Members appointed to fill vacancies shall be appointed only for the unexpired portion of that term.

[21.11.4.2 through 21.11.4.4 unchanged.]

[21.12 through 21.13 unchanged.]

Source: Little East Conference and United East Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Current legislation notes a vacancy on either Presidents or Management Council can only be filled if at least two years remain on a term. Leaving a conference without representation on either council for 50% of a term without any structured process to ensure conferences have a voice and remain informed is contradictory to the legislation requiring representation of each active multi-sport conference on either council.

Budget Impact: N/A

Appendix A

Emergency Legislation Adopted by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaw 9.3.1.1.2, the NCAA Division III Presidents Council is permitted to adopt emergency legislative amendments if it must respond to, or comply with, a court, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) or government order or when the Presidents Council deems it appropriate to limit or avoid NCAA liability as a result of litigation, ADR or governmental proceedings. This action will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2026 NCAA Division III business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of this action and incorporation in the 2026-27 NCAA Division III manual. If a delegate objects to the incorporation of the amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA governance and member services staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate that amendment.

There are no emergency legislative amendments submitted for approval during the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Appendix B

Interpretations to be Included in the 2026-27 NCAA Division III Manual

In accordance with its authority to recommend incorporation of interpretations in the next printing of the NCAA Division III Manual, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee has recommended, and the NCAA Division III Management Council has approved inclusion of the following in the Division III Manual. This will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2026 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute the incorporation of these interpretations. If a delegate objects to incorporation of a particular interpretation, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA governance and member services staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to incorporate the interpretation.

It should be noted that these interpretations already have been accepted by the membership, and the only issue concerning these interpretations that is before the membership is whether they should be set forth in the 2026-27 Division III Manual and subsequent Division III Manuals. If the membership votes not to incorporate a particular interpretation into the Manual, the interpretation will still be binding on the membership; it simply will not be included in the 2026-27 Division III Manual.

For each of these interpretations approved by the Management Council, the provisions of Bylaw 9.4.1.4 also would apply (i.e., any Division III member to which the interpretation applies may request a review of that interpretation at the Division III business session by making such a request in writing to the NCAA governance and member services staff or the Association's Convention office prior to 1 p.m. on the day preceding the Division III business session of the Convention). If an interpretation is not challenged per Bylaw 9.4.1.4 and the incorporation of the interpretation into the 2025-26 Division III Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2026-27 Division III Manual as noted.

There are no incorporations of interpretations submitted for approval during the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Appendix C

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

Pursuant to NCAA Bylaws 21.10.2-(d), 21.11.3-(d) and 9.3.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council or Presidents Council has adopted the following noncontroversial legislative amendments during the past year. The Management Council and Presidents Council are permitted to adopt such legislation if it is necessary to promote the normal and orderly administration of the Association's legislation. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2026 NCAA Division III business session. Approval of the Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2026-27 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report of the Official Notice. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA governance and member services staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The NCAA Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

NO. NC-2027-1 ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- RULES COMMITTEES WITHOUT CHAMPIONSHIPS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES -- MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY RULES COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Intent: To reduce the number of Division II representatives on the Division II and III Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee from two to one (and thus reduce the total membership on the committee from nine to eight (six Division III members; one Division II member; one non-voting secretary-rules editor).

Bylaws: Amend 21.3.6, as follows:

21.3.6 Ice Hockey Rules Committee, Men's and Women's. The Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee shall consist of ~~*nine*~~**eight** members and shall be constituted as follows:

(a) ~~*Two*~~**One** member~~s~~ shall be from a Division II institution ~~*that sponsors Division II men's or women's ice hockey*~~, six members shall be from Division III and an additional member shall be secretary-rules editor;

(b) Within Division~~s II and~~ III, one-half of the members shall represent men's ice hockey interests and one-half of the members shall represent women’s ice hockey interests; and

[21.3.6-(c) unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

The recommendation is based on the challenges with soliciting nominations for the current two Division II spots given how few Division II institutions sponsor ice hockey. While the recommendation does not directly affect Division III representation on the committee, the legislation in question is common and requires approval from both divisions.

NO. NC-2027-2 DIVISION III COMMITTEES -- EXEMPTION TO THE CURRENT COMPOSITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NCAA DIVISION III MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ASSIGNED COMMITTEES AND NCAA DIVISION III STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Intent: To clarify that an appointed position on a committee does not count for determining area or multi-sport conference representation; and that for the members of the NCAA Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee that are not appointed by position (at\u0002large members), there must be at least one representative from each Division III geographic area.

Bylaws: Amend 21.9.5.1, as follows:

21.9.5.1 Composition Requirements. The Strategic Planning and Finance, Championship, Financial Aid, Interpretations and Legislation, Membership and Nominating Committees shall reflect the representation of the division's participating student-athletes, including the following:

(a) Minimum of two, but no more than three members from each Division III geographical area (see Bylaw 21.12 for geographical areas). For Area 4, one must be from a multi-sport conference or institution located in California, Colorado, Oregon, Texas or Washington;

(1) Exceptions. The following committee members neither satisfy the geographic area requirements nor count against the maximum geographic area limitations:

(i) Presidents Council representatives;

(ii) Management Council representatives;

(iii) Student-Athlete Advisory Council representatives; and

(iv) those members appointed due to their position on another committee.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee shall not be subject to the geographic area requirements set forth in Bylaw 21.9.5.1(a). The committee shall, for the seven non-designated positions, have at least one representative from each Division III geographical area.

(b) One Management Council representative ~~*(the council member does not fulfill the area requirement)*~~;

(c) One Student-Athlete Advisory Council member ~~*(the SAAC member does not fulfill the area requirement)*~~;

(d) Minimum of three females;

(e) Minimum of three males;

(f) Minimum of one conference office staff;

(g) Minimum of one Faculty Athletics Representative;

(h) Minimum of one public institution/multi-sport conference representative; and

(i) No multi-sport conference shall be represented by more than one individual on each committee.

21.9.5.1.1 Exception. The following committee members are exempt from the prohibition on multi-sport conference representation:

(a) Presidents Council representatives;

(b) Management Council representatives;

(c) Student-Athlete Advisory Council representatives; and

(d) those members appointed due to their position on another committee.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Nominating Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Current legislation prohibits two people from the same conference serving on a committee at the same time. It implies that if the appointed position is from the same conference as an existing committee member, one of the individuals must be removed from the committee. And, legislation requires at least two and not more than three members from each Division III geographic area. Because the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee has six appointed positions, it may be impossible to comply with
this requirement.

NO. NC-2027-3 ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- COMMITTEE ON INFRACTIONS -- SPECIAL OPERATING RULES -- EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRICTION ON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Intent: To permit parties to an NCAA infractions case to confirm, correct or deny information made public and allow the NCAA national office to share information if there is an immediate need to prevent harm or to address a potential ongoing violation. Additionally, to provide notice regarding the potential repercussions for parties who improperly disclose information.

Administrative: Amend 32, as follows:

32.1 Committee on Infractions -- Special Operating Rules.

32.1.1 Public Disclosure. Except as provided in Bylaws 19 and 32, the Committee on Infractions, the Infractions Appeals Committee and the ~~*enforcement staff*~~**NCAA national office** shall not make public disclosures about a pending case until the case has been announced in accordance with the prescribed procedures. An institution and any individual subject to the NCAA bylaws involved in a case, including any representative or **legal** counsel, shall not make public disclosures about the case until a final decision has been announced in accordance with prescribed procedures. **Parties who fail to satisfy public disclosure and confidentiality requirements may be sanctioned by the Committee on Infractions or the Infractions Appeals Committee.**

32.1.1.1 Public Information Exception. If information concerning a case is made public, the parties may confirm, correct or deny the information made public.

32.1.1.2 Immediate Need Exception. The NCAA national office may share information if there is an immediate need to prevent harm or to address a potential ongoing violation.

[32.1.2 through 32.1.4 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Infractions).

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Current confidentiality rules preclude public disclosure before a case has been resolved and publicly announced by the Committee on Infractions (COI). The intent of the public disclosure legislation is to protect the integrity of a pending infractions case. Currently, if a party improperly shares information about an ongoing infractions case, the NCAA enforcement staff may allege and the COI may find a violation of the cooperative principle (Bylaw 32.1.3) for failing to protect the integrity of the investigation. The amended legislation provides transparency to parties should they fail to satisfy the public disclosure and confidentiality requirements. Additionally, the two proposed exceptions provide flexibility in those limited circumstances when pending case-related information has been made public and/or the NCAA national office may prevent harm or address ongoing violations. The two proposed exceptions allow reasonable flexibility to share select information earlier in the process.

NO. NC-2027-4 ELIGIBILITY -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT -- ELIMINATION OF ACADEMIC YEAR OF RESIDENCE

Intent: To eliminate the academic year of residence as a condition for student-athletes who participate in organized competition after delaying their initial full-time collegiate enrollment.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2.4, as follows:

14.2.4 Criteria for Determining Season of Eligibility.

[14.2.4.1 through 14.2.4.3 unchanged.]

14.2.4.4 Participation in Organized Competition Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment. An individual who does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full-time student by October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following their high school graduation date (or the international equivalent as specified in the NCAA Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility) shall use a season of intercollegiate participation for each consecutive 12-month period after October 1 or March 1 and before the initial collegiate enrollment in which the individual participates in activities that meet the criteria set forth in Bylaw 14.2.4.4.~~2~~**1**.

~~*14.2.4.4.1 Academic Year of Residence. An individual who uses a season(s) of participation in a particular sport, per Bylaw 14.2.4.4.2, shall fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) before being eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition in that sport.*~~

14.2.4.4.~~2~~**1** Activities Constituting Use of Season. An individual shall use a season of participation per Bylaw 14.2.4.4 if the individual engages in activities that meet any of the following criteria:

[14.2.4.4.2-(a) through 14.2.4.4.2-(d) renumbered as 14.2.4.4.1-(a) through 14.2.4.4.1-(d) unchanged.]

14.2.4.4.~~2~~**1**.1 Competition Exceptions. A maximum one-time, one-year exception for participation in the following activities:

[14.2.4.4.2.1-(a) through 14.2.4.4.2.1-(b) renumbered as 14.2.4.4.1.1-(a) through 14.2.4.4.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

14.2.4.4.2~~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 and the period between completion of the service commitment and the first opportunity to enroll as a full-time student in a regular academic term is exempt from the application of Bylaw 14.2.4.4.

[14.2.4.4.3 renumbered as 14.2.4.4.2, unchanged.]

[14.2.4.5 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Loss of a season is an appropriate condition for when an individual delays their initial collegiate enrollment past the grace period because it negates any competitive advantage gained. There is no need to also require the student to serve an academic year of residence during their initial year in Division III, prohibiting them from being immediately eligible for competition.

NO. NC-2027-5 DIVISION III COMMITTEES -- VACANCIES -- UNEXPIRED PORTION OF TERM -- EXCEPTION -- ELIGIBILITY FOR REAPPOINTMENT

Intent: To eliminate the restriction on individuals not being eligible for reappointment if they take over the term of a representative from the same conference.

Bylaws: Amend 21.9.1.3, as follows:

21.9.1.3 Vacancies. A representative of a playing conference or member institution whose term of service on a committee has expired shall not be replaced on that committee by another representative of the same conference or institution for a period of at least one year.

[21.9.1.3.1 unchanged.]

21.9.1.3.1.1 Exception -- Eligibility for Reappointment. An individual appointed to complete the unexpired term of a representative from the same conference shall be eligible for reappointment to a full term, provided the individual has served less than two years while filling the vacancy.

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Nominating Committee).

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Current legislation prohibits an individual who takes over the term of a representative from the same conference from being eligible for reappointment. By allowing individuals to be eligible for reappointment, it will allow continuity for those committees and improve the nominee pools for immediate vacancies.

NO. NC-2027-6 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- WATER POLO -- PRESEASON PRACTICE AND FIRST DATE OF COMPETITION

Intent: In men's water polo, to specify that the first permissible competition is the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA National Collegiate Water Polo Championship. Further, an institution will determine the start of preseason practice using the 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible contest date.

Bylaws: Amend 17, as follows:

17 Playing and Practice Seasons.

[17.01 through 17.02 unchanged.]

17.02.12 Fall Preseason Practice Formula -- Sports Other Than Football. In cross country, field hockey, golf, rowing, rugby, soccer, tennis, ~~*and*~~ women's volleyball **and men's water polo,** the first permissible date for preseason practice shall be determined by the application of 16 units in the preseason practice formula, as specified in this section.

[17.02.12.1 through 17.02.12.2 unchanged.]

~~*17.02.12.2.5 Men's Water Polo. In the sport of men's water polo, the first permissible date for preseason practice shall be determined by the application of 21 units in the preseason practice formula. The 21 units shall be applied in the same manner as set forth in Bylaw 17.02.12.2-(a)-(e) with the exception that there are 15 remaining units after applying Bylaw 17.02.12.2-(c). The remaining 15 units shall be assigned in the manner described in Bylaw 17.02.12.2-(d) Nos. (1) and (2).*~~

[17.02.13 through 17.02.14 unchanged.]

[17.1 unchanged.]

17.1.2.1 Sports with a Fall NCAA Championship other than football. Except for the sport of football (see Bylaw 17.12) and unless otherwise noted in the applicable sport section, the playing season shall be conducted according to the following:

[17.1.2.1-(a) unchanged.]

(1) First Permissible Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.12) before the first permissible contest date. ~~*This provision is not applicable to men's water polo [see Bylaw 17.29.2-(a)].*~~

(2) First Contest or Date of Competition. September 1 or the preceding Friday if September 1 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday (see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(d) regarding alumni game). This provision is not applicable to men's water polo [see Bylaw 17.29.3-(a)]. Exempted scrimmages, exhibitions and joint practices [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c)] are permitted prior to the first regular-season contest or date of competition.

[17.1.2.1-(a)-(3) unchanged.]

[17.1.2.1-(b) unchanged.]

[17.1.2.2 through 17.1.2.4 unchanged.]

[17.1.3 through 17.1.6 unchanged.]

[17.2 through 17.28 unchanged.]

17.29 Water Polo. Regulations for computing the men's and women's water polo playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.29.1 unchanged.]

17.29.2 Preseason Practice.

(a) Men. ~~*A member institution shall not commence practice sessions in men's water polo before the date that permits a maximum of 21 permissible units in the preseason practice formula (see Bylaw 17.02.12.2.5) before the first scheduled intercollegiate competition.*~~**(See Bylaw 17.1.2.1)**

[17.29.2-(b) unchanged.]

17.29.3 First Date of Competition.

(a) Men. ~~*A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game, exhibition or scrimmage) against outside competition in men's water polo before the first Saturday in September. An institution may conduct exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practice [see Bylaw 17.1.4.5.1-(c) before the first Saturday in September.*~~**An institution shall not engage in its first date of competition (game or scrimmage) with outside competition in men's water polo prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of NCAA National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship, except that an alumni scrimmage may be played the weekend before the first permissible date of competition.**

[17.29.3-(b) unchanged.]

[17.29.4 through 17.29.6 unchanged.]

[17.30 through 17.34 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Budget Impact: Will vary based on institution.

Additional Information:

The Division III men's water polo playing and practice season does not use the same practice and competition start dates as other fall sports because as a national collegiate sport, it previously aligned with start dates in Divisions I and II. When the other divisions updated their legislation going into the 2025-26 season, the current Division III men's water polo season became unnecessarily different, even from other Division III fall sports. This proposal will align the first permissible contest date with all other water polo programs. However, instead of matching the first practice opportunity of the other divisions, it will use the 16-unit practice formula that all other Division III fall sports except for football use.

NO. NC-2027-7 AMATEURISM -- PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES -- INCREASING SIZE OF MANUFACTURER LOGOS ON EQUIPMENT, UNIFORMS AND APPAREL.

Intent: To increase the manufacturer or distributor logo on official uniforms from 2¼ square inches to four square inches.

Bylaws: Amend 12, as follows:

12 Amateurism.

[12.01 through 12.5 unchanged.]

12.5.3 Use of Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel. A student-athlete may use athletics equipment or wear athletics apparel that bears the trademark or logo of an athletics equipment or apparel manufacturer or distributor in athletics competition and pre- and postgame activities (e.g., celebrations on the court, pre- or postgame press conferences), provided the following criteria are met: [D]

[12.5.3-(a) unchanged.]

(b) The student-athlete's institution's official uniform (including numbered racing bibs and warm-ups) and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, head bands, T-shirts, wrist bands, visors or hats, swim caps and towels) shall bear only a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal label or trademark (regardless of the visibility of the label or trademark), not to exceed **four** ~~*2 1/4*~~ square inches in area (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo.

12.5.3.1 Laundry Label. If an institution's uniform or any item of apparel worn by a student-athlete in competition contains washing instructions on the outside of the apparel on a patch that also includes the manufacturer's or distributor's logo or trademark, the entire patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram) that does not exceed ~~*2 1/4*~~ **four** square inches. [D]

[12.5.3.2 through 12.5.3.4 unchanged.]

[12.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2026

Budget Impact: Will vary based on institution.

Additional Information:

With Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 permitting the increase of a manufacturer or distributor logo on official uniforms to four square inches, it may become difficult for Division III institutions to purchase uniforms meeting the 2¼ square inches requirement. This proposal ensures Division III institutions will not be negatively impacted by changes that manufacturers or distributors may elect to make to their normal label or trademark.

NO. NC-2027-8 Division III Committees -- Final Approval for Division III Sport Committees and Divisions II and III Playing Rules Committees.

Intent: To allow the NCAA Division III Championships Committee to have final approval on the slate of nominees for Division III sport committees and Divisions II and III Playing Rules Committees.

Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

21 Committees

[21.02 through 21.6 unchanged.]

21.9 Division III Committees.

21.9.1 Eligibility for Membership.

[21.9.1.1 through 21.9.1.3 unchanged.]

21.9.1.4 Sports Committees -- Selection and Composition.

21.9.1.4.1 Method of Selection. The Division III members of each common committee per Bylaws 21.4 and 21.5, and each Division III sports committee per Bylaw 21.9.6 shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will forward a slate to the Championships Committee for appointment **and final approval** ~~*, subject to final approval by the Management Council*~~.

[21.9.1.4.2 unchanged.]

[21.9.2 through 21.9.6 unchanged.]

[21.10 through 21.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Nominating Committee).

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Current legislation requires the Division III Nominating Committee to forward the slate of recommended sport and playing rules committee nominees to the Division III Championships Committee for appointments, subject to final approval of the Division III Management Council. By allowing the Division III Championships Committee to be the final authority on these appointments, it will improve the efficiency of the appointment process due to the high turnover of committee members. In addition, due to the nature of the work on these committees, they often need appointments made in a timely manner.

NO. NC-2027-11 DIVISION III COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- COMMITTEE ON STUDENT-ATHLETE REINSTATEMENT

Intent: To increase size of committee to 10 and update the composition requirements accordingly.

Bylaws: Amend 21.9.5, as follows:

21 Committees

[21.02 through 21.6 unchanged.]

21.9 Division III Committees.

[21.9.1 through 21.9.4 unchanged.]

21.9.5 General Committees. To conduct Division III business in an efficient and orderly fashion, the following general committees shall be established and will report directly to the Management Council.

21.9.5.1 Composition Requirements. The Strategic Planning and Finance, Championship, Financial Aid, Interpretations and Legislation, Membership, ~~*and*~~ Nominating **and Student-Athlete Reinstatement** Committees shall reflect the representation of the division's participating student-athletes, including the following:

[21.9.5.1-(a) through 21.9.5.1-(i) unchanged.]

[21.9.5.1.1 unchanged.]

[21.9.5.2 through 21.9.5.3 unchanged.]

21.9.5.4 Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

21.9.5.4.1 Composition. The committee shall ~~*reflect the representation of the division's participating student-athletes and be composed of six members, including one member from the Management Council and one student-athlete who shall be a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. The committee shall include at least two males and at least two females.*~~ **consist of 10 members that meet the criteria listed in Bylaw 21.9.5.1.**

[21.9.5.4.2 unchanged.]

21.9.5.4.3 Quorum. ~~*Three*~~**Five** members present and voting shall constitute a quorum to conduct committee business, it being understood that the chair shall make a special effort to have full committee attendance.

[21.9.5.4.4 through 21.9.5.4.5 unchanged.]

[21.9.5.5 through 21.9.5.11 unchanged.]

[21.9.6 unchanged.]

[21.10 through 21.13 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

As a result of the federation of the previous association-wide Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement, the Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement is now a Division III Governance committee. During 2023, the composition of six governance committees integral to the division's overall operations was increased to 10 members to provide consistency in size and regional representation. Increasing the Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement would provide consistency in representation with the other governance committees.

Appendix D

Modifications of Wording Adopted by the NCAA Division III Management Council

Pursuant to NCAA Division III Bylaw 9.4.1.1.1, the NCAA Division III Management Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, has determined that the following proposals are consistent with the intent of the membership in adopting the original legislation and that sufficient documentation and testimony exists to establish clearly that the original wording of the legislation was inconsistent with that intent. These actions will be referenced in the report of this Official Convention Notice during the 2026 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2026-27 NCAA Division III Manual. If a delegate objects to ratification of a particular amendment, that objection should be raised at the time of the report. (It is preferred that any delegate intending to raise an objection also inform a member of the NCAA governance and member services staff of that intent before the Division III business session.) The Division III membership then will decide by majority vote of the eligible voters whether to ratify that amendment.

There are no modifications of wording submitted for approval during the 2026 NCAA Convention.

Appendix E

Per chat with Corey (Jan. 12, 2026) at the beginning of the blue pages, we'll need a little blurb about what a playing rule exemption is. we list it later...but don't say what it is earlier (like we do for incorporations and stuff)

Playing Rules Exemptions

Per Bylaw 17.33 Division III member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules. However, Division III member institutions may be exempt from applying playing rules if the Division III Management Council determines the rule(s) places an unreasonable financial burden on Division III institutions or is otherwise incompatible with Division III philosophical principles. Management Council may not exempt institutions from following a rule if such would create an unsafe environment for student-athletes.

If Management Council exercises its authority per Bylaw 17.33 that exemption is subject to ratification by the Division III membership per Bylaw 21.11.3(k)(3).

On October 21, 2025, Management Council approved the exemption of the following playing rule:

> Management Council exempted the Division III membership from following NCAA Women's Lacrosse Playing Rule 3-7, which requires that all officials utilize headsets during games to facilitate improved communication and game management.
>
> Effective 2027 season

Approval of the exemption results in the playing rule being permissive. (i.e., Women's lacrosse officials will be permitted to use headsets but it will not be mandatory.)

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Appendix G

Convention Voting Procedures

The following terms and procedures involved in voting at NCAA Conventions have been reviewed by the Association's parliamentarian.

Significant Terms

1. **Vote Announcement -** After a paddle, roll call or secret ballot vote, the chair announces the vote and states whether the motion passed or failed.
2. **Retake a Vote -** A retake occurs when a paddle vote is taken again or when a paddle vote is counted. A retake may occur before the statement of the next question. After the statement of the next question, a motion to reconsider must be used to retake a vote. During a retake, voters may change their votes and new eligible voters may participate. A retake motion would be considered dilatory and, therefore, denied after a roll call vote and out of order after a secret-ballot vote unless it is clear that the question was misunderstood or that fraud had occurred.
3. **Change a Vote -** In a paddle vote, a vote may be changed if a retake occurs or by rising for that purpose before the result is announced by the chair. After the announcement of the vote, but before the next question is stated, a change may be made only by permission of the assembly by a majority vote after a nondebatable motion. In a roll call vote, a change may occur before closing the polls or the polls may be reopened to change a vote before the statement of the next question. In a secret-ballot vote, no change may be made once the ballot is cast. After the statement of the next question following a roll call vote and after a vote is cast in a secret ballot, a vote change can occur only through a successful motion to reconsider.
4. **Recount a Vote -** This applies only to a secret-ballot vote. The ballots simply are counted again as cast and can be ordered only by a majority vote of the assembly.
5. **Closing the Polls -** For roll call and secret-ballot votes, the polls are opened when the chair calls for the vote. When the chair has ascertained that all who so desire have voted or have changed their votes, the chair will state that the polls are closed. If there is disagreement on closing the polls, they may be closed by a two-thirds vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, the polls may be reopened before the statement of the next question by majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so. Once the polls are closed, however, the chair will move to the next item on the agenda.
6. **Statement of Next Question -** When a new motion is made and seconded, the chair will announce that "The motion before you is ... Is there any discussion?" This is the statement of the next question and ends the opportunity to retake a vote or reopen the polls in regard to the preceding question.

Voting Procedures

1. **Paddle Voting**
    a. The chair calls for a vote by paddles and determines the result by sound or sight from the dais.
    b. The chair may retake the vote if there is doubt.
    c. The chair must have the vote counted if requested by a voting delegate. The chair also may choose to retake a paddle vote and have it counted by hand or by the wireless voting system.
    d. During a retake, new voters may participate, or votes may be changed. Vote changes also may occur before the result is announced by the chair.
    e. A retake will not be permitted after the next question has been stated. A request to retake a counted vote will be regarded as dilatory by the chair and will not be allowed.
2. **Roll Call Voting (by Wireless or Online Voting System)**
    a. A roll call vote may be designated by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, following a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner. If both a secret-ballot and a roll-call vote are moved, the assembly votes first on whether or not to vote by roll call. A motion to conduct a secret ballot on an issue designated for roll call by the Presidents Councils will be considered out of order.
    b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for a roll call vote by use of wireless voting system.
    c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to have voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that polls are closed.

d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new voters, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
e. Abstentions will not be counted in the determination of a majority.

3. **Ordinary Voting (by Wireless or Online Voting System)**
   a. An electronic vote may be designated by the Presidents Council or ordered by a majority of the voters, after a nondebatable motion to vote in that manner.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall call for an electronic vote by use of the wireless voting system.
   c. The chair shall determine if everyone who wishes to have voted, or if anyone wishes to change a vote. When it appears that all ballots have been cast, the chair shall state that the polls are closed.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. No new voters, changes or corrections to the prior question are permitted unless the polls are reopened, and such a motion will be out of order after the next question is stated by the chair. Once the new question is stated by the chair, the only way to return to any foregoing question is by reconsideration, and only one motion for reconsideration of a given item is permitted.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.
4. **Ballot Voting (Secret Ballot)**
   a. A secret ballot may be ordered by the assembly before, during or after any ordinary vote (but before the next question is stated) by a majority vote on a nondebatable motion to do so.
   b. Once ordered, the chair shall ask for the vote by wireless voting system. Votes will be tallied electronically, but only a summary printout of results will be reported.
   c. After the chair determines that all who wish to vote have voted, the polls shall be closed. A vote change shall not be permitted once the vote is cast.
   d. The chair will move to the next available item on the agenda while votes are being tallied. Once the next question is stated by the chair, the polls may not be reopened for a new vote on the prior issue.
   e. Abstentions will not be counted in the total for determination of a majority.

Appendix H

NCAA Governance Structure

Board of Governors

Chair - James Phillips

Div.	Name, Institution	Conference	Term Exp.
FBS	Glenn Boyce, University of Mississippi	Southeastern Conference	August 2026
FBS	Ted Carter, The Ohio State University	Big Ten Conference	August 2027
FBS	Doug Girod, University of Kansas	Big 12 Conference	August 2027
FBS	James Phillips, Atlantic Coast Conference	Atlantic Coast Conference	August 2026
FBS	Josh Whitman, University of Illinois-Urbana*	Big Ten Conference	January 2026
FCS	Javaune Adams-Gaston, Norfolk State University*	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference	January 2026
DI	Morgyn Wynne^*		August 2026
DII	Davaris Cheeks^		August 2026
DII	Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College	Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference	January 2026
DII	Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania*	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	January 2026
DIII	Greg Ricketts^*		August 2026
DIII	Jim Troha, Juniata College	Landmark Conference	January 2027
DIII	Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*	Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	January 2026
independent	Allison Feaster, VP of Team Operations, Boston Celtics		August 2025
Independent	Nadja West, Retired Lt. General		January 2026
Independent	Charlie Baker*		

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Division III Presidents Council

Chair - Jim Troha

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
Allan Belton, Pacific Lutheran University	January 2027
Dale Caldwell, Centenary University	January 2028
Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College	January 2027
Alberto Cardelle, SUNY Oneonta	January 2029
Lillian Case, Juniata College^	January 2026
Hiram Chodosh, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripts Colleges	January 2027
Bryan Coker, Maryville College	January 2027
Debbie Cottrell, Texas Lutheran University	January 2027
Suzanne Davis, Greenville University	January 2028
Julia Jasken, McDaniel College	January 2028
Marisa Kelly, Suffolk University	January 2028
Sebastian Knowles, Hartwick College^	January 2026
Lake Lambert, Hanover College	January 2029
Doug Lee, Waynesburg University	January 2026
Carolyn Ringer Lepre, Salisbury College	January 2028
Steven Mauro, Alfred State College	August 2026
Milton Moreland, Centre College	January 2028
Raymond Rice, University of Maine at Presque Isle	January 2028
Jim Troha, Juniata College	January 2026
Renee Wachter, University of Wisconsin Superior	January 2027
John Walz, Milwaukee School of Engineering	January 2026
Adam Weinberg, Denison University	January 2028

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Division III Management Council

Chair - Jason Verdugo

Name, Institution	Term Exp.
Luana Batista Soares, University Massachusetts-Boston^	January 2028
Melissa Baumann, Ohio Northern University	January 2029
Joe Bednarsh, Yeshiva University	January 2028
Tony Berich, Stockton University	January 2028
Peter Bothner, Nazareth University	January 2027
Kristie Bowers, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	January 2028
Donald Brooks, Macalester College	January 2027
Michael Cohen, King's College (Pennsylvania)^	January 2027
Ryan Erwin, East Texas Baptist University	January 2028
Crystal Gibson, St. Mary's College of Maryland	January 2028
Marybeth Lamb, Bridgewater State University	January 2027
Rob Larson, Luther College	January 2027
Heather MacCulloch, Baruch College	January 2028
Myranda Nash, Brevard College	January 2027
Keiko Price, Emory University	January 2026
Meghan Roman, Illinois College	January 2028
Russ Rogers, Stevens Institute of Technology	January 2028
Andrea Savage, New England Small College Athletic Conference	January 2029
Anthony Scola, North Park University	January 2029
Patrick Summers, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference	January 2028
Jason Verdugo, Wisconsin-Eau Claire	January 2026
Brian Wigley, Shenandoah University	January 2026

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Appendix I

Request for Interpretations

Member institutions and conferences are encouraged to request interpretations of the proposed legislation in this Official Notice not later than Friday, November 21, 2025. Interpretations related to the proposed legislation in this Official Notice may be requested via electronic mail from Corey Berg at cberg@ncaa.org or Jeff Myers at jmyers@ncaa.org. When submitting such a request, please include the proposal number in question, your institution's name and your title. All resulting interpretations will be distributed to the delegates in time for the conference meetings held in conjunction with the 2026 NCAA Convention.