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On behalf of the NCAA Board of Governors, the Division I Board of Directors, the Division II Executive Board and Division III Presidents Council, the Division I Council and the Divisions II and III Management Council, we extend a cordial invitation to each NCAA member to be represented at the Association's 119th Annual Convention scheduled January 14 through 17, 2025.

It is our pleasure to issue this Official Notice of the 2025 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, including amendments-to-amendments. 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 Tuesday afternoon.

We hope that each member of the Association will be in attendance at the 2025 NCAA Convention. We look forward to seeing you.

Linda A. Livingston, President
Baylor University
Chair, NCAA Board of Governors
Colleen Perry Keith, President
Goldey-Beacom College
Chair, Division II Executive Board

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Chair, Division I Board of Directors
Jim Troha, President
Juniata College
Chair, Division III Presidents Council

November 15, 2024

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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 11, and \$450 for all delegates who register before Saturday, November 30. Member registration fees on or after November 30 are \$600.

The registration fee includes all NCAA Convention programming in addition to one ticket for the welcome reception and delegates breakfasts. Additional tickets for the reception may be purchased for \$40 on a first-come, first-served basis. Available tickets can be reserved during the Convention registration process.

Meetings and Reservations

A listing of Convention meetings of the NCAA and its affiliated organizations was made available to the membership in mid-October. 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 2025 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 Convention Welcome and Awards Presentation when it convenes at 5 p.m., Central Standard time, Tuesday, January 14. Adjournment of the Convention has been scheduled for Friday, January 17.

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to be considered at the 119th 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 2025 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 in accordance with the July 15 deadline were published in the Initial Publication of Proposed Legislation, which was provided to the membership via the NCAA website by August 15. Sponsors of those proposals were permitted to revise them in any manner until September 15. In the interim, the Division III Management Council and Presidents Council had until September 1 to submit its legislative proposals. All properly sponsored proposals were provided to the membership by September 23 in the Second Publication of Proposed Legislation.

The Division III Management Council and Presidents Council, 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 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 2025 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 academic and membership affairs 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 academic and membership affairs 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 2024 appears in Appendix A.

Interpretations to be Included in the NCAA Division III Manual

The 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 in the Official Notice of the Convention.

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 2024 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 2024 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 119th annual Convention will begin at 5 p.m., Central Standard time, Tuesday, 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 E) 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 9.1.1.2.2. 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 and (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. Tuesday, 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 2024. 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 20. 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 22, 2024. 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 119th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Topical Groupings

<i>Proposal Number</i>	<i>General Topic</i>
1 through 3	Presidents Council Grouping
4 through 6	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 three proposals that it believes are of particular interest to Division III chancellors or presidents and has included it in the Presidents Council grouping.

Presidents Council Grouping

No. 2025-1 (2-7) DIVISION III COMMITTEES – ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP – STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHANGE IN COMPOSITION

Intent: Allow for each multi-sport conference and the group of independents to have a primary representative on National SAAC.

Bylaws: Amend 21.9.5.11.1, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21.9.5.11.1 Composition. The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee shall consist of:

- (a) One student-athlete from each **multi-sport conference**. ~~unit represented in the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee partnership program. A unit shall consist of two partnered conferences.~~ Independent institutions shall collectively be represented **by one student-athlete**. ~~as one additional unit. If there is an odd number of Division III conferences, the unpaired conference and all independent institutions shall collectively be represented as one additional unit; and~~

[21.9.5.11.1-(b) unchanged.]

~~21.9.5.11.1.1 Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison. Each conference and group of independents without a member on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, shall have a student-athlete designated as a Partner Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Liaison. Compositional requirements, roles and responsibilities and term limits for this liaison role shall be set forth in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee policies and procedures.~~

Source: American Rivers Conference and Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: This proposal aims to provide more clarity and consistency in the role of committee members. Under the current committee structure associate members rely on their partner conference's primary member for updates on meetings the associate members do not attend, creating inconsistent communication from the national committee to conference and institutional SAACs. The term length for associate members, coupled with the possibility of rolling on as primary members, has been confusing to navigate for student-athletes and conference staff. With longer and consistent service terms for all committee members (2-3 years, as opposed to just one year for some current associate members) the committee would be able to get more impactful work accomplished. Having all committee members serving in the same capacity (primary members) would improve committee operations. The immediate effective date aligns with committee member term expirations after the NCAA Convention. Estimated budget impact includes the cost of additional student-athletes attending the in-person November meetings.

Budget Impact: \$33,000

Position Statement(s): *NCAA Division III Presidents Council (Management Council):* The Presidents and Management Councils support this proposal because it will increase student-athlete engagement at the conference, institutional and national levels.

No. 2025-2 (2-5) MULTISPORT CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP SIZE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

Intent: To align NCAA Division III legislative requirements for a multisport conference to be consistent with the membership size requirements for a single sport conference as well as to align legislative requirements for membership size for a multisport conference with the NCAA Division III legislation related to eligibility for Automatic Qualifiers and access to NCAA Division III Championships.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.02.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.02.3.3 Member Conference. A member conference is a group of at least ~~seven~~**six** colleges and/or universities that conducts competition among its members and determines a conference champion in one (single-sport conference) or more (multisport conference) sports (in which the NCAA conducts championships or for which it is responsible for providing playing rules for intercollegiate competition), duly elected to conference membership under the provisions

of this article. A member conference is entitled to all of the privileges of active members except the right to compete in NCAA championships.

[20.02.3.3.1 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.9, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.9.1.2 Composition of Conference. A conference shall be comprised of at least ~~seven~~**six** core institutions. Provisional or reclassifying member institutions in their third year of the membership process may be considered core institutions for purposes of comprising a conference, provided there are at least four active member institutions. A conference may include provisional members in addition to the seven core members.

[20.9.1.2.1 through 20.9.1.2.4 unchanged.]

Source: Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Rationale: The current NCAA Division III bylaw 20.9.1.2.2 dictates that for a single-sport conference, formal conference status may be granted provided it has six active NCAA member institutions. However, the current NCAA Division III bylaw for a multisport conference requires seven active member institutions. This proposal seeks to create consistency amongst the legislative requirements for both a single-sport conference and a multisport conference. In addition, this proposal seeks to better align the multisport conference membership legislative requirements with the current Division III bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 regarding eligibility of multisport conferences to receive an Automatic Qualifier to Division III Championships. Specifically, bylaw 31.3.3.1.1 only requires six member institutions that fulfill other requirements articulated in order to secure or maintain Automatic Qualifier access to NCAA Division III Championships. Thus, this proposal will not have an immediate impact or change on the requirements related to championship access or securing/maintaining an AQ for a multisport conference. Moreover, this proposal aligns with recent decisions in the NCAA Division III governance structure modifying Bylaw 31.3.1.1 to establish an access ratio of 1:6.0 in team sports. This proposal will ultimately better align applicable membership requirement and championships access bylaws for both single-sport and multi-sport conferences.

Budget Impact: None

Position Statement(s): *NCAA Division III Presidents Council [Management Council (Championships and Membership Committees)]*: The Presidents and Management Councils and the referenced committees support this proposal because it aligns the multisport conference size requirement with the current automatic qualifier standard and provides institutions and conferences with consistency and clarity.

No. 2025-3 (2-1) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND PROCESS -- AMENDMENT PROCESS -- AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Intent: Amend the Division III Legislative process as follows: (a) establish an initial membership proposal submission deadline of July 1st that only requires statements of intent and rationale, along with the impacted bylaws; (b) allow for a comment period for proposals through September 1; (c) establish an alternate membership proposal submission deadline of September 15 if the proposal meets the sponsorship threshold of four multisport conferences or 20 member institutions representing four multisport conferences; (d) establish September 15 as the final sponsorship date for governance proposals; (e) produce a publication of proposed legislation on October 1; and (f) permit four multisport conferences or 20 institutions representing four multisport conferences or the Division III Presidents or Management Councils (by a three-quarter vote) to offer amendments-to-amendments that increase the modification of a proposal.

Bylaws: Amend 9.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

9.3 Amendment Process.

9.3.1 Authorizing Legislation.

[9.3.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.1.2 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Division Dominant Provisions. A proposed amendment to a division dominant provision may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15¹ through September 15, ~~sponsors of proposed amendments~~ **Presidents Council** may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended ~~only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended~~ **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.2.2.**

9.3.1.3 Amendment-to-Amendment -- Federated Provisions. A proposed amendment to a federated provision of the bylaws may be amended at any annual or special Convention. From July 15¹ through September 15, sponsors of proposed amendments may refine and change the proposed amendments in any manner that is germane to the original amendment. After September 15, proposed amendments may be amended ~~only if the amendment to the proposed amendment does not increase the modification of the provision to be amended. [See Bylaw 9.3.4.2.2.2 for when a proposed amendment may increase the modification.]~~ **as set forth in Bylaw 9.3.3.2.**

9.3.2 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

[9.3.2.1 unchanged.]

9.3.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision **that does not increase the modification to the provision** may be sponsored by the Presidents Council. **Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting may sponsor an amendment-to-amendment to a division dominant provision that increases the modification to the provision.**

[9.3.2.3 unchanged.]

9.3.3 Sponsorship -- Amendments to Division III Legislation.

[9.3.3.1 unchanged.]

9.3.3.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. An amendment to an amendment of a provision of the bylaws may be sponsored ~~by~~ **as follows:**

~~(a) The Management Council or Presidents Council;~~

~~(b) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or~~

~~(c) Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.~~

(a) An amendment-to-amendment that does not increase the modification of the original amendment may be sponsored by:

(1) The Management Council or Presidents Council;

(2) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by each institution's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or

(3) Two or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institution and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.

(b) An amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification of the provision, but is still germane to the original intent of the proposal, may be sponsored by:

(1) Management Council or Presidents Council by a three-fourths majority of its members present and voting;

(2) All sponsors of the original proposal;

(3) Twenty or more active member institutions with voting privileges from four or more member conferences, on written verification of sponsorship signed by each sponsoring member's chancellor or president or the chancellor's or president's designated representative; or

(4) Four or more member conferences with voting privileges, when submitted in writing by the chief elected or executive officer of the conferences on behalf of each conference's active member institutions and signed by the chairs of the conference's official presidential administrative groups or at least two chancellors or presidents of the conference's member institutions if the conference has no presidential administrative group.

[9.3.3.2.1 unchanged.]

[9.3.3.3 unchanged.]

9.3.4 Submission Deadline.

[9.3.4.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.1 Amendments. Amendments to division dominant provisions shall be sponsored by the Presidents Council in accordance with the following deadlines:

(a) Annual Convention – September ~~7~~**15**.

[9.3.4.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[9.3.4.1.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.1.2 Amendments-to-Amendments. The Presidents Council must submit amendments to its original amendments in writing and such amendments must be submitted not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time ~~September 15, unless the amendment-to-amendment does not increase the modification specified in the original. Any amendment-to-amendment submitted after September 15 shall not increase the modification of the original and must be submitted in writing not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time~~ November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention. The Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification specified in the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements, provided the amendment-to-amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the Presidents Council and copies are distributed before or during the appropriate business session.

9.3.4.2 Legislation.

9.3.4.2.1 Amendment. Deadline dates for receipt at the national office of proposed amendments are as follows:

9.3.4.2.1.1 Amendment Proposed by Membership.

(a) Annual Convention ~~— 5 p.m. Eastern time July 15 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 15 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.~~

(1) 5 p.m. Eastern time July 1 (at least one of the sponsors of a conference-sponsored amendment or at least 10 of the 20 individual institution sponsors must meet the July 1 deadline and the required chancellor or president approval for these amendments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern time August 1). The additional conference or 10 individual institutions must meet the deadline of 5 p.m. Eastern time September 1 or the amendment will be automatically withdrawn.

(2) 5 p.m. Eastern time September 15 provided sponsorship by four conferences or twenty member institutions representing at least four conferences (including the required chancellor or president approval). The submission requires the complete legislated text.

[9.3.4.2.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

[9.3.4.2.1.1.1 unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.2 Amendments Sponsored by Management Council or Presidents Council.

(a) Annual Convention – September ~~7~~**15**.

[9.3.4.2.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.4.2.1.2.1 Exception. The Presidents Council, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention when a special Convention is held after September 1.

9.3.4.2.2 Amendment-to-Amendment. Any amendment-to-amendment ~~submitted by those other than the original sponsors shall not increase the modification of the original and~~ must be submitted in writing and received at the Association's national office not later than 5 p.m. Eastern time November 1 before an annual Convention or 60 days before a special Convention.

9.3.4.2.2.1 Exception -- Management Council or Presidents Council. The Management Council or Presidents Council may propose amendments-to-amendments at the time of the Convention **that do not increase the modification of the original proposal** without meeting these procedural requirements provided that in each instance the proposed amendment to an amendment has been approved by two-thirds of the respective council and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

~~9.3.4.2.2.2 Exception -- Membership-sponsored amendments. The original sponsors of a membership proposal (must include all of the sponsors) may submit an amendment-to-amendment that increases the modification specified in the original, provided it is still germane to the intent of the original amendment.~~

9.3.4.2.3 Cost Considerations. The sponsors of each proposed amendment or amendment-to-amendment must include a written financial impact statement regarding the potential financial impact (e.g., additional costs, cost savings) of the proposed legislation as it applies to the NCAA, conferences, institutions, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes.

9.3.5 Notification to Membership.

9.3.5.1 Amendments to Division Dominant Provisions.

9.3.5.1.1 *Initial* Publication. Amendments to division dominant provisions sponsored by the Presidents Council shall be published for the information of the membership as follows:

(a) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** for an annual Convention.

[9.3.5.1.1-(b) unchanged.]

9.3.5.1.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.1.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments to division dominant provisions for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.1.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments-to-amendments to division dominant provisions submitted by the Presidents Council in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

9.3.5.2 Amendments to Legislation.

9.3.5.2.1 Initial Publication. Proposed amendments shall be published for the information of the division as follows:

(a) ~~Not later than August 15~~ **Following July 1 and until September** -- Those proposed by the membership, including the primary contact person's name, title and member institution or member conference, as well as the sponsors' statements of intent and rationale and any amendments designated for inclusion by the Management Council or Presidents Council **shall be posted and available to the membership for comment**; and

(b) Not later than ~~September 23~~ **October 1** -- Those submitted by the Management Council or Presidents Council and those modified by the sponsors; or

[9.3.5.2.1-(c) unchanged.]

9.3.5.2.2 Official Notice. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be published not later than November 15 before an annual Convention or 45 days before a special Convention.

9.3.5.2.3 Delayed Date. If the Presidents Council establishes a date later than July 15 or September 1 for the submission of amendments for an annual Convention, it, by a two-thirds majority of its members present and voting, may establish a later date for publishing copies of the proposed amendments for information of the membership.

9.3.5.2.4 Amendments-to-Amendments. Copies of all amendments to proposed amendments submitted by the amendment's original sponsors in accordance with the September 15 deadline shall be published by ~~September 23~~ **October 1**. Copies of all other amendments-to-amendments submitted by the November 1 deadline shall be published in the Official Notice of the Convention.

[9.3.6 through 9.3.12 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Following the adoption of the NCAA Constitution in 2022, the Division III governance structure tasked the Interpretations and Legislation Committee with reviewing the division's legislative process. The goals of the review was to encourage more membership participation in the legislative process as well as foster greater collaboration between the governance structure and membership at large with the legislative process. This package of concepts to amend the legislative process represents feedback from the Division III governance structure, as well as affiliate groups within the membership in furtherance of those goals.

Budget Impact: None.

General Grouping

No. 2025-4 (2-3)

FEDERATED PLAYING RULES EXEMPTIONS

Intent: To establish a process by which Division III may consider federating sport-specific playing rules that have either a financial or philosophical impact for Division III institutions.

A. Bylaws: Amend 17.32, as follows:

[Roll Call]

17.32 Playing Rules. Member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA, or an outside organization (see Bylaw 31.1.6), develops playing rules. Division III member institutions may be exempt from applying playing rules that the Division III Management Council determines 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. It is not mandatory that those rules be used in institutional scrimmages, exhibitions or other forms of practice with outside competition.

[17.32 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 21.11.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21.11.3 Duties and Responsibilities. The Management Council shall:

[21.11.3-(a) through 21.11.3-(i) unchanged.]

(j) Establish and oversee the Division III federated playing rules process.

(k) At its discretion, or as requested by two conferences or 20 member institutions, review whether an exemption to a common playing rule is appropriate.

(1) Management Council will utilize the appropriate existing committees, as well as any other relevant groups as the basis of their review. The membership may also be surveyed.

(2) Health and Safety determinations will be made by CSMAS and/or SSI, with consultations of relevant committees, outside groups or associations.

(3) The full membership will certify any Management Council votes.

Source: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Little East Conference, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference, North Coast Athletic Conference and Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: With the adoption of the revised NCAA Constitution in January of 2022, all three NCAA divisions ratified language providing flexibility for division, sub-division or federated level to establish rules for sports competition and participation "as deemed necessary." The current federated rules process for Division III, which is captured in policy as opposed to legislation, has been ineffective in including meaningful and representative Division III input on playing rules changes. The existing process is not representative of the entire division and is insufficient in determining which playing rules are most appropriately federated. This proposal would allow Management Council, a body legislatively designed to be representative of the entire Division, to review proposed rules changes for a philosophical or financial impact on Division III and take action to exempt Division III from approved common playing rules. The federated exemptions would become effective immediately based on Management Council's action and would be subject to ratification by the entire Membership (on a timeline determined by the Management Council, either at Convention or at times appropriate to the playing rules change cycle).

Budget Impact: None

Position Statement(s): *Management Council:* The Management Council supports this proposal because it will permit the governance structure to be directly involved in the implementation of playing rules that would have notable financial or philosophical impacts for the division. Further, the requirement to have exemptions ratified on an

annual basis would guarantee that the larger Division III membership has the opportunity to react to proposed changes.

No. 2025-5 (2-6) DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- THREE-YEAR PROVISION -- ESTABLISH A WAIVER

Intent: To establish a waiver of the reclassification three-year provision to shorten the process from three years to two years.

Bylaws: Amend 20.6, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20.6.4 Three-Year Provision. Reclassifying membership shall not be less than a three-year period. At the end of the three-year period, a reclassifying member shall be eligible for active membership (see Bylaw 20.8.3).

20.6.4.1 Waiver. An institution in the reclassifying membership process may apply for a waiver of the third year of the process provided the following criteria are met:

- (a) The waiver is requested in conjunction with the submission of the year two annual report;**
- (b) The reclassifying member shall administer its athletics program in accordance with all Division III bylaws during Year 2 of the reclassifying process; and**
- (c) The reclassifying member must comply with all financial aid requirements set forth in Bylaw 15. The institution shall not award athletically related financial aid to incoming students (e.g., freshmen, transfers) beginning with the first year of the reclassification process and thereafter. Following the completion of year one, the institution may no longer award athletically related financial aid to any student. The institution may honor previously awarded athletically related financial aid to students that choose not to participate in athletics. During the second year of reclassification, the institution must complete the Division III financial aid electronic reporting process and Level II review by the Division III Financial Aid Committee.**

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2025

Rationale: For institutions within the reclassifying membership that are philosophically and functionally prepared for active membership, the third year can be an unnecessary delay in the Division III membership process rather than a benefit. Consequently, institutions that have clearly demonstrated a commitment to the Division III philosophy, sports-sponsorship and financial aid requirements and fulfilled reports and related communication expectations should have the opportunity to seek a waiver of the three-year requirement to shorten the period to two years provided they meet the specified criteria.

Budget Impact: None.

No. 2025-6 (2-4) NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP -- WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Intent: In women's wrestling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship and to establish a women's wrestling committee.

A. Bylaws: Amend 18.3, as follows:

[Roll Call]

18.3 Current Championships. The Association currently administers ~~910~~ national championships. ~~Eleven~~**Twelve** are National Collegiate Championships. Additionally, there are 26 Division I championships, 25 Division II championships and 28 Division III championships (see Bylaw 31.02.2 for information about the classification and terminology of championships and see Bylaw 18.2.1 for the voting requirements for the establishment of a new championship). The current championships are as follows:

18.3.1 National Collegiate Championship (~~127~~).

Men (3)	Men and Women (3) Women (65)	
Gymnastics	Fencing	Beach Volleyball
Volleyball (Divisions I and II)	Rifle	Bowling
Water Polo	Skiing	Gymnastics

Ice Hockey (Divisions I
and II)
Water Polo
Wrestling

[18.3.2 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20, as follows:

[Roll Call]

20 Division Membership.

[20.01 through 20.02 unchanged.]

20.02.6 Emerging Sports for Women. The following shall be considered emerging sports for women:

[20.02.6-(a) unchanged.]

(b) Individual Sports. Triathlon ~~and women's wrestling~~.

[20.02.6 through 20.02.7 unchanged.]

[20.1 through 20.12 unchanged.]

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

Women's beach volleyball
Women's bowling
Men's and women's fencing

Men's gymnastics
Women's gymnastics

Women's ice hockey (Divisions I and II)

Men's and women's skiing
Men's volleyball (Divisions I and II)
Men's water polo
Women's water polo
Women's wrestling

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

[20.12.2 unchanged.]

[20.13 through 20.15 unchanged.]

C. Bylaws: Amend 21, as follows:

[Roll Call]

21 Committees.

[21.02 through 21.3 unchanged.]

21.4 Common Committees – Committees With Playing Rules and Championships Administration Responsibilities.

[21.4.1 through 21.4.7 unchanged.]

21.4.8 Wrestling Committee, Women's. The Women's Wrestling Committee shall consist of six members. The committee shall include at least one representative from each division.

[21.5 through 21.13 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Women's Athletics).

Effective Date: Immediate

Rationale: Women's wrestling has been an emerging sport in all three divisions since 2020. In fall of 2023, 41 NCAA member institutions met minimum sports-sponsorship requirements, putting the sport above the legislatively

required threshold of 40 varsity programs to be considered for National Collegiate championship status. Additionally, more than 70 NCAA member schools have indicated plans to sponsor women's wrestling in the 2023-24 academic year. Adding women's wrestling as a National Collegiate Sport aligns with the increased focus on investment in women's sports. Finally, women's wrestling is an Olympic sport and has the support of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. This proposal would be effective immediately to allow the women's wrestling committee to begin its work in January 2025 to prepare for the first national collegiate championship in winter 2026.

Budget Impact: \$1.5 million recurring annually for establishing a championship and committee (also includes broadcast production cost)

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 2025 NCAA Division III business session, and acceptance of the report will constitute approval of this action and incorporation in the 2025-26 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 academic and membership affairs 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.

NO. EM-2025-1 ELIGIBILITY – ACADEMIC AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – TRANSFER REGULATIONS – ALLOWING CERTIFICATION AFTER A TERM OF ENROLLMENT

Intent: To amend the eligibility process for transfer student-athletes that were academically ineligible had they remained at their previous institution as follows: (a) the student-athlete would remain ineligible for competition upon transfer; and (b) the institution could certify that student-athlete as eligible after one regular term of full-time enrollment, based on that institution's academic standards for all student-athletes.

Bylaws: Amend 14.5, as follows:

14.5 Transfer Regulations.

14.5.1 ~~Residence Requirement~~ – General Principle. A student who transfers (see Bylaw 14.5.2) to a member institution from any collegiate institution is required to ~~complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution~~ **satisfy the applicable transfer requirements or qualify for an exception as set forth in this bylaw** before being eligible to compete for or to receive travel expenses from the member institution (see Bylaw 16.8.1.2); ~~unless the student satisfies the applicable transfer requirements or receives an exception or waiver as set forth in this section.~~

~~14.5.1.1 Fulfillment of Residence Requirement in Night School. When a student transfers to a member institution and is required to fulfill a residence requirement before being eligible to participate in competition, it is permissible for the transfer student to meet the requirement by attending an institution's night school, provided the following conditions are met:~~

- ~~(a) The night school has regular terms (semesters or quarters) that are the same as the institution's day school;~~
- ~~(b) The student is enrolled in a minimum full-time program of studies during each night term counted; and~~
- ~~(c) The student is considered by the institution to be a regularly matriculated student in each term.~~

14.5.1.21 Disciplinary Suspension. A student who transfers to any NCAA institution from a collegiate institution while the student is disqualified or suspended from the previous institution for disciplinary reasons (as opposed to academic reasons) must complete one calendar year of residence at the certifying institution.

14.5.1.21.1 Exception. A student who transfers to the certifying institution and ~~meets the requirements of the two-year nonparticipation exception set forth in Bylaws 14.5.4.2 or 14.5.5.1.3~~ **for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither practiced nor competed in the involved sport in intercollegiate competition and has neither practiced nor competed in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution** is not required to complete one calendar year of residence. **This two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.**

~~14.5.1.3 Championship Eligibility. A transfer student who is required to fulfill an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) shall not be eligible to participate in any NCAA championship that occurs during the academic year of residence or during the vacation period immediately following the academic year of residence.~~

14.5.1.42 ~~Foreign Institution Transfers.~~**International Transfer Student-Athlete.** A transfer student from a foreign collegiate institution (college, university or two-year college), except one entering as an exchange student (Bylaw 14.5.1.43.1), shall comply with the ~~one-year residence requirement set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5.1~~ **applicable four-year transfer requirements set forth Bylaw 14.5.5.**

14.5.1.42.1 ~~Foreign~~ Exchange Student Exception. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if the student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as a foreign **or domestic** exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program (e.g., sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Rotary International, the Ford Foundation, the Institute of International Education) recognized by the institution's academic authorities.

[14.5.2 through 14.5.3 unchanged.]

14.5.4 Two-Year College Transfers. A student who transfers to a member institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program **is eligible for intercollegiate competition provided one of the following applies:**~~must complete an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) unless the student qualifies for a transfer exception as set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.1.~~

- (a) The student has never practiced nor competed in intercollegiate athletics;**
- (b) The student has not been enrolled full time at a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically eligible had they remained at their institution; or**
- (c) The student transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college, and then to the certifying institution; and**
 - (1) The student would have been academically eligible at the time of transfer from the previous four-year institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2) had they remained at the previous four-year institution; or**
 - (2) The student-athlete successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spent at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the two-year college. The credit hour and term requirements may be satisfied by combining attendance at multiple two-year colleges.**
- (d) Two-Year Nonparticipation. For a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither practiced nor competed in the involved sport in intercollegiate competition and has neither practiced nor competed in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. This two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.**

~~14.5.4.1 Exceptions. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if:~~

- ~~(a) The student has never practiced nor competed in intercollegiate athletics;~~
- ~~(b) The student transfers from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program without having been enrolled full time at a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible had they remained at that institution. A student-athlete who has exhausted their athletics eligibility at the two-year college may use this transfer exception if the student-athlete was otherwise academically or athletically eligible for competition at the two-year college; or~~
- ~~(c) The student transfers from a four-year institution to a two-year college, and then to the certifying institution and;~~
 - ~~(1) The student would have been athletically and academically eligible, at the time of transfer from the previous four-year institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2) had they remained at the previous four-year institution; or~~
 - ~~(2) The student-athlete successfully completed at least 24-semester or 36-quarter hours of transferable-degree credit at the two-year college and spent at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters of attendance at the two-year college.~~

~~14.5.4.1.1 Multiple Two-Year Colleges. It is permissible for a 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete who attended multiple two-year colleges to use credits earned at the two-year colleges to satisfy the credit-hour requirements set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4.1. The student-athlete may combine terms of full-time attendance at any of the two-year colleges to satisfy the minimum two-semester or three-quarter attendance requirement.~~

~~14.5.4.1.2 Term(s) in Residence. A 4-2-4 transfer student-athlete becomes eligible after a term(s) in residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution provided:~~

- (a) ~~The student-athlete has been enrolled full-time for at least two semesters or three quarters between the two-year college and the certifying institution; and~~
- (b) ~~The student-athlete has earned a total of 24 semester or 36 quarter hours while enrolled at the two-year college and certifying institution. Hours from the two-year college must be transferable-degree credits.~~

~~14.5.4.2 Two-Year Nonparticipation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from a two-year college or from a branch school that conducts an intercollegiate athletics program and for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither practiced nor competed in the involved sport in intercollegiate competition and has neither practiced nor competed in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. This two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.~~

14.5.4.1 Regaining Eligibility. An undergraduate transfer student who does not satisfy any of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.4 may become eligible to compete at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first regular term of full-time enrollment following transfer by meeting all applicable eligibility requirements of the certifying institution.

14.5.5 Four-Year College Transfers. See Bylaw 13.1.1.2 for prohibition against contacting student-athletes of another four-year collegiate institution without permission.

14.5.5.1 General Rule. ~~An undergraduate transfer student from a four-year institution shall not be~~ **is** eligible for intercollegiate competition **provided one of the following applies:**~~until the student has fulfilled an academic year of residence (see Bylaw 14.02.10) at the certifying institution unless the student qualifies for one of the transfer exceptions set forth in Bylaws 14.5.5.1.1, 14.5.5.1.2 or 14.5.5.1.3. A transfer student (other than one under disciplinary suspension per Bylaw 14.5.1.2) may qualify for an exception to the academic year of residence requirement provided they do not have an unfulfilled residence requirement at the institution from which they are transferring. (See Bylaw 14.1.11, for student-athletes participating in a recognized foreign exchange/study abroad program).~~

- (a) The student has never practiced nor competed in intercollegiate athletics;**
- (b) The student would have been academically eligible at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had they remained at the previous institution; or**
- (c) Two year nonparticipation. For a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither practiced nor competed in the involved sport in intercollegiate competition and has neither practiced nor competed in organized noncollegiate amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. This two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.**

14.5.5.1.1 Exception. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if:

- (a) ~~The student has never practiced nor competed in intercollegiate athletics;~~
- (b) ~~The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution and would have been academically and athletically eligible, at the time of transfer to the certifying institution (see Bylaw 14.5.2), had they remained at the previous institution; or~~
- (c) ~~The student transfers from a four-year collegiate institution that did not sponsor the student-athlete's sport and, while at that institution, the student-athlete:~~
 - (1) ~~Successfully completed at least 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of transferable-degree credit; and~~
 - (2) ~~Completed at least two full-time semesters or three full-time quarters.~~

~~14.5.5.1.2 Exchange Student Exception. A student who transfers to the certifying institution shall be immediately eligible if the student is enrolled in the certifying institution for a specified period of time as an exchange student participating in a formal and established educational exchange program recognized by the institution's academic authorities.~~

~~14.5.5.1.3 Two-Year Nonparticipation Exception. The student transfers to the certifying institution from another four-year college and for a consecutive two-year period immediately before the date on which the student begins participation (practice and/or competition), the student has neither practiced nor competed in the involved sport in intercollegiate competition and has neither practiced nor competed in organized noncollegiate~~

amateur competition while enrolled as a full-time student in a collegiate institution. This two-year period does not include any period of time before the student's initial collegiate enrollment.

14.5.5.1.1 Regaining Eligibility. An undergraduate transfer student who does not satisfy any of the conditions set forth in Bylaw 14.5.5 may become eligible to compete at the certifying institution after the conclusion of the first regular term of full-time enrollment following transfer by meeting all applicable eligibility requirements of the certifying institution.

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

The current legislation requires two-year and four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes to serve a year of residence before being eligible for competition unless they satisfy a specific exception. Feedback from various Division III committees and affiliate groups suggest that a required year of residence should be eliminated as the default condition for transfer student-athletes. However, feedback from the membership also suggests that some period of acclimatization to the Division III institution is warranted for a student-athlete that was not satisfying the prior institution's academic standards. Thus, the opportunity to certify the transfer student-athlete after one regular term of full-time enrollment at the Division III institution ensures that they are, at minimum, meeting the same academic standards of all student-athletes at the new institution before competing. The immediate effective date allows a consistent approach for all students transferring during the 24-25 academic year.

Interpretations to be Included in the 2025-26 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 2025 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 academic and membership affairs 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 academic and membership affairs 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 2024-25 Division III Manual also is not challenged, it will appear in the 2025-26 Division III Manual as noted.

NO. I-2025-1 RECRUITING -- APPLICATION AND PUBLICITY -- INSTITUTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A PAID DEPOSIT

A. Bylaws: Amend 13.02, as follows:

13.02.10.5 Exception -- After Receipt of Financial Deposit. On or after January 1 of a prospective student-athlete's senior year in high school, there shall be no limit on the forms of electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent by an institution to a prospective student-athlete, provided the institution has received a financial deposit in response to the institution's offer of admission **or for institutions that do not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit, the institution has received a commitment from the prospective student-athlete that is required of all incoming students.** Content of any electronically transmitted correspondence sent within these parameters will not be considered publicizing recruitment of the prospective student-athlete as set forth in Bylaw 13.10.

B. Bylaws: Amend 13.10.8, as follows:

13.10.8 Announcement of Acceptance. Publicity released by an institution concerning a prospective student-athlete's commitment to attend the institution shall occur only after the paid acceptance of the institution's written offer of admission and/or financial aid **or for institutions that do not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit, after the institution has received a commitment from the prospective student-athlete that is required of all incoming students.** Such communications may be released to media outlets at the institution's discretion; however, an institution is prohibited from purchasing or receiving commercial advertising (e.g., print, media or billboard) to be used to identify a prospective student-athlete by name or picture. [D]

[13.10.8.1 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

The incorporation of this official interpretation clarifies when public communication may permissibly occur for institutions that do not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit. Incorporation of this official interpretation

ensures a consistent application of when athletics staff members may engage in public communications per Bylaw 13.02.10.5 or publicity per Bylaw 13.10.8.

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 2025 NCAA Division III business session. Approval of the Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2025-26 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 academic and membership affairs 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-2025-1 RECRUITING -- CONTACTS AND EVALUATIONS -- CONTACTABLE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES -- REMOVING PERMISSION TO CONTACT REQUIREMENTS FOR NAIA STUDENT-ATHLETES

Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an athletics staff member must obtain permission to contact from an NAIA institution prior to having recruiting contact with a student-athlete from an NAIA institution.

Bylaws: Amend 13.1, as follows:

13.1.1.2 Four-Year College Prospective Student-Athletes. An athletics staff member or other representative of the institution's athletics interests shall not make contact in any manner (e.g., in-person contact, telephone calls, electronic communication, written correspondence) with the student-athlete of another NCAA ~~or NAIA~~ four-year collegiate institution, directly or indirectly, without first obtaining written permission to do so, regardless of who makes the initial contact. If permission is not granted, the second institution shall not encourage the transfer. If permission is granted, all applicable NCAA recruiting rules apply. If an institution receives a written request from a student-athlete to permit another institution to contact the student-athlete about transferring, the institution shall grant or deny the request within seven business days (see Bylaw 13.02.1) of receipt of the request. If the institution fails to respond to the student-athlete's written request within seven business days, permission shall be granted by default and the institution shall provide written permission to the student-athlete. Written permission may be granted by: [D]

[13.1.1.2-(a) through 13.1.1.2-(b) unchanged.]

[13.1.1.2.1 through 13.1.1.2.5 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Current Division III legislation requires that a Division III athletics staff member obtain written permission from an NAIA institution prior to having recruiting contact with an NAIA student-athlete. The NAIA is the only non-NCAA organization that Division III athletics staff must first obtain permission before contacting their student-athletes. There is not a similar required permission before contacting a student-athlete at a two-year institution or four-year institution that is not a member of the NCAA or NAIA. Additionally, NAIA institutions are not required to obtain permission before contacting an NCAA student-athlete. The proposed change would establish consistency in recruitment of non-NCAA student-athletes and reduce confusion regarding which recruiting rules apply. This change would remove that additional requirement as well as ease the administrative burden on compliance administrators. It also will lessen the amount of time for the transfer process for students wanting to transfer to a Division III institution and minimize any delays to the admissions process at their new institution.

NO. NC-2025-2 CHAMPIONSHIPS -- ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS -- INELIGIBILITY FOR USE OF BANNED DRUGS -- REMOVAL OF CANNABINOIDS FROM BANNED DRUG LIST

Intent: To remove cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned drug classes, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 18.4, as follows:

18.4 Eligibility for Championships.

[18.4.1 unchanged.]

18.4.1.5 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs. 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, as set forth in Bylaw 31.2.3.1, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in accordance with the ineligibility provisions in this bylaw.

18.4.1.5.1 Penalty – Banned Drug Classes Other Than ~~Cannabinoids and~~ 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 ~~cannabinoids and~~ 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 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics, they shall lose all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. ~~If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids, they shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed and facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions).~~ If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than ~~cannabinoids and~~ narcotics tests positive for the use of substance in the banned drug class, they shall be ineligible for competition for 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 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 ~~cannabinoids and~~ 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). ~~If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for a substance in the banned drug class narcotics test positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, they will be subject to the penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.3.~~

~~18.4.1.5.3 Penalty—Cannabinoids. 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 cannabinoids (in accordance with the testing methods authorized by the Board of Governors) shall engage, along with the institution, in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by the institution (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address the substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions).~~

~~18.4.1.5.3.1 Second Positive Test. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a second time for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures, and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). A student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, they shall be subject to penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1~~

~~18.4.1.5.3.1.1 Failure to Attest. If an institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 25-percent of a season in all sports (25-percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition).~~

~~18.4.1.5.3.2 Third Positive Test and Beyond. If a student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive a third time (or beyond) for the use of a substance in the banned drug class cannabinoids, the institution must attest that the student-athlete was compliant with the education and management plan required following the student-athlete's first positive test, as specified by the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports' policies and procedures and has agreed to continue to engage in an education and management plan for substance misuse as developed or facilitated by their institution and designed to mitigate any identified at-risk behavior (e.g., engagement with campus counseling services, participation in identified programs to address substance misuse, enrollment in evidence-based educational sessions). A student-athlete who previously tested positive for the use of a banned drug class cannabinoids tests positive for the use of a substance in a banned drug class other than cannabinoids or narcotics, they shall be subject to penalties set forth in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1~~

~~18.4.1.5.3.2.1 Failure to Attest. If the institution cannot or does not attest, the student-athlete shall be considered ineligible for competition during 50-percent of a season in all sports (50-percent of the NCAA Bylaw 17 maximum regular-season contests or dates of competition).~~

~~18.4.1.5.43 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 cannabinoid or narcotic.~~

~~[18.4.1.5.4.1 unchanged.]~~

~~[18.4.1.5.5 through 18.4.1.5.8 unchanged.]~~

~~[18.4.2 unchanged.]~~

B. Administrative: Amend 31.2.3, as follows:

31.2.3.1 Banned Drugs. The following is the list of banned-drug classes, which aligns with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes, with the exception of **cannabinoids and** the glucocorticoid class. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (or a designated subcommittee) has the authority to identify specific banned drugs and exceptions within each class. The institution and student-athletes shall be held accountable for all drugs within the banned-drug classes regardless of whether they have been specifically identified.

[31.2.3.1-(a) through 31.2.3.1-(d) unchanged.]

(e) *Cannabinoids (marijuana and THC);*

[31.2.3.1-(f) through 31.2.3.1-(i) relettered as 31.2.3.1-(e) through 31.2.3.1-(h), unchanged.]

[31.2.3.1.1 through 31.2.3.1.2 unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports).

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommended the removal of cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances based on extensive study informed by subject matter experts (including medical doctors, substance misuse experts and membership practitioners), consensus opinion from the 2022 Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics and referrals from Divisions II and III to consider banning only performance-enhancing drugs. The council further noted that removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances:

- (1) Affirms the role of the NCAA drug-testing program to address only performance-enhancing substances;
- (2) Emphasizes the importance of moving toward a harm-reduction strategy, as is done with alcohol, that prioritizes education and support over penalty;
- (3) Affirms that educating student-athletes on the health threats posed by contemporary cannabis and methods of use is more effective than a prevention approach;
- (4) Realigns toward local testing and education efforts to identify problematic cannabinoid use; and
- (5) Acknowledges the ineffectiveness of the existing policy (prevention and penalty).

The council stressed the importance of developing educational materials that can be used by member institutions and that those materials will be available to institutions when this legislation becomes effective. Additionally, the council determined that the proposal would apply retroactively to any penalty associated with a previous positive test; thereby, rendering the penalty moot.

NO. NC-2025-3 NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES -- STUDENT-ATHLETE PROTECTIONS

Intent: To establish student-athlete protections associated with name, image and likeness activities, as specified.

A. Bylaws: Amend 22, as follows:

22 Name, Image and Likeness Activities.

22.01 General Principles.

22.01.1 Name, Image and Likeness Compensation. **An individual may receive compensation for the use of the individual's name, image and likeness, which may be secured or compensated based, in whole or in part, on athletics skill or reputation. Name, image and likeness activities may not be used to compensate a student-athlete for athletics participation or achievement.**

22.01.2 Offers and Inducements. **Name, image and likeness activities may not be used as an inducement for an individual to enroll or remain enrolled at a specific institution.**

22.02 Definitions and Applications.

22.02.1 Name, Image and Likeness Activity. **Name, image and likeness activity is any activity that involves the commercial use of an individual's name, image or likeness to advertise or endorse the sale or use of a product or service. Name, image and likeness compensation must:**

- (a) Include quid pro quo (e.g., compensation for work performed);**
- (b) Not be contingent upon initial or continued enrollment at a particular institution (see Bylaw 22.01.2); and**
- (c) Not be in return for athletics participation or achievement.**

B. Bylaws: Amend 22.1, as follows:

22.1 Professional Service Providers.

22.1.1 Representation for Purposes of Name, Image and Likeness Activities. An individual may use professional services, including agent representation, for the purpose of name, image and likeness activities. Business arrangements related to representation for purposes of name, image and likeness activities (e.g., travel expenses associated with meeting) shall be consistent with arrangements between the professional service provider and other prospective or current clients and align with industry standards.

22.1.2 Professional Service Provider Registry. The NCAA national office shall make available a centralized registry of professional service providers who provide or are seeking to provide services to student-athletes in a manner approved by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board.

C. Bylaws: Amend 22.2, as follows:

22.2 Education.

22.2.1 Name, Image and Likeness Education. The NCAA national office shall make available comprehensive education regarding name, image and likeness activities in a manner approved by the Board of Directors, or an entity designated by the Board. Such education shall include the provision of standardized contract terms for use in name, image and likeness agreements.

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Student-athlete protections are designed to provide resources to student-athletes to make informed decisions as they navigate the NIL environment, not to exert control over a student-athlete's decision or curtail NIL opportunities. A national, centralized registration process that collects and publishes information on service providers interested in working with student-athletes would assist student-athletes with making informed decisions as they select service providers. Designing educational resources provides student-athletes and individuals working with student-athletes with information and clear guidelines on new NIL rules and policies. Additionally, making available practical resources for student-athletes such as resources to help them understand contracts including standardized contract terms and taxable income and establish a personal brand would better assist student-athletes in navigating the NIL environment.

NO. NC-2025-4 ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – GRADUATE STUDENT/POSTBACCALAUREATE PARTICIPATION – GRADUATES OF A NON-DIVISION III INSTITUTION

Intent: To incorporate into the bylaws the existing graduate/postbaccalaureate student participation waiver directive for non-Division III graduates.

Bylaws: Amend 14.1.8, as follows:

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:

[14.1.8-(a) through 14.1.8-(c) unchanged.]

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 14.1.8(a) through (c) and additionally meet the following:

(a) The student-athlete graduated with an undergraduate degree within four academic years;

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

(c) The student-athlete maintained continuous full-time enrollment (e.g. no breaks in enrollment or part-time status).

[14.1.8.1 renumbered as 14.1.8.2, unchanged.]

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Subcommittee for Legislative Relief)

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Incorporating the existing waiver directive for graduate/postbaccalaureate students from non-Division III institutions will alleviate the administrative burden on member institutions, which are currently required to submit legislative relief waiver requests via RSRO. Further, the blanket waiver approved by the Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief has been in effect for the last two academic years permitting self-application of the waiver directive on campus; all feedback from the membership during this time has been positive. Finally, incorporation of the directive does not preclude institutions from seeking individual relief through the normal waiver process for student-athletes that do not satisfy the criteria.

NO. NC-2025-5 ELIGIBILITY -- SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION -- CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY -- EXCEPTION TO USE OF SEASON DURING THE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION PERIOD

Intent: To establish an exception that permits international students in the temporary 45- day certification period to practice without using a season of participation.

A. Bylaws: Amend 12, as follows:

12 Amateurism.

[12.01 through 12.1 unchanged.]

12.1.1 International Students. An international student's amateur status, including participation in organized competition prior to initial collegiate enrollment (Bylaw 14.2.4.4), shall be determined using the following provisions.

[12.1.1.1 through 12.1.1.4 unchanged.]

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.]

[12.1.2 through 12.1.8 unchanged.]

[12.2 through 12.6 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 14, as follows:

14 Eligibility: Academic and General Requirements.

[14.01 through 14.2 unchanged.]

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:

[14.2.4.1.1-(a) through 14.2.4.1.1-(c) unchanged.]

(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 through 14.2.4.1.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.2 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

[14.4 through 14.13 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Division III requires that international students enrolling at a Division III institution for the first time receive a final certification of amateurism by the NCAA Eligibility Center prior to being eligible to compete for their institution. Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1 (Temporary Certification) allows international students going through the Eligibility Center review process to practice, but not compete, for a maximum 45 days prior to receiving a final certification. Per Bylaw 14.2.4.1, practice after the first contest in the traditional segment results in that student-athlete being charged the use of a season of participation. If an international student's temporary certification period overlaps with the start of competition in the traditional segment, they would use a season without knowing if they incurred any amateurism conditions as a result of their pre-enrollment participation or amateurism status. This proposed change would allow an international student to participate during the temporary certification period and not be charged a season of participation, even if practice occurs after the team's first contest.

NO. NC-2025-6 COMMITTEES -- ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES -- GENERAL COMMITTEES -- HONORS COMMITTEE

Intent: To specify that the Honors Committee shall receive nominations and select recipients for the Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards.

Bylaws: Amend 21.2.3, as follows:

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

Source: NCAA Division III Management Council (Honors Committee)

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

The Honors Committee is an Association-wide committee that receives nominations and selects recipients for the Theodore Roosevelt Award, Silver Anniversary Award, Today's Top 10 Award, Inspiration Award and Award of Valor. These awards are presented at the NCAA Convention. The Gerald R. Ford and Pat Summitt Awards are prestigious Association-wide awards that are also presented at the NCAA Convention. The NCAA Office of the President selected past Ford and Summitt Award recipients. Transitioning oversight of the Ford and Summitt Awards from the NCAA Office of the President to the Honors Committee will increase consistency and efficiency in how nominations are received and how recipients are selected, while aligning nomination periods and processes across Association-wide awards. This integrated approach will streamline and simplify award nominations for NCAA members and the national office. The immediate effective date will allow the committee to receive nominations and select recipients for the Ford and Summitt Awards for the 2025 NCAA Convention.

NO. NC-2025-7 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- APPLICATION PROCESS -- AMEND THE APPLICATION DUE DATE

Intent: To amend the applications deadline for the exploratory year, provisional membership and reclassification of membership from January 15 to February 1.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.6.2, as follows:

20.6.2.1.1 Application for Reclassification. When petitioning for change of division membership to Division III, a member shall submit a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than February 1 ~~January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8.~~ The application may be approved by the Membership Committee, provided the applicant institution satisfies all of the standards required for provisional applicants in Bylaw 20.10.2, except that an exploratory year is not required.

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.10.2, as follows:

20.10.2 Application Process.

20.10.2.1 Exploratory Year. An institution seeking Division III membership shall complete an exploratory year. To satisfy the registration requirement, the institution shall submit its registration on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than **February 1** ~~January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8.~~

[20.10.2.1.1 through 20.10.2.1.4 unchanged.]

20.10.2.2 Application for Membership. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards and during the exploratory year, the institution shall submit an application on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than **February 1** ~~January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8.~~ The application may be approved by the Membership Committee.

[20.10.2.2.1 unchanged.]

[20.10.2.3 through 20.10.2.4 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Moving the application deadlines to February 1 relieves an administrative burden on all involved parties. For institutions completing the application, it alleviates any issues with completing the required applications around the end-of-year holidays. Additionally, the change would not impact the business of the Division III Membership Committee; the February 1 applications deadline would still allow the committee to review the application materials in a timely manner.

NO. NC-2025-8 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP -- PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP -- APPLICATION PROCESS -- AMEND THE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

Intent: To amend the new member application process by incorporating the current exploratory year waiver criteria into the legislated standards for the provisional membership application.

Bylaws: Amend 20.10.2, as follows:

20.10.2 Application Process.

~~20.10.2.1 Exploratory Year. An institution seeking Division III membership shall complete an exploratory year. To satisfy the registration requirement, the institution shall submit its registration on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than January 15. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8.~~

~~20.10.2.1.1 Standards for Exploratory Year. The institution shall be required to complete an exploratory year for a period of one academic year beginning with the academic year that immediately follows registration.~~

~~20.10.2.1.2 Timing of Application for Division III. During the exploratory year, the institution may submit an application for Division III membership in accordance with Bylaw 20.10.2.2 for the academic year that immediately follows the exploratory year. An institution that does not submit an application for Division III membership during the exploratory year is not eligible to apply for Division III membership until it re-registers for a new exploratory year and completes the process according to the prescribed timeline.~~

~~20.10.2.1.3 Fee -- Provisional Members. Each provisional member shall pay a nonrefundable fee of an amount determined annually by the Membership Committee based on an analysis of the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process. At the time of registration for the exploratory year, a portion of the fee, as determined by the Membership Committee, shall be due, and the remainder of the fee shall be due by September 1 of the first year of provisional membership. Provisional members in years one through three shall also pay NCAA dues.~~

~~20.10.2.1.4 Exploratory Year Waiver. Not later than May 15th following the submission of the exploratory registration, an institution may apply for a waiver of the exploratory year. The Division III Membership Committee may grant waivers of the exploratory year based on a determination that the institution demonstrates a commitment to the Division III philosophy and evidence of the resources necessary to conduct a viable Division III athletics program. The waiver request shall include:~~

- ~~(a) An application for Division III provisional membership on the form approved by Membership Committee;~~
- ~~(b) A letter of recommendation from a sponsoring active NCAA Division III member endorsing the institution and attesting to the establishment of a mentoring relationship;~~
- ~~(c) Information demonstrating that the institution satisfied NCAA Division III minimum sport-sponsorship requirements during the previous three academic years;~~
- ~~(d) A statement indicating the director of athletics and the individual with compliance oversight (if different than the director of athletics) will attend an NCAA regional rules seminar in the year of submission of the waiver request; and~~
- ~~(e) Information demonstrating that the institution shall not award athletically related financial aid to any student that participates in athletics. The institution may honor previously awarded athletically related financial aid to students that choose not to participate in athletics.~~

~~20.10.2.21 Application for Membership. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards and during the exploratory year, †The institution shall submit an application on a form approved by the Membership Committee available from the national office. The form shall be received in the national office not later than January 15February 1. Any form received after that date shall be postmarked not later than January 8. The application may be approved by the Membership Committee.~~

~~20.10.2.3 Accreditation and Division Classification. After it has been determined that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards (i.e., the institution is accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies), the application shall be considered by the Membership Committee with regard to requested membership division in accordance with Bylaw 20.~~

~~20.10.2.4 Election. The Membership Committee shall elect the applicant to provisional membership effective the following September 1. The applicant shall be notified on completion of the election process.~~

20.10.2.1.1 Process. If the Membership Committee determines that the institution meets the Association's requirement of acceptable academic standards, then the Membership Committee will evaluate the application based on established Division III standards as set forth in 20.10.2.1.3. Acceptance into provisional membership will be effective the following September 1. If the institution enters into an exploratory year the institution would need to reapply for provisional membership during the exploratory year.

20.10.2.1.2 Fee. An institution entering into provisional status shall pay a nonrefundable fee due by September 1 of the first year of provisional membership. The fee will be of an amount determined annually by the Membership Committee based on an analysis of the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process. An institution entering an exploratory year shall pay a nonrefundable fee due by September 1 of the exploratory year, in an amount determined by the Membership Committee.

~~20.10.2.21.13~~ **Standards for Application for Membership. An institution must satisfy all of the following at the time of application:**

- (a) Participation in an exploratory year ~~during the year of application to Division III~~; unless the institution:**
 - (1) Meets the minimum sport-sponsorship requirements in the year preceding the first year of provisional membership; and**
 - (2) The institution attests that in the first provisional year that it will not award athletically related financial aid to any student that participates in athletics. The institution may honor previously awarded athletically related financial aid to students that choose not to participate in athletics.**

[20.10.2.1.3-(b) through 20.10.2.1.3-(e) unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

This proposal allows institutions that meet established standards to bypass the exploratory year and begin the provisional membership process. Currently, an institution can apply for the exploratory year and then, if meeting the criteria, apply for a waiver of the exploratory year to move directly into the three-year provisional membership process.

This proposal incorporates the waiver criteria into legislated standards and establishes a clearer standards-based approach to the provisional membership process.

This change has the potential to streamline the transition of an institution into a multi-sport conference while not decreasing the standards or the length of the three-year provisional membership process.

NO. NC-2025-9 ELIGIBILITY – SEASONS OF COMPETITION: 10-SEMESTER/15-QUARTER – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SEASON OF ELIGIBILITY – PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED COMPETITION BEFORE INITIAL COLLEGIATE ENROLLMENT – STANDARDIZED DATES FOR END OF GRACE PERIOD

Intent: To permit the NCAA Eligibility Center to use October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date as the standard end date of the prospective student-athlete's grace period.

Bylaws: Amend 14.2, as follows:

14.2 Seasons of Participation: 10-Semester/15-Quarter Rule. A student-athlete shall not engage in more than four seasons of intercollegiate participation in any one sport (see Bylaw 14.2.4.1).

[14.2.1 through 14.2.3 unchanged.]

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 ~~in the regular academic year term that begins immediately after a one-year period (the next opportunity to enroll after the one calendar year period has elapsed)~~ **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 ~~the one-year time period~~ **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.

[14.2.4.4.1 through 14.2.4.4.4 unchanged.]

[14.2.4.5 through 14.2.4.8 unchanged.]

[14.2.5 through 14.2.7 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

During the amateurism certification process, the NCAA Eligibility Center staff and certifying institutions are required to utilize varying dates to identify the conclusion of an individual's grace period, creating confusion and lack of uniformity. Because of this, the NCAA Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief issued a blanket waiver to permit the use of October 1 or March 1 (whichever occurs earlier) immediately after one calendar year has elapsed following a prospective student-athlete's high school graduation date as the end date of their grace period for the 2023-24 academic year. Using a standard date through the blanket waiver created more consistency and flexibility and helped to ensure simplified messaging was provided to all prospects regarding when organized competition prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment must end. Permitting the use of standard dates (October 1 or March 1) in determining the end of a prospective student-athlete's grace period, will provide more consistency and flexibility for prospective student-athletes and ensure consistent educational messaging related to the amateurism certification process

NO. NC-2025-10 DIVISION MEMBERSHIP – CHANGE OF DIVISION MEMBERSHIP AND PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP – COMPLIANCE WITH ASSOCIATION RULES – ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCEPTION

Intent: To create an exception for provisional and reclassifying institutions that would require only international student-athletes that are initially enrolling at Division III provisional or reclassifying member institutions to have NCAA Eligibility Center certification accounts.

A. Bylaws: Amend 20.6, as follows:

20.6 Change of Division Membership.

[20.6.1 unchanged.]

20.6.2 Requesting Reclassification to Division III – Election Procedures.

[20.6.2.1 unchanged.]

[20.6.3 through 20.6.4 unchanged.]

20.6.5 Compliance with Division III Rules. Unless specified otherwise in Bylaw 20.6.5.1, a reclassifying member shall administer its athletics program in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association.

[20.6.5.1 unchanged.]

20.6.5.2 International Students Exception. A reclassifying member shall require all international students initially enrolling at its institution to use the amateurism certification process. International students enrolled before the institution's acceptance to reclassifying membership may be certified by the institution.

[20.6.6 through 20.6.10 unchanged.]

B. Bylaws: Amend 20.10, as follows:

20.10 Provisional Membership.

[20.10.1 through 20.10.4 unchanged.]

20.10.5 Compliance with Association Rules. Unless specified otherwise in Bylaw 20.10, a provisional member shall administer its athletics program in accordance with the constitution, bylaws and other legislation of the Association.

[20.10.5.1 unchanged.]

20.10.5.2 International Students Exception. A provisional member shall require all international students initially enrolling at its institution to use the amateurism certification process per Bylaw 12.1.1. International students enrolled before the institution's acceptance to provisional membership may be certified by the institution.

[20.10.6 through 20.10.10 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

Provisional and reclassifying member institutions are required to fully comply with Division III legislation by September 1 of the first year of the three-year process. This includes having student-athletes who meet the definition of an international student, and enrolled initially on or after August 1, 2023, establish an account with the NCAA Eligibility Center and receive a final amateurism certification. This means that international student-athletes already enrolled and competing for the provisional or reclassifying institution, who enrolled for the first time during the 2023-24 academic year, would be required to receive a certification from the Eligibility Center before continuing to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition. These international students who enrolled before their institution was accepted into the new member process did not enroll expecting to incur the cost of registering with the Eligibility Center. They would be incurring a cost that no other student-athlete, already enrolled, would have to pay. This recommendation eliminates the unintended financial burden on international student-athletes previously enrolled at institutions in the new member process. This exception is only applicable during the provisional and reclassification process; all international students must have the initial amateurism certification from the Eligibility Center once the institution is an active member.

NO. NC-2025-11 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- ICE HOCKEY -- PRESEASON PRACTICE -- ELIMINATE OFF-ICE TRAINING EXCEPTION FOR ICE HOCKEY

Intent: To eliminate Bylaw 17.14.2.1 (off-ice training exception for ice hockey preseason practice).

Bylaws: Amend 17.14, as follows:

17.14 Ice Hockey. Regulations for computing the ice hockey playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. Institutions that conduct women's ice hockey shall comply with the same playing and practice season legislation that currently exists for men's ice hockey. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.14.1 unchanged.]

17.14.2 Preseason Practice A member institution shall not commence on-ice practice sessions in ice hockey before the second Monday in October.

~~17.14.2.1 Exception – Off-Ice Training. A member institution shall not commence off-ice practice sessions prior to the first Monday in October.~~

[17.14.3 through 17.14.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: September 1, 2024

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

During the first year of the new playing and practice season model, ice hockey programs experienced difficulty and confusion with Bylaw 17.14.2.1 and the inconsistency it caused in training. With the additional flexibility from the updated playing and practice season legislation, specifically the ability to use eight days of practice before the start of the preseason, this language has become cumbersome and no longer aligns with how programs are working up to the start of their ice hockey season. By eliminating the off-ice practice language, institutions would still have their eight flex days to use as they desire leading up to the official start of on-ice practice on the second Monday of October. This will allow programs opting to use their flex days before the start of the season to remain on the ice as they shift into the preseason start date, creating consistent training for the student-athletes. Importantly, this proposal does not aim to change the acclimatization process. Bylaw 17.14.3.1 will remain as written and will not begin until the preseason officially begins on the ice on the second Monday of October. This change is supported by both the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Committees and received positive feedback from coaches present at the American College Hockey Coaches Association Convention.

NO. NC-2025-12 PLAYING AND PRACTICE SEASONS -- SKIING -- ESTABLISH START/END DATES FOR NORDIC SKIING

Intent: For the sport of Nordic skiing, to establish a playing season start date of October 8 and an end date of March 29 or the end of the United States Nordic Super Tour Finals, whichever occurs later.

Bylaws: Amend 17.19, as follows:

17.19 Skiing. Regulations for computing the skiing playing season are set forth in Bylaw 17.1, General Playing-Season Regulations. (See Figure 17-1)

[17.19.1 unchanged.]

17.19.2 Preseason Practice. A member institution shall not commence practice sessions ~~in skiing~~ before October 15 **8 in Nordic skiing and October 15 in Alpine skiing.**

17.19.3 First Date of Competition. A member institution shall not engage in its first date of competition ~~in skiing before October 15.~~ **before October 8 in Nordic skiing and October 15 in Alpine skiing.**

17.19.4 End of Playing Season. **A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in Nordic skiing by March 29 or the end of the U.S. Nordic Super Tour Finals, whichever occurs later.** A member institution shall conclude all practice and competition in **Alpine** skiing by April 5 or the end of U.S. Alpine National Championships, whichever occurs later.

[17.19.5 through 17.19.6 unchanged.]

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

Effective Date: Immediate

Budget Impact: None.

Additional Information:

During 2023, the start and end dates of the skiing playing and practice season were addressed through noncontroversial legislation, taking Alpine skiing into consideration per the request of the skiing community. Specifically, the start date was adjusted to no earlier than October 15 and the end date to April 5 or the of the United States Alpine National Championships, whichever occurs later. Since the change, the skiing community has expressed concern about the negative impact to the sport of Nordic skiing. Further, because Nordic and Alpine skiing have separate 114-day playing and practice seasons, it is appropriate to structure the start/end dates with the events that are relevant to the sport (i.e., the Nordic season with the Nordic championship).

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 2025 Division III business session. Approval of this Official Notice will constitute ratification of these actions and incorporation in the 2025-26 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 academic and membership affairs 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 modification of wording submitted for approval during the 2025 NCAA Convention.

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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.

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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 22, 2024. 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 2025 NCAA Convention.